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• Compensation

UM faculty salaries lag behind USM's

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

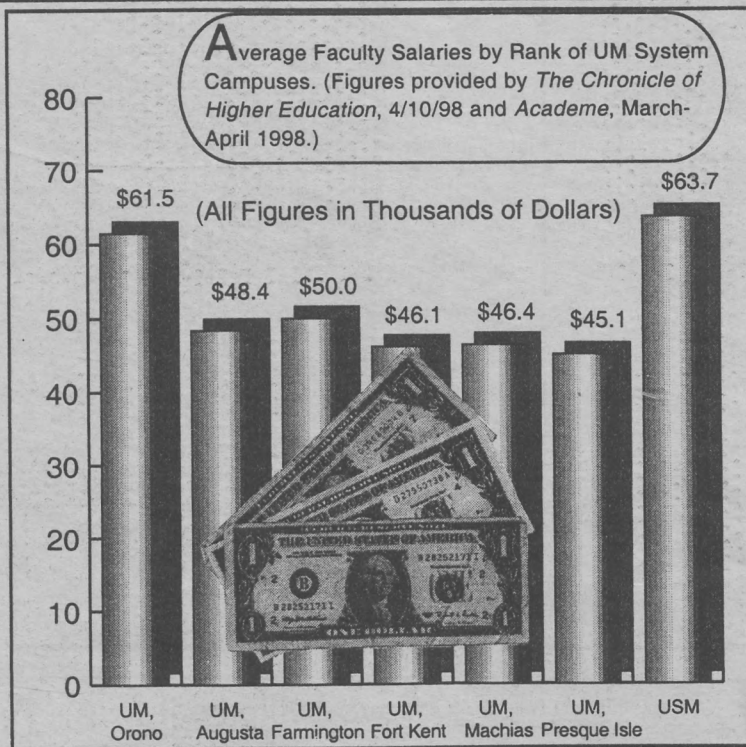
While faculty salaries for the University of Maine system consistently rate low on the national scale, some UMaine professors feel doubly undervalued with pay barely equaling that of their University of Southern Maine counterparts.

"It's just another pill for some faculty to swallow," professor Richard Brucher said.

UMaine and USM should not be seen as comparable schools because USM does not grant doctoral degrees, said Scott Anchors, executive assistant to president Peter Hoff.

So, why do UMaine professors make an average yearly salary of \$61,500, and USM professors pull in \$63,700 per year? (according to an article published in The Chronicle of

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• Parking

Tow trucks stay busy over break

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Before Peter Herrlette left for break, he made sure to move his car out of the Stodder parking lot and into the steamplant parking lot so it wouldn't be towed.

After two weeks, Herrlette returned to the university only to find his car missing.

Like more than 89 other people on campus since the start of spring break, Herrlette discovered his car had been towed.

Herrlette, a senior English major, was never notified that his car was towed and didn't find out where it was until he called Public Safety.

The car, which had been towed on Feb. 27, was at Swett's Tire and Auto, and Herrlette had to pay \$320 to get it back.

Cindy Thomas, the university's parking coordinator, said Herrlette's story is typical.

Thomas said it's difficult for Public Safety to inform everyone on parking procedures.

"There's not a way to always get that information out," Thomas said. "We have to rely on rules and regulations."

Students were warned prior

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• Payroll

Audit finds errors in student time cards

By Amanda Hebert
Maine Campus staff

Work-study students beware. Big Brother is watching you. Or at least he is checking your signature.

Together the payroll department and the office of student employment are cracking down on the use of student time cards. Mary Skaggs, director of student employment, said the crack-

down is in response to errors found during the yearly audit of both offices. She said any changes are not a result of strictness, but are made to meet the demands of the auditors.

"It's the way things should be done anyway," she said.

If time cards are not filled out correctly and the demands of the auditors not met, the university could face dire consequences.

"If we don't comply, we are

in danger of losing all federal money," Skaggs said.

This would mean losing not only work-study awards, but all federal financial aid.

"That would make a huge impact," Skaggs said. "None of us would be here anymore."

In response to the errors found in the time cards and the threat of losing all federal money, the payroll office and the office of student employment

began a year ago to help make students and their supervisors aware of the issues that need to be addressed.

"Basically, the student and employer must sign and date the card," said Amy Boynton, the computer system coordinator of the student employment office.

The problem was mostly in the dating of time cards. They

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• Animal testing

Activists target water bottle distributor

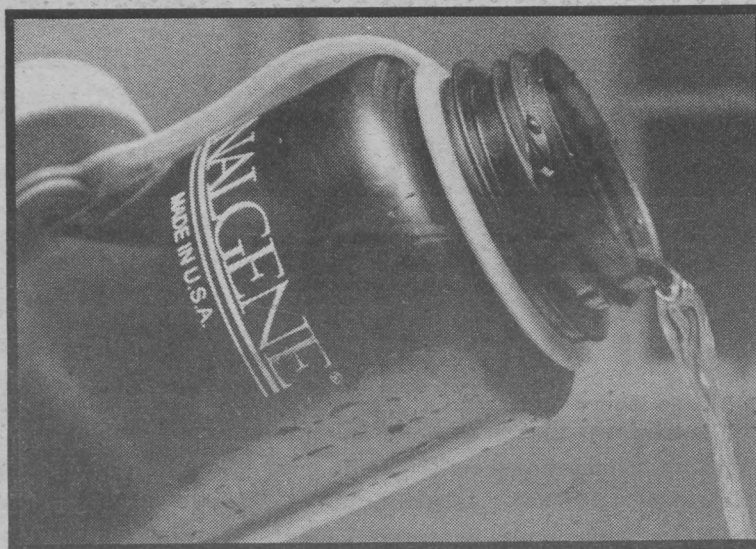
By Rebecca Zaner
Maine Campus staff

If you camp, hike, ski or mountain bike you may have heard of Nalgene water bottles. However, just because a company sells equipment so people can experience nature does not mean it's concerned about the environment.

Nalge Company, the distributor of outdoor water bottles often found at stores such as Eastern Mountain Sports and Cadillac Mountain Sports is also a distributor of various animal testing units.

"I always assumed outdoor companies were environmentally responsible," said Pamela Werner, a fourth-year natural resources major and member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition. "They produce equipment for outdoor people. I just assumed they were connected."

In 1997, an environmental group at the University of Colorado in Boulder held a bottle exchange to protest the company's distribution of metabolic cages used to confine rabbits,



These popular water bottles used by outdoor enthusiasts are distributed by a company that may also be involved with animal testing. (Michael Zubik photo.)

mice, gerbils, hamsters and guinea pigs for testing.

The students arranged for people to drop off Nalgene water bottles in exchange for environmentally friendly bottles. The Nalgene bottles were then returned to the company along with letters and petitions requesting the company stop supporting the use of animal testing.

The company later discontinued selling the restrainer used to confine rabbits for testing. Although students at University of Colorado might believe the company did so because of their boycott, a company representative says the restrainer was discontinued because it wasn't making enough money.

Peter Skapriwsky, the animal

science product manager at Nalge Company, feels the company was targeted unfairly.

"We are the distributor of the products. Everyone has a right to their opinion but it's like protesting your local car dealer," he said. "We don't condone or support cruelty towards animals."

Members of SEAC at the University of Maine disagree.

"No matter where they are in the chain of production and distribution, by saying they will sell animal testing products they might as well be testing the animals themselves," said SEAC member Tim McLain, a fifth-year civil engineering major.

SEAC members are planning to follow Colorado University's lead and protest the company through petitions and a possible bottle exchange at UMaine. It's difficult, however, to find water bottles as durable as those made by Nalgene for a bottle exchange. Coleman water bottles may be an option, but the group wants to research the company's back-

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Partly sunny.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Weather Summary

Today's Weather

Nothing but sun and clouds today. Highs in the 40s.



Saturday's Weather

Chilly early, but warming to mid 40s.



Extended Forecast

Sunday... Mild.
Monday... Fair.
Tuesday... Warming.



World Map



• Solemn moments

Lawyer's funeral draws thousands in N. Ireland

1 LURGAN, Northern Ireland (AP) — The bishop presiding over a funeral for an assassinated Catholic lawyer appealed for calm Thursday, saying revenge would only serve those determined to destroy the hopes of the vast majority for peace.

Bishop Francis Gerard Brooks said retaliation also would be disrespectful to the memory of Rosemary Nelson, 40, a human rights lawyer "who strove by political and legal means to right a grievance."

Thousands of mourners packed St. Peter's Church in Lurgan, 30 miles southwest of Belfast, to honor Nelson, who died Monday when a bomb planted in her silver BMW exploded just yards from her home. An outlawed Protestant group claimed responsibility.

Her killing was followed by the fatal shooting Wednesday of a paramilitary group member in Belfast, apparently ordered by fellow Protestants. A violent Protestant-Catholic clash later that night in Portadown, near Lurgan, spilled over into gasoline bomb attacks on police, who responded with plastic bullets.

• Hajj

18,000 plus Iraqi pilgrims wait to enter Saudi Arabia

4 ARAR, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has sent thousands of hungry and penniless Muslim pilgrims to its border with Saudi Arabia, hoping to force the Saudis into aiding them on their holy journey to Islam's most sacred sites.

More than 18,000 devout Muslims, most of them women and elderly, were camped on the desert Thursday in government-supplied tents, waiting for Saudi help to continue their pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. They were brought to the border by government buses.

Cauldrons of meat and rice simmered on stoves set up among the tents. The famished pilgrims, hardly accustomed to such a bounty after nearly nine years of U.N.-imposed economic sanctions, helped themselves to the tea, chickens and sheep handed out by Iraqi authorities. Water tanks and portable toilets — also supplied by Baghdad — stood nearby.

The pilgrims hoped to enter Saudi Arabia in the next 24 hours, said Mohsen Farhoud, the group's leader and a top official in Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's government.

There was no immediate reaction from the Saudi government to Baghdad's move, which appeared to be using the annual hajj pilgrimage, Islam's most revered ritual, to highlight the harsh effects of sanctions.

• Kosovo settlement

Ethnic Albanians accept, sign on to peace proposal

2 PARIS (AP) — The ethnic Albanian delegation at the Kosovo peace talks unilaterally signed a U.S.-sponsored peace accord today. But the Serbs still refused to sign the deal, and the talks appeared headed toward collapse.

The Kosovo Albanian delegation said it was leaving after the signing with some members heading to Brussels, Belgium, site of NATO's headquarters, some to Washington and others to Kosovo, where Yugoslav forces were massing and NATO has threatened airstrikes.

It remained unclear whether this second round of talks would be suspended or ended completely. There were signs the Serbs would be given a few days to consider their position.

"The agreement is there now," chief talks spokesman Phil Reeker told The Associated Press. "We are waiting for the Serbs to do the same thing, to take a step for peace and a future for Kosovo."

The first round ended inconclusively in Rambouillet, France, last month.

• Leftist violence

35 slain in late-night attack in Bihar state

5 NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Communist militiamen shot to death 35 people at close range in a late-night revenge attack on an eastern Indian village, police said Friday.

Armed members of the Maoist Communist Center rounded up residents of the village of Senari in Bihar state — one of India's poorest and most lawless provinces — and shot them Thursday night, officials said.

Press Trust of India had earlier reported the attack was carried out by the People's War Group, another communist guerrilla outfit.

Inspector-General Neelmani said the victims were believed to have links with the Ranvir Sena, which has killed at least 33 Dalits — people from the lowest caste — over the last six weeks.

The MCC fights with other leftist militia groups for low-caste landless villagers.

Senari is in the Jehanabad district, India's melting pot of caste violence, where routine clashes occur between Maoist guerrillas and the Ranvir Sena, a powerful private army suspected of receiving arms and funding from upper-class landlords.

• Is it live or isn't it?

Scandal has Yeltsin calling for removal

3 MOSCOW (AP) — In Russia's latest scandal, a brief video apparently showing the prosecutor-general having sex with two prostitutes aired on state television Thursday after Boris Yeltsin ordered lawmakers to fire the man and they refused.

The broadcast presumably aimed to force the prosecutor to bend to the Russian president's order and leave office. But support for the embattled prosecutor, Yuri Skuratov, only seems to be growing, pushing Yeltsin into yet another confrontation with parliament.

"This is the result of a planned provocation, which is used to blackmail me in relation to the criminal investigation under way," Skuratov told NTV on Thursday.

Skuratov, who did not deny that the film was of him, said the video was part of a blackmail campaign that aimed to pressure his office not to release corruption findings involving government renovation contracts with the Swiss firm Mabetex.

• Fantastic voyage

Balloonists Piccard and Jones rounding Atlantic

6 SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — More than three-quarters of the way around the world, two weary balloonists reached the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday, seeking a jet stream to help them conquer one of aviation's most elusive goals.

Buoyed by their success so far, Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of England soared over Haiti and the Dominican Republic and headed out over the Atlantic. Their goal: A possible Sunday morning landing in northwest Africa, perhaps in the remote mountain scrublands of Mali.

"If we could only find a fast jet stream and whiz across the Atlantic, that would be great," flight controller Brian Smith said Thursday from a makeshift control tower in Geneva.

Piccard and Jones already have gone farther without stopping than any balloonist so far. They broke the distance mark of 14,236 miles on Tuesday.

By midday Thursday, Jones, a 51-year-old balloon instructor, and Piccard, a 41-year-old physician, had traveled 21,985 miles of the 26,000-mile odyssey that began with a March 1 liftoff from the Swiss Alps.

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must be dated on the last day of the two-week pay period or on the last day the student works during the period.

"Hours shouldn't be added after the date," Boynton said.

Colleen Gagnon, floor supervisor at the University Bookstore, said she takes care of the problem by dating the cards herself. She said she noticed the rule enforcement has become tighter but understood the crackdown was necessary because of the audit process.

"They definitely want the time cards signed and dated," she said. "If they aren't, then students don't get their check mailed to their place of employment."

Should a time card get to the payroll office not signed by either the employee or their supervisor, the supervisor is contact-

ed, Gagnon said. Most employers work to make sure the cards are dated so the student can be paid on time.

Jonathan LaBonte, a first-year engineering student who worked in the chemical engineering department, said his supervisors were helpful.

"The chem-E secretaries always made sure it was signed and handed in on time," he said. "They were really helpful."

If the card is not signed on time after the supervisor is contacted, the money is held over to the next pay check, Gagnon said.

Students not getting paid on time hasn't been a problem at the bookstore, she said. In four years, she's never had a student get paid late.

One of the major issues the auditors

had with the pay process was the projection of hours prior to breaks, Skaggs said. If the payroll has to be handed in early so students could receive their checks before a holiday, the pay period prior to the holiday has to end early.

Prior to this year, hours would be projected so students would receive payment as if the period was not shortened. This is no longer allowed, Skaggs said. The time from the shorter period is now carried over to the next pay period.

LaBonte was a student who saw this change as a problem.

"The hand-in date gets moved forward before breaks, and I wouldn't look at the schedule," he said. "I would hand in my card too late. I got a double check the next week, so it was just an inconvenience."

The auditors also found mistakes made in adding up the number of hours worked. Some students were being over- or underpaid. The problem can be caught if the student and their supervisor check the cards when they are signed, another reason for the crackdown on signatures.

Employers became aware of the errors caught by the auditors in meeting last year sponsored jointly by the payroll and student employment offices, Skaggs said. The departments held special seminars where supervisors were trained on the correct way to handle the time cards.

Gagnon said she does the best she can to help her employees get paid on time, but it is not only the responsibility of the supervisors.

"That's up to the students," she said.

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Higher Education in April of 1998).

The USM law school faculty was likely included in the figures, skewing the data a little, said Brucher, who has served on faculty salary committees for the faculty union and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In actuality, USM and UMaine are probably about equal salary-wise, he said.

"The chief reason for the salary differentials in-system is that the universities compete in different markets for faculty," Chancellor Terrance MacTaggart said.

MacTaggart's assertion is supported by a study ranking salaries at the smaller satellite campuses in Farmington, Augusta, Machias, Fort Kent and Presque Isle about \$10,000 below salaries at the flagship.

Samuel Andrews, the chief financial officer for USM, claims the Portland campus is a peer to UMaine in hiring staff because of the difficulty even drawing professors to Maine, and thus, has no choice but to pay the higher salaries to compete in the market for professors.

"We would have practically the same qualification requirements: a doctorate, as well as experience," he said.

However, a respected ranking organization classifies UMaine at a different level than its southern neighbor, calling Orono a "Carnegie Doctoral II" institution and Portland a lesser "Comprehensive Urban" institution, Anchors said. Carnegie rankings are based not on some measure of educational quality, but on the school's research, public service and degree-granting capacities.

Land grant schools, like UMaine, typically fall into the doctoral category because of the extensive scientific research that is expected of a land grant institution. And, Anchors said, research usually means higher pay.

"Naturally, people doing more research and doctoral teaching would hold advanced degrees and might be able to command a higher salary," he said.

Doctoral and masters' level classes require a different style of instruction and qualified staff for each subject area must be recruited at a doctoral institution, said Rebecca Eilers, dean of the UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"We offer, by and large, a broader number of majors and minors and interdiscipli-

nary degrees [than USM]," she said.

When UMaine and USM salaries are compared to their Carnegie-ranked peer institutions Orono professors make less per year than 90% of their counterparts, USM professors' salaries fall below a more reasonable 30% of their peers, the Chronicle of Higher Education study said.

"I don't think it's that they're paid high. It's that our faculty are paid low," Eilers said.

"What upsets people in some disciplines on this campus is that salaries in the humanities at Southern Maine are actually higher in some cases," Brucher said.

Unfortunately, neither Andrews' office nor the Albert Brenner Glickman Library could provide specific departmental salary data to validate the claim.

Salaries do seem to be particularly low within the arts and humanities disciplines at UMaine, with English, history and modern languages professors making only about three-quarters of the national average pay, according to Robert Durringer, UMaine chief financial officer.

Pay for humanities professors is typically lower than that in science- or business-related fields since there is a shortage of professors in technological disciplines. The competitiveness of the business world often draws qualified applicants away from education, he said.

"It's market driven - we're a capitalistic society," Eilers said.

Brucher suggests that more of the university budget can be dedicated to faculty salaries at schools like USM without expensive research programs that result in higher overhead, and less money to play with. Or it could be a political issue.

"More legislative power resides in southern Maine than in central Maine," he said.

Funds to increase faculty salaries would have to come from increased legislative funds, increased tuition or reallocation from other campuses - like USM. But, as the flagship, UMaine already commands a majority of UMS legislative dollars, Brucher said.

"The point I want to make isn't that I should be making more than someone at Southern Maine, it's that I ought to make more," he said.

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to spring break not to park in certain areas so facilities management could clean them, Thomas said. Residential life sent a pamphlet of information to each on-campus student about the break, which included parking policies. Most resident assistants left voice mail messages informing their residents of the parking ban.

Thomas said students ran into problems, though, because they ignored the pamphlet and voice mail messages.

Herrlette disagrees. Although he was told it was OK to park in the steamplant parking lot, when he returned he was told he had parked on the wrong side of the lot. "I can't see any markings or lines where you can or can't park," Herrlette said.

A majority of the cars were towed for snow removal, Thomas said. Many violated the winter parking ban, which starts Nov. 1 and ends May 1 and prohibits people from parking in most blue- and black-marked lots overnight.

"It gives facilities a chance to clean

up," she said.

While Thomas said most of the cars were towed to allow Facilities Management to plow lots, Herlette said it didn't snow on the day his car was towed, nor was there leftover snow that needed to be plowed.

Each time a car is towed, its owner is charged with a \$10 ticket and is charged for the towing company's fee, which ranges from \$30 to \$40 depending on the company, Thomas said. If the car is left with the towing company for more than a day, there is typically a daily fee.

Herlette said things could have been made a lot easier for him if someone had left a message telling him his car was towed. Originally he had to pay a \$50 fee for the tow and a \$10 ticket, but he was charged \$15 each day the car was at Swett's.

If someone's car is towed, Thomas said an officer will drive the person to the place it was towed.

Water

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ground before endorsing their product.

"We want people to be aware of what they are supporting when they buy something," said Carly DelSignore, a SEAC member and third-year natural resources major.

Jennifer Johnson, a second-year bio-resource engineering major and member of Maine Bound thinks the company should be more up front with consumers about its distribution of animal testing equipment.

"I think they should make people aware of it and that would probably change their minds," she said.

SEAC members agree that if an alternative cannot be found it doesn't make sense for people to return water bottles they have been using, but perhaps it will keep them from buying more Nalgene bottles.

"Knowing that I would be endorsing animal testing, I wouldn't buy Nalgene products," McLain said.

Newman Lecture 1999

Thursday, March 25, 7:30 PM

at the Newman Center

"Doing Theology Today"

by

Rev. Kevin Burke, M. Div, S.T.D.

Rev. Kevin F. Burke, S.J. holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology. He is Asst. Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA. A Catholic priest teaching at a Catholic school of theology, Father Burke will examine the connection of faith, culture and reason, and how theological reflection springs from and relates to faith and a spirituality of daily justice.

Rev. Burke previously was a member of the faculty at Regis University in Denver, CO, where he co-founded the "Mexico Project" and the "Archbishop Romero House." He lived and ministered for several years in Central America and in the Philippines. He is the author of the recently completed book, "The Ground Beneath the Cross" (Georgetown University Press, 1999), an analysis of the theology of Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J., one of the eight people martyred at the University of Central America in El Salvador in 1989.

The lecture is open to the University community, free of charge.

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Sex Matters

by Sandra L. Caron

Q: I heard once that vibrators can cause some desensitization of the clitoris. Is this true? I use mine by applying it directly to my clitoris, so I need to know if it's bad for me in the long run. I wouldn't want to do something that would cause me to go without future pleasure. Female, Senior

A: No need to worry. The vibrator is very safe and effective for stimulating the clitoris. There is no evidence to suggest it will lead to any structural damage or desensitization — so enjoy! Consider checking out a book written by my friend, Betty Dodson called "Sex for One" (available in the bookstore and in Fogler) — she's the "expert" on masturbation and the use of vibrators. I assume that by applying the vibrator directly on your clitoris, it leads you to orgasm most quickly. I might suggest you think about

varying your technique (I know, you're probably thinking: why change a good thing?). What's great about the vibrator is that you can learn to extend and build to terrific orgasms. So you might want to think about varying your approach. For example, consider stimulating the clitoris for a few minutes and then "backing off" just before orgasm by stimulating the area around it, or putting a towel between you and the clitoris for a few minutes. By doing this several times, you may find your orgasm is much more intense, extended and pleasurable. Enjoy!

Q: My girlfriend and I have been sexually active for several months now, and we have always used caution, using both condoms and the Pill. I just wanted to know, in case something does happen with the condom,

just how effective the pill is when taken properly? We're both positive we're clean of STDs, so is the condom really necessary? How much would it increase the risk of pregnancy to stop using it? Male, Junior

A: First, let me say that what you are describing is referred to as "double dutch" in The Netherlands and Scandinavian countries. In the context of a new relationship, she is encouraged to use the pill for pregnancy prevention, while he is encouraged to use a condom for STD protection. The pill is very effective in preventing pregnancy. Used by itself and correctly, it is almost 100 percent effective (no method is 100 percent, but this one comes the closest). Many couples rely on this method alone to prevent pregnancy. Plus, it does not interfere with sexual spontaneity or

diminish sexual sensation. So if you're both STD free and plan to stay in a monogamous relationship, it does not seem that the condom is necessary in your relationship.

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bank tellers	sailing instructors	museum assistant	hot line worker
office staff	swimming instr.	environmntl. educ.	baker's assistant
retail	direct care couns.	sports camp staff	windsurfing instr.
hotel staff	bus driver		nurses

Police Log

When Officer Cherie Phelps delivered a subpoena to Mark Lavigne, 20, a Knox Hall resident on Sunday at 9:57 p.m. she found Lavigne and several other underage students drinking in the room. Lavigne was summoned for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

After she failed to dim her headlights to an oncoming police car, Jessica Moulton, 22, was pulled over on Friday, March 5. Moulton went through several field sobriety tests and was arrested on charges of operating under the influence.

Seth Bacon, 21, of York Harbor, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence at 1 a.m. last Friday after two officers saw him drive into a snowbank.

Matthew Avery, 21, was asked to stay away from the Alford Arena on Sunday, Feb. 28, after he yelled obscenities as he walked toward it. Despite the warning, he returned to the arena and was arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

Public Safety found William Heister, 18, who had an arrest warrant for failure to appear in court on a traffic violation, in his dorm room at 11:21 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Heister was escorted to the Penobscot County Jail.

The Old Town Police Department notified Public Safety it had an arrest warrant for Cory Staples, 21, for failure to pay a fine on a theft charge. Two officers located Staples in his room at 10:46 a.m. last Friday and escorted him to the Penobscot County Jail.

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff



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National News

• Global financial crisis

U.S. trade deficit reaches new high

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit soared to an all-time high of \$17 billion in January as global financial troubles pushed U.S. exports down further while imports of autos, consumer goods and food were climbing to record highs.

The Commerce Department reported that the trade deficit shot up 21 percent from December's \$14.1 billion level and surpassed the old monthly record of \$16.7 billion set last August.

Economists believe the deficit in 1999

will easily surpass the record \$169.3 billion imbalance set last year as the global financial crisis further depresses the ability of American manufacturers and farmers to sell in world markets.

Commenting on today's report, Commerce Secretary William Daley noted that the decline in U.S. exports was accelerating as the global troubles that began in Asia have now spread to Russia and Latin America.

"We must all focus on improving eco-

nomie conditions abroad while ensuring that foreign markets are open to American firms," Daley told reporters at a briefing on the trade report.

Other reports today showing low inflation and continued strong labor markets helped push stocks and bond prices higher on Wall Street.

In addition to the loss of markets for U.S. exporters, the plunge in currency values and recessions overseas triggered a flood of products into the United States, which has continued to post strong economic growth despite the global troubles.

That strong growth has sent U.S. unemployment to its lowest level in three decades despite the fact that manufacturing has eliminated 337,000 jobs over the past year.

In a separate report today, the Labor Department said the exceptionally good labor conditions are continuing with the number of Americans filing first-time applications for unemployment benefits holding under 300,000 for the seventh consecutive week — the longest such streak since 1974. Claims last week were 298,000, up 6,000 from the previous week.

And the U.S. economy has seen benefits from the overseas troubles, especially on the inflation front where the flood of cheaper imports and weakened global

demand for commodities such as oil has dampened prices.

Confirming that trend, the Labor Department said today that consumer prices edged up just 0.1 percent in February, leaving prices so far this year rising at a rate of just 1.1 percent, even better than last year's 1.6 percent.

For January, U.S. exports dropped 1.4 percent to \$76.8 billion, the lowest level since August. The weakness reflected declines in sales of farm products, including corn, cotton and wheat, civilian aircraft and autos.

Imports soared 2 percent to \$93.8 billion last month as demand for autos and auto parts, consumer products and food all rose to all-time highs.

The widening gap in what America is able to sell overseas vs. what it imports has become a major political headache for President Clinton. Critics charge that Clinton's free trade policies have been a failure that has cost thousands of American jobs.

Economists believe that with one-third of the globe in recession, the U.S. deficit will continue to widen this year. Many believe that the key to a global recovery lies in Japan, the world's second largest economy, adopting policies to halt its worst downturn in 50 years.

• Legislation

House follows Senate's lead in passing missile defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Closely following Senate approval of a missile-defense bill, the House on Thursday passed its own version of a system to protect the 50 states against a limited ballistic missile attacks.

"We have no defense today against any missile system. It is a national priority that this Congress needs to address," Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., chief sponsor of the legislation, told colleagues.

The bill, approved 317-102 by the House, would commit the Pentagon to building the system.

A House-Senate conference committee will resolve differences between the two versions. The Senate measure, passed Wednesday and favored by the White House, includes a provision designed to encourage continued nuclear arms-reduction talks with Moscow.

The GOP-led House rejected Democratic efforts to make the House bill more like the Senate version. In the end, 103 House Democrats voted for the measure while 102 voted against it.

President Clinton vetoed a similar measure in 1995 and Democratic leaders previously opposed a commitment to such a system. But lawmakers from both parties said recent missile tests by North Korea and Iran and reports of nuclear

weapons espionage by China helped rally huge support for the measure.

The House bill states, in its entirety, that "it is the official policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense." It neither specifies a system nor sets a timetable. It also does not say that such a system should be deployed only when "technologically possible," as does the Senate's, which passed 90-3.

The White House held firm that Clinton wants legislation that specifies, in addition to an assessment of the technology, that three criteria be evaluated before any deployment: threat, cost and the impact on arms control.

But Clinton spokesman P.J. Crowley stopped well short of a veto threat. "We'll see what comes out of conference," Crowley said.

Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House intelligence committee, said the legislation of only 15 words "is a deceptively simple bill. But it speaks volumes to the entire planet that we will not shy away from the challenge to make the United States and its people safe from ballistic missile attack."

"The threat is real. It is growing and more immediate than many have thought," Goss said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The University of Maine, located in Orono, will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit from Apr. 5-8, 1999, by a team representing the Commission on Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission of Higher Education is one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 200 institutions in the six-state New England region.

The University of Maine has been accredited by the Commission since 1929 and was last reviewed in 1988. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, the University of Maine has been engaged in a process of self-evaluation, addressing the Commissions *Standards for Accreditation*. The results of this process are contained in the University of Maine Self-Study Report, accessible at www.UMaine.edu. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University of Maine to:

Public Comment on the University of Maine
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New England Association of Schools and Colleges
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Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

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EDITORIAL

UMaine's tow fetish

Nearly 100 cars have been towed from University of Maine parking lots since the beginning of spring break, according to Public Safety officers. The cars, a majority of which belonged to students, were supposedly towed to ease snow removal for Facilities Management crews.

Residential Life sent notices to resident directors, who were supposed to have forwarded them to all on-campus residents, requesting that students move their vehicles to the Steam Plant lot on College Avenue before leaving for break.

Assuming the campus lots were clogged with mountains of snow, (which of course, they weren't until classes resumed), it's reasonable to remove a few offensive vehicles. But when this many students don't comply, blame must be shifted to ineffective messengers.

Students whose cars were towed were charged up to \$300 by the towing companies who removed the vehicles, then held them, billing for each day's storage on the lot. At least one student actually moved his car from his dorm to the suggested lot, and still returned from break to find the vehicle missing; apparently, he had parked it on the "wrong side of the lot."

That 89 students found themselves in similar situations doesn't signify laziness or a lack of cooperation. These students were not clear about what the university expected them to do.

If snow removal is truly necessary, then any information about where cars need to be parked must be more readily available, and more importantly, clear to anyone reading it. Perhaps using FirstClass or a direct mailing should be used for prior notification next year.

Lots ought to be clearly marked with signs stating where break parking is and is not allowed. And students must be informed immediately if their car has been towed, to avoid racking up hundreds of dollars in unnecessary storage fees.

Records must be available

After encountering a nightmarish experience involving personal medical files, Brian Lalime, along with his family, has become the poster child for a wave of much-needed health-care reform in determining what is confidential or not.

The Lalime case triggered an outpouring of vocal demand in the state to change the way medical records are handled among clergy, news reporters and, most significantly, the patient's family.

Lalime, who is legally blind, was denied access to his own medical records when his mother attempted to retrieve them over the phone.

The Augusta hospital cited a law that prevented the release of medical records without the written consent of the family. The law, which went into effect Jan. 1, created a stranglehold on medical records, which prevented Lalime from receiving important lab results that he needed to treat his epilepsy.

Lalime isn't alone in being denied access to his own medical files. But if the Maine Civil Liberties Union and a plethora of lawmakers across the state have their way, this could change. And it couldn't come any sooner.

The MCLU has called for a complete revision of the law and to completely eliminate the current patient confidentiality law. Rep. Elaine Fuller, D-Manchester, introduced an act to amend the law and proposed it to the Health and Human Services Committee. If passed, the revision would allow more freedom for families to gain access to their own medical records.

The act would be a giant step in the right direction to help curb one of health care's more problematic situations.

Although confidentiality in personal medical records should always be maintained and secured, a family should never be denied access to its own records, especially, as seen with the Lalime case, when the records are needed to help gain insight on the treatment of further medical situations.

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• Guest column

What are you afraid of?

By Isaac Kimball

There is a great deal of fear on this campus. It seethes, rolling like the orange grease droplets on the surface of Campbell's soup cooking on the stove. Walk across the mall and you'll see it. Try to look a coed in the eye, and there it is. Sneeze on your hand in public, and feel the fear overcome you. There is only one person who can overcome the fear of being known: Jesus Christ.

Hey, you hypocrites! You who claim to have no secrets, you who "bare all." Even the most open of you hides. And why is that? Why do you hide your fear, your jealousy, your racism and classism? Why do you hide your pornography? Your heroin? Why do you hide your hatred of your neighbor? Who are you afraid of? I will tell you: You are afraid of unlove, afraid that the world will label you and cast you out like a piece of dung. Why do you not walk in the light? Isn't it because you have too many deformities to be exposed to public scrutiny?

I see this, people. I am one of these people; we hang our heads as we walk to class. You may argue it's not shame, but I will say that it is shame,

for if a person feared no judgment he could meet the eyes of his neighbor. Do you fear judgment based on your size? on your shape? on your color? on your gait? Do you fear judgment based on your grades? your income? your grammar? your politics? Do you fear rejection from the masses? based on your clothes? based on your musical tastes? based on your sexual tastes? based on your drug use or non-use? based on your past, or even on your lack of a past? based on your innocence? based on your experience? Can you honestly look at yourself and say "I fear no rejection from anybody regarding any single aspect of my life"?

The word of God says that "if we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we have community with each other and the blood of Jesus, God's son, cleanses us." That means that if you dare to reveal your ugliness, even to God, you will be clean. That means, you tax evaders, if you stop cheating the government and admit your fraud, God will defend you. It means that if you admit to your mate that you have been humping around, Jesus will still love you because he is our advocate, which is a

fancy word for a spokesperson. It means that you will be better off in the long run if you stop talking about your roommate behind her back and confront her directly ... that your soul will benefit from opening up, that you don't have to act suave for the people, that you can shop at a thrift store (or for you hippies, that you can wear designer clothes). Whom do you fear? People? Don't fear they who can only destroy the body, but fear he who will one day release you to eternal loneliness. Turn around now; the path of hiding only leads away from love.

People fear the light because they are ugly. Do not fear the light! Jesus, who claimed to be the light of the world, will not cast you out! He can love even the ugliest, and that includes all kinds of ugliness, not just physical. Many pretty people are festering sores on the inside. Many funny-looking folks, on the inside, are gorgeous. But we all need love. You can learn a lot from a dummy, so listen to an English major: Go toward the light. Open up, to people and to God. You will not regret it.

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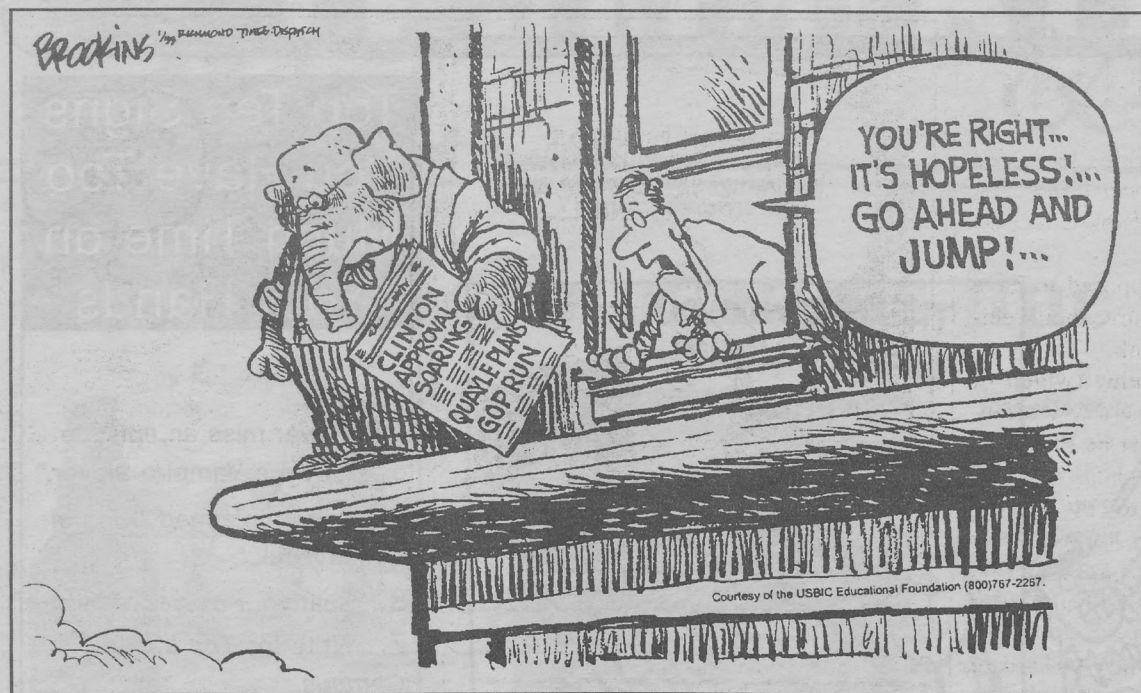
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Op/Ed



• Column

The politics of show and tell

In the academic discipline of English, there is a literary tool that was drilled into my head

in creative writing class way back in high school, something called "show, don't tell." As Mrs. Tieman

put it, "Say what you want to say without actually saying it," using metaphors, similes, onomatopoeia and loose allusive aphorisms, requiring your reader to read between the lines to extrapolate the intended meaning.

For example, instead of saying "Mr. Canniff is terribly upset at the state of his university, its administrators, and how their public-relations political blue-balling is constantly undermining students' intelligence," I might, say, write a column filled with satire and political wittiness, shrouded in crafty little literary language. That way, the above statement is given some validity, or at least an entertaining value of sorts. Because after all, it's just the fart in the breeze opinion of an unintelligent rabble rouser with a 2.5 GPA.

Back in January, a "read between the lines" statement was made by Elaine Albright, then the chairwoman of the search committee to fill the position of "vice president of university advancement" (or in laymen terms, our public-relations superhero). In describing the position, she said "[the person hired] must be able to listen and to repeat it in a way that's understandable for the public ... he or she must be our best communicator."

Excuse me?

That statement personifies that which is public relations, the agenda — manipulation of information — presented to the public in a way that they can best understand it, while nary shedding a bad light upon its constituency.

It's sort of an "out with the bad, in with the good" mentality, where the public-

and cons" page of the packet, there were about 10 pros and, surprisingly, only three cons. The senator, a psychology major, opted not to put on the yellow sunglasses and, for a change, decided to sprinkle a little salt in the cereal bowl.

But, underscoring

our IQ and underestimating our ability to read between the lines, Blue Boy Hoff created the "Student Cabinet," where he and some administrators would meet with student leaders to discuss concerns they — the students — have with the university. More specifically, these were the students on campus who held positions of influence, those who enjoyed salty foods. With what initially appeared to be an honest information session, the first meeting with Hoff and his "cabinet" turned out to be a "show, don't tell" session, employing the "let's hear your concerns, and then we'll try to fix them for you" agenda, all in the interest of public relations, sugar packets, and "progress."

Excellent.

When this created bad publicity, the final BOT vote on the retirement complex was pushed back to May, well outside the hands of the student minority.

Pigeon-Hoffed again.

So, going against the tradition of my high school English teacher, I choose now to throw down the "show, don't tell" method and pick up something else, kind of a freeform stream of consciousness, in-your-face jab: "Mr. Canniff thinks the retirement community is shifty, but not as much as the people backing it up."

I think I'll go have a bowl of cereal now, salt included.

Jason Canniff is the photo editor for The Maine Campus.

By Jason Canniff



relations superhero will sprinkle sugar-coated sprinkles upon the muddy lawns of the university while handing out cheery yellow sunglasses and Mentos to all the students and faculty, so that even if the sugar packets don't sweeten up things, the sunglasses will still make everything look like something out of a Lucky Charms commercial. Because, after all, it is necessary to present everything to us at an evening news sixth-grade level, being that we are in college.

So, if you look around and eat plenty of Lucky Charms, the university appears to be on an upswing, a shining example of what a land grant institution should be. With a new athletic complex, library and dorm renovations, and the progressive Union expansion (complete with atria), a corporate-sponsored mess hall, and a cornucopia of office space, there appears to be plenty of sunshine coming our way, courtesy of our board of trustees.

Wonderful.

At a General Student Senate meeting, where Chief Financial Officer Robert Durringer "addressed" the concerns of students regarding the highly touted retirement community, an "unintelligent" college-age senator pointed out that Durringer was psychologically playing with the Senate's heads. See, Slim Shady Durringer made a "show, don't tell" "information packet" about the complex, written in a big, fancy 72-point font. On the "pros

• Guest column

Quit complaining

By Molly Haskell

I think I've read a hundred columns and letters about the University of Maine's many imperfections since I began copy editing for *The Maine Campus* last fall. The overall student perspective seems to be the administration sucks, the professors suck, the parking sucks and the student section at hockey games sucks. I never hear students raving about anything good at the university. It makes me wonder why they stay here year after year.

I transferred to UMaine after two long and torturous years at the University of Maine at Farmington. I came here as a last resort; I knew I hated UMF, but other schools were too pricey. I thought UMaine was too close to home, too public (I had my heart set on private schools), and too homogeneous.

After two years at Farmington, where I knew everyone's business and they knew mine, I was looking forward to the anonymity that UMaine would afford me. I also looked forward to being closer to home, in case I needed to escape as often as I did at Farmington.

I didn't realize I'd find such a drastic difference between the two state schools in the quality of their teachers, administrators and their facilities — quality that is rarely mentioned on campus or in the pages of *The Maine Campus*.

My adviser at Farmington smoked in her office. I'd register for classes with her and come out smelling like I'd spent the day in a pool hall. Another professor always showed up 14 minutes late for class — late enough to piss us off, but not late enough for us to be allowed to leave under the "wait 15 minutes for a prof to arrive before we can leave with no penalties" rule. When she finally arrived, her hair was unkempt, a stray earring was usually attached to her stained sweater, and she incessantly hacked up phlegm throughout the class.

Other professors were impossible to reach or expected public-school students to be stupid and, thus, taught us as such. The registrar's office was impossible to deal with, the rest of the administration was invisible, the buildings were old and stinky, the school newspaper was a joke ... I filled two pages with complaints when I filled in the "why I am transferring" field on my intent to leave

form. But, I figured all colleges would be pretty much the same as UMF.

Imagine my surprise at UMaine.

My professors are always on time — even (God forbid) hire substitutes when they miss classes. Despite the size of the campus, most of my professors make an effort to know my name and greet me outside of class. Some even notice that I go by "Molly" instead of my real name, "Mary," and call me that instead.

Most of my professors seem to truly love teaching, which is very different from UMF, although it is known as the teacher's college. They put in long hours, change their schedules to meet with me, advise me, listen to me, challenge me.

One professor took a small group of journalism students on a field trip to Ellsworth last month; one teaching couple invited all of us to their home for an early graduation party before they left on sabbatical in January. Another professor who gave me a work-merit job last fall has become my academic and professional mentor, not to mention my savior when I think I'll die from the pressures of senior year.

The administration has been receptive, too. I think I visited every office on campus to ensure that I met the requirements for graduation in May, but the people were helpful and put in extra time to make sure they gave me the right answers. Another top UMaine administrator called me at 10 p.m. to discuss problems I had been having with a professor.

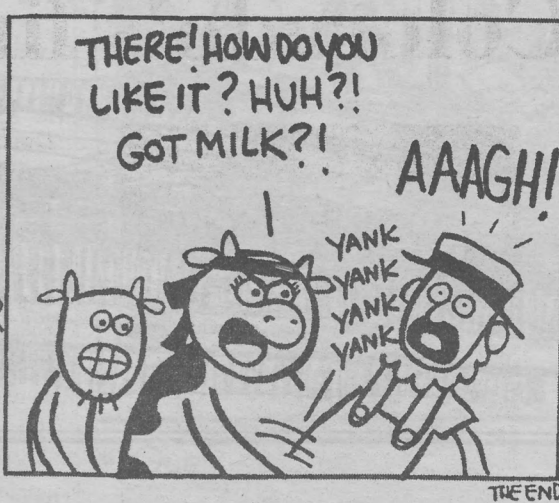
I don't get front-door parking every day, but at least the lots are paved and plowed, unlike Farmington's lot. I also can't help but be moved by the beauty of UMaine when I walk across the mall on sunny fall days.

Granted, UMaine isn't perfect, nor is any school. I'm sick of hearing people who never went anywhere else whine about the poor quality of UMaine. I almost think they enjoy being cynical, pessimistic and suspicious about all that is UMaine. Maybe I have just been lucky, but when I read those articles late at night, I feel like yelling from the Chadbourne Hall rooftop: "If you don't like it, transfer!"

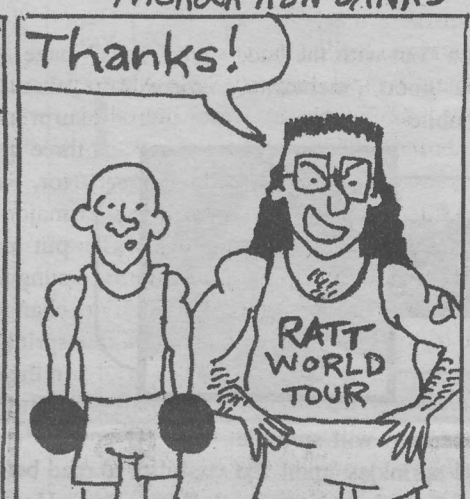
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the ROCK KEN BANKS

Top Ten Signs You Have Too Much Time on Your Hands

10. Never miss an episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."
9. Self-proclaimed "King of Hackysack."
8. Built your own lava lamp.
7. Write for *The Maine Campus*.
6. First Class résumé has chapters.
5. Go on daytrips to Presque Isle.
4. Follow "Mark Trail" religiously.
3. Read the Starr report.
2. A frequent contributor to Bearworks.
1. You're the shuttlecock boy for the badminton team.

— By Ward Libby

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Lynn and Leold were thinking about going steady, but they weren't quite sure it'd work.

So, Leold said, "Let's give it a try and let God decide."

Lynn, said, "That's beautiful."

Three weeks later, Leold said, "God decided that Lynn belongs in Hell."



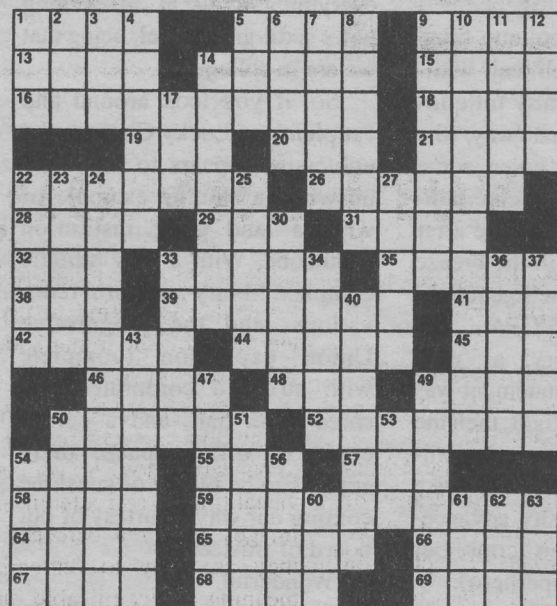
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• From the tap

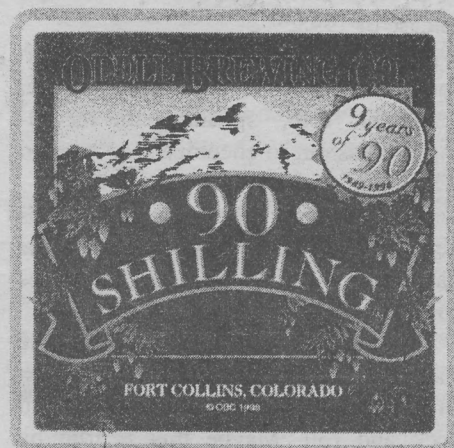
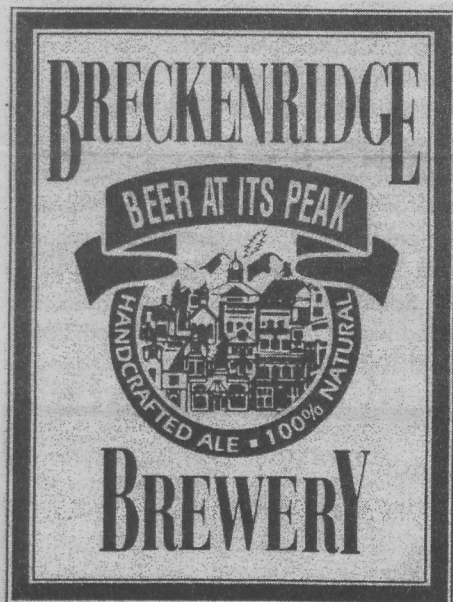
Try these: Colorado's fine craft-brewed ales

By Rob Nies
Special to the Campus



On a recent trip to Colorado, I had the opportunity to tour some breweries and drink their fine ales. It was nice to get away from Maine micros and try out some beers from another state, having been stuck in a rut drinking Andrew's Pale Ale and Murphy's Stout. Colorado claims to have to most breweries per capita in North America.

The New Belgium Brewing Company is the most popular brewery in Fort Collins and all of Colorado. They brew Colorado's No. 1 selling ale, Fat Tire (o.g. 1049, 5% abv). Hopped with Cascade hops, this amber ale has a strong hop nose and a nutty malt flavor with very light bitterness. This beer can be



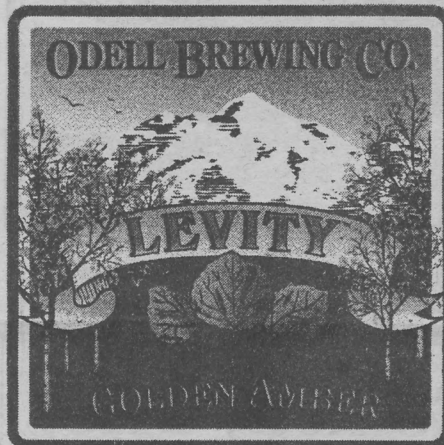
found anywhere west of the Mississippi, on tap or in the bottle, just look for the blue and red bicycle neon sign.

Their Trippel Trappist Style Ale (o.g. 1.073, 8.5% abv) was incredible. Resembling Belgium Trappist Ales, this beer made me think back to my trip to Belgium. Hopped with Saaz hops, this pale-amber gold beer was outstanding. The bitterness of this beer is covered up by the large amount of malt used in this brew leaving the beer with a smooth malt taste.



New Belgium's newest release, 1554 Brussels Style Black Ale, is brewed after a style of ale consumed in Belgium dating back to 1554. Because it is their newest release, they would not release any information about the beer. This dark red ale has a strong roasted malt nose with hints of chocolate. The very small amount of bitterness is covered up with a smooth malty chocolate taste that makes me crave the next sip. If you make it out to Colorado this spring, look for this beer, since it will only be around for the next two months.

O'Dell Brewing Company is the original brewery of Fort Collins. The first beer I tried when I arrived in Fort Collins was their Levity Golden Amber (o.g. N/A, 5% abv). Hopped with Willamette hops, this



gold-amber colored ale is very easy to drink. This beer has a dry malt flavor that lingers after each sip, but it lacks a little more bitterness. Overall, this was Colorado's best light ale.

90 Shilling Ale (o.g. 1055, 5% abv) is hopped with Northern Brewers and Cascade hops. This amber colored ale is packed with malt flavor and is nicely balanced with the hops. The malt flavor

lingers on the tongue well after each sip.

Cutthroat Porter (o.g. 1053, 5% abv) was by far the best porter brewed in Fort Collins. This brown enormously roasted malt flavored beer is full bodied and very rich tasting. There is a dry hopped finished that is credited to the English Kent hops.

If you ever travel to Fort Collins, make sure to stop at CooperSmith's Pub & Brewery. It is located in the historic old town of Fort Collins. They had the best pool tables and atmosphere of all the other pubs in the area, and their beer was outstanding. Their Poudre Mild and Dehli I.P.A., served on the beer engines, were the best cask conditioned beers I have



ever tasted. Unfortunately, I lost my tasting notes on these two incredible beers. If you do venture to CooperSmith's, do not bother to order their Punjabi Pale Ale (o.g.

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• Lecture

Can everyday objects be considered art?

By Anastasia Pocheptsova
Maine Campus staff

Ordinary objects have a beauty all of their own. That was the message given to students by an Australian visitor.

Paul Duncum, lecturer in the Visual Arts curriculum at the University of Tasmania, Australia, presented "The Aesthetics of Everyday Objects" on Wednesday evening as a part of the Department of Art Guest Lecture Series.

Duncum's primary interests are the functions of art and popular culture. He has done research work on the spontaneous drawings of children to find that the images the children draw were representations of the images from the popular media.

The lecture was accompanied by the set of photographs representing the "art of everyday life": ads, family pictures, covers of magazines or CDs, decorations in shopping malls and street lighting. Generally, we do not perceive these ordinary objects as great works of art. But they can possess the

aesthetics of modern society.

As I was talking to my friend about the lecture, she remarked, "Aesthetics. Hmm, doesn't sound really exciting."

I began to argue that it could be interesting and, moreover, aesthetics are vital in our world now. I wish there were more visual images and references to them. For images make our perception more vivid, they are easy to remember and their meaning is recognizable just on the spot (of course, if it is not a surrealist painting, but at least we recognize that it is a surrealist painting).

A simple image is not enough to touch our mind. It should be something that will get our attention - like a very pretty face or a very ugly one. If the image itself does not strike us, then there should be some action, some unusual positioning should take place in the picture.

The same is with films. We prefer movies that are in full color and have action. Take any: a fight, a pursuit, a killing or an extraordinary love story.

Even in romantic comedies, something should happen. For us it is not enough just to look at the painting for half an hour. We need speed and action.

Furthermore, we are looking for the symbols. Actors can serve as symbols. When we see familiar faces in the preview we expect that the movie would be interesting.

Even the location is symbolic. Why does most of the action take place in New York or L.A.? Because these places are symbols themselves. If you would place the action in the middle of the nowhere you would have to introduce something exceptional there. How many of you would go to see the movie about a plain love story in Alaska? But what if the lovers are separated by the unusual circumstances like tons of ice and must struggle their way to each other? The preview might show DeNiro digging his way through the layers of snow. At least most of us would think about seeing the film.

Right there, I realized that I was expressing the ideas that were introduced in the lecture. Today's society has made a visual, cultural turn. We live in a semiotic society with a multiplicity of signs and symbols.

Our senses are overloaded with the amount of signs. Your car is the social sign that indicates your status. The Gap jacket you wear or even the brand of the toothpaste you use are the signs, too. Practically everything that surrounds us is symbolic. "I shop, therefore I am," is the modern interpretation of "I think therefore I am."

Where will it lead us? In the future will the border between the masterpieces of art and "stuff" be erased? Duncum believes that it will not.

"We have a very rich history of the high art," he said.

We have long history of appreciation of the art. And I hope that the process of the integration of the modern symbols with the traditional ones will not place the latter on the background.



Wilco (from left: Jeff Tweedy, Ken Coomer, Jay Bennett and John Stirratt) has produced its strongest release yet in "Summer Teeth." (Courtesy photo.)

• CD Review

Wilco's new one a gem

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

In the two years since Wilco's last release, "Being There," the band has toured extensively, and its members have worked on various side projects.

Last year, the band collaborated with Billy Bragg on a collection of unrecorded Woody Guthrie songs, "Mermaid Avenue," which was easily the best release of 1998.

Also during the last two years, Wilco found time to work on its latest release, "Summer Teeth," spreading the recording process out to encompass a year and a half.

Recorded in six different studios across the country, "Summer Teeth" is easily the best of the three Wilco releases to date.

The casual observer may feel that the band has, for the most part, ditched most of its country roots in favor of plain old rock and roll. Maybe this is true by today's standards, but keep in mind that early rock and roll had its roots in country and the blues. Elvis Presley, the king of rock and roll, was, for a time, a popular country singer who toured with Johnny Cash from time to time.

Wilco's country overtones are here in a few of the tracks, but it is less the Hank Williams-style country and more the Rolling Stones' variety.

Throughout the 16 songs (there are two hidden tracks at the end), one gets a sense of the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" and Pink Floyd's "The Wall." And in some places, there is a trippy Grateful Dead feel. The overall effect is that "Summer Teeth" is a complete gem, not simply the scattering of strong tracks, separated by filler, that most of today's bands seem to be happy to release.

On "Summer Teeth," no two songs sound alike. This eclecticism is most likely the result of recording over such a long span of time and in so many different places. Whatever the reason, it works well for Wilco.

The band uses non-traditional instrumentation in many of the songs, ranging from bells (think "Disarm" by Smashing Pumpkins) to an alarm clock to guitars that are played like a violin (a la Jimmy Page in "Dazed and Confused") to chirping birds. Feedback, in the styles of both Neil Young and Jimi Hendrix, becomes an instrument in "A shot in the arm" and "Via Chicago."

Literally, Wilco has never been stronger. Granted, the imagery is not the most positive, but this is what the band's fans expect. Anything else, and the music just wouldn't be Wilco.

For example, in the opening line of "Via Chicago," Jeff Tweedy sings "I dreamed of killing you again last night and it felt all right to me."

But not all the songs are so bleak. Some are actually very sweet and comforting. The first line to "My Darling" is "Go back to sleep now my darlin' and I'll keep all the bad dreams away." Hardly the same person who comes through in "Via Chicago."

One of the many highlights of the CD is track eight, "How to Fight Loneliness," which might as well be a self-help book set to music. It is more or less a step-by-step guide, the basic theme of which is to "just smile all the time."

"Summer Teeth" has more of a "hook" than the first two Wilco releases, both of which were critically acclaimed and developed a cult following, but didn't enjoy the type of commercial success that "Summer Teeth" should see.

Somehow, though, I don't think the band would care if "Summer Teeth" only sold 100 copies.

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• The Movie Hunter

Oscar mania: predictions

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

Hollywood's biggest night is this Sunday, when it will celebrate itself at the 71st Academy Awards, bumped ahead from its traditional Monday spot, for the first time.

Personally, I'm not too crazy about the Academy, especially when two of my favorite films from last year, "Pleasantville" and "Dark City," were largely overlooked or shut out. And through the years, Oscar has made some shaky picks. Time is always a better judge than the Academy. "Citizen Kane," "2001," and "Singing In the Rain," were all, in their time, passed over in the best picture category, but now stand as perennial favorites on just about every all-time top ten list.

But let's not slight the Academy. Films that are nominated, or are lucky enough to win, usually receive big boosts at the box office. Winning an award, especially an Oscar, is good for any film, because it means more people will now go see it. People seem to be paying attention, and that's what counts.

Since the Academy announced this year's nominations back in February, there has been countless articles and shows picking and predicting who will win. While they're all mostly arbitrary and meaningless, they're still fun to compile. So why not one more?

In the best picture category, the prevailing buzz seems to be that only two films really have a shot at winning. So we can just about count out "Elizabeth," "A Thin Red Line," and "Life is Beautiful" (which will undoubtedly win for best foreign picture). So it's either the longtime favorite "Saving Private Ryan," or "Shakespeare in Love." Even though "Shakespeare" has been well revered and it's new (the Academy seems to have a tendency to vote for films that are released later in the year), I still pick "Private Ryan" to win here, and rightfully so. It's the best of this class.

I've only seen two of the five films from the best actor category, so I'm a little in the dark here. I saw Tom Hanks in "Private Ryan," and he was good as always, but he's a two-time winner, and I don't think he'll win again anytime soon. I also saw Roberto Benigni's per-

formance in "Life is Beautiful," and he's very good at balancing humor and tragedy, but the Academy rarely gives Oscars to comedic characters, so he won't win either. The other three nominees: Edward Norton—"American History X," Ian McKellen—"Gods and Monsters," and Nick Nolte—"Affliction" all star in films I haven't yet seen. But to make a guess, I'm going to pick Nolte to win.

I'm even more in the dark with the best actress category. I've only seen one of the films here. Cate Blanchett—"Elizabeth," Fernanda Montenegro—"Central Station," Gwyneth Paltrow—"Shakespeare in Love," Meryl Streep—"One True Thing," and Emily Watson—"Hilary and Jackie" are all nominated here. In my review of "Shakespeare in Love," I predicted Gwyneth Paltrow to win an Oscar. She's in a well-liked and respected film, plus the other actresses star in more obscure and less well-known films. The Academy generally favors successful films. Plus, I think it will want to recognize "Shakespeare" with a major award, and this is where it'll do it. So I'm going to stick with my earlier prediction: Gwyneth Paltrow will win.

Best supporting actor. I like James Coburn here, just because he's been around for a while, never won anything, has a role of a lifetime (or so I hear) in "Affliction," and therefore is the sentimental favorite. Billy Bob Thornton for "A Simple Plan" and Robert Duvall for "A Civil Action" also stand a chance, but I don't think they're going to get the votes. Ed Harris is also nominated for "The Truman Show," but his role is too small, and Geoffrey Rush, nominated for "Shakespeare," just won two years ago. Duvall's won

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• Women's history celebration

HUES kicks it off with flavor

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus staff

On Wednesday night, the keynote speaker for the beginning of this year's annual Women's History Celebration was one of the founding editors of HUES magazine (Hear Us Emerging Sisters).

Dyann Logwood, a graduate student at Eastern

Michigan

University and a

key contributor to

the anthologies

"Third Wave

Agenda: Being

Feminist, Doing

Feminism" and

"Adios Barbie:

Young Women

Write About

Body Image and

Identity" gave a lecture providing a

black woman's perspective on every-

thing from body image in the media to

activism on both the micro and macro

levels.

HUES is a multicultural magazine that started off as an "action project" for Logwood's women's studies class at the University of Michigan.

"Because of the fact that we had really cool instructors they allowed us to not only tap into Eastern Michigan University, which is where I currently attend, but they also allowed us to get submissions who were our friends and our families who live abroad, which is why HUES has the flavor that it does. It's not East Coast, it's not West Coast, it's a little bit of everything," Logwood said.

With articulate, graceful mannerisms and cool confidence, Logwood went on to speak about how HUES emerged and where she found the support on her own campus.

"We had a lot of support from women's studies, psychology, social work, the art school, the music school and student government. And also the sororities and fraternities helped out as well and we were quite surprised because of the fact that there are stereotypes surrounding sororities and fraternities on every campus."

From sharing personal experiences

and reciting

reflective writing,

Logwood explained the

importance of

becoming active

in one's community.

With catch

phrases such as

"cellulite is

stored up energy"

when talk-

ing about seeing the wholeness in

women's bodies as opposed to seeing a

body in parts and "going outside your

comfort zone" when talking about

understanding difference, Logwood

made her point clear: Women need to

organize on every level to get equality

across the board.

"The differences that I talk about are

not only physical, it's differences in the

way we think in the way we define

equality because everyone has their

own definition. But I think that should

be a goal for all," Logwood said.

After talking for a half hour,

Logwood left space enough for audi-

ence questions. Some members wanted

to know how to become activists, while

some wanted the word defined, while

others asked how to expand local

activism for more to become involved.

Logwood answered each question

wholeheartedly and gave time to indi-

vidual concerns during the reception.

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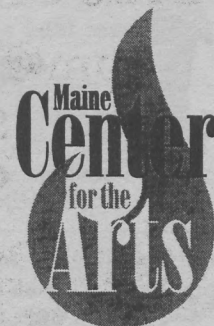
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Fine Ale

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1.064, 6% abv). This beer has a sour hop taste and is completely unbalanced. The Cascade hops overpower the malt, leaving this ale fit for the drain.

H.C. Berger Brewing Company of Fort Collins produced its first beer in 1992 and its most popular beer is their Red Ass Ale. They produce a wide range of ales, and now have 15 of their products in bottles. I was fortunate enough to have brewmaster and owner Peter Davidoff give me a tour followed by a very long tasting. Business has been very good and he let me sample some of their new products planned to be released by the end of March.

Their Elephant Ale (o.g. 1045, 5% abv) is an amber produced with Cascade hops. The nose is hoppy and the bitterness pinches the tongue after each sip. This ale was perfectly hopped and very drinkable. Indego Pale Ale is a pale ale that is hopped with Clusters, Tettnanger, and Hersbrucker hops. This combination of hops left this ale with an interesting taste. It was nice to drink a pale ale hopped with something different than the usual Cascade hops, which I don't particularly

like. This ale is amber in color and has a malty nose, with a slight bitterness and roasted taste.

On my way to Breckenridge for a skiing trip, my friend and I stopped at two breweries along the way. The first was Tommy Knockers, which I hear is quite good, but the bartender would not accept my beat up Maine license, so we headed on our way.

The next stop was the Backcountry Brewery in Frisco, which is housed inside of a cool-looking log cabin. The atmosphere was incredible, but I recommend you keep on driving. We tasted all of their ales and did not find one worth mentioning.

The Breckenridge Brewery is located at the end of Main Street in downtown Breckenridge. The pub has incredible panoramic views of the ski resort and was packed with skiers killing the pain of a full day of skiing.

The bar is located on the brewery floor, and is a horseshoe shape around the mash ton and brew kettle. It makes one feel like they are drinking right inside of the brewery, maybe because you are. I sparked up a conversation with the guy

sitting next to me and discovered that he graduated from UMaine ten years ago. He brought me a beer and that was when the entire atmosphere did not matter anymore. I have heard people rave about their beers, but they all sucked.

Their Breckenridge Oatmeal Stout (5% abv) is hopped with Washington Chinook and Perle hops. The color was a deep brown and the nose was very chocolate. At first, the taste was very roasted and chocolate, but the beer left me with a sour after taste that I could not put my finger on. It left me not wanting another sip.

The Avalanche Ale (5.6% abv), which is their No. 1 selling beer is hopped with a blend of Chinook, Willamette, and Washington Tettnanger hops. This golden beer had a fruity nose with a hint of pineapple. The taste was very acidic and it had an estery aftertaste, that covered up all the malt and hop flavor. On my way home, I tasted this beer again at the airport, and still was very disappointed.

On the way back to Fort Collins we stopped in Boulder to see a friend who worked at the Rockies Brewing Company, Colorado's original brewpub

founded in 1979. Boulder Stout (o.g. 1066, 5% abv) is a dark creamy robust ale with a burnt chocolate finish with a trace of licorice. The nose is much like a dark cigar and this stout is hopped with Nugget, Willamette, and Hallertauer hops.

Boulder Porter (o.g. 1056, 4.5% abv) is hopped with Chinook and Hallertauer hops. This deep brown ale has a strong coffee taste and light bitterness. Overall this beer is very well-rounded.

Buffalo Gold Premium Ale (o.g. 1051, 5% abv) is hopped with Cascade, Nugget, and Willamette hops. The color is a tawny-gold and the aroma is very hopped. The first taste is malty, but is followed nicely with a dry hoppy aftertaste that lingers on the tongue.

On my way back to the cold winter of Maine, I was able to belly up one last time in the airport where I was able to suck down some more Fat Tire. I will miss these beers and hope to see them appear in Maine, but I know not to keep my hopes up, because it will never happen.

Rob Nies is the manager of the Bear Brew Pub in downtown Orono.

Oscars

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before and Thorton will probably have more chances in the future, so the Academy will probably reason and give the Oscar to Coburn.

Supporting actress is between Judi Dench—"Shakespeare," and Kathy Bates—"Primary Colors." The other nominees are: Brenda Blethyn—"Little Voices," Rachel Griffiths—"Hilary and Jackie," and Lynn Redgrave—"Gods

and Monsters," but I wouldn't count on any of them winning. I'm going to go with Dench over Bates. Dench is in the highest nominated film of the year, while "Primary Colors" has probably slipped from the voters' minds.

For best director we have: Roberto Benigni, John Madden, Terrence Malick, Steven Spielberg and Peter Weir. Weir—"The Truman Show"—is the only direc-

tor here that does not also have his film nominated for best picture (an egregious oversight by the Academy—it's as good or better than the other films in the category). But this is probably the easiest category to pick. Spielberg will win.

Finally, I'll take a stab at the best original screenplay category. This is generally not included as one of the major categories, but I think it's just as

important. And a lot of times the Oscar here will go to a great film that the Academy just doesn't think is mainstream enough for best picture ("Fargo" in 1996, for one). "The Truman Show" has all but been forgotten by the Academy, but I think it might stand a chance here. So I'm going to pick Andrew Niccol for best original screenplay.



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Women's hockey

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"Has some offensive potential. She is very young. She needs to get stronger."

#16 - Alison Lorenz, F (29g, 4-6-10): "I think the big word for her this year is 'adjustment.' She went from being the number-one player on a Division III team to just a middle-of-the-road player here."

#17 - Esther Granville, F (30g, 5-4-9): "Talk about a personality to have on the team. Tremendous speed. Her adjustment was definitely making decisions quicker."

#19 - Andrea Keller, F (32g, 2-4-6): "There's another one with good hands and offensive potential. I think maturity is going to go a long way with her."

#21 - Sarah Caza, F (27g, 5-4-9): "Very good straight-ahead speed. She's very coachable. She really has to work on her lateral movement. A ton of potential with her speed."

#22 - Jill Marks, D (24g, 1-2-3): "Good hands, good feet. I think this was a good growth year for her. Potentially, if she gets stronger, she can play at this level."

#23 - Jennie Howell, F (26g, 0-4-4): "Tremendous speed, good penalty killer. Her hands got better this year."

#24 - Kim Hinton, F (29g, 1-0-1): "She's got a good heart. She's got good size. She got some decent ice time last year and I think that things will really come forward for her."

#25 - Kira Misikowetz, F (32g, 12-28-40): "She's a darn good offensive hockey player. Kira beats to a different drum, if there's any other way to say it. She had a good year, but she has the potential to be a great player."

#27 - Colleen Baude, F (31g, 7-11-18): "When Colleen Baude is playing hard, she really competes well in this league. I've seen her win battles against the all-stars in our league."

#42 - Amanda Cronin, G (22g, 9-12-0, 3.75, .900): "Solid as a rock back there. Any given day she can take a game away. If there were any quirks I'd say once in awhile she loses focus of the puck."

Men's hockey

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tournament."

Last season the Buckeyes stunned Michigan, 4-2, in the CCHA playoffs before advancing to the national semifinals where they fell to BC.

Must have been a fluke, right?

"We've backed up a good year," John Markell, Ohio State's coach, said on his team's 21-14-4 campaign. "We've fought hard and hung right in there."

The Buckeyes, however, have done more than that. Entering the weekend, Ohio State is 3-0-1 against Michigan in its last four outings.

However, Michigan holds a 6-1 career mark against Ohio State in the CCHA Tournament.

"It's been a real turn of the table," said Ron Mason, head coach at Michigan State, whose Spartans will play Northern Michigan in the other CCHA semifinal tonight. "If anything, Michigan is the underdog in that game. Now, Ohio State has to defend their honor."

And defend its right to play in the NCAA Tournament - something the Wolverines are faced with as well.

Although Markell and Berensen deflected the questions of potential

NCAA playoff ramifications of the game, neither could completely undermine the potentialities that do exist.

"I told my team straight up that we're a bubble team," Berensen said. "The only guarantee we have is to win the conference tournament. I think we are a NCAA playoff team, but two months ago I wasn't so sure."

Heading down the stretch run of the season, the Wolverines fell in a slump that saw them go winless in eight games. But that was yesterday.

With a cast of characters who know what it takes to win by tasting the bitter decorum of defeat, the Wolverines are NCAA playoff battle-tested.

And that experience, says Berensen, should play major dividends for a squad that, when playing up to its potential, is one of the most dangerous teams in the country.

"Experience plays a part," said Berensen said, whose Wolverines won the national championship last year in Boston. "It turned out to be a little more of a rebuilding year this year than I would've liked, but we have some experience in the postseason."

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• Women's hockey

Black Bears showed promise in ECAC play

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Ask Maine women's hockey coach Rick Filighera about his team's first Division I season and the second-year coach is likely to take an evolutionary



Black Bear forward Kira Misikowetz played on Maine's top line. (file photo.)

stance about the Black Bears.

"People learned a lot of things about each other over the course of the year," Filighera said. "A lot of things changed [from the beginning of the season]. I thought there was a lot of growth in that aspect."

"I think it was a very good first Division I year," Filighera added. "I have

no complaints. I think it was about par for the course."

The Black Bears finished the season with a 13-18-1 overall record, 7-18-1 and 11th out of 14 teams in ECAC play.

"I think we finished up a tiny bit better than what I thought," Filighera said. "Coming into the year, I looked at the schedule and I thought we would be about 12-20."

In a season in which "learn" was the buzzword, Filighera felt the learning process took a tad longer than he expected.

"I felt it took them a lot longer to grasp certain concepts," he said. "We started off with offensively not going to the net. We were just doing basic triangles and I thought it took them a long time to grasp that."

As for the defense, Filighera considered it to be the team's biggest improvement as the season went on.

"I think our defensive zone coverage got unbelievably, so much better," he said.

Unfortunately for the Black Bears, they were bitten by the injury bug rather hard, as Filighera never had a truly healthy roster throughout the season.

Jennie Howell, Amy Van Vuren, Jill Marks and Robyn Elliot all missed significant playing time with various ailments. Defenseman Brie Layman missed the entire season with a bum knee.

"That hurt us," Filighera said. "We played Dartmouth really tough, but we were missing some key players."

Filighera said that his top primary needs for next year will be size on defense (your average Black Bear defenseman was 5'4") and an offensive powerhouse to compliment resident forces Raffi Wolf (31-12-43) and Kira Misikowetz (12-28-40).

Filighera also has high hopes for the players he already has on the roster.

"The players that are here, they have to get physically stronger," he said. "If they're committed, they're going to work hard this summer, and they're going to come back better."

"There's two ways to build a program - get your players better and get better players."

Filighera also gave a player-by-player review of each person which was on the active roster at season's end:

#3 - Lee Anne Irwin, D (31g, 1-6-7): "Very smooth skater. I think that she learned a lot this year because she's playing in different systems than she played in the past. Quiet. Very coachable."

#4 - Jessica Stachiw, D (33g, 2-2-4): "How about 'Old Reliable'? You know what you're going to get from her every day. She's kind of laid back, but her calmness helps her in her game. She probably takes angles on players better than any other defenseman I've had. Nobody beats her one-on-one."

#6 - Christina Hedges, F (32g, 3-6-9): "Heart. She's got heart. She plays with determination. I know what I got from her. She is the only one I know who

showed up every night ready to play, wanting to play."

#7 - Angela Hill, F (32g, 5-3-8): "She is an aggressive player. I think she needs to work on her hands. She needs to work on her consistency. She has some leadership qualities; I think players respect her."

#9 - Raffi Wolf, F (32g, 31-12-43): "Probably in this league has as much talent as the best player in this league. She needs to get consistent. She needs to work on her confidence. At any given time she can be the best player on the ice."

#10 - Kelly Nelson, D (32g, 8-4-12): "We knew she was a good player, but we didn't realize how good. She sees the ice very well."

#11 - Amy Van Vuren, F (24g, 1-2-3): "I think she's a hard worker. She has offensive potential. She potentially has good hands. She had to make a big-time adjustment from where she played last year (junior college) to Division I."

#12 - Allison Haley, D (32g, 0-3-3): "Smart. Smart. Smart. Both in the classroom and on the ice. She adjusted pretty well from Division III to Division I. She needs to get a lot quicker."

#14 - Abbie Howell, D (32g, 0-1-1): "Talk about somebody that is a prototype player that you would want to coach. She improved tremendously this year. She handled the puck better, moved the puck better."

#15 - Jennie Nicholas, F (15g, 0-2-2):
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Baseball

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the four pitchers who started on the team's spring road swing have an ERA under 4.80.

Kris Emke (1-0, 4.80), Eric O'Brien (0-2, 6.61), Rusty Tucker (2-1, 8.27) and Rob Worcester (2-1, 9.39) each have made three starts.

Jim Bailin, last season's No. 2 starter, is 1-1 with a 5.19 ERA and has 12 strikeouts in 17.1 innings.

Co-captain Brian Poire is leading the team in hitting with a .386 average, while Mike Ross is fueling the power with three home runs and 16 RBIs.

Maine second baseman Julian Bracali, who played for Providence in 1997, rounds out five .300 hitters at .310.

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• Women's basketball

A team for history poised for future success

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

There have been 13 different 20-game winning teams in University of Maine women's basketball history, the last five of which have gone on to the NCAA tournament.

But one would be hard pressed to find one of those teams more deserving of success than the 1998-99 version that made it to the second round of the tourney, the first time that has ever happened in the program's history.

The Black Bears went 24-7 this past season, far and away winning the regular season title with a 17-1 mark, save a late-season loss to Northeastern.

It would be those Huskies who would again prove to be a bane to Maine's hopes of reaching the NAAs, as NU stunned Maine 57-55 in the finals of the America East tournament.

However, Maine's out-of-conference schedule (ranked in the mid-40s by the RPI ratings that rank toughness of schedule) helped the team earn its highest seed ever in the tourney, No. 10.

The rest is history.

The focus now shifts onto what coach Joanne Palombo McCallie's team can do for an encore, following a performance that a lot of people didn't expect since the main star, Cindy Blodgett, had taken her bows.

Arguably the most potent triple threat in the conference return for its senior season in Jamie Cassidy, Amy Vachon and Kristen McCormick.

Cassidy became the second ever

Maine player to win the scoring title, as the America East Player of the Year averaged 23.8 ppg and earned a spot on the conference first team.

The 6'4" center/forward's play stepped up a notch this season, as at times, she simply took over games with her dominant inside play.

Cassidy was the leading scorer in all but four games, and scored 20 points or more in 23 of those games. She also averaged 8.5 rebounds a contest and led Maine in 20 games.

The front court: Maine does lose two key contributors in seniors Kelly Bowman and Andrea Clark. After battling through injuries for most of her college career, Bowman was healthy all season, averaging 6.5 ppg and providing a consistent outside threat.

While her numbers were never that great, Clark's contributions came at the defensive end where her size (6'2") came into play.

Martina Tinklova headed a list of emerging front court talent for Maine, hitting the two winning free throws against Stanford to give the Black Bears their first ever tourney win.

The 6'4" sophomore was third on the team in scoring (10.2 ppg) and in blocks (24), while collecting 5.3 rebounds a game, all while showing impressive ball handling skills.

While Tinklova will most likely start, senior Katie Clark and the current freshmen class will be looked to for rebounding and scoring help. Six-foot-three-inch Eva Moldre came on late and

6'1" Raquel Burke didn't see any playing time as she enrolled in classes just this semester.

After being written off due to a foot injury in the first half of the season, Clark returned with a vengeance and averaged 3.9 ppg and 1.4 rpg in 16 games.

While the undisputed backcourt leader is Vachon, the second round contest against Old Dominion showed that when Vachon is out, a true point guard needs to be on the floor.

That could be Ellen Geraghty, a freshman who sat out this season with complications from mononucleosis and will most likely redshirt.

• Baseball

Slumping Bears on the road

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine baseball team will look to snap a three-game losing streak when it travels to Providence for a three-game series this weekend.

It will be familiar ground for Black Bear coach Paul Kostacopolous, who coached the Friars for seven years and posted a 220-137 record.

Kosty is 0-1 against his former team.

Maine (7-7) will play a doubleheader on Saturday and then finish up on Sunday. The three games begin a streak of 15 straight away games that ends when Colby visits Orono in mid-April.

The 13-3 Friars have won seven

The 5'7" Winsted, Conn. resident holds her high school record for points and assists and was a first-team All-State member three years in a row.

Kizzy Lopez emerged as a solid presence off the bench, but struggled at times with the point guard position, while Chantal Macream is still not offensively developed.

Vachon, meanwhile, simply tore up opposing defenses to the tune of school and conference records for assists in a single season with 234 in 29 games.

She is also second in America East career assists with 550 behind Hartford's Maureen DiJulia with 605.

straight games, the last three coming at the expense of the University of Delaware.

Part of the reason - starting pitching. Providence's four top guns (Rob Corrado, Marc DesRoches, Josh Burnham and Andrew Scott) have a combined record of 12-1.

Keith Reed leads the Friars with six home runs, with Mike O'Keefe trailing with three.

Providence has won four straight games against Maine, even though the series record favors the Black Bears 19-9.

Maine's starting pitchers will look to get their ERAs under control, as none of

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Black Bear Sports



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• Men's hockey

Eagles, Bears set for championship rematch

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

All Jeff Farkas remembers about last year's Hockey East championship game was attaining victory through what appeared to be sudden defeat.

Trailing 2-0 midway through the first period, the Boston College Eagles scored three unanswered goals to soar past the University of Maine, 3-2, to claim the Hockey East hardware.

"I remember being down 2-0 and thinking, 'oh no, this is so not what we wanted,'" said Farkas, whose 52 points is good for second on the team. "And then I remember when [Brian] Gionta scored right off the face-off in the third period to help give us the win. It was pretty emotional."

And it also ended a Black Bear season that was plagued with inconsistency. Farkas, who assisted on last season's championship game-tying goal, will help take the Eagles into the FleetCenter tonight against the Black Bears in preparation of defending their title.

The Eagles have won three Hockey East Championships, of which two came this decade.

BC (23-11-4) is the No. 3 seed in the Hockey East playoffs while Maine (27-5-4) anchors the second seed. In the other semifinal match-up, fourth-seeded Providence will tangle with top seed New Hampshire.

"It's a big game for us," said Farkas, who is the all-time leading scorer among current Eagles in the Hockey East playoffs with 15 points. "We want to get to the finals badly and the game also has big ramifications for Maine."

Maine coach Shawn Walsh, whose Black Bears are in the league semifinals for the 11th time in 13 years, downplayed the significance of tonight's game.

However, senior forward Marcus Gustafsson, who was on the ice when Gionta scored the game-winning goal against Maine, acknowledged a natural motivational tool.

"There's a little bit of a revenge," said Gustafsson, who is one of nine Black Bears with at least 20 points this year. "We remember last year's game, and it was disappointing."

The Eagles enter the conference finals having won four in a row, while only suffering three losses since the end of January.

"We're riding a little high right now," Farkas said. "The great thing is, Maine brings the best out of us and we bring the best out of them."

And tonight, the game plan for each school is pure reflection: Stop the highly skilled players by eliminating any space for them to maneuver in.

For BC, its danger zone is a triple scoring threat that includes Farkas, Gionta and Blake Bellefeuille. The three are the top scorers for the Eagles, scoring a combined 139 points.

"They are dangerous players," Maine captain Steve Kariya said. "We'll have to be aware of them every time they step out on the ice."

And likewise for the Eagles when Maine's representative for the Hobey Baker award steps onto the ice.

Kariya, who leads the Bears with 56 points, has picked up five points in three games against BC this year, leaving the Eagles wary of what they need to do to contain the flashy forward.

"We definitely have to come out with a bang and play very physical. If you give the more highly-skilled players any space, they'll kill you."

— Jeff Farkas, Boston College Forward

Notes from the Nest

BC's four-game winning streak is the longest it has enjoyed this season since opening the season with four consecutive victories.

The Eagles have a 7-6 record in the FleetCenter and hold an 18-15-2 all-time record in the Hockey East Tournament.

This season marks the first time in the 15-year history of the league tournament that BC is the No. 3 seed.

The Eagles have defeated the Bears in three of the five tournament games the two schools have played against each other.



Members of the Boston College Eagles moments after defeating Maine 3-2 in the Hockey East championship game last year. Note their trophy. (Maine Campus staff photo.)

• Men's hockey

And in this corner...

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Like a pot of water on the fringe of boiling point, the intensity and emotion associated with winning a conference championship is burning fiercely as judgment night approaches its final hour.

And tonight, from Boston to Minneapolis, schools will test their mettle in NCAA playoff-like atmospheres in the semifinals of an event known solely as championship weekend.

With Boston College and Maine set to draw weapons tonight at 8 p.m. in the East Coast's premier semifinal match-up, another marquee showdown featuring NCAA playoff implications will also get underway this evening.

Although more recognizably known on the football field, the rivalry between Ohio State and Michigan is one of the more deeply rooted, naturally archaic rivalries in athletics today.

And tonight, under the lights and noise of Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, the two schools will take that rivalry and pound it out on the ice.

"Ohio State is an emerging hockey power and their rivalry with us gets hotter every year," said Michigan coach Red Berensen, whose Wolverines are fighting for a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"Either team is capable of winning the league tournament. It's a crucial game and we're going to the Joe to win the

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MARTINA TINKLOVA



(File photo.)

She sank 'em when they counted. Martina Tinklova drained two clutch free throws in the final seconds of play against Stanford last weekend to help the University of Maine to its first-ever NCAA Tournament win.