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Maine Campus Staff
Bailey admits mistake

By Kathleen Brennan

The plan to move the department of communication and journalism into the College of Business, Management and Public Policy, as written in A Framework for Change/AF-FIRM, has been reconsidered.

After a letter drafted by communication and journalism faculty and the department's meeting Tuesday with Judith Bailey, Vice President of Academic Affairs, this particular aspect of AFFIRM was called "a serious mistake," by Bailey.

"We've gone through a thunderstorm, but the sun has come out again," said Stuart Bullion, department chair.

"There is no national precedent for having communication and journalism departments housed within a business college," Bullion said if the plan had been followed through, it would have been difficult to recruit students and teachers interested in journalism and communication.

"We really didn't have an attitude," Bullion said. "We just said this is not negotiable." Bullion said he understands the administration's thinking putting journalism in a business department, since there are precedences for advertising, marketing and public relations departments in colleges of business, but he said this is not what his department is about.

Bullion said that because of his interaction with the administration, he was not surprised when Bailey announced the plan was inadequate at Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting. He added it is still not clear where communication and journalism will be housed, but he hopes and believes it will be located in liberal arts.

Though this is a step in the right direction for the department, Bullion said there are still a number of AFFIRM proposals that could be detrimental to the department.

Whether the department will stay a department or be demoted to a program is still on the table, as well as the future of the advertising concentration.

"We are still concerned about the faculty strength in our department," Bullion said.

The advertising concentration's future is still uncertain. Currently, there is only one advertising teacher and that position will be off the payroll in the 1996-'97 academic year, unless the department can re-open a professor search. If the position is not reopened, half of the journalism majors will be out of a teacher and out of a concentration.

Bullion calls these concerns "separate issues," to be dealt with individually.

The communication and journalism department is unusual in that it pulls in revenue, if the advertising concentration was cut, revenue would be affected.

"For every dollar we bring in, we raise $1.45," Bullion said. "If I could find a stock like that, I would be sure to invest in it."

Besides bringing in revenue, the department also boasts having a high job placement rate.

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Paper mill pollution potential danger to area rivers

By Kathryn Ritchie

Staff Writer

Did you know that all the major Maine rivers are posted with fish advisories, suggesting that men eat only one pound of fish a month and that women of child-bearing age eat none? Welcome to the realities of water pollution.

"We're dealing with a legacy of the past," said Clem Fay, fisheries program manager at the Penobscot Nation Water Resource Program in Old Town. "The types of water pollution we had in the 1950s and '60s were distinct and obvious, like fish dying. The problem is that what we're left with is the most difficult to deal with."

A few years ago, the river advisory suggested men eat only a half pound of fish a month, which signifies the massive clean-up process the rivers have gone through. Fay credits this to the Clean Water Acts of the 1970s and the emergence of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, which set levels of allowable pollutants for all businesses that discharge wastewater into the river.

Currently, the Penobscot and Stillwater Rivers are classified as "B" rivers on a use-oriented scale, according to Dave Courtemanche, the director of environmental assessment at the Department of Environmental Protection. This means that the rivers are safe for swimming, fishing and water recreation. Courtemanche added that there was not a huge amount of difference between the river ratings of "A," "B" and "C."

The "B" rating suggests that there is one in 1,000 risk of contracting a water-borne disease. This number is determined by the river's bacteria count of E. coli, which comes from human or animal waste. Though not always as dangerous as some fear, a high E. coli count is indicative of other pollutants being in the water as well, according to Fay.

The other pollutant more directly affecting the university is the presence of two sides of the abortion issue find common ground.

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The Stillwater River in Orono. (File Photo.)
Spain commemorates birth of painter

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spain launched a year of commemorations of one of its favorite artistic sons, Francisco de Goya, with the opening today of an exhibition marking the 250th anniversary of his birth.

King Juan Carlos inaugurated the show at the Prado, where 128 of the museum's own works by Goya will be displayed alongside 42 pieces brought in from collectors and museums abroad.

The exhibit, which closes June 2, comes on the heels of a controversy triggered by last month's discovery of a painting in a Madrid storeroom that Prado curators said was a previously uncatalogued Goya.

Within days, the embarrassed experts — including Prado director Jose Maria Luzon — admitted the painting was by a minor 19th-century artist.

The faux pas rekindled a debate over genuine and mistaken Goyas, particularly in the light of the acknowledgment last fall by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art that only seven of its 16 Goyas were genuine.

In one case, the Met agreed that its "The Majas on the Balcony" (Las Majas al Balcon) was a copy of one owned by a private Swiss collector. The real one will be on show at the Prado.

Arafat’s wife tells of life with a PLO leader

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Suha Arafat threw back her head and laughed heartily when asked whether her husband, Yasser Arafat, sings nursery rhymes to his 8-month-old daughter, Zahwa.

"No, he whistles to her," she said. "I tell him, 'Talk to her. Don't whistle.' But he doesn't listen...."

Relaxing at the couple's villa in Gaza City, Mrs. Arafat spoke with The Associated Press about the challenges she faces as the wife of one of the world's most controversial leaders — and as a Westernized woman living in a male-dominated community that thrives on gossip.

"There’s a lot of stress around me. I do one hour of aerobics every day to release the tensions," she said, adding with a twinkle in her brown eyes: "Thank God for (beauty) creams. They hide the bags under my eyes."

When Mrs. Arafat, 32, first came to Gaza City in July 1994, few thought the Sorbonne-educated woman with the long blond hair and French haute-couture outfits would settle down in Gaza, where there are no theaters, fancy restaurants, museums or fashion boutiques.

She has been determined to make a home for her family in Gaza. She has weathered the jibes of Palestinians shocked by her expensive tastes and by her decision to deliver her baby in Paris and hire a British nanny.

Hijacked passengers returned to Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Passengers of an Egypt Air jetliner hijacked to Libya were flown back to Cairo today, after posing for souvenir photographs with Libyan leader Moammar Gadafi.

The 145 passengers, including 16 Americans, arrived at Cairo International Airport from the Libyan port city of Benghazi, where they spent the night after Wednesday's hijacking.

Tourism Minister Mamboub el-Beltagui greeted them, apologizing for the "hard experience" and inviting them to a gala dinner at government expense.

Cairo had been their original destination: The Egypt Air A320 Airbus from Jiddah, Saudi Arabia was about five minutes away from landing in Cairo when an Egyptian man forced his way into the cockpit demanding to go to Libya.

In an interview today with Egypt's Middle East News Agency, the pilot, Amenhotep Nassar, said when he told the hijacker he didn’t have enough fuel to fly to Libya, the man pulled out a cigarette lighter and tried to set fire to a bag of what looked like explosives.

The hijackers, a man and two teen-age boys, surrendered in Libya five hours later and demanded an audience with world leaders so they could convey a message from God.

Five Americans killed in tragic bus rollover

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bus carrying a U.S. university tour group rolled into a ditch on the way to the Taj Mahal today, killing five Americans, the U.S. Embassy said.

The embassy said four students were hospitalized. A newspaper said at least 18 students were injured but the report could not be immediately confirmed.

The bus overturned in the ditch as it was trying to pass another vehicle. The Indian bus driver and a tour guide also were killed in the accident in northern India.

There were 30 people on the bus — 27 Americans, the Indian guide and two Indian drivers.

The bus crashed around midnight near Bhiinnagar, a village 15 miles north of Agra, where the 17th century monument to love is located.

In Agra, Dr. Munish Gupta said four students were in stable condition in his private Parekh Nursing Home. Three had fractured limbs and one had head injuries, he said.

Rescuers had to slice off the roof of the bus, lying on its side, to reach passengers, according to the Amar Ujala, a newspaper published in Agra. The newspaper quoted witnesses as saying the bus was going too fast and the driver lost control on a bend.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather
Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Tuesday's Outlook
Variable clouds with scattered flurries. Highs in the mid to upper 30s.

Extended Forecast
Sunday... Fair. Monday... Rain and snow developing. Tuesday... Snow and mixed precipitation ending then clearing.
Women in Curriculum

Both sides of abortion debate condemn violence

By Svetlana Popova
Staff Writer

In the first successful attempt of its kind nationally, people from both sides of the abortion debate in Maine got together to discuss common ground and identify ways to decrease the potential for violence, two of the participants said Tuesday.

“We all agreed that both sides should condemn violence. It doesn’t work — it never has,” said Betheda Edmonds, children’s librarian at Freeport’s B. H. Bartol Library.

Edmonds and Sharon Barker, director of UMaine’s Women’s Resource Center, along with another member, represented the pro-choice perspective of the abortion debate in the seven-member Committee For Common Ground, sponsored by Gov. Angus King. Edmonds and Barker spoke about the results of the committee’s deliberations as part of UMaine’s Women in the Curriculum lunch series.

A concern over the potential for further violence was sparked in Maine by two murders in abortion clinics in Massachusetts last year, Edmonds said.

“Gov. King decided to put together a commission for common ground,” Edmonds said. “(He) sought recommendations from both pro-choice and pro-life people.”

The committee met for seven consecutive Saturdays in the spring of 1995. A neutral facilitator helped ensure the peacefulness and productivity of the discussions.

“Remarkable things happened,” Edmonds said. “All of us got to make friends although we had thought we couldn’t stay in the same room together.”

Barker agreed.

“Congeniality at the table, real respect and common understanding of the importance of our task was the underlying tone (of all our discussions),” Barker said.

All members of the committee came to believe that effective communication between the opposing sides of the abortion issue is the key to avoiding the danger of violence.

“We realized that the discussion should be expanded,” Edmonds said. “Seven people was good, but 700 and 7,000 would be better.”

The committee recommended that the governor create a statewide forum for public reasoning to promote dialogue between the two sides of the abortion debate. If adequate funding is provided, the project will involve individuals of various ages, beliefs and occupations in discussion groups across several communities in Maine.

“We have the governor’s encouragement, and we are going to proceed with the search for funding,” Edmonds said.

Both Edmonds and Barker emphasized that true dialogue will be possible only if the discussion process within each group continues for at least six months.

“Participants need to be committed and to know each other,” Edmonds said.

The members of the committee also realized that it is important to have an experienced facilitator to mediate the discussion.

“(In the abortion debate) people get very vehement, often because they feel they are not being listened to,” Edmonds said.

The relevance of the point was demonstrated clearly during the discussion.

On March 25th, the new “Campus Walking Companion” program started. The service will be available 7 nights a week to all campus students. The hours are:

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AFFIRM

but the future home of the department, or program, as it is slated in the collegiate restructuring plan, has not been decided.

Much of the debate surrounding the AFFIRM document was about the lack of state money given to the university system. In 1990, 10 percent of the state's budget went toward the system. Now the system receives 7.6 percent. Bailey reiterated that the low priority the state is giving the system is essentially the root of the university's problems.

"We have to convince the state that public education in this state," said Bailey. "I do not know if this is going to turn around, so in the mean time we have to make statements about our ability to be responsive."

Much of the crowd consisting of faculty agreed that cutting faculty was not the answer.

"The faculty are taking a tremendous hit," Bailey said. "But you don't reduce the budget without reducing personnel."

Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities Leslie Flemming agreed with Bailey and said too much of the university's budget is tied up in personnel. She said about 90 percent of the university's budget goes to personnel.

"There's no place else to make the cuts," she said.

The question of how the colleges were to be reconfigured was also discussed. Dean of the College of Sciences Dagmar Cronn said the process consisted of all seven colleges being dissolved and five being formed in their place. She used a card game as an analogy to describe the shifting of programs and departments. When each department or program was "picked," then they were put in the colleges that seemed most appropriate.

Brucher said his problem with the card analogy is that they were "playing solitaire."

Although most of the discussion surrounded the proposed cuts, Bailey did address a few areas not touched by the AFFIRM plan.

Bailey said facilities were not going to take a cut because of the cuts they have had in the past. Also, library acquisitions are a main priority of the university, as is financial aid.

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following the talk when at one point the atmosphere got quite heated. Nurse practitioner Shellee Morcom of Cutler Health Center's Women's Health Clinic expressed her admiration for the efforts of the committee, to which anti-abortion activist and UMaine professor of geology Terrance Hughes answered by vocally attacking the speakers' positions. Hughes' unwillingness to comply with the speakers' requests to stop disrupting the discussion prompted a wave of vocal protests from the rest of the audience.

Edmonds and Barker pointed out that the situation was very illustrative of the typical clash between pro-life and pro-choice activists. Therefore, the committee tried to address precisely this problem in its recommendations. Barker said.

"Controlled, facilitated discussions are needed so that people could feel safe and listened to. This issue still burns for everybody, and we want to have a good discussion, so we can keep (the tension) at reasonable level," Barker said.

Mistake

especially in advertising.

Bullion said a recent advertising graduate was named the Maine Press Association's advertising person of the year. He added she recently wrote the department a letter, regarding the AFFIRM document, which had some interesting real world advice.

"She said there is a market out there (for advertising majors). If UMaine doesn't have a program, the jobs will still exist," Bullion said. "Those jobs will be filled by others (out of state)."

Bullion said he has faith that the administration will listen to more of the department's concerns.

"Judi Bailey said...she feels some parties won't be satisfied, but she hopes to satisfy as many interests as possible," Bullion added. "We are hopeful."

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Award-winning poet recalls brutal regime

By Paul Livingstone

Attracting the largest group this semester, Thursday's Socialist/Marxist Luncheon explored the realm of poetry. The featured speaker was Marjorie Agosin, a native Chilean and prize-winning poet.

Agosin left her country at the age of 14, but has returned once or twice since then to work and write for the protection of her people, particularly the women of Latin America, from whom much of her inspiration arises.

"I come from a tradition of poets," she said. Her family, who all enjoyed poetry, was a great influence on her. Her outlook also indicates an inclination for poetry.

"I feel that poetry, in a way, contains this world, the world in which we live.

The people of Chile were the victims of a brutal military regime in the 1970s and 1980s, and, along with similar regimes in other Latin American countries, constituted a major disaster for human rights. People disappeared on the shelves of a library," said Riesco-Luszczynska.

Laura Riesco-Luszczynska, associate professor of romance languages at UMaine, caught the audience's attention with a spirited introduction.

"Let me just tell you that her work is not lost on the shelves of a library," said Riesco-Luszczynska.

Agosin has several awards for her work, including the Latino Literature Prize in Poetry.

Her poetry ranges back through history, too, from Adam and Eve to explorations into Jewish tradition to the more recent trials of Anne Frank during the holocaust.

Poetry of Chile, Agosin said, is "cultural trauma,

"Cultural trauma, in a way, is the trauma of a whole country, or a whole people, the trauma of the state which is mentored by the mighty, that is the trauma of the state."

Her poems or passages from her work, both in Spanish and English. She writes exclusively in Spanish, but recently, this work has been translated to English. Unfortunately, she feels the translation doesn't often do her poetry justice because, she said, "Spanish is the language of my heart."

The admiration of the strong women of Latin America that survived and resisted dictatorial governments is prominent in her work. Among others, the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, a group of 14 women who demonstrated in the face of Argentina's military, is of particular note.

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From the intensity of her poetry to the conviction of her views, it is apparent that she feels the importance of propagating these emotions.

"In Latin America, the language of poetry is also the language of politics," she said. "The poets there do not see themselves as elite, but as visionaries or witnesses.

After her readings concluded, she encouraged questions, responses and interpretations.

"That's the beauty of literature and language: you can interpret so many things from them."

River

rivers is dioxin, which is a by-product of paper production. Dioxin was not discovered as a threat until the 1980s and has since been linked with cancer and reproductive side effects, according to Fay.

Dioxin gradually accumulates in a person's body without producing immediate side effects. One particular area that accumulates is in women's breast milk, making dioxin a danger a mother could easily pass on to her child.

"For improvement, paper companies have made process modifications to (releasing) non-detectable levels of dioxin," said Mike Curtis from the technical department at the James River Mill. He added that the company spends $15,000 a year for their own dioxin level testing.

But as Dan Kusnierz, the water resource program manager at PNPW explains, even non-detectable amounts can be harmful.

When the dioxin is released from the mill, water bacteria are the first to be exposed to it. This kicks off a chain reaction; water bugs eat the bacteria, fish eat the water bugs and people eat the fish. The amount of dioxin continues to build with the cycle.

"Who cares what a small amount it is," Kusnierz said. "The potential effects are still high."

Dioxin is used in the chemical bleaching process to whiten paper. Chlorinated dioxin has replaced a more dangerous gasous dioxin in the James River Mill, which has helped lower the levels.

"If you don't use the craft production method, you end up with fibers like a paper bag," said Curtis. "(And) the customer demands white paper."

Kusnierz describes the use of dioxin in paper bleaching a "political topic" because he sees the paper industry as "balking" at spending the money to lower the dioxin levels.

"You can make paper other ways (without dioxin), the technology exists," Kusnierz said. "The paper industry is looking to suppress this information and technology because there's so much capital involved in switching over."

Kusnierz stressed that his solution was not to close down the paper mills, but give the consumers more of a choice in the varieties of paper they can buy.

"There needs to be a huge marketing demand," Kusnierz said. "We need to ask, 'Do you really need your paper this white?'

On Indian Island, where both Fay and Kusnierz work, the residents are known to eat more than the average amount of fish and have a higher cancer rate, but studies are still being done to figure out how strongly the two are related.

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The nation mourns...

Flags fly at half mast for Maine native Edmund Muskie, who died Tuesday of heart failure. Muskie served both as a U.S. senator and Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter. (Gagne Photo.)

Brian Bernatchez
Vice-President of Firstmark Investment Corp.
will be on campus, Thursday, April 4th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Brian specializes in retirement planning for educators and has been assisting senior level faculty and staff at the University of Maine for nearly a decade.

If you would like to schedule a personal consultation with Brian, please call Nancy Gagne at 1-800-274-3476
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**Verdict**

**Saco man convicted of rape**

PORTLAND (AP) — A Saco man faces more than 60 years in prison after being found guilty of raping three women in secluded areas of the city between January and March of last year.

Thomas T. Wilcox, 34, offered the women rides and then drove them to remote areas. The victims testified this week in Cumberland County Superior Court that Wilcox threatened them with a gun and forced them to have sex with him. After the attack, Wilcox stole their clothes and drove off.

The jury deliberated 90 minutes Wednesday before finding Wilcox guilty of 13 felony charges, including gross sexual assault, kidnapping and robbery.

"This was a case where the evidence was exceptionally strong and he was an exceptionally dangerous sexual predator," said Deputy District Attorney Megan Elam. "In the realm of sex offenders, he's right at the top."

Wilcox will be sentenced later this week following a pre-sentence investigation that will include a sex offender evaluation, Elam said.

"I don't have any hope for his rehabilitation," Elam said. "I'm going to argue for a sentence that will keep Mr. Wilcox in jail until he is a very old man."

Wilcox was being held at the Cumberland County Jail in Portland Wednesday night, where he has been in custody for the past year. When the rapes occurred, he was free on bail on a charge of sexual assault, kidnapping and robbery.

Attorney Peter Warren, representing Wilcox, said Wednesday that he would not ask the judge to sentence Wilcox to a work-release program.

"Due to his failing health, as well as his failing cognitive abilities, neither he nor anyone who works with him could be assured of his reliability," Warren said.

"Any sentence would have to take into consideration his mental health," Warren added.

"Why do you think this referendum passed?" Brody asked during an exchange with Langsdorf.

The lawyer said it appeared that voters felt some veteran legislators held too much power.

**Free**

**Molestor released**

CHARLESTON (AP) — A 79-year-old Gray man who pleaded guilty in 1992 to child molestation was scheduled to be released today from the Charleston Correctional Center near Bangor.

Warren Cole, a former co-owner of the Cole Farms restaurant, faces probation for the next eight years.

Cole was arrested in January of 1992 and charged with molesting a boy in 1986. He later admitted to molesting 14 other youths over the last 20 years.

The charges shocked the community where Cole was well respected. Cole's family said Wednesday that he would not return to Gray or live with any relatives.

"Due to his failing health, as well as for his own safety, Warren will be staying at an undisclosed location temporarily before leaving Maine," said Brad Pollard, president of Cole Farms.

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Crisis

Freemen standoff with feds enters fifth day

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The “freemen” live in a world of their own. They formed their own shadow government, refuse to pay taxes and believe they are the chosen people, independent of any established authority.

As their standoff with federal agents moved into a fourth day at a sprawling wheat and sheep farm outside Jordan, those familiar with the militant anti-government group say it is rooted in racism and money woes.

“It was the Jews who brought the blacks into this country to destroy it. And it has, to this point, almost destroyed it unless we wake up,” one member proclaims, a videotape Rule group meeting broadcast Wednesday on ABC’s “Prime Time Live.”

Two freemen leaders, LeRoy Schweitzer, and Daniel Peterson Jr., were arrested Monday by the FBI, which is urging about a dozen others to surrender peacefully as more than 100 federal agents dot the surrounding countryside.

Schweitzer, Petersen and others face federal charges of writing millions of dollars in bogus checks and money orders and threatening to kidnap and murder a U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom. Billings, who was involved in the foreclosure of the property where the freemen have taken refuge. They also face state charges of criminal syndicalism, or advocating violence for political aims.

The arrests came a day after a meeting at the freemen’s compound at which Schweitzer outlined a plan to kidnap local government officials, ABC reported.

“We’ll travel in units of about 10 outfits, four men to an outfit, most of them with automatic weapons. What is else we got — shotguns, you name it,” he said on the videotape.

Should someone try to stop the freemen, Schweitzer said, “we’re going to have a standing order: Anyone obstructing justice, the order is shoot to kill.”

Kenneth Coulter, a Jordan resident who knows many of the freemen members, said the movement “was a salvation from their financial problems.”

Coulter said member Rodney Skurdal was instrumental in spreading the free men’s anti-government, anti-tax message. Skurdal is believed to be one of those agents holed up at the farm, said FBI Special Agent Tom Ernst in Billings.

“A lot of people thought Skurdal was the Messiah, their leader,” Coulter said. “His message was that the monetary system was illegal, they can avoid bankruptcy and foreclosure by setting up an independent entity that has to be negotiated with as independent state.”

“They placed a $1 million bounty on the local sheriff, judge and county attorney involved in the foreclosure of a freeman’s farm. Garfield County Sheriff Charles Phipps was told he would be hanged from a bridge if caught by the freemen.”

Prosecutors say the freemen’s financial scheme involves filing liens on property of those they see as enemies. Investigators said the freemen believe the millions of dollars in property subject to the liens give them a credit on which they can write checks. In this way, authorities said, at least $19.5 million in bad checks and phony money orders have been written.

The freemen allegedly used one such worthless money order to try to buy $1.4 million in military-style arms and ammunition for a force of 200 people. The money order bounced and the arms were never delivered.

Legislation

Republican Congress sends line-item veto to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inviting presidential intervention to combat federal deficits, the Republican-led Congress today sent the White House historic authority to kill specific items in spending bills.

The House approved so-called line-item veto legislation, 232-177, as part of a resolution setting the rules of debate for a separate measure extending the government’s borrowing authority. It followed a strong 69-31 vote of approval in the Senate on Wednesday.

President Clinton said the bill would “ensure that our public resources are put to the best possible uses during these times of tight budgets.”

Final passage came more than a year after the House and Senate passed different versions of the bill and after decades of debate over the wisdom of ceding legislative power of the purse to the executive branch.

“Without question it will result in lower, more responsible government spending,” said Republican Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Opponents argued it was an unconstitution and unprecedented giveaway of Congress’ power and said it would allow presidents to blackmail lawmakers by threatening to veto specific appropriations. They argued it would also allow presidents to increase spending and raise taxes.

“It’s the exact opposite of what we need, to prevent an ever-growing federal government,” said Rep. Stephen Blisk, D-Colo.

Judicial branch officials as well have expressed concern that the measure gives the executive branch excessive power to affect judicial branch budgets and thus influence its operations.

The bill gives the president the authority to single out for elimination specific spending programs. Tax benefits targeted at groups of 100 people or less and new entitlements included in larger appropriation bills. Currently, presidents can only veto spending bills as a whole, making it impossible to single out low priority or pork barrel spending items for deletion.

Like other vetoes, Congress could override the veto of a particular “line item” by a two-thirds majority.

“No longer will people get away with the time-honored practice of hiding appropriations,” said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., a chief sponsor of the bill.

The act must be renewed after eight years, giving Congress a chance to change or eliminate it if it’s found that lawmakers have given up too much power or that a president is abusing that power.

“The one thing we should not do is elect an invidious president,” said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who hopes to live in the White House next year. “I don’t think the present occupant is one of those challenging the president so we’ll be safe for the next four years, and probably eight.”

Dole and Clinton agreed last week that the line-item veto would not go into effect until January 1997, removing it as an issue in this election year.

The House has included the line-item veto in a package of Republican “Contract With America” items attached to a bill to raise the federal debt ceiling. House officials said the package contained language allowing the line-item veto bill to be considered independently so it can be sent to the president for signing.

Supporters said there have been more than 200 attempts to pass a line-item veto since the first known bill was introduced in the 1870s.

The Maine Campus

The Maine Campus is now accepting applications for the position of Editor in Chief.

Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter and some clips to The Maine Campus, 4th floor Chadbourne Hall.

All applicants must have past journalism experience.

Deadline: April 5

For more information, please stop by the Campus office on the fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall or call 581-1271.
Tim O'Brien, author of the class book, "The Things They Carried," addresses a crowd at the Maine Center for the Arts. (Page Photo.)

An enriching night as a bikini bar bimbo

By Monique Gibouleau
Staff Writer

I hate bikinis. I have hated them for a long time. But when I entered the bikini contest at Geddy’s Pub on Wednesday night, something surprised myself. There was money involved and prizes and well, being the typical impoverished college student, I thought of all I could do with 300 dollars for merely being judged the biggest babe in the place.

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Dana Robinson played traditional American music and music of the British Isles Tuesday night in the Peabody Lounge for Coffee House. (Newell Photo.)

Bikini

I was gorgeous and he adored me no matter what, I thought "well, I did it and didn't die. That's something, isn't it?"

I won anyway, having bonded with another woman and being told by guys that I had more guts than any of them could have mustered, that was enough I guess. Win or lose, I think I'm better for having done it. It isn't a specific feeling, just a feeling. Which is more than I expected.

This Weekend

Friday

Julie Barr
& Bill Burr
The Damn Yankee
9pm
cash bar with id

Saturday

Assassins
100 DPC
6:30 and 9:15 pm

Both are $1 w/UMaine Student ID $3 All Others

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Beer

A porter for the prudent palate

By James Wright
Arts Editor, beer drinker

The porter has a hint of coffee flavor that settles well on the taste buds. Surprisingly light for a porter, it has the drinkability of a much lighter beer, allowing the holder of the pint glass to refill again and again without achieving that after-Thanksgiving feeling that heavy beers have the tendency to do. If you’re feeling thirsty, then whet your whistle with a Winter Porter.

Next week the companion will drink a bunch of Samuel Adams’ new brew, Gold-n Pilsener. If it has Sammy’s picture on it, it must be good, but we shall see.

If you have any suggestions, comments or a sample of your latest batch of homebrew that you want to kick down, call 581-3061.

Cheers!

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LTP (little tiny puppy) seeks friendly loving, caring individual, to love, cherish and cuddle with. That’s right. Spring is here and puppies are in abundance at local pet stores and orphanages. To many college-aged students this is the perfect time to bring home a pet, which is exactly what a great deal of students do.

Many students love to bring their cute, cuddly canines on campus with them for the entire student body to “Awwww” at. They are pack animals and are highly social. If you live off campus, spending long hours out of the house away from your furry friend, this is the right time to adopt. Dogs, especially puppies should not be left unattended for extended periods of time. You may turn quickly the damage a 8-10 pound puppy could wreak on your unsuspecting home.

Up the wrong tree

With the recent bombarding of the University of Maine with affirmations and other frameworks, there has been much gnashing of teeth and finger-pointing. To some degree our loss of funds is smoking habits more important? Yet to summarily dump all blame for this upon President Hutchinson and his Yes-men is a notion in search of evidence. The state has decided we warrant fewer and fewer dollars.

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For almost four years now, they have been working under expired contract after expired contract.

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Letters to the Editor

The GLB Wing is back in the news

To the Editor:

Both optimists and pessimists alike have found something to talk about. Next semester's opening of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual wing has caused a great number of "good for them and I hope it makes their lives better" comments. On the contrary, one can hear quite a few debates against special rights and gay segregation. I give pause to wonder if this will cause a temporary surge of hate crimes and harassment.

Will intolerant people now have an easy target? Did the universities that inspired the University of Maine's GLB wing have increased harassment problems? What will the university do if such problems occur?

The general student body should be informed about the potential difficulties in the GLB wing's future, as well as, the benefits to the campus.

Lyn McLaughlin is a First Year Criminal Justice Major

Cameron Brett remembered

To the Editor:

Recently there has been a major tragedy, a UMaine student has lost his life during spring break. That person, Cameron Brett, just so happens to be a roommate and close personal friend of mine. I am writing this letter to express my anger at the Maine Campus newspaper's ignorance, lack of respect, and poor judgment. They chose to make an example of Cameron in an editorial entitled "Re- sponsible drinking." At this point, no one knows for sure if Cameron was in fact drunk. That, however, is not the issue. The issue is that a very special person is dead. Cameron Brett was a caring, considerate and kind person. Cameron Brett was the best friend a person could have had. Cameron touched many people's lives. It is very tough to see a person, especially a close friend lie motionless in a casket in front of you. It is very hard for the people who knew Cameron Brett to deal with this tragic event. It does not make it any easier on us to read the B.S. that The Campus paper has written. The campus paper and its staff have effectively expressed its lack of respect and compassion, while at the same time it has more than adequately expressed its ignorance. We are hurting from a wound that is slowly healing, thank you for reopening that wound.

Cameron Brett was a very special person and he is dead, that is the bottom line.

Jess Mader

Orono

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The Maine Campus UMaine's twice weekly newspaper

Lobby con't

administrators they would like to see eliminated. Instead of starting up a non-state affiliated lobby for UMaine, the administrators decided to look inward, attacking from within, rather than looking for alternative funding measures. UMaine administration can no longer resort to cost-cutting measures, because as the many protests show, it is affecting the morale and the quality of programs at the university. UMaine must prove to the state that it is an intrinsic part of the state's research and industry projects. In order for this university to survive with quality programs, UMaine must start up its own lobby in Augusta.

The students and staff have relied on the administration for too long. A number of backward decisions have been made over the past few months, decisions that could be reversed if we had some political clout backing what the campus really needs, quality programs and professors, not offices brimming with useless, out-of-touch administrators.

The Other Side

Of OJ and other juries

Scott Labby

"As with all things, justice is defined by those who administer it."

Steven Biko

In the aftermath of the long melodrama known to many simply as "O.J." a great deal of debate ensued as to whether the jury had acted "properly." (i.e., rendered the correct verdict according to the evidence). Those who were convinced O.J. stood for Oppressed Juice and those who were sure of his guilt engaged in varying amounts of argument over such issues as reasonable doubt and quantity of evidence, law versus ignorance what had actually taken place. From the first day, the prosecution had suspected that an act of jury nullification was going to take place, and indeed, the end result justified their assumption. Though there are differing versions of the concept, the basic idea behind jury nullification is that jurors have the right to issue a not guilty verdict in cases where, for whatever reason, they feel the law is being unjustly administered. The guilt or innocence of the accused becomes irrelevant. There is, of course, much controversy over both the legality and morality of such action. The moral question, in particular, has become a flashpoint of tension between support- ers and detractors, whose numbers are becoming more and more drawn along racial lines.

Certainly, nullification is not new. For another part of two hundred years, individuals in our society have benefitted from juries unwilling to confer guilty verdicts upon respected peers. From slave owners in the ante-bellum south to Alabama lynch mobs and wife-beating suburbanites, the "privileged set" has enjoyed a far more congenial justice system than the rank-and-file. Over the last quarter-century, however, women and minorities have begun to use the same system that aided and abetted their abuse for decades. Perhaps we should not be surprised that as this has taken place, distress over the use of jury nullification has risen accordingly.

The essential statement made by an increasing number of jurists is that in some instances, it is neither morally cor- rect or useful for the community to send certain defendants to prison. Certainly, this places a great deal of power over the law in the hands of a few. Only a fool would deny, however, that the cre- ation and manipulation of law is con- centrated in the same way. For many, the chance to selectively apply the law in a specific case is the only input into the system they will ever have. This re- ality is distinctly different from that of the "old-boy" network in the South in the pre-civil rights era, or that of the "slaves freedom" system which worked so well for many individuals, including O.J. Simpson.

Supporters of nullification take no pleasure in the idea of setting free those who destroy the lives of innocent peo- ple. Instead, the intent is to stop incar- cerating those whose crimes may range from trivial to severe, but for various reasons, are judged by their peers as both undeserving of punishment and of limit- ed threat to the community. Coupled with the expense of imprisonment to the tax- paying community, there are powerful incentives for people to nullify applica- tion of laws they may consider unjust or

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uselessly enforced in the specific case.

Framing the debate in a strictly rac- ial context as many are doing, is mis- leading and the practice of doing so is yet one more tiresome outcome of the Simpson trial. Battered wives, inner city high schoolers and poor white trash have all found some exit from an often irrational and nightmarish court sys- tem thanks to such direct controls. In 1994, a gay man was found not guilty of murdering a 22-year-old man who had beaten him severely twice and threatened his life countless times. During that same year, a woman in Michigan shot her abusive ex-husband to death after he verbally threatened to kill their two children. Reports released during the trial showed that she and her children had been treated at the local emergency room 76 times in three years for "various injuries." She was deemed not guilty, as was an 18-year-old African-American male from Chi- cago this past year, who confessed to robbing a liquor store in order to get enough money to send his mother away from the abusive hand of his stepfa- ther. Because of the verdict, he was able to put to use a full scholarship from Princeton. In all of these cases, jurys decided against further punish- ment for people who, in a sense, had already suffered enough for their crimes. Some might decry this with horseshit, elitist commentary about the sanctity of the law, and the anarchy of "courtroom vigilantism." Meanwhile, in the real world, peoples lives are saved and communities strengthened by these occasional triumphs of com- mon sense. One wonders about both the humanity of those who would have these people imprisoned and rather their idealism would extend to escort- ing these folks through the prison gates.

Scott Labby is senior history major.
Entertainment

By Jason McIntosh

SCHIZOPHRENIA!

BURT! GONE SEE WHAT I FOUND ON THE NECK DRUM... Sounds like a dream...

"BETTE H!"

MYURP!!

FRAWP!

"What's the point?"

AND WHY THE CUTE PUPPY BARK?!

BECAUSE IT WORKS LIKE A CHURCH!

I'M NOT SURE ANYONE WITH A PRIMA PAI MEIGNED... PLEASE COME, BONE WITH ME!

MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin

A GOOD MANAGER KNOWS AUTHORITY AND A WISDOM TO ADMIT MISTAKES / AGE ARE APPRECIATED BY GROUP CONSUMERS AND CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON TO ALWAYS SUPPORT!

MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE KBIC! GREAT FOR THE WING MINISTRY!

NON SEQUITUR

BIRD OPERATING ENFORCE ECOLOGY...

RECYCLING!

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This is no time to be shy or modest. If you have a good idea, it may even be a great one, then you must share it with as wide a range of people as possible. Someone, somewhere, can help you turn the idea into a reality.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your appreciation of what’s possible is matched by your willingness to make sacrifices in order to achieve certain goals. You’ll achieve your goals if you stay cool and make the right moves for the right reason at the same time.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Don’t compromise your principles in the belief that colleagues will admire you for your pragmatic approach. The chances are they will see it as a sign of weakness and pressure you into making still more concessions.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Avoid anything artificial or unnatural, especially if it’s packaged in an attractive way. Stick to what you know and trust. It may be boring, but at least it won’t upset you.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Don’t hesitate for a moment if an opportunity to improve your status or finances comes your way. Those doing the offering want someone who can think on their feet and make snap decisions. You fit the bill, but you must have more confidence in yourself.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You aren’t the kind to pull your punches, but something you say today, either to a loved one or to a work colleague, will hurt someone more than you expected. Be that as it may, you have a right to express your opinions, especially if, for no apparent reason, you find yourself on the defensive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You need to spread your wings. One day you’ll fly away, but that day may not arrive for a while yet. In the meantime, make sure there’s nothing you can’t do to make a changing relationship easier to bear. Don’t be obstructive for the sake of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Even if you’re unable to take your own plans a stage further, you can at least help a friend or a relative fulfill an ambition. Something you do for someone else will provide you with a fresh inspiration about how to deal with problems of a creative or artistic nature.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Whether or not you possess the required qualifications to tackle a job or situation is irrelevant. What matters is that you have the confidence to turn your hand to something new. You aren’t a failure if you try and fail, only if you never try.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What you get today may not be what you want, but it will turn out to be exactly what you need. Then you will want it after all. Be thankful there are people in this world who love you enough to ignore your complaints and do what they know is best for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, especially in the hands of those who believe they know it all when they hardly know the half of it. Don’t base an important decision on an isolated fact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Don’t waste time on petty arguments when there are so many more important matters which require your attention. Not everyone you meet will see things your point of view, but why should they? Life would be a lot less fun if everyone started thinking along similar lines.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You’ll regret it if you fail to take advantage of a spur-of-the-moment opportunity. However much you might fear the unknown, you must confront it, otherwise, you’ll always be haunted by the thought of what might have been had you shown a little more courage.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, March 29
Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, March 30

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You don't have to follow a certain course of action just because it's the accepted thing to do. The fact that everyone else does it is a good reason to do something different. You have a reputation for independence, live up to it.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If you feel the need to look back on a past event and work out what went wrong, then by all means do so. Don't however, indulge your negative emotions to such a degree that you lose sight of the good things which have happened since then.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Something which made sense a month or two ago makes no sense at all now, but only because you're now a different person. To expect things to stay the way they were yesterday is to expect the impossible.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Are you really as emotionally detached and intellectually impartial as you claim to be? Probably not. You have strong views on certain subjects, and no matter how nonjudgemental you try to be, you can't change the way you are. As long as you're aware of this, no harm will be done.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You may be having the time of your life, but have you considered the consequences which could arise from some of your impulsive actions? Something you say or do may change the lives of many people, but for the better or worse? Only you can decide.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): The way you frame a question is as important as the question itself. The right time, the right timing and the right emphasis are required if your request is to be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Ignoring an upsetting situation won't make it go away. It may bring you temporary respite. You don't have to do anything drastic, you can hide it if you want to, but the early part of next week could be tougher than you expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): An important relationship appears to be going through a rough patch, but your intuition tells you there's nothing to worry about. Even so, you could still make things easier for yourself by not giving loved ones any impression you don't care if they support you or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): It doesn't matter what threats or promises you make, a loved one is determined to move at a very slow speed. If you lose your temper, you'll suffer. Stay calm, soon there will be a change of pace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You've sat around looking at the same four walls long enough. You owe it to yourself to get out and have fun. Career and money worries can't be left behind completely, but the further afield you travel, the happier you'll be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you assess your life plan in terms of profit and loss, there are bound to be good days and bad days. But if you assess it in terms of what it means to you, you can hide it if you want to, but the early part of next week could be tougher than you expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): However difficult your current situation may appear, you can handle it with ease. Remember that whatever you have to face you were meant to face, and if you were meant to face it, then it must be in some way, be doing you good.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): What happens in the distant future is irrelevant to your present situation so what happened in the past week. Look back by all means but not so far ahead that you lose contact with reality.

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Across
1. Pack in
4. Let enter
6. Huizh for Home
7. Capricorn National Park
10. Mathematical set
11. Excise Valdez, a g.
12. Bayes who over Thele
13. Give — up
19. Thal's & g.
20. Start of a quip,
22. Netted, with peer
24. Rimrock locale
34. Base turner's fail
38. Word with season or secret
40. Seamless ship
41. 'It's my party'
42. Snowfias
43. All
46. Lucille's love
48. Storm Front's lon
50. O (empty)
52. Advisory support

Down
1. Kind of plan
2. Suppleborne
3. Japanese merchant ship
4. Pipe dream: Var.
5. Put on cloud nine
6. Holy
7. Sampas, at times
8. Bone
9. These may be
10. Tar or cooked
11. Shop site
12. Ex-British P.M.
13. Douglas-Ham
14. 5-5's singer
15. 'Lify
16. Island's islands
17. Police badge
18. Ears
19. Sirastrossed
20. Segemented
21. Debubius
22. Alarm up
23. Pre to short
24. First name in cosmetics
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Corrections

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• AIDS

Resisting blood cells might fight off HIV infection

NEW YORK (AP) — People who manage to avoid infection with the AIDS virus despite repeated exposure might be protected by certain blood cells that actively resist the virus, a study suggests.

HIV normally infects so-called CD4 blood cells readily. But CD4 cells from people who avoided infection were found to be unusually resistant, perhaps through overproduction of anti-viral chemicals.

A second study found that in people who are infected, certain immune system genes may strongly affect how long they can go without developing AIDS.

The studies, in the April issue of the journal Nature Medicine, may someday lead to new ways to prevent infection and help in deciding how and when to treat infected people, researchers said.

Scientists found that CD4 cells from people who have avoided HIV infection despite repeated exposure required about 200 times the normal dose of HIV to become infected in the laboratory, said researcher William A. Paxton.

Studies of the most resistant cells found they were pumping out about 10 times the normal levels of substances called chemokines that are known to squash HIV's reproduction in the test tube.

The chemokines may be protecting the cells and the people the cells came from, said Paxton, of the Aaron Diamond Research Center and New York University School of Medicine.

A researcher unconnected with the study, Dr. Neil Simonsen of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, said his work with Kenyan prostitutes who have avoided HIV infection despite very high risk did not find their CD4 cells to be particularly resistant.

He said he doubts CD4 cells play a role in infection-resistant people.

Paxton's work involved 25 people with no sign of HIV infection despite having repeated homosexual or heterosexual sex with infected people.

While their CD4 cells could not resist infection completely, even a partial resistance could make a big difference in a person's getting infected because the HIV dose from a sex act is low, Paxton said.

Besides CD4 cells, HIV can infect cells lining the rectum or vagina, Paxton said. He theorized that if the virus cannot then proceed to infect CD4 cells, the infection may remain localized and get wiped out by the immune system.

Simonsen said immune system cells other than CD4 might be responsible for making some people unusually resistant to HIV infection.

• Vigilante justice

Killer admits racism, drugs involved in subway shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernhard Goetz says that he was on drugs when, three years before he became nationally known as the Subway Shooter, he publicly used hostile epithets to refer to blacks and Hispanics.

He makes the admission in an interview to be aired Sunday on "Dateline NBC."

Goetz said that he spoke at a block association meeting about cleaning up the street in 1981 and used the terms "niggers and spics."

"I'm not proud of it," he added. "At the time I said that, by the way, I was on angel dust.... I was taking drugs at the time."

On Dec. 22, 1984, Goetz shot four black teens-agers he believed were trying to rob him on a subway train. He was later acquitted of attempted murder charges but served an eight-month jail term for gun possession.

The bill, which dredged up memories of the infamous Scopes “Monkey Trial,” would have made the teaching of evolution as fact a form of insubordination. It would have allowed but not required school boards to fire the offenders. It was defeated in a 20-13 vote.

Sen. John Ford, D-Memphis, complained about the long debate.

“This bill is not worth five minutes of our time... The Senate is shaming the conscience of Tennessee,” Ford said.

The most famous legal battle over evolution took place in 1925 when Dayton, Tenn., biology teacher John Scopes was convicted in the so-called “Monkey Trial.” That conviction was later overturned on technicality.

The law under which Scopes, a substitute biology teacher, was convicted was tougher than the one rejected by the Senate today. It outright prohibited any teaching of evolution that conflicted with the biblical creation story.
The Maine Campus, Friday, March 29, 1996

**Politics**

**Buchanan considers ending GOP campaign**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Back home after losing 25 consecutive March primaries, Pat Buchanan hedged with top advisers and supporters today to debate whether to continue his Republican presidential campaign or perhaps launch an independent bid.

Many of Buchanan's top supporters are urging him to bolt the GOP and run as an independent, perhaps as the candidate of the fledgling U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The conservative commentator has told aides he views that as a risky, unlikely option, but wants to listen to supporters before making a decision. Roughly three dozen Buchanan advisers, supporters and conservative activists were invited to a suburban Washington hotel for the meeting. Aides said no decisions would be made today, and that the campaign planned no public statements about the session.

In advance of the meeting, leading Republicans urged Buchanan to stay within the GOP ranks — and to join other defeated rivals in backing Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who has clinched the GOP nomination.

"This contest is over," said Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour. House Speaker Newt Gingrich made a similar entreaty.

Dole himself said Monday it would be a good time for Buchanan to abandon any thought of leaving the party.

"I would hope today that maybe Pat Buchanan may join us and take a look at what we've been doing," Dole told GOP lawmakers on Capitol Hill. "If he'll take a look at what we've been doing, then I believe he'll fully understand that his future and our future are the same. They're in this party."

Buchanan's top advisers appear divided on the prospect of an independent run. His sister and closest political adviser, Angela "Bay" Buchanan, has openly promoted the idea and has asked for research on filing deadlines and other logistical hurdles.

Campaign manager Terry Jeffery was described as intrigued by the independent idea, and said to believe that Buchanan's economic views, particularly his 90 percent tax cut, would appeal to other conservatives. Buchanan's top aides appear divided on the prospect of an independent run.

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**Religion**

**Atheists bump Catholics from Easter worship site**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Atheists beat Christians to the punch, getting a city permit for a 6 a.m. gathering on Easter around a mountainside cross that has generated controversy because its in a city park.

So the Christians decided to hold their sunrise ceremony at 5 a.m.

Then they changed their minds and dropped plans for a service.

City Councilman George Stevens, a Christian service organizer who also is a Baptist pastor, said God told him not to hold the early ceremony, which would have taken place almost an hour before dawn on Easter Sunday.

"I've got some different instructions after making all the plans, contacting ministers and contacting different church organizations," Stevens said Wednesday.

Anyone who would have attended the service should celebrate Easter in their respective churches, he said.

Since 1954, Christians have flocked to the 40-foot Mount Soledad cross at sunrise on Easter morning. But secular groups argue that because the cross is in a public park, it violates the constitutional separation of church and state. There has been a cross on the site for about 70 years.

**Appeal**

Judge denies Noriega retrial

MIA MIA (AP) — Manuel Noriega won't get a retrial, even though a judge acknowledged he was troubled by reports that Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel bribed a key witness $1.25 million.

"It's a dark day in American history when a court condones bribing witnesses, and that's essentially what happened," defense attorney Frank Rubino said after Wednesday's ruling. "A new trial would give the government now in its arsenal a bribery.

Noriega, who was captured during the U.S. invasion of Panama and flown to Miami in 1990, is serving a 40-year sentence for protecting U.S.-bound cocaine flights by Cali's rival in the Colombian drug trade, the Medellin cartel.

Defense attorneys argued last month that Noriega's trial was tainted by witnesses with ulterior motives—one who took $1.25 million in cartel bribes and another who claimed he was promised a greatly reduced prison sentence.

U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler said in his ruling he was troubled by the reports, but was required to treat any newly discovered evidence with great caution.

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**Dr. Kevorkian faces new trial, new rules**

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, acquitted twice of assisted suicide charges, faces another trial with new jury instructions that could give the prosecution an advantage.

Kevorkian faces trial next week in the October 1991 deaths of Sherry Miller, 43, who had multiple sclerosis, and Marjorie Wantz, 58, who suffered severe pelvic pain.

Autopsies found Miller died after inhaling carbon monoxide; Wantz died of a lethal injection. Thers were the second and third of the 27 deaths Kevorkian has acknowledged attending since 1990.

Prosecutors must prove that Kevorkian knew the two women sought to commit suicide, then gave them the means to kill themselves while knowing it would happen, according to jury instructions included in a Wednesday ruling by Oakland County Circuit Judge David Brock.

That could give the prosecution less to prove, because it bypasses Kevorkian's claim that he intended only to relieve pain and suffering—a key factor in his March 8 acquittal on charges stemming from two 1993 deaths.

An Oakland County jury cited an exception in Michigan's assisted suicide ban. That law allowed assisted suicide if the intent was to relieve pain or suffering. It was written so that health care workers wouldn't withhold medication or other treatment out of fear they would be charged with a crime if their patient died.

That exception isn't mentioned in the new jury instructions because Kevorkian is being tried under Michigan common law rather than the assisted suicide ban.
• Atlantis

Space shuttle says goodbye to Mir station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Atlantis' astronauts clasped hands and exchanged bear hugs with the crew of Russia's Mir space station today, saying farewell as they prepared to leave American Shannon Lucid behind for a five-month stay.

“We're going to miss them,” choked-up shuttle commander Kevin Chilton said at an official goodbye ceremony aboard the Mir.

NASA ordered Chilton and his crew home Saturday, one day earlier than planned, because of bad weather forecast.

Chilton's voice quivered and he paused to regain his composure while explaining why he was especially sad to leave cosmonauts Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev.

The two crews have known each other for some time because they trained together on the ground.

There's a big ocean between Russia and America," he said, "and we're not so well as they trained together on the ground.

After exchanging bear hugs with Chilton, the Russians had poignant words for the shuttle crew.

"We just don’t believe that in just a few minutes ... we'll say farewell, shut the hatches," Onufrienko said. "We will observe each other only through the port holes. They'll be looking at us, we'll be looking at them."

Added Usachev: "If there had been any barriers between us, then we have managed to come closer together. We've done a great deal of good work."

The eight space travelers then signed placards commemorating the five-day docking, the third between Atlantis and Mir.

Two hours later, hatches between the two spaceships were sealed for good in preparation for unlinking later in the day.

Lucid, a 53-year-old biochemist, will remain on the station until Atlantis returns in August to pick her up.

“I guess you'd normally get in trouble for coming back one person short,” Chilton told CBS News today in a space-to-ground interview. "This time, I think we'll get a pat on the back."

The shuttle dropped off more than 5,000 pounds of supplies, including experiment equipment and water, and will tote some Russian equipment back home.

Lucid's five-month stay will make her the U.S. space endurance champion, surpassing former Mir resident Norman Thagard, who lived there nearly four months last year.

Her arrival also begins two years of continuous U.S. presence on Mir and if the planned international space station is launched on schedule in 1998 — continuous U.S. presence in space well into the next century.

“Of course, our Russian friends have been keeping people up here in space for extended duration for a long time, so we're the new kids on the block,” Chilton said.

The other flight highlight came Wednesday, when astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael “Rich” Clifford ventured outside the joint outpost to install several experiments on Mir. It was the first American spacewalk outside a station in 22 years.

Clifford said he was so focused on his work during the excursion that he didn't get much time to soak up the stunning view from 250 miles up.

But I do remember one spectacular moment was when I looked up at Mir and I saw commander Onufrienko looking out his window and the Earth was in the background," Clifford said. "That will be forever framed in my mind."

Atlantis is now scheduled to return to Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Saturday morning. Mission Control made the rare decision to cut short the mission by one day based on meteorologists' prediction of bad weather there on Sunday, as well as a leak in one of three steering systems used for landing.

• Lawsuit

Police officer who rescues woman sues her for damages

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — A police officer who was hailed for saving a woman from her estranged husband now is suing the woman, saying she's partly to blame for the attack that left him with an injured hand.

In April 1994, police Sgt. Mark Byers smashed through a glass door to save Jane Liberatore. Her estranged husband, Anthony, had already shot her boyfriend to death.

"I was floored when I got the papers," Mrs. Liberatore said Wednesday. "I just want people to know that if they get help from the police they can expect to be asked to pay for it later."

Byers' suit against Mrs. Liberatore and her now-imprisoned husband seeks unspecified damages. Despite reconstructive surgery for injuries to his hand, Byers, 35, claims he now can't fire a gun, forcing his reassignment to a desk job.

Charles Morehead, Byers' attorney, said Mrs. Liberatore was being sued because she knew her husband was on his way to her home with a loaded shotgun but didn't call police until he was arrived at the house. Besides, he said, she was unfaithful.

"When you cheat on your husband and create the potential for murder or aggravated assault and a police officer is injured as a result, you make your own bed and you have to sleep in it," Morehead said.

Mrs. Liberatore said she didn't know her husband was coming to her home with a gun. She declined to comment on allegations that she was cheating on her estranged husband.

"I just feel like I'm being victimized once again," she said.
Athletic department receives letter of inquiry

By Larry Rogers
Sports Writer

The University of Maine received a much-anticipated "official letter of inquiry" from the NCAA last week and learned that its Committee on Infractions will review UMaine's case during its June 1-3 meeting in Kansas City.

The letter of inquiry is a routine procedure for the NCAA when it intends to investigate an institution's athletics program. The inquiry mainly deals with information contained in UMaine's own self-report, which it released to the public and the NCAA last December. The letter lists some questions the university must respond to by April 24.

According to UMaine Director of Athletics Dr. Suzanne Tyler, the letter of inquiry is a step in the right direction for the university.

"We believe we're right on target," said Tyler. She added that it means the NCAA has accepted Maine's own investigation findings. The university "has shown institutional control, which was one of the allegations made against us." Tyler said the letter of inquiry is just another step taken by the NCAA eventually leading up to a final ruling.

"They have a formal process," said Tyler. "Step one is that we did our self-report, step two is the official letter of inquiry, step three is our response, step four is the hearing in June, step five is what the NCAA's findings are and then we go on from there if we need to." S. David Berst, the NCAA's group executive director for enforcement and eligibility appeals, wrote the inquiry and agreed that the infractions reported to the NCAA by the university meet the definition of "major." The NCAA defines major violations as those which, by themselves or because of the total number of violations, provide a team or school with an extensive recruiting or competitive advantage.

The university met the latter half of this definition, as none of its infractions were too severe alone, but over 40 infractions were outlined in its December self-report suggesting a lack of institutional control.

Many of the over 40 NCAA violations uncovered in the self-report occurred within university's hockey program from 1990-'93, including head coach Shawn Walsh allegedly accepting money during a university-imposed suspension in 1993, Walsh's attempts to interfere with the NCAA's investigation and various recruiting violations. The university's self-sanctions in December included a ban from this year's NCAA tournament, a one-year suspension without pay for Walsh and a reduction in hockey scholarships for two years.

The Committee of Infractions will determine whether those self-sanctions were sufficient during the June hearing.

According to Chuck Smart, the NCAA's director of enforcement, the length of UMaine's June hearing will vary according to how many other institutions are scheduled to have hearings during that time.

"It could be one, four or five (institutions)," said Smart. "It all depends on the length of the cases. Each case last a few hours or one or two days, it just varies from case to case."

The Committee of Infractions meets six times a year and handles about 20 major cases a year. According to Smart, it is not unique for a university to self-report its violations and it is viewed as the university's responsibility to do so.

Smart said the committee's job is to "decide what if any findings have been made and if a penalty should be assessed." Tyler said that others attending the hearing, along with herself, include Suzanne Tyler. (File Photo.)

Suzanne Tyler. (File Photo.)

Freshman pitcher gets the call for Maine

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

After facing some of the best teams in the nation on its southern swing, the University of Maine baseball team faced one of the best teams in New England, with the end result—a loss.

Despite a strong six-inning pitching performance from freshman Pete Fisher, the Black Bears lost to Providence College, 3-2, Wednesday night. Fisher allowed just seven hits and three earned runs but was outpitched by the Friars duo of Andy Byron and Todd Murray. Byron pitched five innings, allowing just one hit and one run. Murray finished the game and allowed five hits and one run in four innings of work.

"We were facing the top team in New England, and it was a game we thought we could win," said Maine head coach John Winkin. "They made two great plays in the eighth and ninth inning, that saved their necks."

Winkin and the Black Bears will look to bounce back this weekend when they opened their North Atlantic Conference schedule with a pair of doubleheaders against Towson State (Saturday) and Delaware (Sunday). A pair of freshmen will get the ball Sunday when Maine faces the team picked to win the NAC, Delaware. Fisher and Andy Estabrook are expected to start for the Black Bears against the Blue Hens. Estabrook is coming off a three-inning one-hit outing against Drexel last weekend. It was Estabrook's first outing in two weeks after struggling with a sore arm, which was caused by his desire to get back into action after a year off. He red-shirted last year after being hit in the face with a line drive. "I think that in his anxiousness to get back he might have overdone it," said Winkin. "He had been off a year and had a little arm trouble from over doing it."

"He looked awfully good," added Winkin. "We hope that now he is ready to work his way to a full-time starter. We're going to build him up to seven innings (a start)."

Senior Dave Foran and sophomore Josh Harriman will get the starts in Maine's doubleheader with Towson State, Saturday, Frigid North.

The Black Bears may have gotten too used to attempting to interfere with Maine returned to the north, it faced 30 See BASEBALL on page 18
**Softball**

Black Bears head to Georgia

By Bill Stewart
Sports Writer

The University of Maine softball team will try to avoid being stung this weekend as they travel down to Atlanta to participate in the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic.

Maine will play in a round robin pool with four other teams that are rich with talent. The University of Tennessee, Georgia Southern, Mercer College and the University of Maryland will all compete against Maine starting Friday afternoon.

The Black Bears will open up the tournament against the University of Tennessee Friday at 1 p.m. Maine will face Georgia Southern following that game. On Saturday, Maine will go head to head with Mercer College and the University of Maryland. Out of the five teams in the pool, only the top four will advance to the championship round on Sunday.

Head coach Janet Anderson said she doesn’t know much about Maine’s opponents this weekend.

“We don’t know much about them except what we see on paper,” Anderson said.

Aside from the unfamiliarity of their opponents, Maine will also have the disadvantage of not playing as many games as the rest of the tournament teams, said Anderson.

“All of the schools have been playing since the second of February,” said Anderson. “We’re going down with a positive attitude. We have to play well on both sides of the ball. We have to have our pitching no matter what.”

Junior outfielder Katie Gamaache agrees. “They have the advantage of playing outside since February. That could be a factor. It was a factor in Florida. It took us a couple of games to get used to the field.”

The Black Bears will once again look to their trio of pitchers in junior Mary Persson and freshmen Jen Burton and Vicki Brenner to come up big this weekend. Burton, who has struggled as of late, said if the Black Bears are to be successful, they must have a weekend of solid pitching.

“If it’s going to be very tough competition,” said Burton. “All three of us are going to have to have very good games.”

“Our pitching has to be on. We’re ready. We also need to focus on getting people in scoring position across,” said Gamaache.

The Black Bears head down to Georgia coming off two setbacks they suffered against Boston College. Maine stands at a respectable 10-12 record, as league play in the NAC opens next weekend against Hofstra.

The Georgia Tech Buzz Classic should feature some good softball as the Bears look to head into league play with a little momentum.

“I think it’s important to have a good weekend,” said shortstop Michelle Puls. “It’ll lead us into league play, we have to have our minds in the games 100 percent of the time. If we can be mentally tough for 7 innings, we’ll be fine.”

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**Hockey**

UMaine President Frederick Hutchinson, executive assistant to the president Robbert Whalen, Walsh, NCAA faculty representative George Jacbson, compliance director Tommy Light, interim head hockey coach Greg Gromin and assistant hockey coach Grant Standbrook.

As it did with its self-report, the university will release its response to the letter of inquiry to the public.

The NCAAs is expected to make a final decision on UMaine’s case before the Committee of Infractions’ next hearings in August.

Tory named All-American

In other, more positive news relating to the UMaine hockey team, junior defenseman Jeff Tory has been named a first team All-American.

Tory, who was a second-team selection a year ago, scored four goals and led the Black Bears in assists with 37.

“I’m pretty excited about it and pretty happy,” said Tory, “I wasn’t really expecting it this year as much but it’s nice.”

Tory said he was notified about it by UMaine Sports Information Director Matt Benedict, who told him and some teammates were watching the NCAA hockey semifinal game between Colorado College and Vermont.

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**Baseball**

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degree temperatures, and with the wind chill, it was colder on some days.

“We had to overcome some really bitter weather,” said Winkin. “Last Saturday was almost unbelievable.”

The cold weather hasn’t seemed to affect the Black Bears too badly. They are 3-2 since they returned north.

**Marbury to test NBA waters**

ATLANTA (AP) — Several reports say Stephon Marbury, the star freshman guard for Georgia Tech, intends to enter the NBA draft in June.

A spokesman for the Yellow Jackets said a decision by Marbury is not expected until next week.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported in today’s editions that Marbury plans to announce that he will leave college for the NBA in New York next week, with his family present.

One of Marbury’s brothers told the Daily News in New York that the 19-year-old Brooklyn high school standout had made his decision.

“He’s definitely coming out,” Donald Marbury Jr. was quoted as saying in the News today.

“That’s what he wants to do,” he added. “That’s my dream I just want to follow my dream.”

Everybody thinks this is a family decision. This is a family decision. Stephon made the decision on his own.”

Other reports Wednesday night said Marbury was already in New York and would be joined by Tech coach Bobby Cremins today.

Those reports followed a report on ESPN, which also said Marbury would enter the June draft.

“That’s very, very premature,” associate athletic director Mike Finn said Wednesday night.

“We don’t expect a decision nor an announcement until the middle of next week.”

On Saturday, following Georgia Tech’s 87-70 loss to Cincinnati in the NCAA Southeast Regional semifinal, Marbury said he was leaning toward returning to school next year.

“However, coach and I are going to sit down and talk things over,” Marbury said. “If I am a projected top five pick, I will enter the NBA draft.”

Neither Cremins nor Marbury could be reached Wednesday night, but Finn said he had talked to Cremins, and the coach told him no decision had been made.

The Journal-Constitution said Marbury gave three reasons for his choice:

— He was assured by NBA contacts that he could go high in the draft.
— This is a good year for a point guard to come out, because the college offerings are slim.
— His family’s financial situation is such that he feels he needs to help immediately.

Marbury averaged 18.9 points and 4.4 assists per game in leading Tech to its first outright Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title and to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1993.

The 6-foot-2 guard shot 46 percent from the field and 37 percent from 3-point range. His most valuable asset in the NBA, where teams play man-to-man defense, could be his ability to beat most defenders.

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**Flames win with video review**

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — A controversial goal by Gary Roberts just 1:05 into the game was all the Calgary Flames could muster in a defensive, penalty-riddled game.

The Flames remained four points ahead of the Winnipeg Jets, who hold down the fourth-place St. Louis in the conference.

The Flames also moved within two points of fourth-place St. Louis in the conference. Calgary got its goal when the puck dribbled past Belfour during a skirmish in the Chicago crease. Roberts was credited with the goal after a video review determined the puck wasn’t batted in during a goalmouth melee.

Dazzling goaltending at both ends of the game kept the score from changing the rest of the night.

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**Baseball**

Mariners may open ‘97 in Japan

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk about long road trips: The Seattle Mariners may open the 1997 season in Japan.

Baseball officials, who just completed negotiations to play regular-season games in Mexico this August, are discussing a deal in which Seattle would start next season in Japan, possibly against the Detroit Tigers.

“We hope it will happen. We think it’s a good idea,” said John Ellis, the Mariners chief executive officer.

Two years ago, officials began negotiations for a trip that would have had the Mariners and Tigers finish 1995 spring training with two exhibition games in Japan, then play two regular season games there before returning home.

That deal, which also included a postseason all-star tour of Japan following the 1994 season, was a casualty of the strike, which wiped out the 1994 World Series and delayed the ’95 season.

“There are obvious details that have to be worked out, including a collective bargaining agreement,” said Tim Brosnan, the head of Major League Baseball International.

The Mariners’ majority owner is Nintendo Co. Ltd. of Kyoto. The Tigers would be a natural opponent because they have Cecil Fielder, who in 1989 hit 38 homers for Hanshin in Japan’s Central League.

In 1994, lawyers had begun drafting agreements for a $5 million deal that whose sponsors would have included Dentsu Inc., an advertising company, and the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper.

Dentsu set a deadline of that June 13 for the deal. According to a person involved in the talks, who spoke on the condition he not be identified, the deal came apart when owners refused to commit to playing the games even if there was a work stoppage. The players’ association, according to the source, was willing to make a commitment.

While negotiations have not even reached that stage for any games next year, Ellis and Mariners president Chuck Armstrong say they are hopeful.

“I talk to Dentsu every day,” Brosnan said. “They are a very good partner and are very in tune to what we would like to see happen. I think they would be prepared to discuss whatever project we and-the players’ association are interested in.”

Lauren Rich, the union’s No. 3 official, said players haven’t been approached yet about a trip next year. The deadline for owner interest in the union’s tentative 1997 schedule is July 1.

The New York Mets and San Diego Padres are scheduled to play the first regular-season games outside the United States and Canada, a three-game series at Monterrey, Mexico, from Aug. 16-18.

As part of the Mexico deal, players will have their per diem increased $240 a day, from $60.50 to $302.50, and all players will get single rooms.

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