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BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE



The lead singer of Spork belts out lyrics at the Battle of the Bands Saturday night. The band's second-place finish qualifies them for Bumstock. See story on page 11. (Michael Zubik photo.)

• Graduate work

Students hold research expo

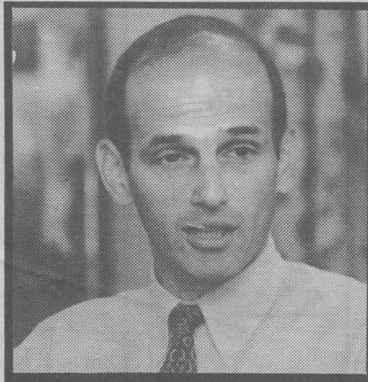
By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

Charles Watson and Sean Murphy wanted an event to recognize the research being done by the University of Maine's graduate students.

"We were sitting around after a graduate student social," Murphy said. "And we realized there wasn't an event for graduate students to showcase their research to the university and the community at large."

So Murphy and Watson organized UMaine's first Graduate Research Exposition. Watson is the president of the Association of Graduate Students and Murphy is a former president.

The exposition, held Friday afternoon at Wells Commons, is the first of its kind. More than 90 students from various academic disciplines, working toward master's or doctoral degrees, presented their research and competed for prizes.



Rep. John Baldacci. (file photo.)

Students displayed their research projects on pasteboards for the public to see and faculty members to judge.

U.S. Rep. John Baldacci awarded the prizes and praised UMaine's graduate students for

their work.

"All the studies and all the facts show when you're talking about getting the high-paying jobs and stopping the brain-drain from the state, it all comes down to research and development," Baldacci said.

"By seeing these projects and talking to you I am convinced we have a bright future."

Watson said the exposition was a chance for the university community to see research that is often overlooked.

"This is the first time we've said 'Let's open it up to all departments and get everyone together.'"

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• Women's studies

Events focus on women in history

By Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

This year's keynote speaker for the University of Maine's Women's History Celebration proved that young women can make a difference.

Dyann Longwood, a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University and co-founder of HUES (Hear Us Emerging Sisters) talked about what its like to be a woman in the '90s.

Carol Toner, the coordinator of the Maine Studies program and a women's studies professor, said Longwood is a young feminist whom college students can easily relate to.

"I was very happy to see a young woman as the keynote," Toner said. "Students seem to see the women's movement as dominated by an older generation."

This year's theme—"Women on the (Cutting) Edge"—incorporates the idea that women from all aspects of life can make a difference.

"Women on the (Cutting) Edge" is about people breaking the mold and struggling to survive," said Mazie Hough, staff associate for the Women in the Curriculum and women's studies programs.

The celebration is important to the entire university because it

takes everyone to change things, Toner said.

"It raises the level of awareness of many issues; we're still in an important phase of women's studies. It's hard not to just teach



Carol Toner. (file photo.)

women - it's about everyone if it's going to bring about change," she said.

Rochelle Curran, a senior natural resources major, said the university can improve its present and future by studying history.

"It's hard for people to see how history effects us, but without understanding the past people may think women are being treated equal now," Curran said. "We've been oppressed for so long it's a delusion to think we aren't now."

Toner said the celebration is

diverse in its guests and art forms so it has something for almost everyone on campus.

"History itself is so wide-ranging and so is the celebration. It is multicultural, with lectures, films, and other art forms," Toner said.

Curran said the university's celebration of women's history is different from others' because its events cater to a wide spectrum of races and cultures.

"They have included Native Americans, Franco-Americans, African Americans. Women's studies is usually seen as a middle class white movement," Curran said.

Attendance at this year's events has been disappointing so far, Hough said.

"Women's History Month is all of March, but our March starts with a spring break so we don't have a chance to tell students about the celebration beforehand," Hough said.

While approximately 300 people attended last year's keynote lecture, there were only about 30 this year.

The Women's History Celebration will continue into April with presentations such as the Guerrilla Girls, Sandy Butler on poverty and Maine women, a community supper and much more.

• Profile

Travels and tragedy shape professor's life

By Brett Cough
Maine Campus staff

The calm exterior, gentle demeanor and small, gold-rimmed glasses of the grandmother of 10 belie the activist who once ardently protested the Vietnam War with the children of the '60s in Berkeley. But any time spent with Charlotte Herbold, associate professor of developmental English in the University of Maine's Onward Program, reveals it is not so out of character for a woman who has devoted her life to speaking up for other people.

Herbold grew up in the Mormon country of Salt Lake City, Utah, with her older brother and younger sister. Her mother stayed at home to raise the children, while her father practiced law. He grew up in small-town Utah and went on to be a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

Herbold, a self-described rebel, left puritanical Salt Lake to study English at Stanford. As if by fated love story, she met her future husband, Anthony, in a Shakespeare class.

The two were married and set off for Vienna, where they would live the next two years. It was right after the Russian occupation ended, and the living was dirt cheap. Because rent at their apartment was only \$4 a month, they didn't even work their first year there. Fans of opera and classical music, they went to concerts and took in the culture.

Herbold spent her second year translating German to English, writing a guide book, teaching English lessons and studying theater.

Curiosity took the travelers to Africa next.

"In those days you could get jobs teaching abroad easily," Herbold says.

The Herbolds taught English

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Weather Summary

Today's Weather

Nothing but sun today.
Highs in the 40s.



Tuesday's Weather

Chilly earlier but warming to mid-to upper-40s.

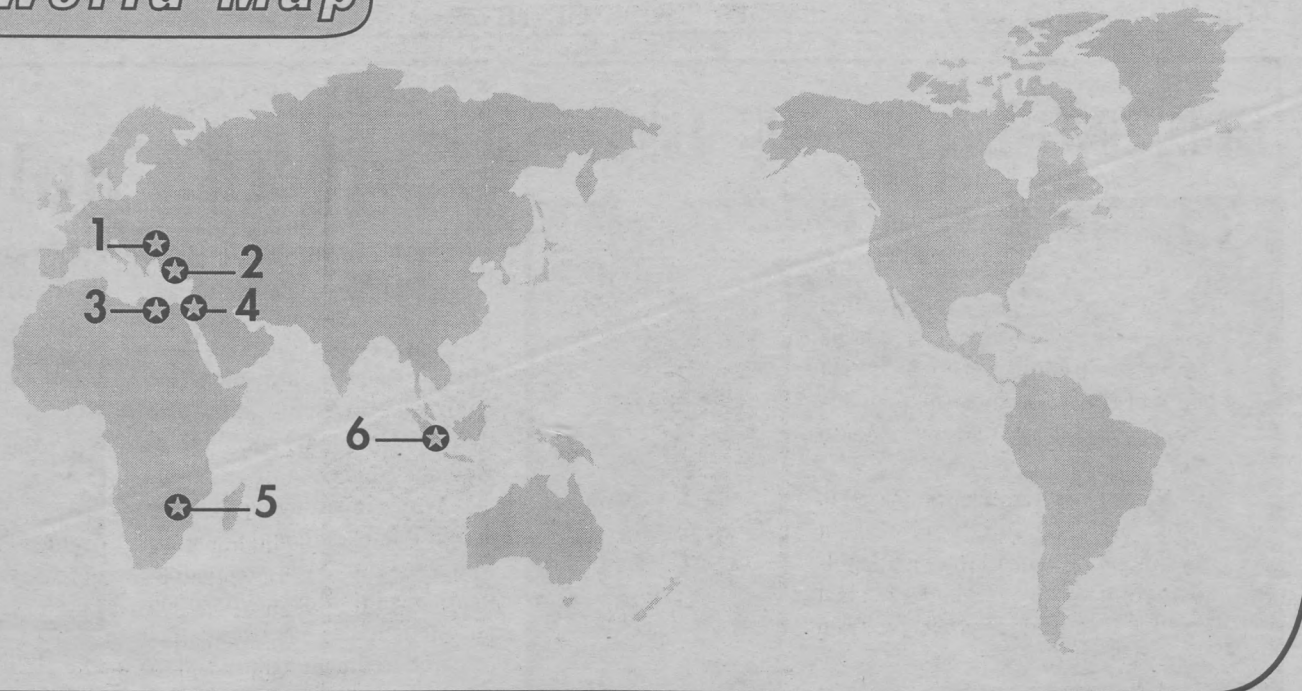


Extended Forecast

Wednesday... Cool.
Thursday... Cool.
Friday... Fair.



World Map



• Bombing

Chechen president eludes assassination

1 GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A mine exploded near Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov's motorcade Sunday in an assassination attempt while he was returning to his residence. Maskhadov was not hurt.

One person was killed and eight were wounded, said the president's press secretary, Mayerbek Vachgayev, according to the Interfax news agency.

It was the second explosion to rock the troubled Caucasus region in just three days. On Friday, at least 51 people were killed in an explosion at a crowded market in Vladikavkaz. Both blasts were seen as attempts at further destabilizing the region and Russia as a whole.

The radio-controlled mine on Sunday was hidden about 220 yards from Maskhadov's residence in a sewage drain on the main street of the provincial capital of Grozny, Interfax said.

Shooting broke out after the blast, which created a crater 10 feet deep and 16 feet in diameter, and blew windows out of nearby buildings.

• Samuel Sheinbein

Murder suspect to be tried in Israeli court

4 TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An American teen-ager suspected in a grisly Maryland murder faces trial in Israel, after the country's highest court Sunday rejected a final effort to have him returned to the United States.

U.S. officials expressed "disappointment" but promised to cooperate with Israeli authorities in the case, which has strained relations between the two countries.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court refused to reconsider its earlier decision that recognized Samuel Sheinbein, 18, as an Israeli citizen and allowed him to remain in the Jewish state. Israeli law protects citizens from extradition.

The action closed the door to any more extradition requests and set the stage for Sheinbein's prosecution in Israel.

The Justice Ministry said he will be indicted at a Tel Aviv District Court on Monday in the killing of 19-year-old Alfredo Enrique Tello Jr.

Sheinbein, 18, fled to Israel three days after Tello's burned and mutilated corpse was found in Montgomery County, Md., in September of 1997.

• Not-so-Happy New Year

Turks, Kurds clash in violent demonstrations

2 DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (AP) — Violence and a police crackdown marked the Kurdish New Year in Turkey on Sunday, with authorities arresting 1,500 people across the country and putting the Kurdish-dominated southeast under a virtual state of siege.

Protests timed to the Kurdish holiday injured Kurdish demonstrators and at least five policemen, including two officers shot when protesters opened fire on police in Istanbul.

Tension has already been running high in Turkey after a surge of violent attacks blamed on Kurdish rebels seeking to avenge the Feb. 15 capture of their leader, Abdullah Ocalan.

The Kurdish New Year traditionally has been the occasion for rioting that has killed dozens in past years in the southeast.

In the main southeastern city of Diyarbakir, scores of armored personnel carriers moved into Kurdish neighborhoods before most residents awoke.

Hundreds of police and soldiers fanned out across the city, enforcing a ban on observances of the holiday.

• Examination disclosure

Doctor says Americans tortured in Zimbabwe

5 HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Police tortured three Americans arrested in Zimbabwe on spying and weapons charges, an independent physician said Saturday, challenging earlier government medical reports.

The doctor who examined the suspects Friday "noted various degrees of bruising on all three men ... even though it was 10 days after the alleged brutality," their lawyer said in a statement.

The men said they were subjected to electric shocks to the genitals, repeated whippings with leather straps on their bare feet, and attempted suffocation, according to the statement released by their lawyer, Jeremy Callow.

They were threatened with death or sodomy and were made to sit against a wall, as if on a chair, for lengthy periods with arms outstretched, the statement said.

On Friday, the government said reports by two state-appointed medical examiners showed no evidence of torture.

The Americans, claiming to be missionaries, were arrested at the airport in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, on March 7 after a gun one of them allegedly was carrying activated a metal detector.

• 'Round the world

Balloonists complete record-breaking flight

3 MUT, Egypt (AP) — Bertrand Piccard, the Swiss psychiatrist-dreamer, and his British co-pilot Brian Jones set their globe-circling balloon down on remote Egyptian moonscape Sunday, linking the dawn of a new millennium with a civilization 5,000 years old.

"Up there it was grandiose, absolutely grandiose," Piccard said with a smile suggesting that was not the half of it. Several times he stopped trying to find words and fought back tears. Jones beamed at his side, nodding happily.

"We are so grateful for that invisible hand that guided us all the way, making the right things happen when they were supposed to," Piccard said.

Together they conquered the last great challenge of the air, floating more than 26,000 miles around the earth in their Breitling Orbiter 3. They crossed the "finish line" over Mauritania at 4:54 a.m. EST Saturday.

At the end, strong winds over Libya boosted them to 39,600 feet and carried them on to a landing in Egypt.

• Tribal violence

Indonesian villagers rejoice in aftermath

6 SAMBAS, Indonesia (AP) — Hundreds of euphoric warriors, some wearing shirts stained with victims' blood, looted and burned abandoned homes Sunday on Borneo after an ethnic slaughter that left at least 96 people dead.

Violence has consumed a coastal region of the large island, shared by both Indonesia and Malaysia, since armed gangs of ethnic Malay, Dayak and Bugis men set upon immigrants from the island of Madura last Tuesday. For the most part, the Indonesian military has stayed clear of the fighting raging close to the Malaysian border.

Reflecting the ritual savagery of the massacre, a chunk of flesh dangled by a string from the spear of one fighter and a few men carried pieces of scalp. At street intersections in Sambas, cheering crowds assembled to view the heads of Madurese men that were sliced off.

Old customs of tribal war that were thriving when British and Dutch colonists ventured into the Borneo interior centuries ago have been played out in gruesome shows of public rejoicing.

On the outskirts of Sambas, a village army of raucous young men paraded down a road with a wide assortment of weapons including spears, sickles and pitchforks.

Maine View!

Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

Four groups on campus contain not only the top 1 percent of the sophomore and senior classes but also some of the most involved students on campus.

The Senior Skulls, All Maine Women, Sophomore Owls and Sophomore Eagles are considered the role models of all the University of Maine, said Kim Cassidy, a senior journalism major who is in All Maine Women.

"AMW is an incredible organization. We most often go unrecognized, but these women are some of the most intelligent, compassionate and busiest women that I've come in contact with in my four years at UM. We are role models for all women on campus. It's a very important role," Cassidy said.

Jim Ezhaya, a fourth-year business and philosophy major and the president of Senior Skulls, said it takes more than good grades to be in one of the groups.

"We're the top 1 percent of our class, but we are also leaders, gentlemen, athletes and presidents. We have fraternity presidents, the captain of the football team and others," Ezhaya said.

Cassidy said the most important aspect of being in an honor society is participating in volunteer work.

All four groups participate in activities such as community service and alumni events.

"We do a lot of stuff with the campus," Ezhaya added. "We promote and reward campus spirit, we do a Valentine's Day event, King and Queen



President of Senior Skulls, Jim Ezhaya, holds the pledge paddle for 1996. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

at Homecoming, we go to high schools and talk about our college experience, and we publish a book called 'New Student Record,' which is a freshman yearbook."

The Owls, who typically raise \$500 a year for charity, recently held their biggest event, the Battle of the Bands.

"We're aiming for \$500 again this year, or maybe more," said Christopher D. Baily, a sophomore electrical engineering major and president of the Owls.

All Maine Women, Senior Skulls, Sophomore Owls and Sophomore Eagles

Elizabeth Blais, a sophomore business major and member of the Sophomore Eagles, said her involvement in the group gives her a better understanding of the university community.

"It's a good opportunity to give back to the campus, community, help out with the first-year women, and meet girls you never would have met otherwise," Blais said.

The Sophomore Eagles work with children at Acadia Hospital, raise money for Spruce Run, make May Baskets, have an AIDS awareness day and help clean up on Maine Day, said Lea Mirone, a sophomore business major.

The AMW also does a number of charitable activities throughout the year, according to Andrea Downs, a senior civil and environmental engineering major and member of All Maine Women.

"Last semester we did a couple of big projects," Downs said. "At Thanksgiving we made baskets of food worth about \$100 each and gave them to Spruce Run for needy families. At Christmas we did the Borders Book Tree and the Salvation Army Angel Tree."

The Senior Skulls, who originally represented the university's 11 fraterni-

ties, began in 1906 by one man from each fraternity.

The group's original purpose was: "To recognize dedicated service to the University of Maine and to promote university spirit; to keep an eye on the fraternities; and to discipline freshmen," according to their FirstClass folder.

The Senior Skulls founded the Sophomore Owls in 1911 to keep an eye on UMaine's first-year students, but the group's purpose has changed over the years, said Baily.

"The original object was to watch over the freshman class but it's evolved and become more meaningful. It's not a typical honor society," Baily said.

In 1925, the All Maine Women were founded by UMaine President Clarence Little to create a female counterpart to the Senior Skulls, said Downs.

Members of the group must be nominated by a professor, adviser or resident director. Although 1,000 nomination forms are sent out each year, each group usually picks 20 perspective members. At the end of the process there are usually 10-14 members inducted into each society.

Research

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"We traditionally hear about three to five big projects," Watson said. "But when you go around the room you get to see there's a lot of other research going on."

Many projects were on issues or industries particular to Maine. There were projects on forestry, blueberry, potato and fishing industries. There were also projects on some of Maine's environmental problems like red tides.

Other projects examined social issues, such as "The Visual Objectification of Women on the Covers of Rolling Stone," by Emily Brandenberger.

Most of the research projects were in the physical sciences. Many of their titles were incomprehensible to the lay person. One was titled "Quantification of Oxidation/Reduction Reactions of Tungsten Trioxide Films by Electrical Conduction." The researcher, Jay LeGore, is using the project as part of his Ph.D. work.

State Sen. Mary Cathcart, D-Orono, also attended the exhibition. She said research at UMaine benefits state government.

"It's wonderful for the Legislature when we have to make policy to work with researchers from the University of Maine."

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retail	direct care couns.	sports camp staff	windsurfing instr.
hotel staff	bus driver		nurses

Professor

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at a boys' school — she the ninth and 10th grades; he the 11th and 12th. Their students had to line the streets during parades in order to get the Emperor's signature to attend. Tribal societies and poverty were ways of life in Ethiopia.

"It's a different culture," Herbold says. "It doesn't seem poor to them."

Their oldest child, Sarah, was born in Ethiopia during their two-year stay. When Herbold became pregnant again, they returned to the United States. Anthony entered the Ph.D. program in English at the University of Michigan. When they left Ann Arbor four years later, their family had grown to five children.

The Herbolds next went to Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., before their 1965 return to California, where Anthony secured a teaching position at the University of California-Berkeley.

"Berkeley in the '60s was an amazing place," Herbold recalls. "It was polarized by Vietnam, those against the war and those supporting it."

The Herbolds were social activists, marching in support of students against the war. They raised their growing family of now six children while Herbold earned her master's degree in theater at UC-Berkeley. She acted in plays and learned a little about how to direct.

By 1970, Sarah was 13 and the Herbolds grew worried about raising teenagers in the surroundings of California. Desiring a simpler way of life, they bought a 56-acre farm in Amherst, Maine, and moved the family across the country.

They went about renewing the land—putting up fences, milking cows, planting gardens. The children were very involved

in all aspects of farm life. They each had their assigned animals to attend to. They all went to high school at John Bapst in Bangor, but deep down they were country kids who had grown up swimming in the nearby Union River.

Though the family had left California seeking a safer environment and slower pace of life, they did not escape tragedy. On Oct. 12, 1974, everything in Charlotte Herbold's world changed. Her husband was killed in a tractor accident on the farm, leaving her with seven small children and pregnant with their eighth.

"It was a hard year. He was our chief organizer," she says. "Without him, we were chiefly disorganized."

Despite the overwhelming prospect of raising her children without a father, she was never alone in the task. There is a 17-year gap between Sarah and Emily, the youngest; the older children helped raise the younger ones. Friends and family would come to stay for weeks at a time to help out with chores and child-rearing.

"I tried to make a community for the kids," Herbold says.

And by the account of Pablo, her youngest son, her support and understanding were successful in holding the family together.

"As I got older I realized she's a very strong woman in the face of adversity," says Pablo, now 26. "The way we grew up we learned to work hard."

Although she had to sell off some of the animals, Herbold kept the farm for another 14 years before moving to her current residence in Winterport.

In 1978, Herbold began studying for her master's degree in English at UMaine. She taught for a year and a half before

joining the university's Onward Program, which consists of a director, two counselors and five faculty and admits 50 full-time students every year. The students, generally financially-needy and non-traditional, stay with the program for a year or semester before being integrated into a regular curriculum.

Philosophy professor Doug Allen says you can see her concern for the welfare of her students in her work with the Onward Program.

"My impression of Charlotte is that she's a very concerned and caring human being," says Allen, who also serves as adviser for the Maine Peace Action Coalition on campus and the Education Coordinator for the Peace and Justice Center in Bangor. "She works with people who've been dealt a bad hand and gives them an opportunity. This is also reflected in her peace and justice work in the community."

True to her roots, Herbold remains an activist. She also serves as the Waldo County Representative to the Maine State Democratic Committee. She is also very involved in her church, particularly with the Peace and Justice Committee.

"In general, I stick up for people who could use a hand," Herbold says, noting that she is especially concerned for single

mothers, having been one herself.

Herbold has maintained her involvement in theater by participating in community productions. She does one play a year, choosing by the director rather than the organization. She has done productions in the past with the Belfast Masquers, Winterport Open Stage and the Marsh Island Stage Company. This summer she will perform in "Memoirs: The Last Summer of Sarah Bernhardt" with the Assembled Players of Belfast.

Herbold names her family as her greatest accomplishment and source of her fondest memories. Her extended family, which has grown to 23 with the addition of two new grandchildren last year, is spread across the country from Maine to California. They all meet twice a year, at Christmas and in the summer.

Herbold says the greatest influences on her life have been her father and her children. But the greatest gift she has given, perhaps, is her influence on the lives of her children.

"To me, the things she's done are unbelievable," Pablo says of his mother. "She's traveled all over the world, gone to college, raised eight kids, and had a career. And she's always had time for other people."

• Negotiator

Mitchell gives personal account of Ireland peace talks in book

PORTLAND (AP) — In a new book, George Mitchell gives a glimpse of his personal experiences as lead negotiator in last year's peace talks in Northern Ireland.

The former U.S. Senate majority leader from Maine says he agonized over whether to return home when he found that his brother Robbie was gravely ill with bone cancer. The peace talks were at a critical juncture at the time.

"I was torn by conflicting demands. I desperately wanted to go home to see Robbie again before he died," Mitchell writes in "Making Peace," which is available in some bookstores.

Mitchell telephoned his brother's doctor, who said that people with Robbie's condition usually lingered four to six weeks. Mitchell, concerned that the peace process could end if he left, decided to stay in Belfast. His brother died only a few days later.

In his book, Mitchell also says he had doubts over whether to stay when his wife Heather, who was then pregnant, called in

the middle of the night from New York to say she was very sick. She lost the baby, but became pregnant again and gave birth to their son Andrew.

"Not for the first time, or the last, I asked myself over and over: 'Should I just leave and not come back?'" Mitchell writes. Again, Mitchell stayed.

Mitchell describes the ups and downs of the negotiating process, including political attempts to sabotage the talks, in his book.

Last week, Mitchell accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton in recognition of his three years' work that led to the Good Friday accord.

Rather than take all of the credit himself, Mitchell identified key Northern Irish politicians he said were the real heroes of the peace talks.

Mitchell plans to return to Maine next month to sign copies of his book and discuss the peace process as part of a promotional tour.

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State News

• Income report

Cost of living earns Maine low rank in study

PORTLAND (AP) — Maine is at the bottom of the heap nationally in a new study of disposable income adjusted for the cost of living.

The study by the nonprofit Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth and the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation concludes it's hardest to make ends meet in Maine given the amount of money Mainers earn.

Mainers' per capita income ranked 36th nationally in 1996. And while taxes are perceived as exceptionally high in New England, that isn't particularly troublesome in Maine because rates are steeper as income rises.

The biggest reason Maine ranked so low in the study is that the cost of housing is so high, even shocking for some newcomers to the state. Housing prices eat away at incomes.

"I'm constantly faced with educating people who come to this area about the

cost of housing," said Lori Garon, a real estate broker in Portland.

Garon said one of her clients was transferred to Maine from Tennessee, where his house had cost \$70,000. The man decided not to take the Maine job when he found out that a comparable home would cost about twice as much as the old one.

Andrew Sum of Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies, who was lead author of the income report, said the research raises troubling questions the state and region.

New England will continue to have difficulty attracting workers and companies as long as incomes cannot fully cover housing and other basic costs. New England's labor market declined between 1990-98, while Maine saw a 2.5 percent increase.

But even that growth is tiny compared to the explosive increase in other regions,

particularly in western states.

"It's not that surprising why we've had a hard time getting people to come in here," said Sum. "When you figure what you get paid and adjusting for how you live, it looks like less than a sure bet."

The study was launched after Teresa

Heinz accompanied her husband, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., on his re-election campaign three years ago and heard Massachusetts residents complain about how hard it was to make ends meet. She decided to help fund a study to find out why.

• 3 hospitalized

E. coli outbreak may have ties to Sunday River Resort

NEWRY (AP) — State and federal health workers are investigating an E. coli outbreak that may be linked to a restaurant at the Sunday River Ski Resort.

Officials at the state Bureau of Health confirmed that three people were hospitalized after contracting a dangerous strain of the infectious bacteria, known as "O157."

Another case reported to the state Thursday still is being investigated, state epidemiologist Dr. Kathleen Gensheimer said Friday.

Gensheimer said all four sick people had eaten at Sliders, a restaurant at the resort.

The state has notified hospitals throughout Maine and brought in help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help identify the cause of the sickness.

The E. coli O157 infection is spread by drinking or eating food contaminated by the feces of people or cattle. Inadequately cooked ground beef, raw milk or unwashed fruits and vegetables can carry the bacteria and infect people who eat those products.

Maine sees an average of 25 cases of E. coli a year, Gensheimer said. Last summer, however, 39 cases were confirmed.

Symptoms include chills and bloody diarrhea. For young children and the elderly, the infection carries the danger of kidney failure.

The first victim, a Massachusetts girl, was hospitalized with an E. coli infection Feb. 15, after she returned home from trip to Sunday River. Health workers in

Oxford County confirmed a second case a week later and then a third a week after that, Gensheimer said.

The girl and the two other victims, both adults from Maine, all have been released from the hospital. The victim in the unconfirmed case, also an adult, was treated at home.

The few cases have not been enough to determine conclusively what caused the bacterial infection, but Gensheimer said the resort restaurant is the only common denominator investigators have found.

Gensheimer said Sunday River officials have cooperated with a state request to take aggressive measures to prevent either guests or employees from becoming infected. Resort officials, she said, have taken "extra, extra" care to modify cooking and food-processing procedures at Sliders.

"They have been very concerned and very cooperative," she said.

Sunday River's managing director, Chip Seamans, said the resort will continue cooperating with health investigators. He said Sliders restaurant has stopped serving ground beef, one common carrier of E. coli, and workers have been reminded of the importance of thorough cooking and good personal hygiene.

Seamans said the E. coli problem that may stem from Sliders is an isolated incident that does not affect the entire resort. He said the restaurant has passed investigators' tests.

"It is one particular restaurant that's been investigated," he said. "They've been here. They've investigated."

• Legislative hearing

Patients suffer from expense of medication

MONTPELIER, Vt. — E. Ingrid Anderson had worked as a nurse at Springfield Hospital for 35 years when she learned that she would move from the delivering to the receiving end of health care.

She was diagnosed in 1991 with multiple sclerosis, a disease attributed to the body's immune system attacking the protective casings around nerves.

People with MS usually see their health deteriorate over time, with nervous system damage leading to blurred vision, loss of balance and eventually to a wide range of disabilities.

Anderson's doctor told her in 1997 she should try Avonex, a Biogen Inc. drug that is injected once a week and has been found to slow the progress of MS.

"I have not been able to start this medication, however, because it costs \$11,000 a year and neither Medicare nor my private medi-gap insurance cover prescription medications."

Anderson told her story Saturday to a packed Statehouse hearing room where Reps. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt. and Tom Allen, D-Maine, had convened a session on the high cost of prescription drugs.

Anderson said her inability to afford Avonex has meant her MS has continued to worsen. "In 1997, when Avonex was first prescribed, I was not in a wheelchair." She is now.

Others at the hearing told of traveling to Canada and saving hundreds of dollars on medications that sell far cheaper there than a few miles south of the Vermont-Quebec border.

Randy Boardman, 67, a retired heavy equipment operator from Northfield, said his doctor had prescribed Zocor to treat his high cholesterol. Boardman said 100 pills cost \$343 in the U.S. and \$247 in Canada. With the favorable exchange rate, the Canadian price equals about \$167 U.S., he said.

Boardman said he had to see a Canadian doctor to get a prescription. The appointment cost him \$35, but the doctor gave him \$43 worth of Zocor samples, so he still came out ahead. After he spoke, others in the audience approached him for details on his northward travels.

Sanders and Allen are backing federal legislation that would allow Medicare recipients to purchase prescription drugs at the same discounted prices that pharmaceutical companies give to favored customers like hospitals and insurance companies.

A draft of the bill made available at Saturday's hearings said in its findings that those favored-customer discounts often cut drug prices in half.

Similar legislation is pending on the state level in the Vermont Legislature. Rep. Cheryl Rivers, D-Windsor and chairwoman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Poirier, D-Barre and chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee both spoke in favor of the state legislation.

A second federal bill backed by Sanders and Allen would cap drug prices when federal agencies like the National Institutes for Health have helped to develop them.

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

National News

• Kosovo

Allies position themselves for possible attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — An allied fleet of warships and attack planes, including the U.S. Air Force's most powerful, is ready for a possible bombardment of Yugoslavia that likely would begin with dozens of pilotless cruise missiles fired at critical points in the country's air defense network.

"We have a number of options on the airstrikes, so I wouldn't look at this as a one- or two-bomb affair," U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme allied commander in Europe, told reporters Friday at his NATO headquarters in Belgium.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered seven additional Air Force planes

to Europe on Friday to join roughly 200 other American warplanes awaiting orders to attack. That is all the air power U.S. military officials in Europe say they need for punishing assaults on Yugoslav military targets.

President Clinton told a White House news conference Friday that the goal of NATO air strikes would be to weaken the Yugoslav army's ability to attack independence-minded ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. He suggested the Yugoslavs already had caused enough civilian deaths in Kosovo to merit NATO action.

"The threshold has been crossed," he said. "I would hate to think we would

have to see a lot of other little children die before we could do what seems to me to be the right thing to do to prevent it."

Clinton declined to say whether NATO would set a deadline for acting in Kosovo.

International monitors left Kosovo on Saturday. Afterward, heavy fighting was reported in the province, and Yugoslav tanks and other armored vehicles were seen on the move toward the area.

In Washington, Clinton's national security team was meeting Saturday at the White House on Kosovo. A senior administration official refused to characterize it as an emergency meeting but said "we're

deeply concerned about the situation on the ground."

The allies appear united in support of military action against Yugoslavia. Questions remain, however, about whether NATO should declare a pause of one or two days after an initial wave of attacks to give Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic a chance to capitulate. U.S. officials fear a pause would undermine support for bombing.

If Milosevic responded to the initial attacks by using his army to punish the Kosovo Albanians, it is unlikely NATO would pause. Instead, officials said, NATO probably would escalate its attacks.

• \$100 million lawsuit

Ex-hostage to sue Iran; US help is questionable

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Terry Anderson is set to sue Iran for \$100 million over the more than six years the former Associated Press correspondent was held hostage, shackled and blindfolded, in Lebanon. The lawsuit accuses Iran of having sponsored his captors.

The lawsuit to be filed Monday is also likely to become a challenge to the U.S. government. The Clinton administration has thwarted plaintiffs in similar lawsuits from collecting millions of dollars awarded by U.S. courts, even though the damage

claims are against countries the State Department labels as sponsors of terrorism.

In October, the president issued a blanket waiver of a requirement that federal agencies help obtain that money.

"The law says that the U.S. government is supposed to help us in pressing our claim," Anderson said in an interview at his home about 10 miles outside Athens, where he teaches journalism at Ohio University.

The lawsuit, to be filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, also names as plaintiffs Anderson's wife, Madeleine Bassil,

49, and their daughter, Sulome, who seek redress for emotional distress and their long separation from Anderson.

Held longer than any other American in Lebanon, he was freed on Dec. 4, 1991. The family is seeking \$100 million in compensatory damages and unspecified punitive damages.

Named as defendants are the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Ministry of Information and Security.

The lawsuit says Anderson's captors were members of Hezbollah, or Party of

God, "a politico-paramilitary terrorist organization operating in Lebanon." It says Iran is the party's sponsor, "providing it with funding, direction and training for its terrorist activities in Lebanon."

It says that as a hostage Anderson was fed a poor diet of bread, cheese and rice; was beaten, taunted and humiliated; was regularly threatened with death and falsely promised release; heard his fellow captives beaten and one die; grew so depressed he beat his head against a wall until he bled.

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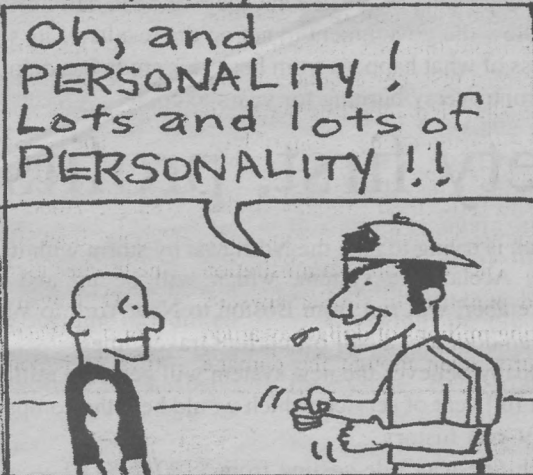
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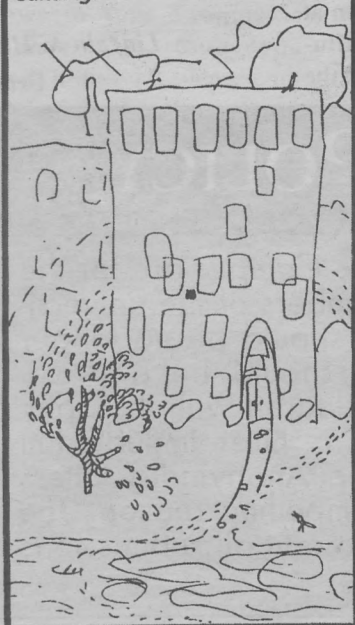
We live in a small apartment building and the apartments look alike. One time I slept the whole night in the wrong apartment.

In the morning I had breakfast with these two nice old people. They sat very still at the kitchen table, spoke softly and were calm and peaceful.

They told me not to worry about being in the wrong apartment because we were relatives.

They said we were actually related by rent checks. Actually they do look a little like me.

How cool.
Now I have family in the building.



New York Times Daily Crossword

Edited By Will Shortz

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ACROSS

- 1 Like many a detective's trail
- 5 Asian taxi
- 10 Merit badge holder
- 14 Kind of "snackwich"
- 15 Light headwear?
- 16 Earthenware pot
- 17 Dummy
- 20 Prized
- 21 Rachmaninoff piece
- 22 Honor bestowed by Eliz.
- 23 Last of a Latin trio
- 25 Another dummy
- 32 Unstrict
- 33 Bringing forth fruit, as corn

- 34 Heater component
- 36 Opening bit
- 38 With 60-Down, Whoopi's "Ghost" role
- 39 Sea terror
- 40 "The one that got away"
- 41 One
- 44 Indy 500 sponsor
- 45 Yet another dummy
- 48 Idle on the screen
- 49 Campaign pro
- 50 Confidence game
- 53 Keyboard professional
- 58 And still another dummy
- 61 Works in the Uffizi

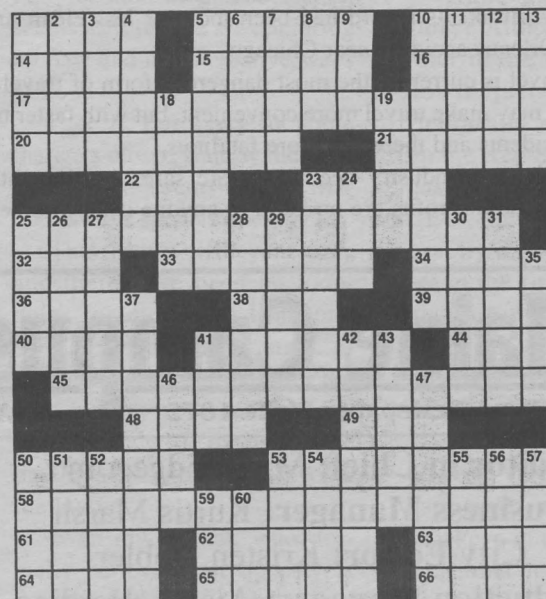
- 62 Reason for celebration
- 63 Biblical preposition
- 64 Lout
- 65 Streisand vehicle
- 66 They're inflatable

DOWN

- 1 Sheltered nook
- 2 They're found in prospectors' sectors
- 3 Carnival follower
- 4 Idolize
- 5 Idle fancy
- 6 Where the Clintons met
- 7 Lunkhead
- 8 Stage dir. meaning "begins to speak"
- 9 Columbus sch.
- 10 Mexican munchie
- 11 Baseball family name
- 12 Used a firehouse pole
- 13 Sound
- 18 Jewish teacher
- 19 Part of a Beatles refrain
- 23 Paternal relative
- 24 "Falstaff" mezzo-soprano
- 25 Oil of
- 26 It began service in 1927
- 27 Unbilled person
- 28 Double-edged
- 29 Offered

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Puzzle by Norman S. Wizer

- 30 From Oslo, to natives
- 31 Mirabile (wonderful to say)
- 35 Reindeer herder
- 37 Give rise to
- 41 Cause of widespread firing?
- 42 Select for jury duty: Var.
- 43 Blackmore heroine
- 46 Constellation south of the Big Dipper
- 47 In-group
- 50 Tar
- 51 Rookie: Var.
- 52 Absorbed by
- 53 Annoyance
- 54 Technical sch.
- 55 Chinese dynasty overthrown by the Mongols
- 56 Mambo king
- 57 "The Dukes of Hazzard" spinoff
- 59 Seinfeldesque
- 60 See 38-Across

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EDITORIAL

Truth and consequences

The results of a government-funded report on marijuana use were released last Wednesday. Contrary to conventional wisdom, it stated that the active ingredient in marijuana is effective for treating pain, nausea and the severe weight loss associated with AIDS. Pro-marijuana advocates are rejoicing over this news. Before you go out and light up, though, there's a catch you should be aware of.

The 11 independent experts at the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences, who authored the report also found that marijuana smoke is more toxic than tobacco smoke and is more likely to cause cancer, lung damage and complications with pregnancy.

In short, marijuana should only be smoked by those patients to whom the long-term effects won't matter, meaning those with terminal illnesses.

The report also failed to substantiate the government's longtime contention that marijuana use only leads to the use of harder drugs, like cocaine and heroin.

For years, pro-marijuana advocates have argued that the drug should be legalized for medicinal purposes, an argument the government has largely ignored, claiming that any movement on the issue would only lead to the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. Now we have this study, ordered and paid for by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, that says marijuana does have some medicinal value, but not if it's smoked.

Also, keep in mind that marijuana is a mind-altering drug, not unlike alcohol, that impairs one's ability to, among other things, drive a car. That fact alone eliminates it from the list of "harmless" drugs.

There has to be a middle ground that the two sides can agree on. Why not extract the active ingredient and make it available, through prescriptions, in pill form? This would give the pro-marijuana activists what they've been calling for (at least on the surface) and would allow the government to act on the results of its study.

Regardless of what happens from here, this study has definitely provided enough fuel to keep the controversy burning for years to come.

Safety first, profits second

Amtrak is trying to take the Northeast by storm with its new high-speed train system, Acela. The system, which will be up and running in November or December, will run from Boston to New York to Washington D.C. and should shave up to an hour and a half off current travel times.

The company believes the new system will generate millions of dollars in new profits in its first full year of service, which would help the company post a profit for the first time in its 29-year history.

With each one-way ride costing from \$130 to \$140 — a reasonable range between Metroliner's lower rates and those of Delta's airliners — Amtrak believes Acela will help the company reap \$180 million in new profits in its first year of service. That's a bit of wishful thinking, especially in light of the safety rate of passenger trains.

Unfortunately, Amtrak seems to be more concerned about making a profit than it is about the safety of its passengers.

Instead of concentrating on balance sheets, which have never been good for the company, Amtrak should concentrate on railway safety. From 1995 to 1998, there were just under 10,000 railway accidents in the United States. During that same time, there were more than 16,000 "incidents" at railway crossings.

In all fairness to Amtrak, its record had been more or less clean until last week's deadly City of New Orleans accident near Chicago.

Passenger train travel is currently the most dangerous form of travel in the country. Amtrak's faster trains may make travel more convenient, but with faster trains comes the likelihood of more accidents and therefore more fatalities.

Until the passenger train industry becomes more safe, the thought of high-speed trains should be put on hold. Profits are no good to anyone if they come at the expense of human lives.

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• On the soapbox

• LD 230 stinks

To the editor:

Long before the American Revolution, my ancestors sought political and religious freedom by settling in Penn's Woods near Philadelphia. As

Quakers, peacemaking was their way of life. For them freedom included the right of conscientious objector to war. Now, as a citizen of Maine, I face the possible loss of this freedom long recognized as part of our national heritage. A bill, LD 230, has come out of committee to the Maine Legislature. If passed, it would deny any person who does not register for the draft the right to post-secondary education in state universities, the right to financed loans, grants, scholarships or any other financial assistance, and the right to employment by the state of Maine, or any municipality within its borders.

By its passage, LD 230 would force every taxpayer to pay twice for draft registration: once in Washington and then again in Maine. Why should Maine become involved in a second bureaucracy for the draft? Right now, the Selective Service System provides no way for Americans to declare their conscientious objection to war. Under this system, non-compliance means that a young person could face five years in prison, \$250,000 in fines and sanctions prohibiting federal education benefits and employment. LD 230 is but coals for Newcastle. I would rather not carry them or see our children forced to do so.

In the 18th century, any American found guilty of adultery was forced to wear the letter A. Will it now be

that any young American in Maine who opposes war and the implements of war by refusal to register for the draft will be forced to have "CO" sewn on his or her shirt? Rather than witness any more people become outcasts in this land that has meant new freedoms for so many, I shall broadcast this letter in the hope that it will help declare that peaceable kingdom sought by my ancestors in Penn's Woods long ago.

**Robert Phipps
Bar Harbor**

• Criticism OK

To the editor:

In response to Molly Haskell's guest column in Friday's *Maine Campus*, I would have to agree: There is a lot of complaining going on, sometimes over inconsequential things. However, what is inconsequential to me may be of great importance to another.

In contrast to Molly's opinion, I would say "Don't quit, just learn what to complain about and when." There is a fine line between complaining to facilitate change and whining. The former is a necessary part of change when something doesn't please us; the latter is just annoying. If you are unhappy, make your voice heard. Stand up and be willing to try to effect a positive change for the better.

The complaining on this campus is not exclusive to the students who have never been anywhere else. Complaining is spread through every level of this campus; from first-year students to seasoned graduate students who have done studies at two or three universities, from professors who have been at more than one institution, on both sides of the

lecture podium, to administrators and staffers who are on various levels of their careers, be it their first job or their latest job. At some point everyone has a gripe. If you have never been anywhere else that hardly means you have no right to complain, everyone is entitled to complain.

Complaining is a healthy part of living, it allows us to vent our frustrations and express our dissatisfaction with a given situation. The successful complainers can facilitate change, get something accomplished from their complaining. The irresponsible complainers will only earn contempt. They become whiners who seek to accomplish nothing but their own self-gratification; they lose credibility with their peers and those they "complain" against. Being responsible in the manner that one complains is what distinguishes the two.

Running away from whatever displeases you is not the best answer. If you are unhappy here at the University of Maine, then complain about whatever makes you unhappy, there is no need for you to transfer. Transferring should be a last resort. So if any reader has a complaint I say, "make it known." Post it on FirstClass, send it in to *The Maine Campus*, stand on the quad and shout your grievance to the campus community. It is far better to take a stand and be criticized than to take no stand at all. If with all the complaining nothing can make you happy, then either learn to accept or transfer, but try complaining first (this campus doesn't need to have only complacent students).

**Lincoln A. Hunt
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Op/Ed



• Other perspectives

Tax time brings headaches

It's tax time. Normally, I don't get frustrated by all the books, schedules and tables.

However, this year, with my added source of income – the infamous stock market – I found necessary to visit the local post office to obtain additional forms.

The forms weren't very difficult to fill out, and took only a few minutes and a few pieces of scrap paper. Some of the questions were ridiculous, though. Some examples:

Item 1A: Do you want \$3 to go to the President's Effort to Finally Silence Monica fund? If filing a joint return, does your spouse want to contribute \$6? (Please note that although checking "No" will not affect your return, checking "Yes" will enter you in our "White House Getaway Sweepstakes").

Item 1D: Subtract 2,222 from the sum of lines 2 and 3. If the number is odd and, when the digits are added, equals the number that corresponds to the first letter in your last name, please obtain schedule 73L and write in the result you obtain after completing lines 78-122. Otherwise, add 12 to line 4 and write that number below.

Item 2B: If the number of windows in your dwelling is less than the result you obtained in line 14, please consult schedule U6 for instructions. If the number of windows is greater than line 14, take that number and add seven to it. If that is greater than the sum from lines 1-11, multiply it by Pi. (For an exact listing of Pi, please see "Constants and Other Relevant Tax-Time Numbers," available at the Bureau of Weights and Measures).

Item 2L: If any of your dependents are currently enrolled in a state university with a undergraduate enrollment

less than your gross income (line 6), take the value from line 6, multiply it by your eldest son/daughter's QPA and enter it on line 72. If the undergraduate enrollment is greater than your gross income, take the reciprocal of your youngest son/daughter's QPA and multiply it by line 6 and enter it on line 72.

Item 10R: After playing a set number (see workbook 7) of games of "Duck, Duck, Goose" with your extended family, take the winner's age and add it to line 189. Subtract the value of any seafaring vessels owned (for a complete price list, see "Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Let's-Not-Forget-Boats," a glossy view-book available at the National Transportation Safety Board's main office), placing this result on line 190.

Item 14C: If capital gains from stock and overseas income are greater than total earned income from domestic occupations, fill out schedule I90. Take the three-letter combination obtained from this schedule and enter it on line 215. If these are not you or your spouse's initials, you must re-file as an independent and tell your spouse to do the same. (If you do not have a legal middle name, obtain one by filling out the flier "How hard is it to have a middle name?", which is available at

the county courthouse nearest you). If the initials match, take your birthday and enter it on line 217. Fill all the boxes on line 216 with Xs.

Item 15A: If groceric expenditures, or money spent on groceries, (for a complete listing of new tax terms for this year, refer to Appendix III, an excerpt from "Webster's Wealth of Tax-Time Words") are greater than cable and telephone expenses, complete workbook 17H and 17I. (Remember for this you must refer to the National Atomic Clock for accuracy in lines 13-16).

Item 20F: Take line 1,216 and add to it the sum from lines 1,200-1,215. If this result is negative, fill out page 8 of schedule D12 and page 91 of workbook B. (Be certain while completing exercises in workbook B to put your calculator in "radians" and not "degrees.")

Although some of the schedules and workbooks weren't all available (I had to special order several), the taxes and the math weren't too hard to compute.

And the good news is that I'm expecting a nice return.

So I can spend it on souvenirs if I ever win a trip to Washington.

Rehan Nasir is a staff writer at The Pitt News, the University of Pittsburgh's student newspaper. This column is courtesy of U-WIRE.

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• Dave's world

Forget hard work – cheat and lie instead

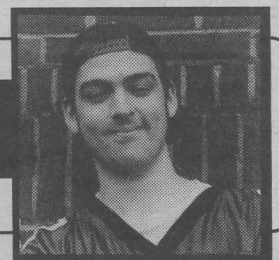
The following is a true story that's so outrageous it probably belongs on the Sci-fi Channel.

My uncle married a woman with some money a few years back, so this woman can most certainly afford to send her kids to college. Yet despite this, she managed to find an easy way out when it came to sending her oldest son to college.

don't believe me just take a glance at mine sometime). People will do anything to gain that added edge.

Last summer when I applied for a job at Hell's back kitchen (whoops – I meant MBNA), I had to suddenly play the role of a corporate goon come interview time. I gave serious, studious

By Dave Bailey



She wrote a glowing letter to Northeastern University (her son's college of choice) talking about hardship and being a single mother since her first husband died. Of course, she failed to mention a few minute details, such as how a large bank account has dulled much of that "hardship" and that she divorced her husband (a deadbeat) years before he actually died.

But guess what happened? The pooh-bahs at Northeastern bought the story hook, line and sinker and gave the kid a four-year free ride.

Makes you want to fire an M-16 at the rest of the world right about now, huh?

While beating the system is nothing new in our society, it seems as if people are conjuring up new and more creative ways to do it.

Face it: For every loophole that gets closed shut by the government, it seems that a new one always springs open.

This is my fifth year here and there have been no loopholes for me. Once I'm outta here, I've got a nifty stack of college loans to pay off for the next century or three. Hell, my grandkids will probably be paying them off once I kick the bucket.

Even my mother, who normally believes that honesty is the best policy, has said that if she knew in 1994 what she knows now, she probably could have sent me here for next to nothing.

It no longer takes hard work and dedication to succeed in life. Now it takes deception, back-slapping and stretching the truth.

Just glance at the typical resume of your typical college senior. It probably has enough half-truths on there to put a politician to shame (and if you

answers to all of the questions. Did I believe a thing I said? Hell, no. Did I want a job? Hell, yes! Will I repeat this process again and again for the rest of my life? What do you think?

Knowing people in high places is another way to buck the system. Ever wonder why you see the same tired old faces like Jim Fregosi managing in the big leagues year after year while more promising candidates are stuck with another year managing the East Mudflap Stoolpigeons of the Kentucky Industrial League? Crony-ism is a universal pastime that has never received enough credit in our society.

Want another ridiculous story? Although I'm loathe to refer to the Boston Herald, Ill do it just this once. The Herald did a multi-part series on the Red Sox ownership this past week that revealed that CEO John Harrington, not exactly a guy with deep pockets in the first place, has been making millions off of the estate of Jean Yawkey, the previous Red Sox owner, who died in 1992.

How'd he get into such power? Very simple. He just happened to befriend the Yawkeys in the 1970s and lookie at what happened.

Sigh.

So, if any of you out there have any kids, listen to (or perhaps I should say read) my advice: Tell the wee ones to cheat, exaggerate and kiss a lot of butt cheeks. Then maybe they'll have a prayer of succeeding in life. Honesty just doesn't cut the mustard anymore.

Dave Bailey has been counting down the days to graduation since the second week of his freshman year.



STYLE & ARTS



• Bear's Den

Joplin spirit rouses Thursday night crowd



By Jen McCausland
Special to the Campus

The Bear's Den was bouncing last Thursday evening while retro-hippy band Electric Blue and Kozmik Truth played. The crisp voice of the female singer excited the air with energy along with the two male guitar players and drummer.

One woman commented, "Don't you think she sounds like Janis Joplin?" and many of the students watching quickly agreed.

The band demonstrated music ability with long guitar jam sessions of their own work. Students had no inhibitions about getting their groove on.

The music was jazzy and psychedelic, much similar to the works of bands like Phish and the Grateful

Dead. Sections of the performance tended to be repetitive and dry, yet overall the band was highly energetic and entertaining.

The band appeared as diverse as their name, Electric Blue and Kozmik Truth. The female lead singer was unconcerned with appearance as she wore raggy clothing with long, scraggly deadlocks. The drummer also looked like he skipped a generation—right out of the '60s. Yet the two guitarists looked like regular college kids, with the jeans and crew-cut hair combination. To look at the characters of the band separately, one would never suspect they have such a common ability to jam.

The band was completed by the enduring voice of the lead female singer. She could carry a note until



(Caleb Raynor photos.)

the break of exhaustion. It was a rush for the audience, who starred in amazement of her massive lung capacity.

The audience was of medium size. Several students did not stay the entire show, yet the ones who did spent their time well. The band is more suited for fans who enjoy awesome guitar jams and alternative life styles. This is not a band that would hit the Top 40 countdown, but would have a definite impact of free-willed music.

The Union Board had a choice selection in picking Electric Blue and Kozmik Truth to play in the Bear's Den. The location was key for the party-like atmosphere of the band. Students could sit at ease or bust a move. Several students of age took advantage of the inexpensive beer selections, and then chose to dance as the night progressed.

"I'm telling you, it's Janis Joplin minus the cigarettes," a student said, and I had to agree.

• Laughs

Funnymen trio get audience in 'headlock'

By R. Patrick Fitzgibbons
Special to the Campus

Thirty-three cents a comic, joked Michael Dean Ester, one of Friday night's trio of comedians and beer to boot. A simple, improvised quip about the exorbitant price of a \$1 show turned out to describe the theme of the evening.

Ester, Jamie Lissow and Tiny Glover looked like they had planned a tag-team strategy to get the humor-hungry 30 or so people to laugh at Wells Commons on Friday night. Judging from the audience's reaction, the trio of funnymen had them in a headlock from the start.

Typically, a comedy show consisting of more than two people makes the first guy the opener (code for the least funny).

There was no clear ranking among Glover, Lissow and Ester. Tiny Glover, the first comic up, told the audience that

he was touring with his buddies throughout colleges. Whatever camaraderie Glover, Lissow and Ester picked up during those long hours on the road paid off in Friday's team-driven performance.

I personally liked Glover's comedic style, especially for being first up. Most opening comics pester the audience because they are slow to laugh at the very jokes that are designed to warm them up for the headliner.

On the same token, most audience members during the opening of any comedy show deserve to be pestered. I'm always surprised to see clusters of people in the crowd who sit straight-faced with their arms folded looking as if they're sitting on a coach flight, pretending not to hear the incessant babbling of the fool next to you who insists on telling you everywhere he's been in the last eight months.

Glover did not pester but let nature take its course. He told the audience of how he's always been stereotyped as the "round brown guy," as he put it. He explained as he was growing up kids would badger him to say the line to which Glover replied, "Whatchu talkin' about, Willis?" He went on to say that he often gets mistaken for the dad on Family Matters, the Chef from South Park, and Ally McBeal.

Glover didn't entirely avoid picking on the audience. In fact, he opened by teasing the burly Mike, one of the audience members, who struck Glover as the perfect specimen or whatever he implied by that.

A comic who interacts with the audience (code for sticks it to them) can run the risk of becoming a truly bad comic. I've seen a few comedians who, when they run dry of material, pick out a cou-

ple and a single guy and tell them either (a) how cheap the couple guy is for taking his date to a show with a cover charge of \$1 or (b) how much a loser the single guy is for coming alone. However, in both cases, the bad comic will note how incredibly ugly all of their shirts are.

Glover seemed to take a completely opposite approach when he befriended the hulking Mike and made him the occasional focus of the two comedians to come.

Next in the ring was Lissow, who scared me to death when I saw him walk onstage with a hula hoop. My first thought was—"Great! Carrot Top's ghost!" Not a prop comic, the scourge of the comedy scene.

Luckily, the hula-hoop was only an inside joke between Glover and Lissow,

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• Un-philosophy

Spendthrift cents

By Terrance Brown
Special to the Campus

I'm a spendthrift, and I don't save any of my money, but it's not like I never have money, I just never have a lot of money. I work a little when I feel like it and my parents are good enough so that they take care of a lot of bills for me, those bills being the bills I owe the university for things like good food and always having a place to park. But outside of the thousands of dollars I pay for these things I still have a 20, or something along those lines, for going out or for essential things like cigarettes and movies.

I'm getting a tax return, which will give me a lot of money at once, but that's going in the bank because I tend to get into \$100 jams, and I'm sick of calling my buddies that have money and saying, "Dude, seriously, I gotta' bum some cash." Even though I'm usually pretty good for the money, it still takes me a while to pay people back and I really don't like seeing the person that I owe the money to.

It's not that I don't like seeing the person or am trying to avoid him, I just feel shitty about not having the money to pay the person back. I just don't like feeling shitty. But I am good about it and the fact that I owe the person money never leaves my mind.

Just last year I owed this one guy money. His name was T.J. and he's my brother's brother-in-law which makes us absolutely nothing but we still get a kick outta' kinda' being in the same family.

He bummed me 20 bucks at my brother's and his sister's wedding so that I could buy some drinks. I mean, I wasn't old enough and didn't have any money and my mom said she be damned if she'd give me money to drink and that I had to get any alcohol on my own.

So he gave me the money and I found older guys to go up to the bar to get the drinks for me. Since I was wearing a tux no one bothered me about having the drinks or for drinking the stupid things. People just ended up buying the drinks for me a lot of the time so I didn't even have to spend the money, which was a good thing because I still had some of the money left over so that I could get a pack of butts and another six pack for after the reception when everyone else was going to the bars.

I couldn't go out to the bars with my brothers and my uncles it's pretty much impossible to get into a bar in Millinocket when you're not twenty-one, whereas buying beer underage is pretty much certain if you have the gall to just go in and try. So I used the money, and it was a great night because of it and I was greatly appreciative about the whole situation.

So T.J. goes to Husson and I see him every so often. Whenever we see each other it's always a pleasure because we speak freely even though we rarely see each other. I saw him a couple of times when I still owed him the money and he never mentioned it. About nine months later when I was working full time again (I don't work full time and go to school. I don't like it. It's hard and makes you stupid if you don't watch yourself.) I had money to spend outside of the money you have for basic everyday essentials, (again, these being cigarettes, books, rental movies and other stuff that I talk too much about in my articles.) So I

drove up to his parents' house and thanked him for the loan, apologized for my lack of punctuality, and went home.

I felt good about giving him his money back and about still having money to do whatever I felt like doing inside the realms of college poverty, which was driving by myself to pick up a friend of mine and to party a little when I was there for a night.

It's about a seven-hour drive, and I was by myself for the first part of the trip. I've done it a couple of times before so I knew where I was going, it's still a pretty long drive, but I didn't mind because I took advantage of some advice a guy from one of my English classes gave me last semester—Books on Audio.

It was a splendid idea and made me thoroughly joyous. Anyway, I only listened to the tape, "Bram Stoker's Dracula," (I only mention the tape because it's a wonderful book to hear aloud simply because of the style it's written in) on the way down. My friend hates that kind of stuff and I didn't want to make her suffer on the way home because I knew we'd suffer plenty enough without the literature.

I used to date her when I was little and consider her one of my greatest childhood friends. I mean, shit, I don't want to sound cheesy but she's taught me a bunch of lessons that have really made a difference so I can't help but regard her in the highest esteem.

The thing is, we fight like children. We bicker and put each other into pretty bad moods half the time, but the thing about her is that the other half she's the only person you want to be doing whatever retarded thing it is that you're doing with. But regardless of our high school antics, we still have a really good time together and make each other laugh and smile. And against popular belief, we don't make out like most ex-couples do when they hang out, which makes our relationship free of sexual tension. Sexual tension is the first thing you have to get over if you ever want to be friends with someone that you've dated, will never date again, but still spend time with.

So we drove home together and fought over the radio a little, but we were generally satisfied with each other's choice of station. Outside of going a little slow a couple times and a little fast a couple of times, we were both pretty happy with the speed we were getting home.

I finally got her home and when I dropped her off I went in to see her folks. I mean, hell, the second biggest reason I went besides just wanting to leave Millinocket was because I love and respect her parents and wanted to do them a favor and save her dad from a trip he's taken a lot more than me.

They gave me \$50 for gas and food which was more than enough, so I guess they kinda' hired me but I don't know, I mean, I didn't have to fill out a W2 or anything like that. But I was happy they gave me that much money because I am a spendthrift and if I wouldn't have had ample cash, I probably still would have bought that extra beer that night and that extra pack of cigarettes, and I would have been outta' money with no gas and a lot more of Route 2 to drive across. I couldn't just hit an ATM like most people because I never save any of the money that I make and would find a trip to the money machine useless and very, very depressing.

• Battle of the Bands

Three out of four ain't bad

By Adam Crowley
Maine Campus staff

The Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Sophomore Owls at Wells Commons last Saturday night was exciting, interesting, relaxing and ultimately terrifying.

Allow me to elaborate, please. The engaging Gypsy Midgets opened up the night. They really warmed up the crowd with their harmonica-wailing, guitar-shivering style.

They got the people in the crowd—those cold, dark sticks standing in the gloom between the stage and the fenced-off bar—to dance.

Their original music was great and they played passionately. They sang an original song called "Whoopie Pie" about, they said, Whoopie. And aside from the often mangled, kite-flying lyrics, the song was great. The crowd was into it. The band eased us into the evening painlessly and made us want to stick around.

Next, Short Bus came up to play. They assured me that their name had nothing to do with that insipid, banal, trite, grotesque hunk of bloody snot that globs onto the pages of this paper from time to time, and that they had no idea how they had come to share their name with that offal.

They were promoting their CD, "Roots", and to my untrained ears sounded great. They sounded a bit like the music in most luxury car ads. This is not an insult.

Judging from the audience response, the mad rush of people who rushed up to be able to dance in front of - or just sit closer to - the music, people really enjoyed Short Bus. They were so much better than that abomination in the paper.

The Groove Diggers made everyone dance a dance of perpetual falling, falling and flailing but never landing. They were the most entertaining band of the evening.

They used a variety of interments to play swingish/dance music that stirred up the entire congregation into a shivering, laughing, and dancing herd. I believe that the bar was empty while they played. That's quite a feat here at UMaine. They had some great original songs, too. It was hard to tell who was smiling more, the band or the audience. Thank you, Groove Diggers!

Spork made me want to hang myself from the highest tree in the land.

An observation: he's maybe 10 years old, and he's swaddled in enough black to make the far side of the moon jealous. Barely 30 inches from his ear there is a speaker as large as he is, probably heavier.

Before him, in the pit, there spin and churn boys who flail their arms about and twist their torsos spastically. They are all smiling along and twitching to the music, nodding as the angst-ridden child on the platform doubles himself over and screams "F**k" just as loud as he can into the microphone. The bloody speaker

is right next to the kid's ear!

Let me tell you a little bit more about the child of the platform. He started off by telling us how intense and powerful his show was, and warned us to all keep an open mind, and later, in a fit of comic inspiration, made a joke about "dueling retards."

The show was not intense. Sex is intense. The show was not powerful. The A-bomb or the wind...that's power.

No, the show was not what its creators claimed it was. Allow me to spell this out. The show was dumb. It vomited up an ocean of hate, and I watched a child slip into that cesspool with a grin. I suppose they got their message across because I now hate Spork almost as much as Spork hates Spork.

It was dumb because it was nothing more than emotional masturbation. It was emotional masturbation because it was self-centered bitching. It was self-centered bitching because it was totally focused on the expulsion of inner rage and not one bit concerned what the spreading of hate to those who did share their TOTALLY UNDEFINED HATE. This was hate for hate's sake.

Is it better for a child to feel hate or joy? I'm not allotted enough space in this paper to get too far into that issue, but figure it out. They did in Berlin, the hard way.

Case in point: the 10-year-old in the Marilyn Manson T-shirt began to smile when the other children began, on stage, to scream about pain and misery AND NOTHING ELSE (that last part is important to anyone who wants to try and refute me. Don't miss it. If you do, my argument will squash you).

The little boy was not yet raging along with his mentors, thrice his physical age, when I first saw him by the speaker. He only looked confused as hell. But he was starting to, I could see, fall into it. The slow twitching. The grin of an ape.

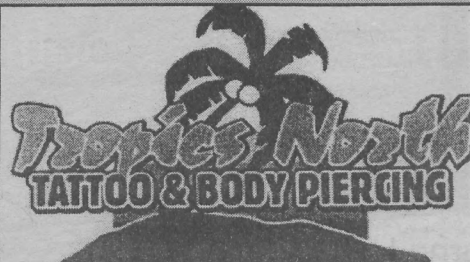
I turned to someone to comment on how stupid the music was, they nodded, oblivious to what I was saying because they could not hear me over the "F**ks" ejaculating from the speakers.

Turning back to the kid, I saw that the boy was now smiling and enjoying the show on the same emotional level as the flailing, whooping, spinning and DESTROYED cretins who stood with slack-jaws and glass eyes near him. And he was so close to that speaker, so incredibly close, that he'd placed his hands on another speaker, this one only waist high (to him) in order to keep the goddamn sound waves from knocking him over. His knuckles were white and he was smiling the widest of smiles! I fled.

I grabbed by jacket, ripped it off the hanger, and hauled ass out of Wells Commons. No, I did not tell someone to get the kid to back away from the speaker. I just spun my spine, and I ran. I ran down the hall, I ran down the stairs, I ran out the door. I ran away.

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TGIF JAZZ



Dr. Bregman, part of NeoBop, played at TGIF Jazz last Friday. (Michael Zubik photo.)

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yet another person begging, "Do it, Tiny. Do the hula hoop trick, Tiny."

Lissow, being the youngest of the three, connected most with the college audience.

He described how much easier it is talking to college adults rather than the comedy club regulars he plays to in the South. He found it more difficult to deal with an awkward silence in response to "Who went to college?" than it is to ask the audience if they ever knew anybody who worked on a collage.

Jokes about public drunkenness seemed to make the UMaine audience laugh.

Lissow said, "I had a friend who drank so much that when he took the Breathalyzer test, he got a number so high, he got to put his initials in the machine."

I believe this joke was tailored for the Double Dragon-addict demographic. It worked for me.

Lissow finished with a hilarious impression of Kermit the Frog singing "Why Are There So Many Songs about Rainbows?" He explained that Kermit must have been stoned at the time because, as Lissow put it, "I can't think of one damn song about rainbows. What is

he talking about?"

If anyone of the three could be considered a headliner of the night it was Ester, a cross between the build of Conan O'Brien and the personality of a motivational speaker on speed (much more speed than normal motivational speakers, of course).

Ester walked up and down the aisles, stood on chairs, asked the audience personal questions making it look more like a talk show, except with much less chair-throwing and fewer lesbian threesomes.

Ester admired the audience's honesty to his unique style of delivery. "You guys laugh if a joke's funny then look at me as if to say 'All right, that was funny. Next joke. Let's keep them coming. I paid a dollar here.'"

He also tried to connect with the college audience by describing his own personal experience in his freshman year with jokes about the R.A.s counting to about 40 during a fire drill and an impression of the overly-enthused, borderline-psychotic fall orientation leader. Imagine if everyone you met at college was like that. "Man, this is going to be a long four years," said Ester.

My personal favorite was his story of how to make designated driving fun.

"Drive your hammered friend to a car wash and then tell him, 'Hey, buddy, we're at your house. You better get inside, it is pouring out there.'" I wrote that idea down.

Overall, the Ester, Lissow and Glover trio captured a lively responsive, and laughter-stricken audience. Instead of each comedian trying to out-do their opener, they built upon their collective confidence that really made you realize that they were just a few friends touring the country, supporting and teasing each other, and making young college students laugh at their team-effort comedy.

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• Men's hoop

Building blocks to success

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus staff

If there is one fact that one can take to the bank in sports, it's that successful teams have great players and coaches. Of course one needs to throw in some luck, chemistry and other intangibles, but for the most part the rule is good personnel equals a good team.

Which brings us to the essence of how college sports get this personnel.

Recruiting.

We all sort of know which teams here at the University of Maine have stellar recruiting and which teams don't.

Shawn Walsh obviously gets a scoop of cream from the hockey crop. The Kariya family alone has provided a fat gallon of the stuff. Women's basketball is also a growing juggernaut of fine recruiting.

On the flip side, we also suspect which coaches have less fun with the recruiting process. Usually, it's no fault of their own, such as the soccer teams, which have a recruiting budget that barely rivals the paycheck of a Burger King worker.

Each of these situations has a snowball effect. Winning attracts winners, thus, those programs thrive year after year. The less successful programs have to take the best available athletes after the bigger, richer schools have had their pick of the litter.

So the question becomes how does a traditionally mediocre team here at Maine hope to break this vicious cycle?

In the case of the men's basketball team, Director of Athletics Suzanne Tyler knew the answer three years ago. It all starts with coaching, and continues with coaching that promotes improved recruiting.

When John Giannini was brought in, Tyler had no guarantees but knew that she had a proven winner at the helm. After all, Giannini had a dizzying 110-12 record in his last four years at D-III Rowan College. In that time, he brought his team to the Final Four three times and seized a national championship in 1996.

He was ready for D-I all right.

What Tyler didn't know was how much better the recruiting was going to become as a result. Giannini himself couldn't have known that he would corral transfers from Temple, Illinois, Northwestern and Boston College, but the bottom line is that they are here.

Suddenly, the impossible chore of turning a losing program into a long-term powerhouse is slowly happening.

One can feel it in the air, and rival America East coaches have let on that they feel it too. Let's explore the 1999-2000 men's basketball team that you can look forward to.

Andy Bedard: The general. When the Rumford native announced his transfer from BC to Maine, people talked the

talk. He walked the walk. This first team All-Conference guard made things happen this year, and he'll make 'em happen next year.

Huggy Dye: One of the most entertaining and emotionally charged people you will ever see play at Alford Arena. This highly recruited MCI guard was highly recruited for a reason. He was a basket here or there from taking the conference Rookie of the Year award and represents the future of Black Bear leadership.

Nate Fox: Giannini said this BC transfer would be a great America East player. He is. Rival coaches wondered at times if this 6'9" forward who can hit threes could be stopped. The answer on several occasions was no.

Julian Dunkley: He started 28 of 30 games for Temple last year. Temple, the team in the Sweet 16 right now you ask? Yes. He's 6'10" and hits threes like lay-ups. Feel free to smile right now.

Carvell Ammons: 6'6" transfer from the Big 10. Averaged nearly 10 points a game as a freshman starter for Northwestern before transferring to Illinois briefly. Also shoots well outside. Still smiling?

Colin Haynes: Whenever you see the word "depth" in sports it's because of players like Haynes. Last year, he was the seventh best freshman rebounder in the country and, at 6'7," shot 38 percent from behind the arc. Is there a Larry Bird pattern developing here? We're not trying to get carried away here, but there seem to be an awful lot of oak trees on this team who shoot from downtown.

Dade Faison: Perhaps the best ball handler on the team. He has started 28 games for the Bears in his career so he knows the ropes. Was third in the conference in assists last year.

Corey Thibodeau: The Old Town native is always a fan favorite. Plays tough defense and has seen action in the majority of games in his career. Nice outside shot gives depth at guard.

Todd Tibbets: Played 25 of 27 games his freshman year before redshirting this season. At 6'7" he represents yet another big guy for Giannini to call upon.

Jamar Croom: He's 6'8," 250 pounds, and the perhaps the strongest player on the team. Spent last year recovering from a significant knee injury and needs a little sandpaper to reach his potential.

Jeremy Thombs: Maine native is a walk-on who has a nice shot but will find difficulty climbing the depth chart.

Tom Waterman: An All-State athlete in three sports for Bangor High can't hurt. Redshirted this year but should be active next season to provide depth at guard.

Andre Riley: Freshman recruit from Toronto is 6'9" and chose Maine over a slew of other schools.

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• Men's hockey

Scenes from the final four

Bill Stewart
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This year's edition of the Hockey East semifinals set a new attendance record as Boston College, New Hampshire and Maine fans came out in droves.

The FleetCenter resembled a carnival-like atmosphere, as witnessed here with a BC student who was crowd surfing after the Eagles scored against UNH in the championship game. Each school brought its own chants and cheers, although it was BC's E-A-G-L-E-S chant that rocked the building in dramatic fashion.

The Black Bears were eliminated by BC in the semifinals, but managed to get a hold of some of the more electrifying players in the league, including Eagle forward Blake Bellefeuille. Bellefeuille, who was the tournament MVP, is shown here getting knocked to the ice by Maine forwards Ben Guite and Barrett Heisten.

Although the Eagles defended their Hockey East title, the real winners this weekend were the fans, who showered the FleetCenter with a thundering display of emotion and school spirit.



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the end of the game," BC coach Jerry York said. "We made good, smart decisions."

"It was a bitterly disappointing loss," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "It was a typical game of hockey that's a game of inches, and the inches didn't go our way tonight. Fortunately, we get another week to play, but it doesn't take the sting out of this one."

Three goals, two scored by BC, were reviewed by the higher-ups while a near-capacity FleetCenter crowd patiently held its breath.

After some lengthy deliberations, all three goals stood. Following the game, Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna addressed the media, where he cited the officials' reasoning.

After Barrett Heisten staked the Bears to a 1-0 lead just three minutes into the opening period, BC's Blake Bellefeuille evened the game eight minutes later.

The goal was redirected in via a skate, but after reviewing the play, it was Black Bear forward Ben Guite who accidentally knocked it in.

From there, the Eagles never looked back. Backboned by the timely play of netminder Scott Clemmensen and that of its crafty, slick forwards, BC continued the successful defending of its title.

Trailing 2-1 in the second period, Maine fought to gain either a physical or mental edge in the game, only to have Bellefeuille notch the game winner in another goal the on-ice officials couldn't make the call.

Bellefeuille, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, stuffed home a loose puck in the crease after Maine goalie Alfie Michaud was involved

in a pile up.

Although BC's Brian Gionta was piled up in the crease, it was ruled that because Michaud was out of the crease any opposing player could be in it.

"Last year, they went upstairs in the finals," Bellefeuille said. "No matter what happened [with the outcome of the replay] we were just going to try to come back and get another transition goal."

"Fortunately for our team, it came out our way. I feel pretty lucky about it."

Although falling short of blaming the officials, Walsh was visibly upset after the game.

"The problem was that Alfie couldn't get back into the crease, but these things happen," he said. Clearly Gionta was in the crease and Alfie was out of it, however no referee would call interference.

"Who knows, if one of those replays goes our way, we're playing in overtime right now."

But they didn't. And, despite scoring a goal that was reviewed in the closing minutes of the third period, Maine's bid to win its first conference tournament championship since 1993 fell short.

Clemmensen, who was placed on the all-tournament team, stopped 33 of Maine's 35 shots, with many coming on odd-man rushes and other high-percent-age situations.

"I thought our goaltender, Scott Clemmensen, made some terrific saves," York said. "Far and away his best effort of the year."

"Going into the playoffs, you want to be at the top of your game," Clemmensen said. "They kept me busy, mentally as well as physically."



The referee has to step in between Maine's Brendan Walsh and BC's Brian Gionta during Friday's semifinal game at the FleetCenter. (Jason Canniff photo.)

BC

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Well, they stormed into the lead.

Fourth-line right winger David Busch and Jason Shipulski set a new Hockey East record by scoring goals 10 seconds apart to pull UNH within one.

"We spotted BC three goals and that probably isn't the way to play the championship game," Umile said. "But we beat them in the second period."

And in the third stanza, with the Eagles buckling down, the Wildcats pulled even for the first time in the game.

Wildcat left winger Johnny Rogers scored a backhanded goal with under five minutes remaining in the game to knot the score, sending the contest into overtime.

"It was a great hockey game," Umile said.

• Men's hockey

Maine to face Ohio State

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It wasn't like the selection day for the NCAA basketball tournaments. Sure, there were some bubble teams, but, as Brendan Walsh says, "it was a more quiet expectation."

With members of the University of Maine men's hockey team huddled inside the Dexter Lounge inside the Alford Arena for selection Sunday, the NCAA Selection Committee unveiled Maine's fate.

And the Black Bears were awarded the third seed in the East regionals for the NCAA Tournament.

The Black Bears, who are 27-6-4, are making their first trip to the NCAA playoffs since the 1994-95 season and will go up against sixth-seeded Ohio State.

The teams will square off at 5 p.m. at the Worcester Centrum Friday night.

Ohio State, which went to the Final Four last year, bowed out of the CCHA semifinals, and as a result was shipped out to the East regionals.

Despite winning the Hockey East tournament, Boston College was shipped into the West bracket as the four seed. The Eagles will play fifth-seeded Northern Michigan with the winner having the ominous task of playing No. 1 North Dakota.

Here is a look at how the NCAA Tournament shapes up:

East Region

New Hampshire and Clarkson were awarded first round byes with the Wildcats hammering down the No.

1 seed.

Although some felt Maine could have slipped in as the two seed, Clarkson captured the ECAC regular season and tournament championship, which the selection committee didn't overlook.

In what could be the most intriguing first-round matchup, the Michigan Wolverines and Denver Pioneers will square off in the Worcester Centrum this Friday as the fourth- and fifth-seeded teams, respectively.

The winner will play UNH, while the emerging victor of Maine-Ohio State will take on Clarkson.

"I'm disappointed we didn't get a bye," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "However, at least we're staying in the East region."

West Regionals

North Dakota and Michigan State — despite failing to win their respective conference tournaments — anchor the top two seeds in the west.

North Dakota will play the winner of Boston College-Northern Michigan. Northern Michigan, which fell to Michigan in the CCHA championship game, was on the bubble yesterday before slipping in.

"It surprised me they stayed out west," Walsh said.

The other matchup features third-seeded Colorado College and sixth-seeded St. Lawrence. The winner will play Michigan State.

Maine went 5-4-1 this season against current teams in the national tournament.

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• Men's hockey

BC defends crown

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

BOSTON, Mass. — Rarely does a much-anticipated showdown featuring two of the nation's top teams ever live up to its billing.

It doesn't matter the sport, the situation or the setting — whatever the circumstances, most heavyweight bouts usually transform into lightweight letdowns.

But, in the Hockey East championship game, Boston College and the University of New Hampshire exceeded all expectations, giving the raucous 14,278 onlookers more than their money's worth.

After building a 4-1 lead through the first period of play, BC held on to defeat top-seeded UNH, 5-4, in overtime.

Blake Bellefeuille scored the game winner from the near circle on a shot that found its way past Wildcat goalie Ty Conklin, who was making his second start in as many nights for the first time this season.

"I'm disappointed we didn't play well in overtime," said UNH coach Dick Umile, whose Wildcats trounced Providence, 6-2, in the semifinals. "We didn't play great in overtime. I don't call it a devastating loss [because] we played in the championship game."

BC, which entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed, knocked off the top two seeds to complete its impressive run as back-to-back Hockey East champions.

"We played our best hockey of the year," BC coach Jerry York said. "In overtime we wanted to force the issue."

And force the issue they did. The Eagles, who will play in the NCAA Tournament as the fourth seed in the West regionals, outshot UNH 7-0 in the extra frame before Bellefeuille sent the BC faithful in a ferocious frenzy.

Bellefeuille, who scored four goals in the league's Final Four, blasted a rising cannon from the right faceoff circle as the over-

time period slowly approached the midway point.

The game-winning goal came off a turnover in the UNH zone.

"I picked [the puck] up and tried to bring it to the net," Bellefeuille said. "[UNH goalie Ty] Conklin was a little out of angle and luckily I got it top corner."

"I didn't think we played that bad in overtime," Conklin said following the game. "They just made some things happen."

Unlike the previous night, where BC topped Maine 3-2 in the league semifinals, the Eagles enjoyed a large, comfortable lead on Bellefeuille's first of the night and a pair of goals from Jeff Farkas.

Farkas, who has 31 goals on the year, opened the game's scoring with a little more than two minutes elapsed in the first period.

The resident of Williamsville, N.Y., came streaking down the right wing and beat Wildcat captain and defenseman Steve O'Brien one-on-one, giving the Eagles a clear odd-man rush.

Conklin, whose Wildcats earned the No. 1 seed in the East regionals that begin this weekend in Worcester, Mass., played for the centering pass, but Farkas kept it himself.

"I just beat him to the short side," Farkas said.

After Farkas added another six minutes later, Bellefeuille put the Eagles up by three on a nifty goal that came off a pretty play from defenseman Bobby Allen.

Allen, who come down from the right point, worked deked UNH defenseman Jayme Filipowicz and slipped a clean pass to Bellefeuille, who quickly banged it past Conklin.

"I faked it around Filipowicz and I saw Blake in the slot and I gave it to him," Allen said, "and he put it top shelf."

Despite being down three entering the second period, the Wildcats, and their explosive offense, chipped into the lead.

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Chad Onufrechuk passes the puck to linemate John Sadowski as Boston College defenseman Rob Scuderi attempts to break it up during the first period of the championship game. (Jason Canniff photo.)

• Men's hockey

Eagles replay memories

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

BOSTON, Mass. — Upon further review, much of last season's Hockey East championship game spilled over into Friday night's semifinal contest between the same two schools.

In a game riddled with instant

replay controversy and some heavy end-to-end action, Boston College tipped the University of Maine 3-2 to advance to Saturday's final.

It marked the second consecutive year the Eagles, now 25-11-4, defeated the Black Bears by a score of 3-2 in the Hockey East Final Four.

It marked the second consecutive year BC had to come from behind to upend Maine.

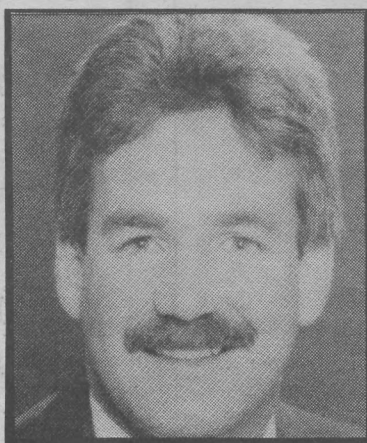
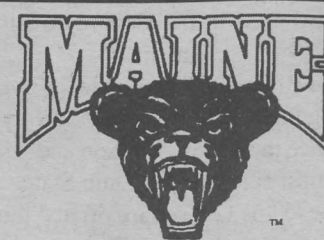
More significantly, however, it marked the second consecutive year where the use of instant replay factored into the equation.

"I thought we played well at

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



(file photo.)

"It was a bitterly disappointing loss," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said following his team's 3-2 loss in the Hockey East semifinals to Boston College.

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