

Spring 3-17-1999

Maine Campus March 17 1999

Maine Campus Staff

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus>

Repository Citation

Staff, Maine Campus, "Maine Campus March 17 1999" (1999). *Maine Campus Archives*. 4612.
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus/4612>

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Campus Archives by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

The Maine Campus

Vol. 116 No. 57

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEWSPAPER SINCE 1875

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999

• Contract negotiations

Faculty pay ranks below US average

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine faculty will begin contract negotiations with the board of trustees next week, seeking to raise salaries from their current level estimated to be about 14 percent below the national average for land grant universities, according to Chief Financial Officer Robert Duringer.

"Unless faculty are paid decently, they're either looking for extra work ... or they're becoming disenfranchised and bitter about the university - and that affects the kind of university we have here," said

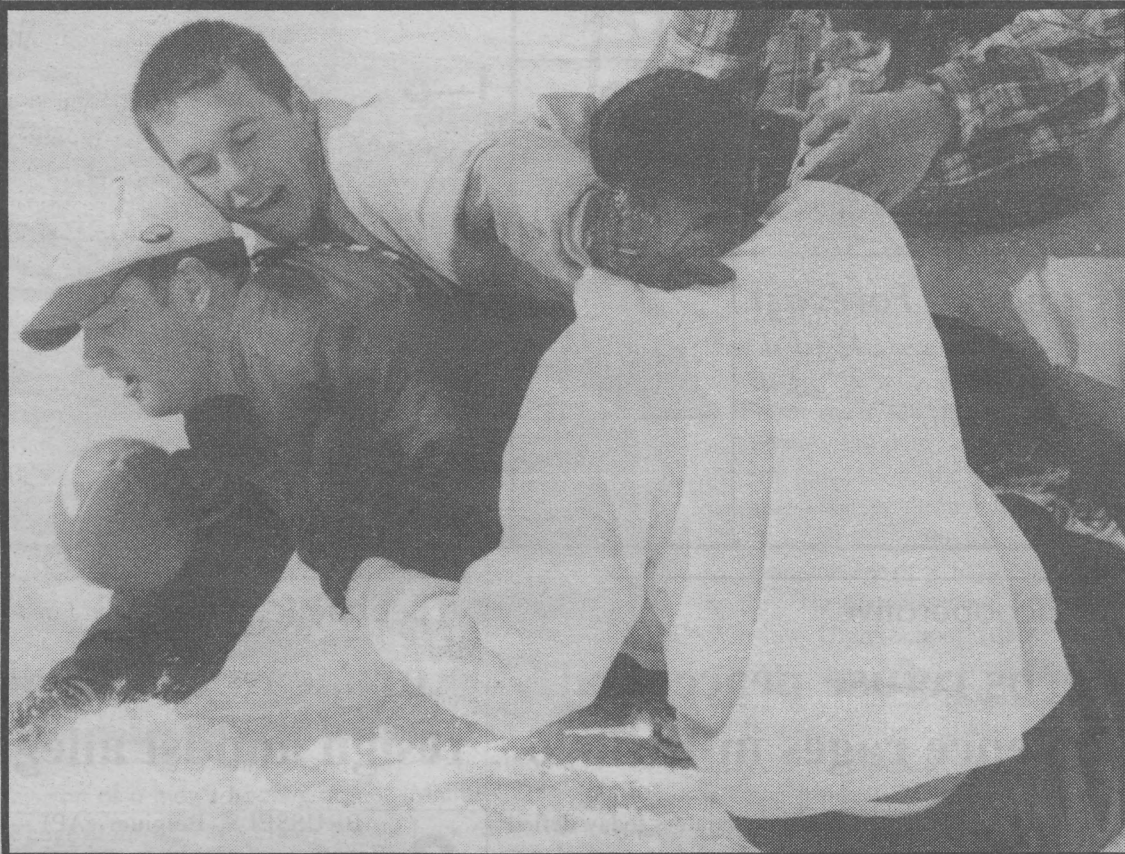
Richard Brucher, a professor of English who has served on salary committees for both the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and AFUM (Associated Faculties of the University of Maine), the system's faculty union.

AFUM negotiates with Chancellor Terrance MacTaggart's office every two years for a system-wide percentage increase that typically falls in the 2 to 3 percent range, Duringer said.

Union representatives are hesitant to discuss specific goals for this round with the negotia-

See SALARY on page 4

FUMBLE ...



Senior John Smart gets brought down by fellow senior Arthur Lavoie in a game of snow football behind DTAV. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Late winter snow

Storm causes campus shutdown

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

After a relatively mild winter, the state was slammed by a snowstorm yesterday that caused many schools to cancel, including the University of Maine.

"There really wasn't a wintertime until now, we were kind of spoiled," said Dave Fowler, UMaine's grounds supervisor in charge of the snow-removal effort.

At around 3 p.m. Monday in the Fogler Library computer cluster a consultant announced that the campus was closing. Some students let out a collective groan, probably worrying that their homework assignments would not be done for the next day.

Fortunately for them, they would not be attending classes yesterday since the entire campus closed for the day in order to clean up after the storm.

The storm dumped up to 22 inches of snow in some parts of the state, accompanied by high wind gusts.

The university's grounds crew members labored around the clock to clear the snow from the roads and parking lots on campus.

"We couldn't keep up last night," George Smith, assistant grounds supervisor, said

Tuesday. "It was snowing and blowing so hard that it was hard to see."

Smith said the work started at 7 a.m. Monday and will continue through today. He said the crew normally works in two shifts but works a third one with storms as severe as this one.

Students may find their cars buried in student parking lots on campus, but there isn't too much that the snow removal crews can do about it.

"We don't really have a chance to plow them," said Fowler. "It's hard to say, 'Everyone move your cars' because there are so many people."

Fowler said resident directors sometimes organize a time when students clear the lots so they can be plowed, but it is even harder to coordinate with larger parking lots that multiple dorms share.

Officer William Mitchell of Public Safety said there were no storm-related accidents on campus.

"They closed the place down at three and there was nobody around but us and the plows."

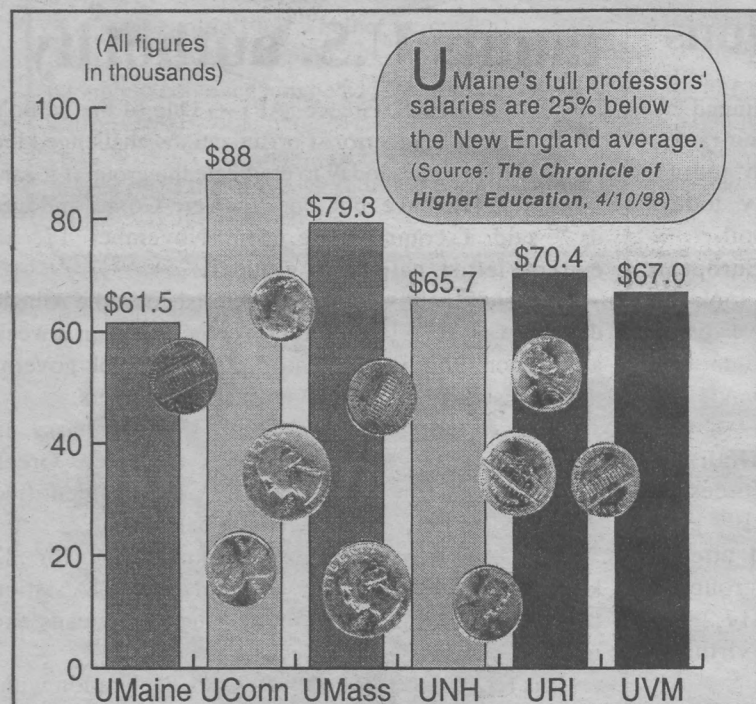
Officers at the Orono Police Department reported no accidents, but said there were several vehicles off the road on Stillwater Avenue and Bennoch Road.

The heavy snow left by the

recent storm was perfect for snowball fights or snow sculptures and many students took advantage.

"Most of us should be studying for tests right now," said Dominique Chornyak, a first-year psychology major, as she

See SNOW on page 4



(Artwork courtesy of Maine Campus staff.)

• Debate continues

UM explores options Retirement community to be analyzed

By Stanley Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

By holding off the University of Maine System's board of trustees from voting on the proposed retirement community, the administration has given the Orono campus more time to analyze the issue.

Concerns about the possibility as well as the location of such a community prompted the General Student Senate to pass a resolution at its Feb. 17 meeting to formally oppose the proposal.

"I think everyone feels there should be more studies conducted," said GSS President Justin Kelleher. "We felt it was going too fast and the community wasn't behind it."

Chris Barstow, the student representative to the BOT, said it was a good decision to cancel the March 4 forum because there would have been no students to voice their opinion.

"It was a good political move," he said. "I think I'm at the stage where I think it's going to pass in May no matter what happens, so the thing I'm concerned about now is how they are going to do what they are doing."

The proposed community, which will not get a yes or no vote until the May BOT meeting, may now be constructed nearly a half-mile from what is known as Bumstock field. The project

See RETIREES on page 4

INSIDE

• Local

Students put the books away and play!!!

PAGE 5

• Editorial

The second coming of Susan Perrow.

PAGE 7

• Style

Bailey does B.C.

PAGE 11

• Today's Weather



Very windy, more clouds than sun.

PAGE 2

The Maine Campus
(http://www.Umemec.Maine.edu)

WORLD BRIEFS

Weather Summary

Today's Weather

Windy and cloudy.
Highs near 45.



Thursday's Weather

Not too cold early, but
cooling later in the day.
Temperatures reaching 40.



Extended Forecast

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



World Map



• Uncooperative

Serbs refuse peace deal, violence rages in Kosovo

1 PARIS (AP) — Serb negotiators today defied Western pressure to sign a Kosovo peace deal, not only refusing to discuss the military part of the plan but making new political demands as well.

A day after ethnic Albanian delegates agreed to the peace plan, Serbian President Milan Milutinovic said his side also was ready to sign — but only the political part of the deal, and only “under the precondition that they accept all of our complaints.” He did not detail the complaints.

As for a NATO military force in the Yugoslav province, a key part of the international peace plan, Milutinovic said: “We reject it.”

During a second day of talks in Paris, it appeared the mediators’ strategy was to try to get the Serbs on board rather than have the Kosovo Albanians sign unilaterally.

Phil Reeker, chief spokesman for the talks, said at midday that “small meetings” were being conducted, “just to see if the Serbs are determined in engaging at all in a process.”

• Remarks

Israel hardens stance on Jewish settlements

4 JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel’s settlements in the West Bank “contribute to peace,” its foreign minister told diplomats today, a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to expand them.

Ariel Sharon’s remarks signaled Netanyahu’s hardening stance before May 17 elections as he seeks to head off a challenge from hard-liners.

During a closed-door session with several ambassadors today, Sharon said settlements “contribute to peace and Israel’s security,” according to his spokesman, Aviv Shiron.

“The settlements are not an obstacle to peace, but contribute to peace,” Sharon said, according to a diplomat at the meeting who took notes and spoke on condition of anonymity. “They contribute to security and Israel’s readiness to go forward (with peace talks) will be enhanced.”

Palestinians say the settlements violate peace accords, a view backed by Europe and the United States. Netanyahu has frozen the accords, charging the Palestinians with non-compliance.

Sharon’s other comments that Israel’s military triumphs have nullified a U.N. resolution defining Jerusalem as a separate entity did little to end a spat with the European Union.

• Economics

European Union officials resign amidst allegations

2 BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Stunned by allegations of cronyism and fraud in their ranks, the European Union’s chief executive and 19 other senior officials resigned early today, throwing the powerful trading bloc into turmoil.

Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, and his fellow commissioners took the unprecedented action after an investigative panel issued a report accusing some of them of maintaining lax control over aid programs and putting friends and relatives on the payroll.

The Commission runs the day-to-day affairs of the 15-nation union, proposes EU law, enforces its implementation across Europe, represents EU governments in international trade talks and attends gatherings such as summits of the G-7 group of nations. The 20 political appointees earn \$17,280 a month and up. They are unelected and virtually unaccountable.

Their resignations would be roughly equivalent to the U.S. Cabinet stepping down en masse.

• Violation

Iraq breaks sanctions by flying Hajj pilgrims

5 BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq sent a plane-load of Muslim pilgrims to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, taking advantage of the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca to violate U.N. sanctions.

An Iraqi cargo plane with 110 pilgrims aboard took off from al-Rasheed air base, south of Baghdad, and landed a few hours later in Jiddah, the Saudi entry point for pilgrims going to Mecca.

“We have not contacted anybody for approval,” the director-general of Iraqi Airways, Rabi Mohammed Saleh, told the official Iraqi News Agency.

The U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq’s 1990 invasion of Kuwait bar direct flights to and from Iraq. Iraq has previously asked for exemptions from the flight ban, but has been denied permission.

Iraq will send at least two more plane-loads of pilgrims to Saudi Arabia during this year’s “hajj,” or pilgrimage, said Abdel-Munim Ahmed Saleh, the minister of endowment and religious affairs and a passenger on Tuesday’s flight.

It was the second time in two years that Iraq has broken U.N. sanctions for the hajj. The government invited foreign reporters and television crews to cover the plane’s departure.

• Challenge

Terrorist organization taunts U.S. authority

3 ATHENS, Greece (AP) — One of the world’s most elusive terrorist organizations challenged the United States today to eradicate the group if it can.

“We have but one answer: Come and get us,” said a communique from November 17, an extreme leftist, nationalist group.

The eight-page declaration, published in the Athens daily newspaper Eleftherotypia, came less than a week after reports that U.S. officials gave the Greek government a list of potential November 17 members.

Greece denied that, and the U.S. Embassy in Athens did not confirm the list’s existence. Greek authorities have never arrested or publicly identified any suspected members of November 17.

The group has claimed responsibility for 22 killings since the 1975 assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens, including three other Americans and one U.S. Embassy employee.

It is rare for the group to publish a declaration without carrying out an attack beforehand. The statement makes no reference to any planned future action.

• Midday Breaks

Mexican government breaks with tradition

6 MEXICO CITY (AP) — A centuries-old tradition came to an unexpected end for many Mexicans this week, when the government eliminated midday breaks for 1.5 million government workers.

In today’s rushed and industrial Mexico, the traditional siesta has not been very restful in recent years. But government workers were still able to take two or three hours off in the afternoon — for a big meal or a second job — then work until 9 or 10 o’clock at night.

“Mexican work schedules were absolutely irrational,” said analyst Sergio Sarmiento. “This idea seems very rational.”

Under the new schedule, federal government workers must fill their 8-hour shift between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., with just one hour for lunch. Those who aren’t willing to adapt to the new hours will be dismissed with severance, officials said.

The plan, presented by the Treasury Secretariat and the Federal Comptroller’s Office, is expected to save about \$192 million, mainly by cutting down on electricity costs.

Government officials also say the shift will put Mexico in sync with its NAFTA partners.

FACES: Jake Fraser

The guy who almost won the truck

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Like many University of Maine hockey fans, Jake Fraser went to watch the team play its rival, Boston University, last month.

Sitting in the Maine-iacs section, the first-year microbiology student was ready to cheer the team on, but he wasn't ready for the entire arena to cheer him on.

While most people don't recognize his name, Fraser is better known as "the guy who didn't get the truck."

Fraser was picked from the Maine-iacs crowd to win a new blue Dodge Ram. All he had to do was shoot the puck through a small hole in a board in front of a hockey net.

Standing on the ice, Fraser wasn't sure what would happen.

"I really wasn't planning on making it, but the fact that I did was pretty cool," he said. "I must have had a big smile on my face. I was like, 'Holy good God.'"

Fraser couldn't tell whether he made the shot, but the crowd's cheers were enough to convince him he had the truck. Unfortunately, the people running the contest didn't agree. The contest's judges ruled that the puck didn't make it all the way into the net.



Jake Fraser, a first-year student, came a slap shot away from winning a new Dodge Ram during intermission of a men's hockey game. (Michael Zubik photo.)

"I think it caught just the edge of it," he said. "The fact that it went in and I didn't get it bothered me, but I never really expected it, so it was OK."

Fraser's walk back to his dorm room that night seemed longer than usual.

"It was really cold that night and I thought, 'I need a ride,'" he said. "I did-

n't stop thinking about the truck the whole night."

The next morning Bangor Chrysler Plymouth Dodge's owner woke Fraser up with an offer he couldn't refuse — a \$1,500 scholarship for making the shot the night before and the chance for an added \$1,000 if he made an open net shot at that night's game.

After meeting him that night, Fraser said he didn't think the dealership's owner expected him to make another shot.

"I was flipping it around and his face kind of dropped because I knew what I was doing," he said.

Fraser made the shot and, while he was happy he had an extra \$1,000 toward his tuition, the crowd's disappointment echoed through the arena as it chanted, "Give him the truck."

Since the age of 5, Fraser has played hockey. He played second line for the Winslow High School Black Raiders hockey team, which won three state championships while he was on it.

Fraser said he's always wanted to play for the Black Bears, but he doesn't see himself on the ice again anytime soon.

"It's crossed my mind a million times, but I don't think I'd make it," he said.



BEAR BREW PUB'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIALS

IRISH PUB STYLE DINNERS
FROM OUR KITCHEN

ORONO'S GROOVIEST BAND:

THE GROOVE DIGGERS @9:00 UPSTAIRS

10 WINGS - \$2.95

STOLI DRINKS (ALL FLAVORS) - \$3.00

BEAR BREW PINTS - \$2.00

MURPHY'S IRISH STOUT PINTS - \$2.00

GUNNISS PINTS - \$2.00

DR. MCGILLICUDDY'S SHOTS \$2.00

Retirees

from page 1

would bring several benefits to the university, said Robert Durringer, UMaine's chief financial officer.

The first would be a public service effort by the university, Durringer said. As baby boomers begin to retire, the university would accommodate their interests.

It would also be a three-way provider, he said. The university nursing program would work with the retirement community, as well as with the regional area.

"Having a retirement community would also create an interesting connection with faculty and staff," Durringer said, adding retirees who decide to live in the community are ones who realize that one of the best times they had was at UMaine.

The BOT has limited the university's economic role in the proposed project, Durringer said. It would be privately funded by Eastern Maine Healthcare. The university, however, would maintain a management role and reap money from leasing the land and cottage units.

The community's proposal calls for two phases of construction. The first phase would include building several cottages, where the retirees would live, in a forested area beyond University Park called Deer Pens, Durringer said. The second phase would include a central convening building.

The university would need to lease about 70 percent of the units to return a profit, Durringer said. He expects the university to get \$150,000 to \$200,000 of lease money, with another \$200,000 general profit, each year. The amount would go to the university's general funds account.

Deer Pens was a research facility about 20 years ago that tried to reinstitute caribou and deer from Newfoundland into the Orono area.

"Unfortunately, they kept dying, so it didn't go so well," Durringer said.

Deer Pens lies about halfway from the Witter Center to the Bumstock field, a location student senators have voiced concern about. Some worry that the retirees would complain about loud noise coming from the Bumstock concerts.

"Sure, there's going to be noise, but how often do we have Bumstock?" Durringer said. "Once a year. The football stadium is louder than that."

The next discussion forum will most likely be during the next two to three weeks, after the administration compiles more information, Durringer said.

"I hope people use that opportunity to speak up," Barstow said. "I also hope that the university considers these concerns instead of just filing them away somewhere."

Snow

from page 1

worked on a snow sculpture.

Chornyak was one of about a dozen Stodder Hall residents who created a sculpture of a sea-serpent on their front lawn.

"We should have more snow days," she said. "We'd have sculptures everywhere."

There were others, some not quite

as innocent-looking as the sea-serpent, dubbed "The Stodders Monster." Between Balentine Hall and Carnegie Art Museum someone built a snow sculpture of a certain part of the male anatomy. Estabrook Hall boasted a snow-woman complete with a bikini painted on the front.

Salary

from page 1

tions still in progress.

"It's a little bit of a moving target. The goal is to have a meaningful salary increase," said Henry Metcalf, president of the UMaine AFUM chapter.

Once negotiations are finished, union members and the BOT must each vote to ratify the new contract, which is slated to take effect in July.

The union hopes to reach an agreement by the end of April, according to James Horan, AFUM state president. But, in past years, negotiations have continued well into the fall semester, Metcalf said.

According to MacTaggart, the trustees made a commitment to add a bit to each biennial raise to correct the current salary disparity. But the past few increases have failed to meet even inflationary changes in the cost of living, Metcalf said.

"Unless you can get a boost, you never really catch up with what they have lost in the past in terms of meager increases," he said.

A low base salary of \$41,209 for a full professor (determined by the trustees), and minimal negotiated increases, combine to result in salaries well below peer institutions (schools with comparable research and degree granting capacities) for all system campuses.

In fact, UMaine salaries for full professors rank below 90% of peer universities according to a study published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in April of 1998.

Durringer cautions against these broad comparisons, since they often include private institutions with the benefit of higher endowment and tuition rates.

"The way we try to measure ourselves is not against Harvard and Yale, it's against other land grants like ourselves," he said.

But, when compared to other land grant universities like Vermont, Rhode Island or New Hampshire, UMaine still only ranks at 86.46 percent of the national average, the chief financial officer said.

"Any way you look at the salary situation, faculty salaries at the University of Maine are low, particularly at the full professor rank," Brucher said.

According to Durringer, the average salary for a full professor at UMaine is currently \$72,361, but the rating varies some by discipline.

"For some professional areas - the sciences, business, engineering - there's a bidding war that occurs and salaries tend to be higher," Durringer explained.

But even in the disciplines where faculty are well paid, they're only at the national average, Brucher said.

Business administration faculty make the most at UMaine with an average salary of \$96,577, and performing arts faculty make the least on average, at \$60,533 per year.

Each of these departments comes in below its national land grant schools average. Faculty within the school of social work fare the worst averaging only 64.9 percent of their peers' pay.

MacTaggart cites a weak Maine economy to explain the disparity. Yet, the state's general economic ranking (per capita income) is not comparable to UMaine's national salary ranking, Brucher said.

Though substantially increased salaries can mean higher tuition rates, students benefit from elevated faculty salaries since higher pay can attract more qualified professors, Durringer said.

"If we were to seek out a Nobel Prize winner they could command a great amount of money," he said.

"Certainly we lose people who are wooed away by better salaries, sometimes we are not able to hire who we consider to be our most attractive candidate," Brucher said.

University faculty - particularly those in the disciplines of business and engineering - often supplement their salary with publication profits or outside consulting work, boosting their actual income, Durringer said. But this recent trend concerns Brucher.

"If people are scrambling too hard, it ends up having negative effects. The students benefit from a faculty that has the time to donate to its primary teaching and research," he said.

Pay rates have long been a concern for the BOT since the faculty pay scale reflects a school's prestige and how the state values university faculty, Brucher said.

About 25 years ago, the issue was reviewed by a committee called the Muskies Panel, he said.

Following the study, adjustments were made to account for the disparity, but during the early '90s, state funding decreased so now all progress is null, according to Metcalf.

"When we've fallen on hard times, the administration said, 'We'll take care of you when times get better' - but times never seem to get better," Brucher said.

See Friday's Maine Campus for faculty comparisons within the University of Maine system.

COME MEET THE CANDIDATES!

The Candidates for UMaine's Vice President for Student Affairs are visiting campus. Meet and talk with them, and give us your feedback.

OPEN COMMUNITY HOURS
The Lynch Room of Fogler Library

Dr. Douglass F. Covey
Thursday, March 18 3:00-4:00pm

Dr. Linda D. Koch
Tuesday, March 23 3:00-4:00pm

Dr. Daniel C. Robinson
Thursday, March 25 4:30-5:30pm

Dr. Randy E. Hyman
Tuesday, March 30 3:00-4:00pm

Dr. Richard D. Chapman
Thursday, April 1 3:00-4:00pm

Peace Studies Presents Spring Series 1999

Roots of Conflict Seeds of Peace

Upcoming Events

Mar 22 12:15 - 1:30 PM 109 DP Corbett

"A Paradise Lost in Kashmir"

Cynthia Mahmood, Anthropology Dept., UM

Mar 29 12:15 - 1:30 PM 109 DP Corbett

"Poverty Continues to Plague Women and Families in Maine: Working for Progressive Welfare Policies in this Conservative Era"

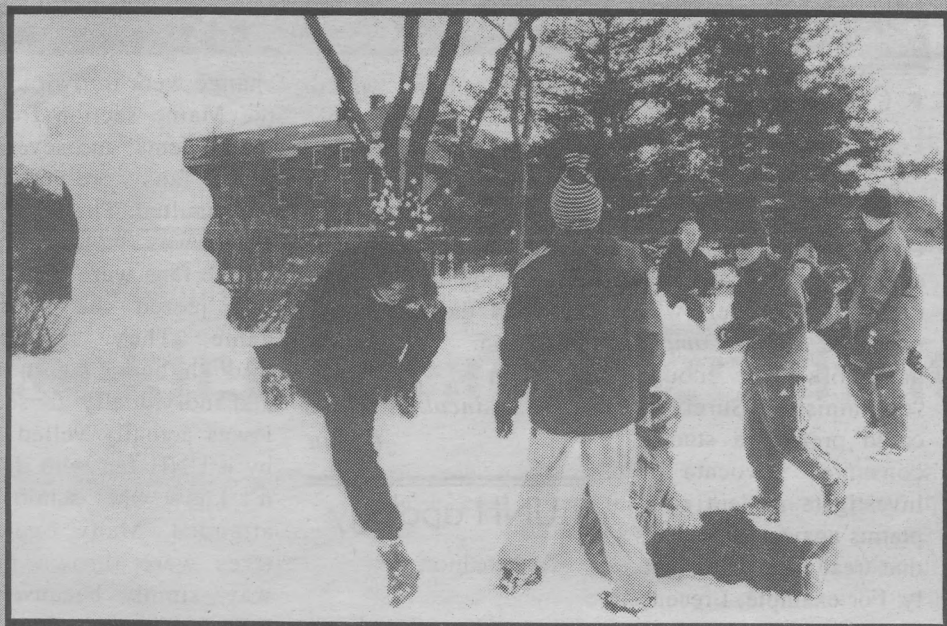
Sandy Butler, School of Social Work, UM
Part of Women's History Celebration

Mar 30 4:00 - 5:00 PM 202 Shibles Hall

"Fighting Fair with Friends (& Others)"; An interactive workshop on useful communication/relationship skills.
Presented by Campus Mediation

For more information, contact Peace Studies at 581-2609.

No work and all play?



University of Maine students took advantage of a day off from school yesterday. UMaine was closed part of Monday and all day Tuesday. While the snow caused problems for Facilities Management, it proved entertaining for students. (Top) Members of Sigma Nu jumped inner tubes off a makeshift platform they constructed. (Left) Residents of Stodder Hall built a snow dragon. (photos by Jason Canniff.)

Women's History Celebration 1999: **WOMEN ON THE (CUTTING) EDGE**

Featuring:

Dyann Logwood

Anne Johnstone Memorial Lecture

Founding Publisher of HUES

(Hear Us Emerging Sisters) Magazine & Contributing author to: *Third Wave Agenda: Being Feminist, Doing Feminism* and *Adios Barbie: Young Women Write About Body Image and Identity*

Speak Out!:

Women Reclaiming Their Lives

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 p.m.,

Wells Conference Center

&

The Guerrilla Girls

The self-described conscience of the art world!

Masked avengers who fight sexism and racism in art and culture with facts, humor, and fake fur!

They could be anyone! They are everywhere!

Multimedia Lecture Performance

Monday, April 5

7:00 p.m.,

100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building

Cosponsored by Comp. Fee, the Department of Art, and The Elizabeth Graves Visiting Artist Fund



Other highlights:

Thursday, March 18

Rene Berry Huffman

Redefining Feminism:

Insights from an African American in the NOW Movement

12:30 p.m., 117 Donald P. Corbett Business Building

Monday, March 22

Carmen Rodríguez-Peralta

Three Musical Voices:

Teresa Carreño, Amy Beach, and Rebecca Clarke

7:30 p.m., Minsky Auditorium, Class of 1944 Building

Wednesday, March 24

Deborah Gray White

In Search of Sisterhood:

The Million Woman March in Historical Perspective

4:00 p.m., 101 Neville Hall

Friday, March 26

Community Soup Supper

(\$3.00 donation requested)

5:30 - 6:45 p.m., Dunn Hall Lounge, 1st Floor

Claire Quintal

Franco-American Women — Pillars of Survivance

7:00 p.m., 115 Dunn Hall

Wednesday, March 31

Alexandria Wilson

"Two Spirited People:

A Native American Woman Looks at Identity"

7:00 p.m., 316 Dunn Hall



EDITORIAL

UMaine behind the times

The University of Maine needs to evaluate how much it pays its professors. First, the salaries of UMaine professors are well below those of professors at other colleges and universities in New England and even the United States. Second, professors at UMaine, the state's flagship university, are paid, on average, the same as professors at the University of Southern Maine.

In comparison to other land grant universities, such as the University of New Hampshire, the University of Vermont and the University of Rhode Island, professors at UMaine get paid, on average, 10 percent to 15 percent less. A member of the faculty union for the University of Maine System says a 10 percent to 15 percent increase in salary is needed so that the salaries of UMaine professors hover around the average salary received by professors in other land grant universities. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, professors in UMS are not on the same level nationally as their peers when it comes to salary, either. UMS is placed in the 30th to 50th percentile.

Some faculty members suggest that UMaine professors should receive higher salaries than their USM colleagues because of two key differences between the universities. UMaine has research and doctoral programs that USM does not have. The faculty union points to the political clout associated with Portland as one contributor to its professors getting paid as much as UMaine professors.

Twenty-five years ago there was an effort to make UMaine professors' salaries on par with other universities. Since then, the salaries of UMaine professors have fallen because of a weaker economy. Most recently, lack of legislative funding has cut into professors' salaries. A bad economy (the economy is now good) and lack of funding from the legislature (it has surpluses to work with) are no longer relevant excuses.

It's time UMaine stops playing catch-up. An increase in pay that barely covers the increase in the cost of living isn't enough. To attract new faculty and keep the current faculty it has, UMaine needs to step up and show it values its staff.

Common sense, not laws

The country is fortunate that the impeachment scandal is behind it. Now it is time for our elected leaders to get down to business and go after the real villain in society — Ed McMahon.

Maine's own Sen. Susan Collins is taking on the companies that run mail-in sweepstakes. The premise of this investigation is that these companies bilk people out of money through deceptive practices. Regulations to make the sweepstakes companies more honest may help some people, but these contestants need a big dose of skepticism more than they need legislation.

Collins, who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations, recently held hearings on the sweepstakes and also helped sponsor a bill to curb misleading practices.

The committee heard from several people who claim to have been victimized by the mail-in sweepstakes. One man wept as he revealed that he had spent between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in hopes of hitting it big.

These stories of people losing thousands in the hope of winning a million are sad, especially when the elderly have squandered their life savings. The contests often proclaim that the recipient is a guaranteed winner. But people who enter are usually required to buy expensive magazine subscriptions.

These sweepstakes companies are deceiving people with their fine print and promises of riches. But the federal government cannot protect everyone from every scam that is out there. And it cannot protect people from their own naiveté or frivolous spending.

It seems hypocritical that government is meddling in this business when it runs its own gambling system. How many millions have people spent in state-run lotteries in hopes of hitting the jackpot? Probably just as many people have squandered money on lotteries and scratch-tickets as have wasted money on the magazine sweepstakes. The odds of winning in all of these forms of legal gambling are very low.

People need some self-control and financial common sense, not legislation, to protect them from the gambling bug.

The Maine Campus

The University of Maine Newspaper Since 1875

Volume 116

Editor in Chief: Misty Edgecomb

Business Manager: Kurtis Marsh

City Editor: Kristen Dobler

Production Manager: Ajay J. Harding

Brad Morin, Managing Editor
William Stewart, Sports Editor
Elisabeth Gold, Style Editor
Jason Canniff, Photo Editor
Elisabeth Beaulieu, News Editor
Stan Dankoski, Asst. City Editor

Derek J. Rice, Opinion Editor
Erin E. Tucker, Advertising Manager
Kraig King, Network Manager
Judy Williams, Asst. Advertising Manager
Christopher Snow, Asst. Business Manager
Lyombe Eko, Faculty Adviser

The Maine Campus, a non-profit student publication, is printed at Courier Publications, Rockland, Maine. Our offices are located on the fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall, UMaine, Orono, ME 04469. Telephone numbers: City Editor, 1270; Sports, 1268; Photo, 3059; Production Manager, 3196; Production Desk, 1267; Style Editor, 3061; Opinion Editor, 1269; Editor, 1271; News Editor, 1275; Business Manager (subscriptions/accounts), 1272; Advertising, 1273; Fax, 1274. All materials herein ©1999 *The Maine Campus*, unless otherwise noted. All rights reserved.



• Letters to the Editor

• Consumer alert

To the editor:

Does *The Maine Campus* have a student consumer advocate column? If no, then why not? *The Maine Campus* has more than enough "columnists." Surely it could prepare a student consumer advocate to investigate student complaints against businesses that treat students unjustly. For example, I recently tried to open an account at a local video store in downtown Orono. Upon finding out I was a University of Maine student, I was told that "We require all UMaine students to leave a major credit card on file." It was explained to me that students rent videos and steal them, then they go home and never return. "Surely, you can understand our position," the clerk said to me. Well, no, I couldn't understand his position. Are all students to be considered thieves?

If *The Maine Campus* had an advocate to investigate such claims, then students could make informed choices as to whether or not they wanted to do business with organizations who hold students in such contempt. Ironically, the clerk at the video store was wearing a Black Bears sweatshirt (he may be a student himself). Support UMaine but don't trust the students? I won't do any business there. If a business can't trust the student body of UMaine and feels the need to protect itself to a greater degree than it does against non-students, then I see that as discrimination against students. They won't get my business.

A student consumer

advocate column would provide a valuable service to the student population and perhaps go a long way to ensuring that students are treated the same by community businesses as the residential population.

Lincoln A. Hunt
Orono

• UNH apology

To the editor:

I was born in Maine and raised on Maine hockey. From the time I was five until I graduated high school, I attended nearly every game and supported the team completely. After I graduated, I decided to attend the University of New Hampshire. I then began to back UNH one hundred percent. When I heard about the UNH-Maine weekend series, I invited my parents to attend the games at the Whittemore Center Arena. We attended these games expecting some rivalry from the UNH fans. What we got was mean-spirited, unsportsmanlike abuse. The first night, gum and

change were thrown into the Maine section from the students, and several Maine fans were verbally assaulted. The second night was worse. The Maine fans were taunted and jeered the entire game. They suffered through being sworn at and individually abused. I was actually yelled at by a UNH fan who didn't know what school I attended. Many expletives were thrown my way, simply because I was standing with Maine fans. In the 12 years I attended games at the Alford Arena in Orono, I never experienced anything like this. I am ashamed to be associated with such poor sportsmanship of UNH fans. My parents have decided never to come to watch a game at UNH. I have decided that I don't care to attend any, either. I do hope to see some UNH fans up at Orono next year. I'll be sure to be there to welcome you all. Then Maine can show you what good sportsmanship is all about.

Jerusha Reynolds
UNH student

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial pages of *The Maine Campus* are for the free exchange of ideas among members of the university community. Submissions are welcomed with the following guidelines: Letters to the editor should be no longer than 250 words. Guest columns should be about 700 words and should be cleared with the opinion editor in advance. Submissions must include full name, address and phone number. Anonymous letters will not be published without a compelling reason. All submissions may be edited for length, taste and libel.

Op/Ed



• Guest column

Looking ahead to graduation

By Susan Perrow

Any human being who gives up their God-given right to their individuality will always be a follower and never a leader. — Norman Vincent Peale

After my Philosophy of Buddhism class one Monday evening, I finally came to the meaning of my journey here. It is time for the mother black bear to retire. I must let go of my "mother bear" complex. An old classmate told me that I must now focus on my last classes and graduate and then write reams and reams of words that will complete my participant research book and pave the way for future students.

I dedicate this article to my multi-talented daughter, Jan Porter Lima, who did not make it to graduation after she finished her student teaching and quit before graduation and tried to tell me why. I didn't get it then — but I get it now. Jan's face comes through all the wonderful students who approached me after reading "Be on the lookout for 'It'" with the same oppression of "It." With each student who approached me with their personal struggle against "It," I began to feel ashamed of my brushing off my own failure in my daughter's attempt to tell me her own personal struggles with the system eight years ago.

Her voice comes through many of the young, talented black bear cubs who come to me with the same obstacles of oppression. It was hard and unnatural to be the heart and the heavy in my two beautiful daughters' life journeys. I raised

them on the traditional moral and ethical belief system that I will never regret. Jan tried to tell me how difficult it was to survive on this liberal campus even though she maintained the respect for differences that I taught her. Brian Long, who graduated last year, said to me, "Susan, I do not know why I came here to UMaine. I am leaving empty. He said that beyond the racial and class stratification, the biggest obstacle was how attacked he felt in maintaining his belief in God. I told him to read the writings of my mentors, Victor Frankl and Fred Douglas. In God's time, he will have meaning to the reason."

I miss Brian and many other alumni who blessed my path and my own personal search. We never asked that others have our beliefs, but to at least respect our position. I can't tell you the number of professors who insulted our belief system. I could write an entire article on this segregation of rights that has infected and violated the Christian students and branded them as unenlightened. To all the Christian students who have been violated, "Forgive them for they know not what they do." Blessed are the peacemakers.

The greatest blessing ever bestowed on me was when I was given the privilege to be called mother and grandmother (mamere). The second best privilege of my life journey is to be called classmate to hundreds of intelligent peers who continue to bless my life within their academia as an equal. To all these wonderful students who slipped me love notes in the midst of tense lectures of their support for my contribution and thanked me

for my courage to stand up to ignorance of their suffering, I say you're more than welcome. I want to thank all fellow students for their contribution to challenging my thought and changing my mind frame on many issues I was ignorant, too. God is not finished with me yet. Thank you for your patience, love and belief in me as I walk beside you hungry to learn and continue to hope for enlightenment. I am late in taking my LSATs but time is not with God. In God, I continue to trust to direct my path according to his plan for me. I want to thank the many wonderful professors and administrative people who believed in me.

There is a crude but real old Maine saying about overly protective Maine mothers: "Beware of her; she is like a she-black bear with a sore tit" when it comes to her cubs. It's time for this she-bear to retire her role and let all of you wonderful, talented young women and men take your places and use your voices. I believe you can fly.

But today, thanks be to God, I get it. Forgive me, Jan. I am so proud of you and all these creative students, like you, telling me the same stories that you tried to tell me. I welcome retirement. God bless UMaine. Shalom!

I must now stay focused on my last classes to make this journey a win-win celebration of a miracle of achievement I never dreamed possible for myself. Thank all of you and *The Maine Campus* for honoring my freedom of speech.

Susan Perrow is a senior sociology major.

• The quiet room

No panhandling

Sometime last December, the University of Maine Alumni Association sent a letter to me at my parents' house (my permanent address). On the surface, it appeared to be nothing but a "how are you doing?"-type letter, but a closer look revealed that it was actually sent in hopes that I'd send my beloved alma

bers. After all, they've done the most for me. Second in line would be people who can't afford a place to live or a decent meal, never mind college.

I can honestly say that when I look back at my UMaine experience 20 years from now, it will be the people I've met who I'll

By Derek Rice



mater some money.

There's just one problem, though — I haven't left yet.

In fairness to the alumni association, I did graduate three years ago, so technically I'm an alumnus (I have an alumni sticker on my car), but I'm in no position to be contributing to the university. I have enough trouble covering my own expenses, thank you.

Even if I were, I don't think I'd be in any hurry to write a check to good old UMaine.

In my six-plus years here, I can't say that my experience has been entirely positive. Sure, there have been plenty of good times, but they have had little or nothing to do with the university itself.

I've met some great people, but what does that have to do with the university?

When I say "university," I'm talking about the institution and its faceless representatives. In the future, the names may change, but the job titles and the bureaucracy will remain intact, and may in fact become stronger. Why would I want to donate money to support these ivory tower-dwellers who the majority of students never see, except in the newspaper?

My overall feeling of indifference, bordering on hostility, toward my school makes it difficult for me to understand this whole alumni retirement facility. The administration is probably hoping that alumni, who remember their UMaine years fondly, will want to relive the experience in their golden years. If this second time around is as positive as the first, maybe these alumni will decide to donate a large portion of their life savings to the university when they die.

Once our grandparents' generation — and possibly our parents' — is gone, will there still be people who make huge donations to the university? Will people still want to have buildings named after them? Personally, if I had more money than I knew what to do with, the first people I'd want to give it to would be family mem-

remember fondly. The university itself I'll remember with a bitterness similar to the bile that rises to the back of your throat just before you throw up.

At UMaine, I've had to deal with enough red tape to reach the moon and back. I've had to fight to get into "required" courses that didn't offer enough seats for all those "required" to take them. I had to adhere to an unwritten — but definitely understood — parking ticket quota when I worked for Public Safety. I've seen more than my share of fees and tuition hikes. I've seen administrators who put on a good face in public, pretending to care what students think, then, behind their office doors and make decisions that hurt students. Not to mention the whole sports pass fiasco, but I think I've said enough about that.

Maybe I feel this way because I've been here so long, but I guarantee you I'm not the only one who does. When you think about your own college experience, forget about the friends you've made, the parties you've been to, the good times you've had — you could have done those things anywhere. Think about how the university itself, most likely through its administrators, have treated you. To them you're a social security number from whom they can bilk thousands of dollars a year. Once you're gone, someone else will take your place, and you'll be quickly forgotten. Don't confuse your feelings of nostalgia for an actual sense of pride in your school.

I guess what I'm trying to say, in my roundabout way, is that the alumni association can save itself some postage and not even bother to send me any more "pledge cards." Don't call me, folks, I'll call you. But don't hold your breath.

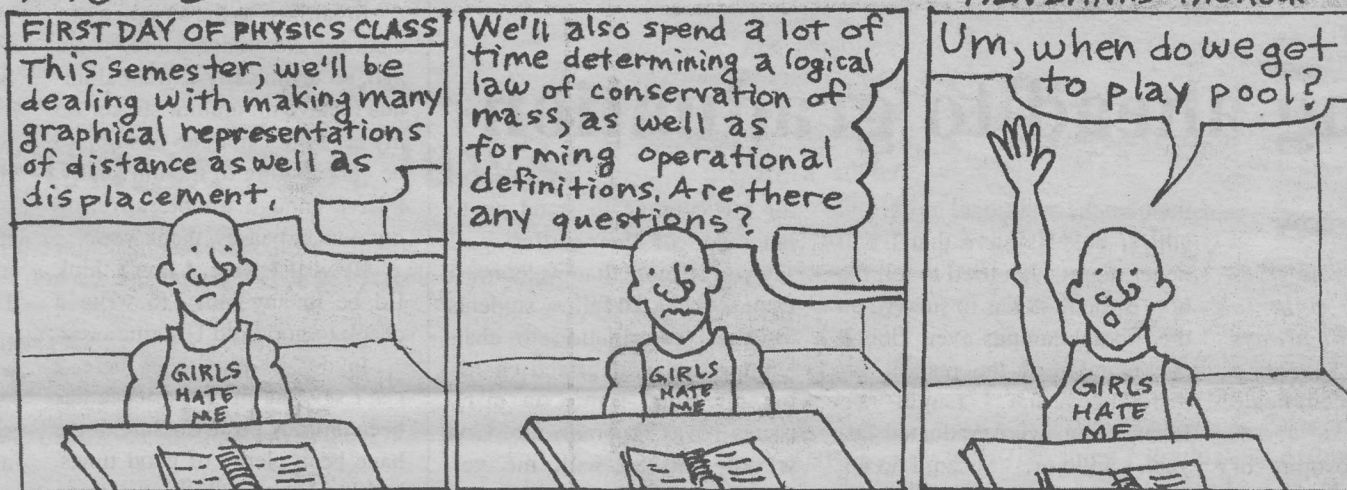
Derek Rice is a teaching assistant in the English department and is the opinion editor for The Maine Campus.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. GNU



Me Against the World



KEN BANKS "the Rock"

Leold www.leold.com
by Roger and Salem Salloom © 1997

My friend Wallace is a mellow smart guy.

He's an African American graduate student.

He studies audio physics at the university.

He thinks it's amazing that when he is standing on a street corner and a fancy car pulls up, even though the windows are closed tight, he can still hear all four automatic door locks click.



New York Times Daily Crossword

Edited By Will Shortz

No. 0707

ACROSS

- 1 Front-line chow, once
5 Observer
10 Neighbor of Libya
14 Ear part
15 Fall color
16 In vigorous health
17 Scores on a serve
18 1996 film for which Geoffrey Rush won Best Actor
19 Chester Arthur's middle name
20 Start of a thought by Oscar Wilde
23 Neither's partner
24 Good Housekeeping award

- 25 Diddle and Derek
28 From the jungle
31 Brew vessels
35 Conductor Klemperer
37 Cozy corner
39 Iron bar
40 Part 2 of the thought
43 New Testament king
44 Flute part
45 Part of Q.E.D.
46 "Gunsmoke" star
48 Back-to-school mo.
50 Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
51 Sleep phenomena
53 Flight

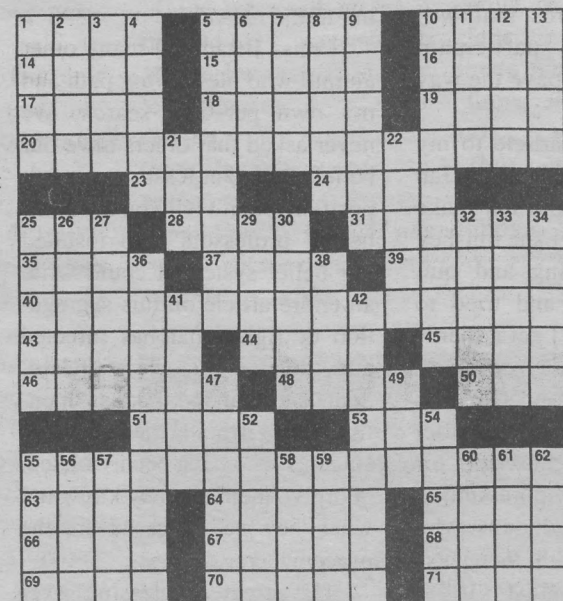
- 55 End of the thought
63 Up to it
64 Followed a coxswain's orders
65 Kind of miss
66 Safe deposit box item, perhaps
67 Witch
68 Great-great-grandson of Augustus
69 When the French fry?
70 Carved
71 Annexes

DOWN

- 1 Wooden piece
2 Little of Verdi?
3 Genesis brother
4 A quark and an antiquark
5 90's fashion accessory
6 — Rios, Jamaica
7 Waiflike
8 Birds at sea
9 Brand of peanut butter cup
10 Dare
11 Fair share, maybe
12 Jai —
13 Game rooms
21 "I'll never do it again," e.g.
22 Dine at home
25 South African politico

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

IOWA	REST	LONE
MAIL	INTO	SAVED
ETRE	FROG	AMEND
THECOLOR	OFMONEY	
SINBAD	ANARCHY	
AROAR	OLLA	RIO
DOLLARD	DIPLOMACY	
INT	ADES	PINKO
EYELIDS	STRESS	
ORA	MALI	
IFIWERE	ARICHMAN	
RISEN	MRED	EASE
ADELE	MINE	ICER
NOEL	ANTS	READ



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- 26 Multiple-choice answer
27 Unsmiling
29 Clark's interest
30 Do's and
32 Stravinsky et al.
33 Yogurt type
34 R.B.I.'s and such
36 Wind player's purchases
38 Locale for a spanking
41 Ford flub
42 Blew inward
47 Buss
49 Scot's topper
52 Entrap
54 Food from heaven
55 Stow, as cargo
56 Sarcastic response
57 — Bailey
58 Increase
59 Québec's Lévesque
60 "— I say more?"
61 Joker, e.g.
62 Love's inspiration

To bring a correction to our attention please call 581-1271 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., e-mail To_the_editor@umit.maine.edu or stop by the offices located on the fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall, across from ASAP Media Service.



STYLE & ARTS



• Thumbs up!

One spring break: free travel with strange people

By Andrew Bailey
Maine Campus staff

So, here's the choice: a day skiing on a mountain overlooking Vancouver, or hitchhiking to a town of 279 people on Vancouver Island's southwest coast. As I'm sure you've worked out, I took the latter.

My friend had to leave Victoria, leaving me with a few days to putter about on my own. After careful study of a bus timetable, I decided to go camping - temperate rainforests beckoned. Being rural British Columbia though, some hitchhiking was obviously in order to get me to

drinking age to someone important.)

In contrast, the next day brought a 24-year-old "ecotourism" entrepreneur, Andrew. From the seat of his rusting VW, he informed me that the "stupid natives" were in a dispute with environmentalists for attempting to "preserve their heritage or some crap" by harpooning a whale.

I suspect the environment is under far greater threat from Andrew's plans to helicopter in whale watchers "in high heels," than from the death of one whale. Still, like any self-respecting hypocrite, I gleefully accepted the offer of a floor to crash on and a fish sandwich.

Besides, had I not, I would never have

into a tree was that he would be talked at all the way to the hospital.

I expect that such threats were lost on Paul, who had been "drinking in this pub every day since my first paycheck - and that was 24 years ago!" Cue lots of drunken laughter.

The next day came and so did the hope of a ride in a helicopter with Mike the logger. Unfortunately that was not to be, but in compensation I did get to wave at the weather couple a few more times, before getting a ride with three hippies in a white van. Below is a complete transcript of our conversation:

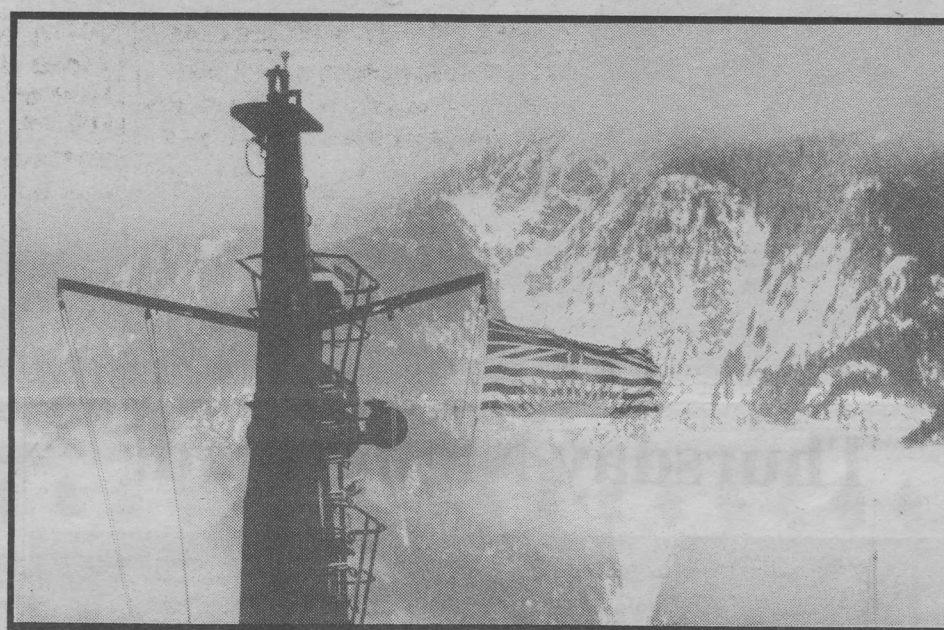
"Where are you going?"

when I got a ride from the ferry to Seattle with a top bloke, Omid from L.A. On the radio was a 26-year-old woman who was lamenting her 33-year-old husband's neglect of his nocturnal duties. Neglected to the tune of once a month.

"What does he do for a living?" asked Tom.

"I don't want to give too much away..... he's the manager of a radio station in L.A." Dear God.

So I thought that was the end of my hitchhiking for a while, but I was wrong. My alarm clock failed (obviously none of it was my fault), meaning that I got a ride with three women to the airport. All



While on break Bailey hitchhiked around British Columbia and snapped some landscapes. (Andrew Bailey photos.)

anywhere interesting.

First, there was the surfer in his Volvo who had stood for the equivalent of the BC senate, lost miserably, and is currently negotiating land treaties with/for the native people of the area.

(A brief aside: I also sat next to Minnesota senator Paul Wellstone on a plane. Apparently Gov. Jesse Ventura is "so-so," and I also got to bitch about the

gotten to meet Hans and Bridgette, the pub owners who immigrated from Germany 17 years ago. Nor would I have had the pleasure of inane weather-related conversation with the old couple whose names I never did catch.

I don't remember the name of the barmaid-cum-ambulance driver either, but I do remember that her threat to anyone who got drunk and subsequently crashed

"Sooke."

"Excellent..... Have you been working?"

"I try not to work if I can help it."

So that was that for the next hour. Next was the painter-decorator who warned me off hitchhiking in the South, what with all those white supremacists and stuff.

Some relative normality returned

were slightly balmy - I've been here long enough to work out that not all behavior can be put down to being American.

And the best thing? They were on their way to pick someone up who was returning from a lasso convention in Las Vegas. God bless America.

"Mind you, it was an international convention."

• Carnegie

Last day to see Hofer exhibit at UMMA

By Anastasia Pocheptsova
Special to the Campus

Today is the last day you are able to see the Evelyn Hofer exhibition at the University of Maine Museum of Art. It was there for a long time, however most of us have not seen it yet. I was there only this week myself. And I do regret that I don't have enough time left to drag all my friends to see it.

Hofer is a European artist whose primary interests are photographs of cities in the United States and Europe. And it's not just the cities themselves. Through the interiors, elements of the whole picture could be singled out to create an absolutely new portrait with its own distinguished meaning.

The exhibition is called "Interiors and Emerson in Italy," which represents pictures from two different collections of photographs.

"Interiors" portrays pictures taken in Italy, New York, Mexico and Belgium. They are composed photographs showing unique interiors of architecturally famous buildings such as Radio City Music Hall in New York City and Villa Medici in Rome. "Emerson in Italy" depicts the photographs taken during the Ralph Waldo Emerson tour through Italy. Hofer's work came 160 years later.

The first thing that strikes you when you see the works of Hofer is that you can't recognize whether these are photographs or painting. On one hand they look too good, too bright and too perfect

to be photographs, yet on the other hand, too real to be paintings. And the artist likes to play with this combination of the painting and the photograph.

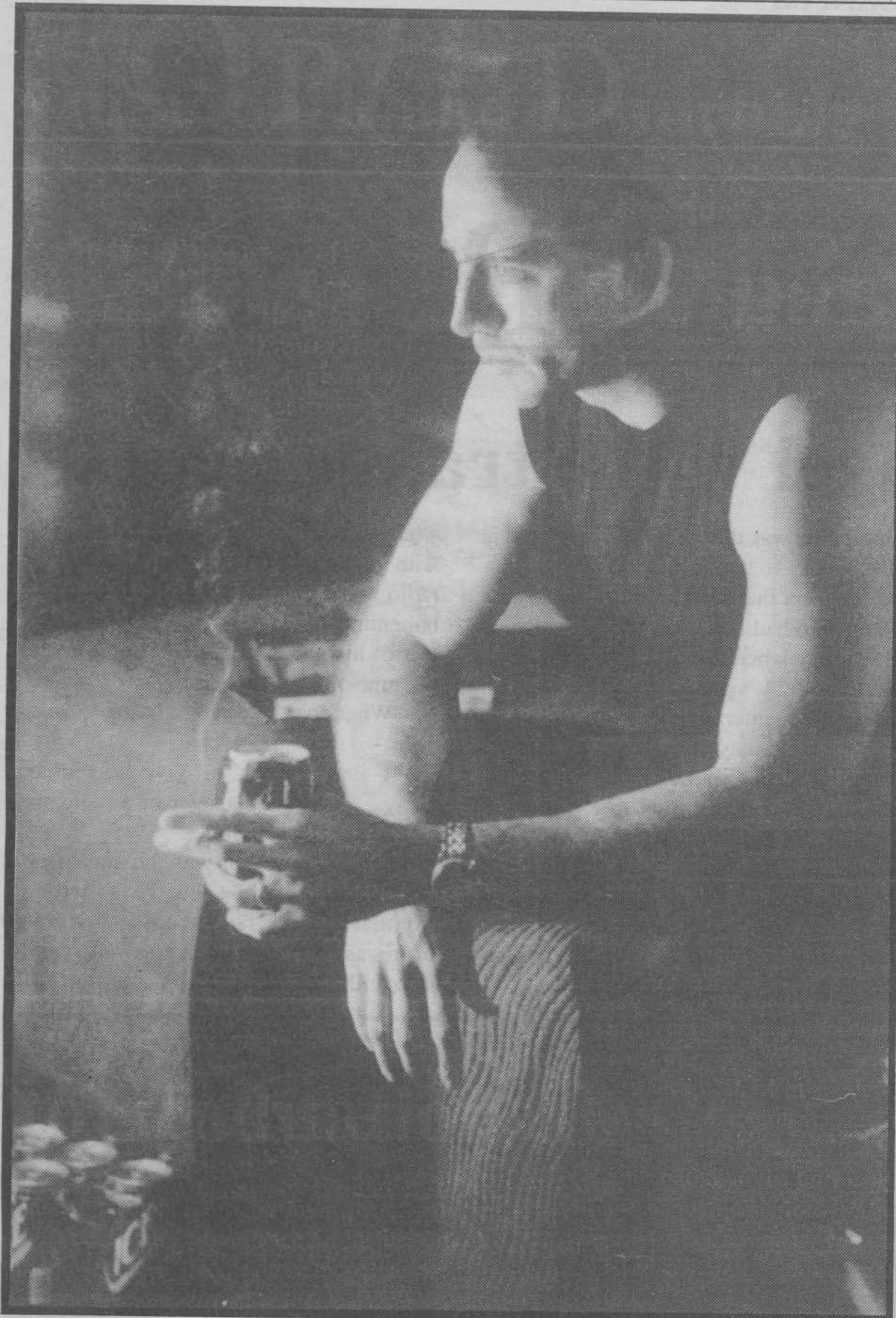
The painting brought into the image creates a sense of space and volume. You can see the photograph of the workshop of the painter, where the main component of the composition is the artist's canvas.

Paintings are frequently introduced into the interior. The walls in the billiard room consist solely of the paintings. The beautiful garden, the monument on the foreground, the blue water of the lake. And you are confused—is this all in the middle of the garden or it is really only the pictures on the walls that produce such feeling? Or could it be the photograph of the Maison Salvay, Brussels?

Here, the interior captured is the stairs, with the old beautiful balustrade and the lamp in the form of flowers. And the stairs lead to the windows, with people looking through them, trees and flowers all full of the summer light and sensations. All is creating the contrast with the conservative decoration of the hall.

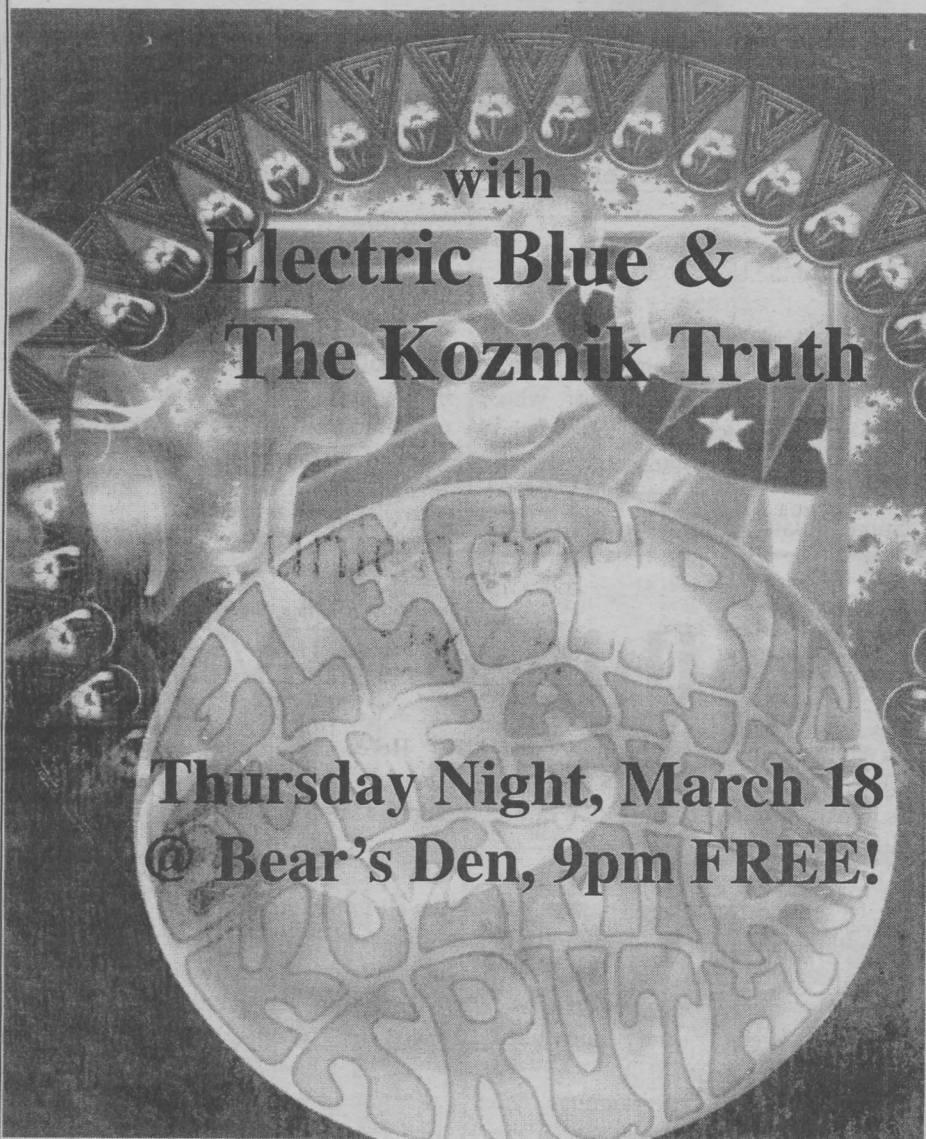
But stop, the windows are drawn on the walls! To make such an impression on the viewer, the artist pays very careful attention to the light. Using only natural light, Hofer finds the right point of view, perspective to shoot the photograph. Only this would bring natural shadows and lightning, the sense of distance and space for such illusion.

See UMMA on page 11



Nick Cage plays a private investigator in the freaky film '8 mm'. (Courtesy photo.)

Thursday Night Band!



The Union Board: **Diversions**
Campus Entertainment • 581-1735
Center for Students and Community Life
<http://www.ume.maine.edu/~TUB/>



• The Movie Hunter

'8 mm' dark and disturbing

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

Usually when I write a review, I do it anywhere from right after to a day or two from seeing the movie. That way the experience of it is still sharp. But it's been almost two weeks since I've watched "8mm," but its images and memory are still easy to recall, and vividly so. It's the type of film that's hard to forget.

It stays with you for awhile, and that in itself is an accomplishment of sorts. Just think for a second of all the movies you see each year that never get a second thought once the lights come back up. But just because a film's memorable isn't always to say it's necessarily great; there are plenty of terrible films that I remember just for their incredible ineptness (see "Cobra"), but that's not the case here.

"8mm" hits a dark cord and resonates with disturbing scenes, images and ideas far more than most mainstream Hollywood films would even begin to delve into. There's a scene where a character warns, "You're going to see things that you can't unsee." That would be an apt tag line for "8mm." It's in the same bleak, foreboding category as "Seven" (both scripts were written by Andrew Walker).

Nicolas Cage, who always seems to take on challenging, or at least interesting, new roles, plays Tom Wells, a private investigator who mostly handles low-risk surveillance cases for upper-class professionals. He lives in what appears to be a small Northeastern town with his wife (Catherine Keener) and newborn daughter. And, though the scenes dealing with Wells and his family are the thinnest part of the story, there's still a pervading feeling of impending

danger and tension under it all. This movie has a very dark feel.

A very wealthy and reclusive millionaire has passed away, and his wife (Myra Carter) hires Wells to investigate a troubling 8mm film she has found in her husband's private safe. It's a snuff film. A homemade porno film where a teenage girl is apparently butchered to death at the end by a man in a leather mask. Wells tries to console her. He tells her that snuff films are more or less an urban legend, that no one knows for sure if they really exist or not. But she wants him to take on the case. "Please tell me that poor girl was not murdered," she pleads.

To start, Wells tries to find out who the girl in the film is. He's a shrewd investigator and through some adept detective work (which I'll skip over here), he puts a name to the sad, scared face he saw on film. She has been missing for a few years. Wells visits her bereaved mother (Amy Morton), and at one point inquires—if she had a choice, would she want to know the truth, no matter how terrible, about what happened to her daughter, even if that meant losing all hope that she had run away and was still alive somewhere?

Wells' search submerges him deep into the lewd and often morbid world of underground pornography. He hires a porn shop clerk, Max California (Joaquin Phoenix), to help navigate him through the seedy blackmarket. Together they scour the porno underground of L.A. and New York, trying to find anyone who has actually seen or made a snuff tape.

They meet Dino Velvet (Peter Stormare, who seems to have a knack for playing strange and bazaar characters—he

See 8 mm on page 11

570 STILLWATER AVE. • BANGOR ME • 207-990-2646
HOURS: MON-SAT. 9:30-7 • SUN. 12-5

- 300 Bulk Herbs & Spices
- Bulk Grains, Fruit, Nuts & Seeds
- Personal Care Item
- Homeopathic Supplies
- Vitamins & Body Building Supplements

GET
HERBAL!

The Natural Living Center



THE WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH.....

25% OFF - Aubrey Organics

**AUBREY
ORGANICS**

Hair & Skin Products

421 WILSON ST. • BREWER ME • 207-989-7996
HOURS: MON-THURS. 9-6 • FRI 9-6:30 • SAT. 9-6 • SUN. 12-2

THURSDAY

Ladies Night

40% Off Mexican Menu

Margarita's Sassy

Sangria \$3 glass

\$6 pitcher

WEDNESDAY

Student I.D. Night

2 for 1 Mexican Entrees

Original and

Strawberry

Margarita's

\$2.00

Wednesday Feb 17

Thursday Mar. 18

Saturday Mar. 20

St. Patrick's Day

Three levels of music!

ELDERBERRY JAM

& HOWIE O'DAYS

\$1 For Both Acts

cheapo's

Guinness

Micheal Sheas

Jameson's

Irish Whiskey

DJ

Dance

Party



8 mm

from page 9

was the reticent woodchipper villain in "Fargo"). Here he's a blackmarket pornographer with a penchant for crossbows.

Director Joel Schumacher does a good job focusing the film's point-of-view on Cage's character and his struggle for redemption as he gets further and further into the realm of snuff films. The movie and script allow Cage to slip into shady areas of thought and action that most movie protagonists never show an inkling of. He's forced into being more of an anti-hero along the lines of Travis Brickle in "Taxi Driver," than say, any character Harrison Ford has ever played. One of the scripts most pertinent lines portends, "You dance with the devil, you don't change the devil; the devil changes you."

"8mm" is surely the type of film that will shake and bother a lot of viewers. And it should—that's the whole point. When the film's sinister killer is confronted, he explains why he does the things he does: Not because his parents abused him or because voices told him to, but because he likes to! Because he enjoys it!

There are plenty of graphic scenes of violence and sex throughout "8mm," but this is not a lurid or exploitation film—it goes deeper than that. It's supposed to disturb and make you think — walking away from it feeling nothing would be jaded.

Rating: ★★★

UMMA

from page 9

The most famous from this series is the picture of the Ladies' Room in the New York's Radio City Hall. Here the paintings on the walls are reflected through the mirrors on the other wall and then are reflected through the mirrors on the first wall. And even the table in the middle of the room has a reflecting surface. It seems like there is not one room, but many and the light is transferred from one room to another.

My favorite is the black and white photograph of two chairs standing in the middle of the room. There is barely any-

thing else in the room except for the small carpet on the floor before the chairs and the vase with flowers on the window. And the chairs are rather simple... Of course, the room itself is the canvas and the chairs are standing in front of it. Only a very creative artist with the terrific sense of composition could create such photographs.

The next exhibition presented in the UMaine Museum of Art located in Carnegie Hall is the Student Art Juried Annual, which will open on April 9. Hope we all won't miss this one.

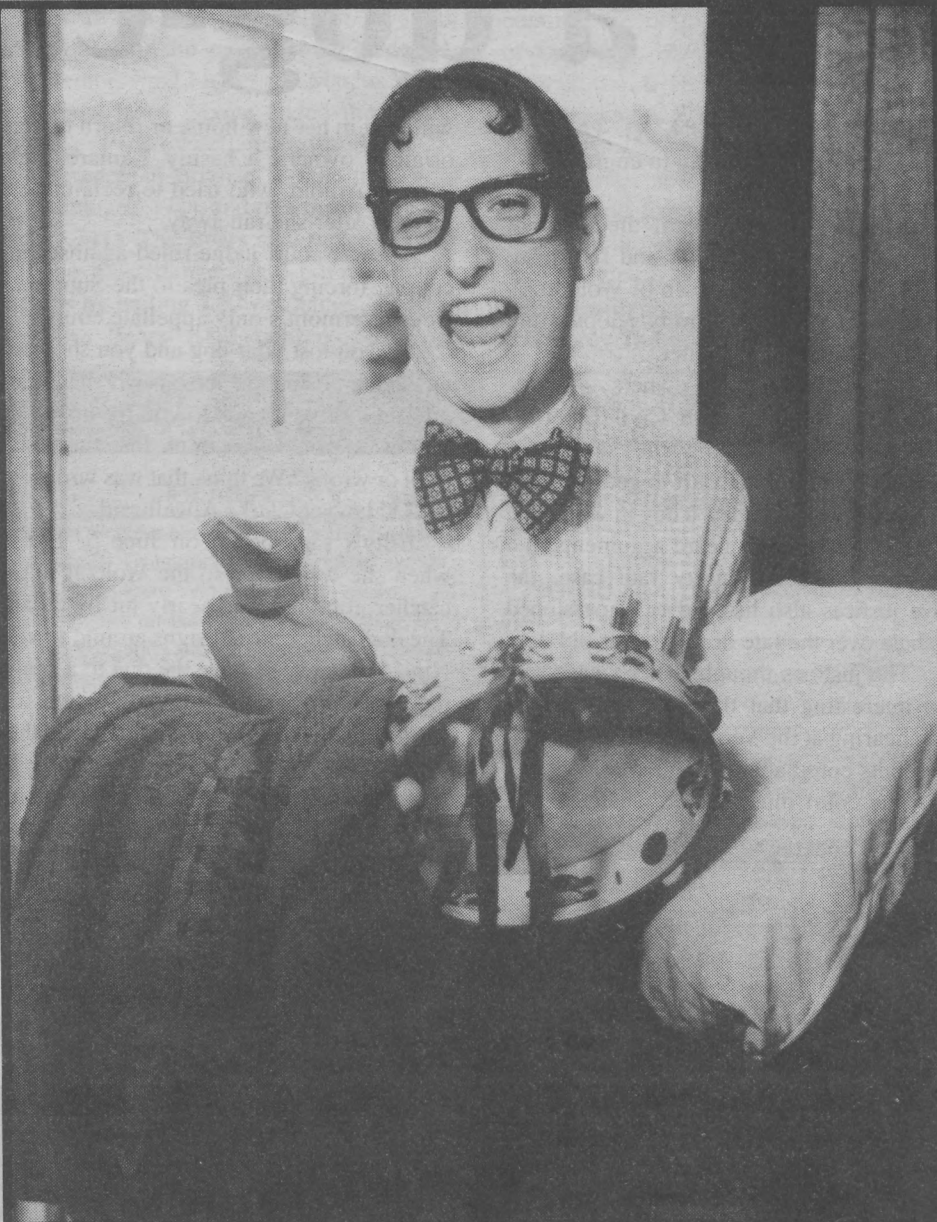
Open
your mind

You may learn something about yourself.

The Maine Campus

UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

REVENGE OF THE NERD



Ron Adams is featured in Penobscot Theatre's production of "The Nerd" playing March 10-21, 1999. (Courtesy photo.)

Dining Services Sponsors
BRAIN FOOD PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Faculty members are invited to dine with at least two students in one of the four dining commons on the date their department is assigned. Private dining rooms and tables may be reserved by your group on a first come first served basis. Call 1-4619 and mention "Brainfood reservations"

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 14	15 MARINE SCIENCE	16 MODERN LANGUAGES AND CLASSICS PHILOSOPHY	17 POLITICAL SCIENCE PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY WILDLIFE ECOLOGY	18 ONWARD/HONORS/PEACE/ WOMEN'S/NATIVE AMERICAN/CANADIAN AMERICAN STUDIES	19 BUSINESS	20
21	22 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FAMILY STUDIES	23 PSYCHOLOGY	24 ANTHROPOLOGY APPLIED ECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	25 FOGLER LIBRARY NURSING PERFORMING ARTS SOCIOLOGY	26 EDUCATION	27
28	29 CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ELECTRICAL/COMPUTER ENGINEERING	30 ART ROTC	31 BIOCHEMISTRY MICROBIOLOGY MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	April 1 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	2 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	3
4	5 CHEMISTRY COMMUNICATION DISORDERS	6 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	7 SPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	8 COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM	9 FOREST MANAGEMENT	10
11	12 BIOSYSTEMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION	13 COMPUTER SCIENCE ECONOMICS	14 FOREST ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE RESOURCE ECONOMICS AND POLICY	15 S CUBED	16 ENGLISH	17
18	19 HISTORY	20 GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES ROTC	21 MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS	22 SOCIAL WORK	23 CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	24

• Are You Kidding?

It's a dog-eat-dog world

SOUTH ROYALTON, Vt. (AP) — Not every dog has its day in court.

Billy is an exception.

Almost two years ago, the German shepherd broke her collar and ran away from her home in the town of Wolcott. A month later, another family adopted the dog from an animal shelter.

Now Billy's original owners — represented by the American Civil Liberties Union — are fighting the shelter in Vermont's Supreme Court to get her back.

And so, on Tuesday, a day in which the state's highest court heard arguments in a multimillion-dollar utility rate case, the five justices also listened to impassioned debate over the fate of the 6-year-old dog.

The justices thought Billy's case was so interesting that they decided to hold the hearing at the Vermont Law School so students could attend.

The court must decide whether Billy

will stay in her new home or return to her original owners, Chasidy Lamare and Charles Arnold, who tried to reclaim her 34 days after she ran away.

A lower-court judge ruled against the couple, forcing their plea to the Supreme Court, Vermont's only appellate court.

"If you lost your dog and you showed up to claim it and the persons who had it ... refused to give it back to you for no valid reason ... would you think that that was right or wrong? We think that was wrong," ACLU lawyer Clarke Atwell said.

Billy's saga began on June 3, 1997, when she was given to the Wolcott dogcatcher after she was nearly hit by a car. The dogcatcher posted signs around town. Nine days later, he gave the dog to a shelter, the North Country Animal League.

The Wolcott town ordinance says the dogcatcher can keep the dog, give it away or destroy it after seven days in

custody. A lawyer for the North Country Animal League says the shelter was abiding by the ordinance when it had the dog spayed and gave it away after keeping it for more than a month.

"We were the owners and we had found it a suitable home. We felt that that was the most important thing and in the best interest of the animal," shelter attorney Jeff Lively said.

Atwell, however, argued that the town did not do enough to advertise the lost dog or allow enough time to pass to dissolve ownership. He said the dog falls under the lost property statute, which requires finders to advertise more extensively and wait 90 days before transferring ownership.

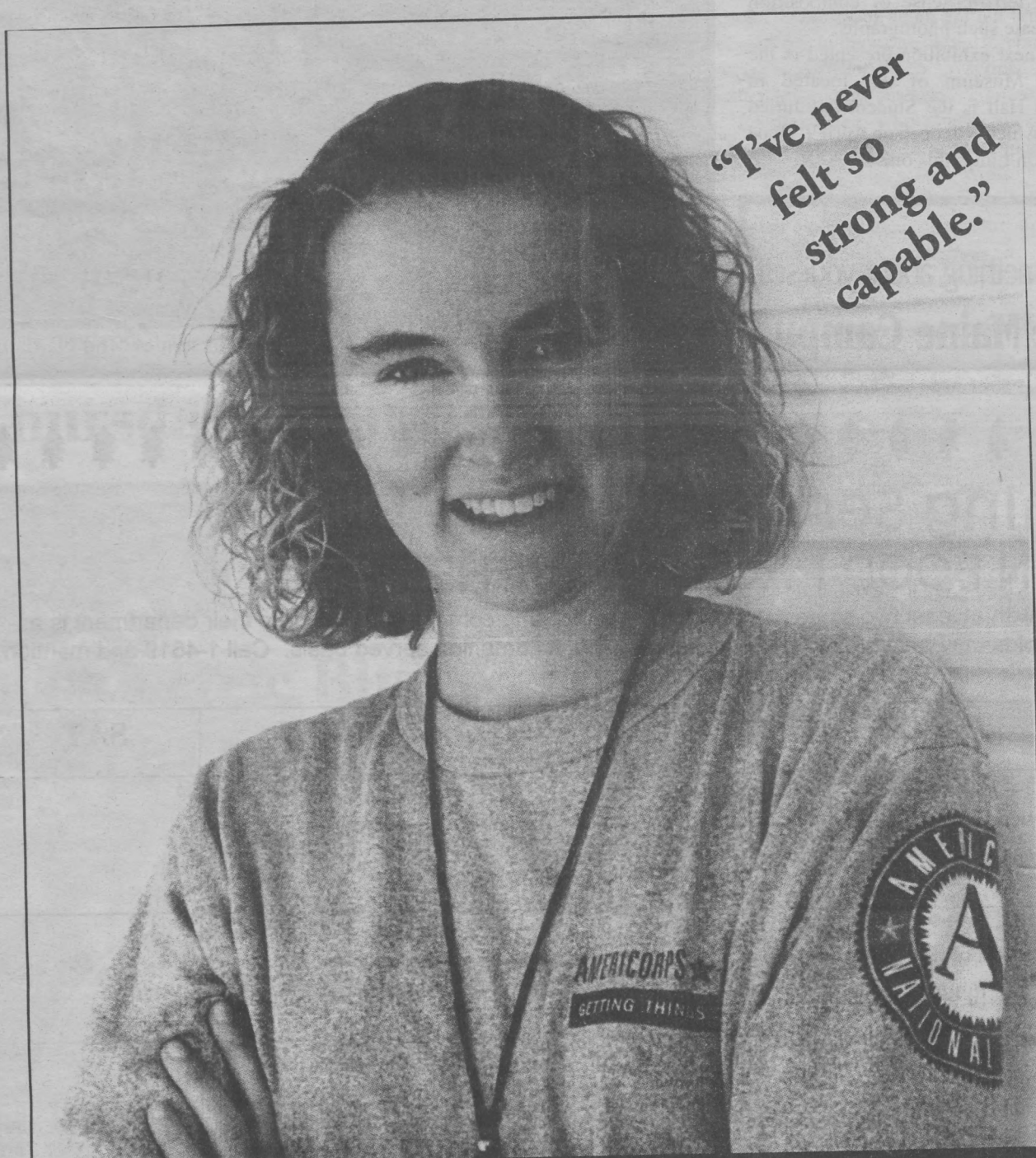
The dog's new owners are not involved in the case and refuse to be identified.

"It seems it would be a no-brainer for you to just send the dog back to the old house," Justice James Morse told Lively.

But Lively said officials at the North Country Animal League were suspicious of Lamare and Arnold when they showed up at the shelter a day before Billy was adopted. The couple had never contacted the dogcatcher or the humane society, gave the wrong age of the dog and had no photos of what they called their beloved pet.

Although Lamare and Arnold had the dog's American Kennel Club registration, they were told to fill out an application to adopt her. Two days later, they were told they were not suitable for the dog, Atwell said.

The justices gave no indication of when they would rule. When they do, they might be able to cite one of their own cases as precedent. In 1997, after hearing from two owners who each claimed they owned the same dog, the justices ruled that dogs do not fall under the lost property statute.



Helping others was a family tradition for Amy Zaleska, of Massachusetts. So after getting her master's degree, she signed up for a year of service with AmeriCorps*VISTA. She moved across the country to coordinate a hunger program in California, where she developed new skills and decided to pursue a career in nonprofit management. "My project affected so many people," Amy says. "Now I know that one person really can make a difference."

For more information, call 1-800-942-2677
Or visit the website at www.americorps.org

AmeriCorps*VISTA: Are you up to the challenge?

Have
a fun 
and safe 
St. Patrick's Day.
please drink
responsibly
and select
a designated

driver.

A message from the staff of

**The Maine
Campus**



• Shag

Some thoughts from a storm

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Picked-up pieces while wading through a foot of snow in my driveway...

* Where art thou, Stephen King?

The horormeister wasn't in his usual skybox high atop the Alford this season at the women's hoop games. A frequenter of the Black Bear playoff games as well, he was also a no-show for Maine's stunner over Stanford last Friday.

I wouldn't want to think of King as a bandwagon-jumper, but I'd hate to think that he was just on the Our Gal Cindy joyride along with the rest of the 1,500-plus fans who stopped visiting women's basketball world once Cindy left the scene.

* Anyone else surprised that Boston University's hockey team got lopped off in the first round despite a No. 5 seed?

* Saw a piece in Monday's Globe in which Tom Finneran recited a poem ripping Pats boss Bob Kraft at the annual South Boston St. Patrick's day fete.

Gimme a break. If someone shot this chrome-domed jerk, who singlehandedly drove to Pats to the backwoods of Connecticut, I guaran-damn-tee you that no charges would be pressed. Unless it was in Southie, of course.

* Potential starting lineup for this year's All-Star Game at Fenway:

1B Mo Vaughn
2B Wilfredo Cordero
SS Luis Rivera
3B Wade Boggs
OF Matt Stairs
OF Brady Anderson
OF Jose Canseco

C John Flaherty
P Roger Clemens
Well, Flaherty, Anderson, Rivera and Boggs are probably reaches, but still...

* The 14-team ECAC, in which the Maine women's hockey team competes, is as logical as putting square pegs into round circles.

Here's a solution: a women's Hockey East.

There are five men's HE teams in the ECAC — Maine, UNH, BC, Providence, and Northeastern.

Two other HE schools, BU and UMass-Amherst, have club teams. If you upgrade those two teams to varsity status (easier said than done, of course, with money and everything) and break the other five teams from the ECAC, you would have two sensibly organized leagues. (The ECAC would have eight teams since Colby is moving to Division III next year.)

* The way the fans and media have embraced the NBA this season as if nothing ever happened is living proof that yes, Virginia, you can fool all of the people all of the time.

* Early-early-early line on the AFC East has the Jets at 14-2 and the Pats at 6-10. By keeping Carroll instead of Wolhabaugh the Pats pretty much signed their death warrant for the 1999 season. Anyone else surprised that the Jets haven't signed Scott Zolak yet?

* I said it last year and I'll say it again, after hearing some horror stories from people who were down there: The UNH hockey fans are bush.

* Do you realize that Mark McGwire could hit his 500th home run this season?

NCAA

from page 16

"Well, if a team like Providence wins it and we're still on the bubble," said Markell, "who knows?"

The rest of the bubble teams shape up as follows:

The St. Lawrence Saints feature a 22-11-3 record and will need to challenge Clarkson for the ECAC title in Lake Placid in order to march into the NCAAs. An RPI rating of 10 doesn't hurt their cause either.

Rensselaer, also of the ECAC, is on the bubble with a 22-11-2 record.

Out west, schools such as Northern Michigan, Ohio State, Notre Dame, and Michigan are all still holding their breath, although it would be tough, says Walsh, to keep the Wolverines or Buckeyes out of the tournament.

"You would think those two teams are in," Walsh said yesterday.

Either way, it would not be implausible to see the Wolverines get shipped into the east regions, making a match with the Black Bears all the more possible.

Hoops

from page 15

Freshman Clinton "Huggy" Dye earned a spot on the All-Rookie team by tying a Black Bear record with four Rookie of the Week awards during the season. Dye will likely help fill the gap being left by departing seniors Fred Meeks and Marcus Wills.

As a team, Maine ended the season with a 19-9 overall record and led the conference in offense (80.6), field goal percentage (.471), and free throw percentage (.741). The Bears also ranked as one of the most dangerous 3-point shooting teams by nailing 7.57 per game.

The Bears' 13-5 conference record

marks the second best turnaround in league history following last year's 14-4 effort.

As for next season, Giannini will try to continue the success by countering the loss of Ledbetter, Meeks and Wills with the activation of 6'10" Temple transfer Julian Dunkley and 6'6" Illinois forward Carvell Ammons, who will become eligible second semester next year. Sophomore Colin Haynes and freshman Jamar Croom will also be in the big-man mix.

The guard position will be led by Bedard with Dye and seniors Dade Faison and Corey Thibodeau competing for time.

classifieds

help wanted

Come to New Hampshire for the Summer! 6/20-8/19. Outstanding brother/sister sports camps on Lake Winnepesaukee seek skilled Counselors for land sports, water sports, & the arts. Room, board, & most transp. paid. Call us, or apply @ our internet sites: **boys: www.winaukee.com; 800-791-2018; girls: www.robindel.com; 888-860-1186**

Summer Camp Counselors needed for camps in Massachusetts. Positions available for talented, energetic & fun loving students as counselors in all team sports, all individual sports such as Tennis, Golf, Waterfront, Pool activities & specialty activities including art, dance, theater, gymnastics, newspaper, rocketry & radio. Great salaries, room & board, travel. 6/19-8/18. Enjoy a great summer that promises to be unforgettable. MAH-KEE-NAC (boys) 1800-753-9118 DANBEE (girls) 1800-392-3752 www.greatcampjobs.com

P/T - F/T hrs, telephone interviewing, competitive rates. Call GRS @ 866-5593

Best summer job you've ever had-Maine! Camp Caribou boys camp, Waterville Maine. Hiring counselors/coaches:baseball, golf, volleyball, arts/crafts, canoe, sailing, riflery, ropes course, archery, water skiing, swimming, guitar/song, leader. 6/18-8/14/99. Billat 888-305-2267 or email campcaribou@aol.com. www.campcaribou.com

Summer positions at beautiful Vermont girls' camp. Locheam Camp, one of the oldest & finest private camps for girls seek counselors/activity instructors. Visit www.campage.com/Locheam for available positions or contact 1-800-235-6659 or Locheam@earthlink.net

Summer help needed for days and evenings. Please apply LaBree's Bakery, Old Town, Me 04468

travel

Study abroad in Bulgaria: the University of Maine has an exchange with the American University in Bulgaria, an excellent institution offering courses taught in English. For more info, contact Beth Eustis in the Office of International Programs at 581-1509. Application deadlines for fall or full year is April 1st.

misc

SEX MATTERS LIVE! Wednesday nights 10-11 pm 91.9 WMEB 581-2333

Workshop at Birthwise Midwifery School *Introduction to the Heart, Mind, and Skill of a Midwife* April 17-19 May 22-24 Two week-end intensives designed for those wanting to explore the world of midwifery. For more info contact: Birthwise 66 S. High St. Bridgton Me 04009 (207) 647-5968 birthwise@ime.net

CASCO BAY BARTENDING Classes start soon. Student Discounts. Call for more information 1-800-467-2028 SPACE IS LIMITED

for rent

2 BR apt in Old Town. Sunny, spacious, quiet, off street parking, near bus route. heat, water, sewer. 827-3266

for rent

Orono, eff. 1,2,3 BR apts heat&hot water incl. no pets. eff.s starting at \$210. 827-7231

Old Town Ledge Apts. Showing & leasing 1,2,3,4 BR apts. Heat & hot water incl. No pets. 827-7231

ORONO - apts for summer or fall. No pets. 866-2516

ORONO. WASHBURN PLACE. 149 Park Place. 2 BR Townhome. Heat, water, sewer included. No Pets. Sec. Dep. One year lease. \$660. Call 945-6955.

OLD TOWN LARGE 2BR HEAT&HOT WATER INC SUNNY APT QUITE BLDG OFF STREET PARKING BUS RT. \$490 Lease SD 827-4561

OLD TOWN 5BR HOUSE IML FROM CAMPUS 2 Bath Heat&Hot Water Inc. off street Parking \$1000 Lease SD 827-4561

OLD TOWN 1 2 4 Br Apts Heat Hot water water sewer. No pets. 1 Br \$375 2Br \$435 4Br \$750 Lease Call 827-7404

4 BR APT. to campus. Newly renovated kitchen x-lg brms, sunny. \$800/mo. Heated & more. 827-6212

Room available immediately in modern clean townhouse. Available until end of May. \$200/mo. Everything.... 827-6212

3 BR house 1mi. to campus, clean modern. x-lg bdrms 1.5 baths. Great location. Heated & more. 827-6212

Save over \$2000 each over dorm costs and live Independent. Rent a 5 BR+2 full bath townhouse. 827-6212

Kayak, canoe, rollerblade, bike, walk to school. Live at RiverviewTownhouses. Modern, clean..Info>827-6212

Room for rent Now until end of May. 1 mi to campus by Market Cafe. Clean, modern. \$200/mo everything. 827-6212


RIVERVIEW TOWNHOUSES NOW RENTING FOR NEXT YEAR. MODERN, CLEAN. 5 BDRMS+ 2 FULL BATHS. 827-6212

3 BR apt close to campus. X-lg bdrms + x-lg closets. Clean, modern. \$675/mo. Heated & more. 827-6212

5 BR+ 2 FULL BATHS TOWNHOUSE. CLOSE TO UM. MODERN, CLEAN, NEWLY RENOVATED. DECKS FT & REAR. TRI-LEVEL. RIVER ACCESS. SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD. ONE BLOCK TO TENNIS COURTS, BALLFIELD, AND POST OFFICE. PRIVACY ASSURED. LAUNDRY. RENT \$950/MO OR 190 EACH. HEAT, WATER, SNOW & TRASH & MORE INCLUDED. FMI...827-6212

For rent in June, 3&4 bedroom apts. Starting at \$600. 1/2 mile from campus. Chem free. No pets. 866-3785

Orono. Washburn Place 149 Park St. Luxery 2BR townhouse. Heat, water, sewer included. No pets. Sec. Dep. One year lease. \$660. Call 945-6955



Fogler Library

Academic Year Hours:

Monday - Thursday	8:00am - Midnight
Friday	8:00am-10:00pm
Saturday	10:00am-10:00pm
Sunday	10:00am-Midnight

Welcomes You!

Fogler Library has undergone some renovations as a result of the installation of sprinkler and fire alarm systems throughout the building and the asbestos removal in the older part of the building. The improvements include new lighting in several of the large reading rooms, painting, and replacement of worn carpet. Please come and enjoy the changes as you use the collections and services of Fogler.

Fogler is the largest library in Maine, the collection includes approximately 900,000 volumes, 6,700 periodical subscriptions and continuations, 1.4 million microforms, 2 million U.S. and Canadian federal government publications, and a growing number of electronic resources. The library is open 104 hours per week during the academic year, check for hours at the library or on the web, <http://libraries.maine.edu/umaine/>.

If you are a member of an organization on campus that would like a tour please call **581-1676**.

Finals Week Open until 2:00am!

• The Bottom Line

Sex and violence helps WWF top ratings

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Ask any television executive what it takes to make a show successful nowadays and they will most likely tell you: sex, violence and a lot of it.

That is part of what is helping the WWF stay at the top of the ratings race and why WCW is losing ground and quick.

Vince McMahon's company has been experiencing an amazing run of dominance in its Monday night shows and its counterparts have yet to do anything to combat it. Two weeks ago, Raw posted some of its highest ratings ever and is soundly trouncing Nitro by at least two rating points every week.

So what is the problem? Well, the different philosophies of the Big Two come into play to start. McMahon has taken a risqué approach with more silicone than on "Baywatch" and more beatings than in a J.C. Van Damme movie. As the ratings prove, it is working.

WCW president Eric Bischoff (it really isn't Ric Flair - don't let the angle fool you) has claimed that in 1999, his organization will be more of a G-rated project. Recent examples of the Disney-ification: Scott Steiner was actually banned from TV interviews until he cleaned them up and Kevin Nash was told no more DX-style crotch chops.

As the ratings prove, that isn't working.

In order for WCW to come even close to touching the WWF, they have to loosen

up the ties and roll the dice. The public loves all the Jerry Springer stuff for a reason. The fact remains that you have to cater to your audience and WCW is failing miserably.

Second, shorten Nitro to two hours. The first hour is pure crap anyway and will lessen the amount of time they have to fill with Norman Smiley, Jerry Flynn and the rest of the job squad.

Finally, start pushing some of the older guys out the door and begin a youth movement a la WWF. Point blank: Hulk Hogan and Flair should not be wrestling anymore. Yet, they have found their way to main event after main event, while equal talents (Raven) are still in mid-card status.

This fault partly lies in the hands of the bookers - the guys who actually decide what angles are going to take place and how.

Currently, Kevin Nash and Hogan are doing much of the booking and have been accused of giving the best angles to their friends.

Take Bret Hart, someone Nash has said isn't worthy of the \$2.5 million he is due to receive in 2000.

Hart isn't getting anywhere fast and might be out the door on his own accord if he uses one of the various outs in his contract. But he doesn't want to go back to Titan-land. What's a Canadian to do?

The roundup: With just under two weeks to go before Wrestlemania 15, less than a week before ECW's latest PPV and a few days removed from WCW Uncensored, a lot of big names are set to

begin new angles - some of which you might not expect.

Stone Cold Steve Austin has not had the best of luck in recent WWF events when it comes to regaining his World Title, but I would call it a lock for him to regain the gold at WM15, nearly a year after he won the belt for the first time in a classic against Shawn Michaels.

"The Big Show" Paul Wight will take on Mankind in his first PPV match. Wight looks jacked after having liposuction to remove fat and should win in his first big singles match, save a big Mankind fall or two.

Speaking of the crazy one, Chef Boyardee has inked Mick Foley to be its spokesman, further maintaining the widespread appeal that wrestling has achieved in recent months.

Those two matches should set forth the SummerSlam destined angle of Austin against Wight. It will take quite a bit to fill the near-five month time frame before then, but a Rock-Wight or Austin-Mankind feud would fit nicely into plans for July's King of the Ring.

Following his victory over Hogan for his 14th World Title reign, Flair seems to be returning to his rulebreaking roots and still has unfinished business with Goldberg, who destroyed Flair two weeks ago on Nitro.

However, the sleeper angle in Atlanta right now is between Raven and Hak. With Hak now taking on Raven's "sister" Chastity as a manager, the two former ECW legends are ready to do it extreme-style in WCW rings.

And speaking of the Big Two's ugly sister, Extreme Championship Wrestling has survived its recent financial troubles and is set to present "Living Dangerously" this Sunday at 8 p.m. at a cost of \$21.95.

World Champ Taz will battle FTW champ Sabu, reviving a classic feud that was the headliner on ECW's first ever PPV, "Barely Legal."

Tommy Dreamer and Shane Douglas (Dean Douglas of WWF shame) will team to take on Justin Credible (Aldo Montoya of the WWF) and rising star Lance Storm. Expect Douglas to turn on Dreamer and begin what could be the feud of 1999.

If you have some extra money kicking around, get this PPV. ECW puts on a product like no other, and I promise you won't be disappointed. Log onto ecwwrestling.com for more information.

The Maine Campus
recycles.



Share it with a friend.

The Maine Campus

UMaine's thrice weekly newspaper

ATTENTION ALUMNI OF

The National Young Leaders
Conference, Washington, DC

-or-

The National Youth Leadership Forums
on Law, Medicine or Defense

If you are a first- or
second-year student,
there is a prestigious
on-campus
leadership
opportunity we have
been asked to
discuss with you.

Please call toll free at 1-877-282-4952
no later than March 24 and ask to speak
with one of the program co-founders:
Barbara or Richard

1999 UMaine Summer Job Fair

Tuesday, March 23rd

Memorial Gym "PIT"

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

FREE POPCORN!

DOOR PRIZES!



FREE POPCORN!

DOOR PRIZES!

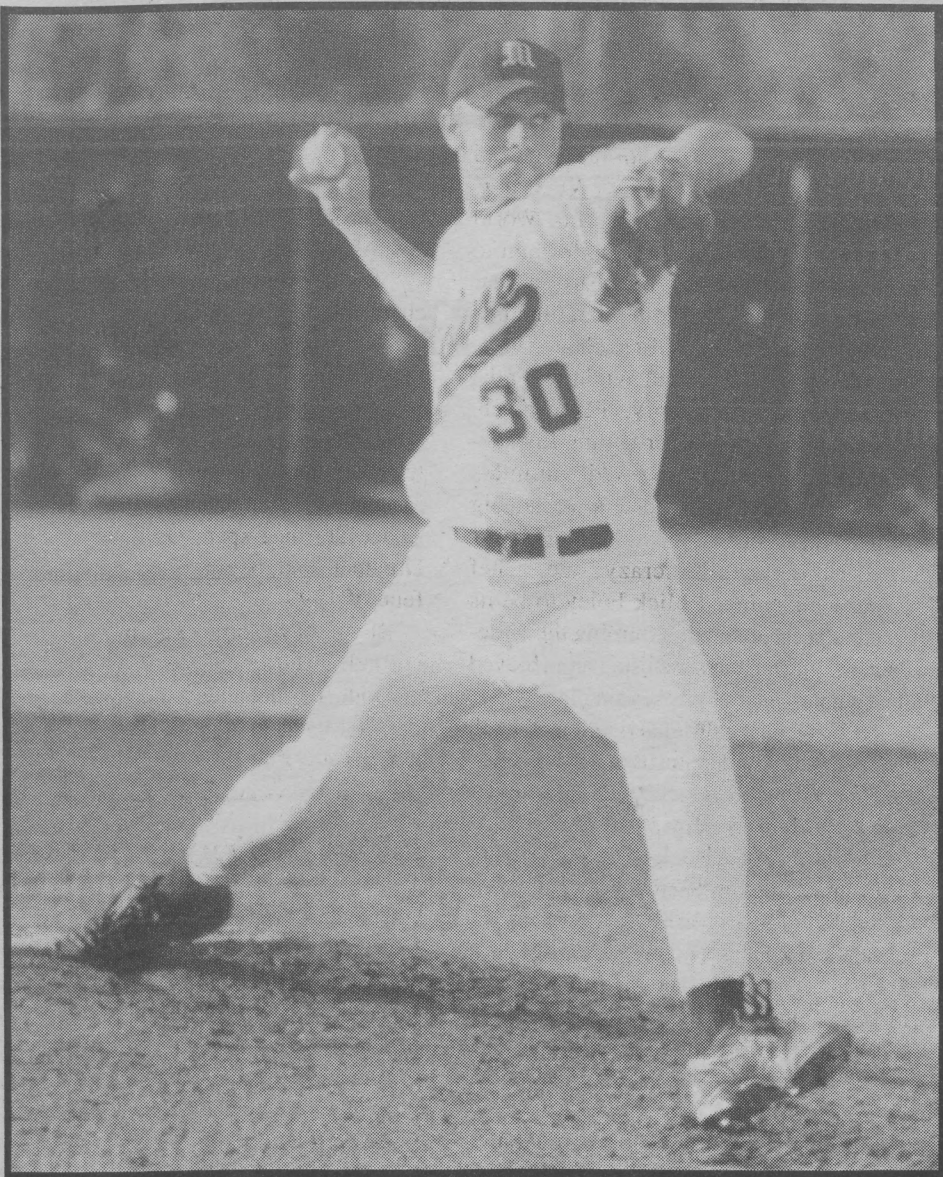
Jobs Available On-campus as well as throughout Maine and New England!

UMaine students can choose
from a variety of jobs:

customer service	recreation instr.	riding instructors	drivers
camp counselors	ropes course inst.	tennis instructors	food service staff
kayak guides	trip leaders	wait staff	telemarketing
bike mechanic	aquatic director	housekeepers	account reps.
tour guides	lifeguards	manager trainees	maintenance staff
service agent	theatre director	childcare	package handlers
sports director	registrar	sales reps.	childcare teachers
arts director	bookkeeper	vehicle service	Upw. Bnd. teachers
bank tellers	sailing instructors	museum assistant	hot line worker
office staff	swimming instr.	envirnmtl. educ.	baker's assistant
retail	direct care couns.	sports camp staff	windsurfing instr.
hotel staff	bus driver		nurses

Baseball

from page 16



Maine pitcher Rob Worcester is 2-1 for the Bears this season with 14 strikeouts in 15 innings. (Yeadley file photo.)

• Men's Hoop

Honoring the Bears

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus staff

Following their departure from the America East tournament at the hands of champion Delaware, three members of the University of Maine men's hoop team were named to the America East All-Conference team.

Junior guard Andy Bedard was awarded a first-team selection, junior forward Nate Fox landed a second-team selection, and senior Allen Ledbetter was a third-team choice.

In their first season since transferring from Boston College, Bedard and Fox made good on coach John Giannini's early prediction that the pair would be two of the best players in America East.

Bedard corralled the assist title with a league-leading 6.5 per game, keeping him ranked in the top 15 nationally all year long. The Rumford resident also ranked fifth in conference scoring (16.9 ppg) and field goal percentage (.447), fourth in steals (2.2 spg)

and third at the free throw line (.830).

Joining him on the first team are Hofstra guard Craig "Speedy" Claxton, Delaware guard John Gordon and forward Mike Pegues, and Drexel forward Joe Linderman.

For only the second time in conference history, all five first-team selections are expected back with their teams next year.

Fox was selected to the second team after leading the conference in field goal percentage (.575) and working his way to third on the scoring list (18.2). Fox also was a league leader in rebounding (8.1) and is expected to be a centerpiece on the Black Bear squad next year.

Ledbetter was selected to the third team after collecting his second consecutive regular season rebounding title with 8.4 per game. He ends his career with 1,015 rebounds in 108 games, which makes him second all-time at Maine and fifth in America East history in rebounding.

See HOOPS on page 13

to a 3-0 lead after three innings but Rhode Island scored one in the third and four in the fourth to take the lead the rest of the way.

Shortstop Quin Peel led Maine with a 3-for-4 effort.

Matt Truman took the loss in relief for the Bears.

It was an up-and-down trip to say the least, as Maine won by large scores (12-4, 12-5, 10-6) and lost by large scores (12-3, 21-6, 16-7).

Maine was involved in several wild shootouts, highlighted by a 15-13 victory over LaSalle Tuesday in a game that took 3:45 to play. Jarvais blasted two homers and had four RBIs in the win.

Weather permitting, Maine will journey to Providence for a three-game

set against coach Paul Kostacopoulos' old team.

After 14 games and 30 minimum at-bats, Poire is leading the team in batting at a .386 clip while driving in 11 and carrying a .478 on-base percentage.

Mike Ross is hitting .292 and has hit three home runs with 16 RBIs, both tops on Maine. He also leads the team in slugging percentage at .583.

Maine's pitching is still trying to find its niche, as most of their starters are carrying earned run averages of more than four.

Reliever Truman has fanned nine batters in 8.1 innings and has a team-low 1.08 ERA. Tom Morelli is close behind at 1.13 after eight innings and nine strikeouts.

UMaine Sports:

the victory, the defeat, the pride.

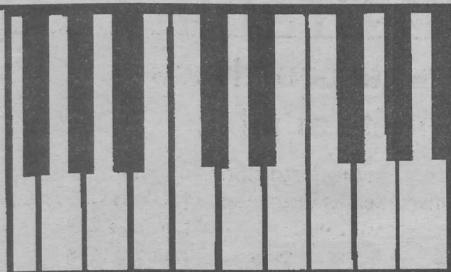
Read it in Sports.

UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper **The Maine Campus**

Women's basketball.
It's kinda like men's basketball.
With less whining.

TAMPAX
WAS THERE

© P&G 1999



TGIF
JAZZ

Fridays at 12:15 pm in the
Damn Yankee, Memorial Union

Performing Today!

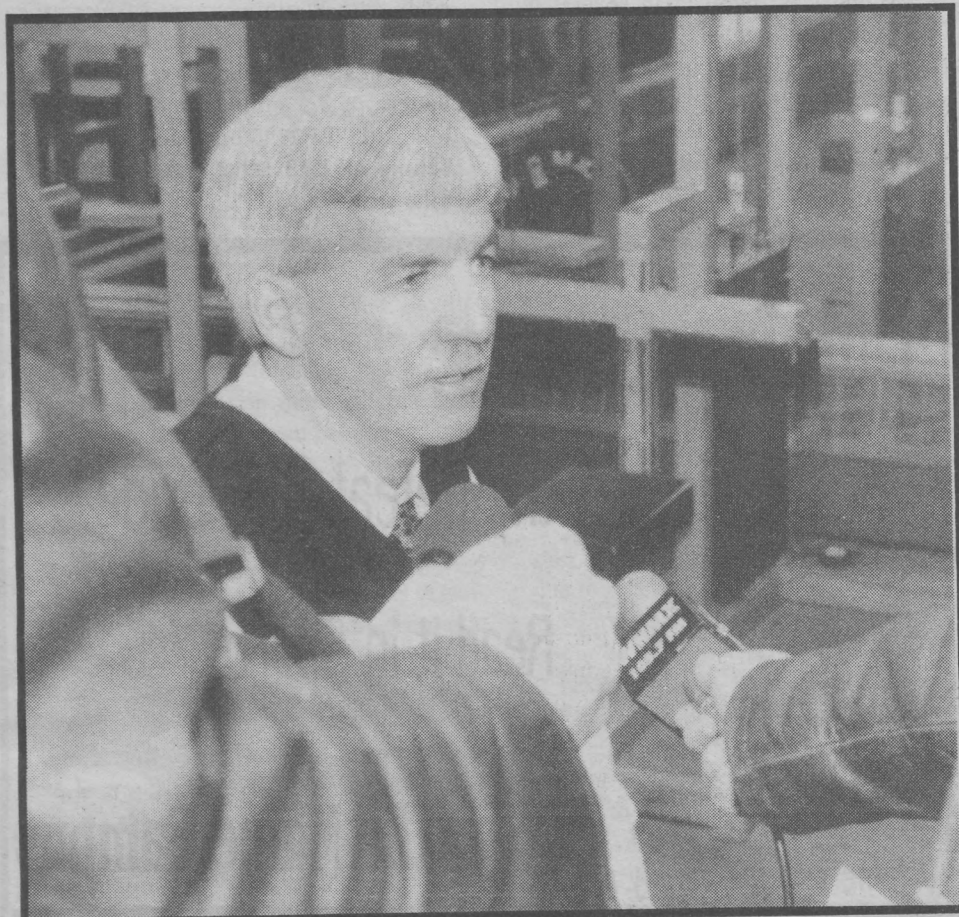
NEOBOP

March 19

Co-sponsored by The Union Board:
DIVERSIONS and the Center for Students
and Community Life, Residents on
Campus and "Comprehensive Fee."

• Men's Hockey

NCAA Tournament: Is it in focus?



Maine coach Shawn Walsh says his team is a top three seed in the east. As for his sleepers in conference tournaments, he likes Colgate and Providence. (Caleb Raynor photo)

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Eight teams are locks. Eight more are pleading their cases, but only four gain entry. Let the scramble begin.

With the men's hockey NCAA Tournament scheduled to begin in two weeks, the stage is set for closing arguments in fate's courtroom of postseason play.

The University of Maine is in. As is the University of New Hampshire. And, along with Boston College, Hockey East is poised to send at least three teams to the field of 12.

In the ECAC, Hockey East's rival conference in the east, the Clarkson Golden Knights are in by virtue of winning the regular season championship. But, as of now, the rest of the pack is wide open with bubble teams galore.

That's four eastern teams booking travel plans for the NCAA Tournament. As for the west, one may ask?

North Dakota, the nation's top-ranked team, is in. Michigan State is also in. So is Colorado College. And, after a late season surge, the Denver Pioneers appear to have played themselves into the national tournament as well.

But where does this leave defending frozen four participant Ohio State and perennial hockey power Michigan?

"Right now we consider ourselves a bubble team," Ohio State coach John Markell said. "We're hearing different things."

In a national heavyweight showdown this Friday night, Michigan and Ohio State will square off in the semifinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

The game, says Markell, will most certainly carry NCAA Tournament playoff implications.

Ohio State, which is 21-14-4, currently is 14th in the Ratings Percentages Index. The NCAA Selection Committee looks heavily upon this index, which computes a number based on winning percentage, opponent's winning percent-

age, and strength of schedule.

A 14 ranking has the Buckeyes peering in from the outside. But what bothers Markell the most is where his Buckeyes stand in the national picture in comparison to fellow CCHA members, including Notre Dame.

"Have you seen the latest top 10?" he asked. "The coaches ranked Notre Dame ahead of us and we pounded on them this year."

"They [ND] don't even make the conference finals and yet somehow are ranked in front of us."

The Fighting Irish, which were upset by Northern Michigan in the first round of its league playoffs, are ranked 13th in the RPI.

With its win over Notre Dame, the Wildcats of Northern Michigan are back into the picture, especially with their RPI ranking of 12.

If you ask Maine head coach Shawn Walsh, he expects his No. 4 Black Bears to garner a top three seed in the East Regionals, with UNH, BC and Clarkson all in the mix as well.

The top two seeds in each region receive byes in the first round.

"If Clarkson wins their tournament, they could get a two seed," Walsh said. "Now, if BC runs the table in the Hockey East Tournament, it could be a different story."

Maine will combat BC in the FleetCenter Friday at 8 p.m. in the semifinals.

"We're anxious to play them," Walsh said on the rematch of last year's Hockey East championship game.

UNH, which will oppose Providence in the other semifinal, is all but assured a No. 1 seed in the East Regionals, unless it stumbles to Providence and Maine wins the league tournament.

Should Providence win the league tournament, which it did in 1995, the picture would become even cloudier for those bubble teams.

See NCAA on page 13

• Baseball/Softball

Bears return from sunshine

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Like much of the rest of the University of Maine, the Black Bear baseball and softball teams took a trip to Florida for spring break as part of their respective southern swings.

Softball

The softball team capped its most successful spring trip ever (15-7) with successive routs of Rider and Quinnipiac Saturday at Ocoee, Fla.

In game one Maine scored all of its runs in the first two innings in demolishing Quinnipiac 9-1.

First baseman Karyn McMullin capped a four-run first-inning rally with a three-run homer. Third baseman Leigh Ann Hlywak added a three-run dinger of her own in the second.

In game two Maine scored in every inning but the first in routing Rider 12-4. Hlywak shined again for the Black

Bears, blasting a two-run homer in the third which proved to be the game winner.

Alice Bishop picked up her fourth win on the season while Nicole Sawyer collected her third save.

The Black Bears head off to Rock Hill, S.C., for five games this weekend. Maine's home opener is April 16 vs. Drexel.

Baseball

The baseball team closed a 7-7 trip by falling to Rhode Island 6-5 and Manhattan 6-4 Saturday at Homestead, Fla.

In the first game, Manhattan scored four runs in the first three innings and never looked back in downing Maine.

Brian Poire and Gregg Jarvais each went 2-for-4 for the Bears.

Eric O'Brien (0-2) took the loss for Maine, allowing six hits and three runs in six innings pitched.

Against Rhode Island, Maine got off

See BASEBALL on page 15

INSIDE SPORTS

America East honors Bears.

PAGE 15

Sex.

PAGE 14

Bailey in the snow.

PAGE 13

STAT OF THE WEEK



The University of Maine baseball and softball teams opened up their season with a combined 22 wins, which is good for this week's stat of the week.