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## UMaine employees' benefits include college courses

by Christina Baldwin  
Staff Writer

Full-time students are not the only ones taking classes at the University of Maine. Full and part-time employees are taking classes as well, but for free.

Alden Stuart, assistant vice president for administrative services said approximately 11 percent of UMaine employees take classes.

"They take classes for professional development, to better themselves and work toward getting a degree," he said.

Full-time employees are allowed to take two courses per semester, Stuart said. Part-time employees are only allowed to take one course per semester.

When the program was first introduced in 1976, employees were allowed to have two class

tuitions waived, but were not allowed to go over six credits. This meant that four-credit classes were off limits to employees who wanted to take two classes.

Stuart said employees tried to bargain with the UMaine Board of Trustees for the right to take four-credit classes.

Unions within UMaine collectively bargained for that right and are now able to take two four-credit courses if they desire, he said.

Employees are not restricted to any types of courses as long as they do not schedule classes during work hours, Dale MacDonald, acting director of employee relations said.

Terri Roberts, executive secretary to Alden Stuart, said she has been taking classes since the spring of 1985.

"When I graduated in '76, I went to Pennsylvania State and earned 45 credits before leaving," she said. "I didn't know what I wanted to do."

Now, she is a junior working

toward a degree in "business administration."

"I had a good base to work with so I will get my degree sooner than the people who are just starting out from scratch," Roberts said.

Roberts said it would be nice if she could work part-time and go to school, but then she would only be able to take one course per semester. She added that she could not afford it anyway.

## Satellite summit airs arms talks

by Marc Larrivee  
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of Reykjavik, American and European scientists held their own "satellite summit" in order to discuss the nuclear arms race.

On Saturday, a group of people at the University of Maine watched the satellite telecast discussions of scientists in Washington, D.C. and Hamburg, West Germany.

On the Strategic Defense Initiative, Allan Mense, acting chief scientist for the program, said the United States is well within its right in developing the system because the Soviet Union is pursuing its own anti-ballistic missile defense.

William Colby, former director of the SDI program, was critical of Mense's interpretation of Soviet actions.

"The Soviets are following what the two countries agreed upon by treaty," Colby said in reference to the AntiBallistic Missile Treaty.

The Soviet Union and the United States came to terms on the ABM Treaty in 1972, limiting the two nations to one missile defense system apiece.

The treaty also limited both to the types of research they could do, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"The Soviets could not develop an SDI system in the near future because technologically they are far behind, as they would be the first to admit," Colby said.

Lord Allun Chalfont, member of Great Britain's House of Lords, said an anti-ballistic missile system is better than the current concept of arms control based on mutually-assured destruction.

"Why do the Soviets take it so seriously if it (SDI) won't be able to work?" Chalfont asked.

Ronald Sagdeyev, physicist with the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said SDI may be impossible for the United States to develop but the research could create "by-products of military usefulness" that would threaten the Soviet Union.

A system like SDI might not be useful for defending against a surprise attack but could be threatening as an augment for a surprise attack, Colby said regarding the military nature of SDI.

During the second hour of the program two new panels talked about the role of the scientist on political questions.

Lisabeth Gronlund, professor at Cornell University, said scientists have a responsibility to be involved in politics.

"We should cite the government if they are doing something wrong," she said.

At Cornell about 70 scientists have agreed to refuse federal money intended for SDI research, Gronlund said.

Kurt Gottfried of the Union of Concerned Scientists said a recent poll shows that American scientists overwhelmingly believe SDI is not technologically feasible.

The satellite telecast was produced by the Union of Concerned Scientists and the International Scientist's Peace Congress. Arrangements for the program to be shown at UMaine were made by Physicists for Social Responsibility.

A videotape was made of the telecast and PSR will make it available for interested groups.

## Indian club offers programs, support

by Melissa Buxton  
Staff Writer

"I am in this club because I wanted to get closer to being an Indian."

This was the feeling generated by Susan Whitten and other members of the Native American Club on campus.

Lori Nelson, club president, said the club is open to all Indian students but the vast majority are from Maine tribes.

She said the club started in 1978 because there was a need on campus to give Indian students a sense of support among each other, and to keep the heritage of the Maine Indians alive.

Susan Whitten, club treasurer, said although there are 99 Indians on campus, she would like to see a greater awareness of the Indians through performances and other activities.

There are three purposes to the program, said Nelson. The most important purpose is to provide a social atmosphere for Indian students to meet together, second, to provide support among Indians, and third, to give Indians a sense of what their heritage and culture is like.

Nelson said in the past the club raised money by selling baked goods, raffle tickets or homemade Indian crafts donated by Indians on the Indian reservations.

But this year there was a difference in the way the tribe earned money, added Nelson. The president and vice president of the club wrote proposals to all the Indian tribes asking for matching funds of \$300 because the majority of Indian students on campus are made up of these tribes.

Letters were sent out to Maine tribes such as the Penobscot Nation, Passaquoddy tribes (Pleasant Point, and Peter Dana Point) and the Houlton band of Maliseet Indians.

The money will be used for events such as attending plane shows, movie rentals, guest speakers, ski trips and other activities.

"With an increase in funds we hope to see an increase in Indians participating in the program," she added.

The club tries to participate in activities which are Indian oriented, said Nelson, because of two reasons:

First, the club gives exposure to Indian students who have never been aware of their heritage because they do not live on or near an Indian reservation.

Second the club also gives Indians who live on reservations a sense of togetherness with those other Indians who have never been exposed to what it is like to be an Indian on a reservation.

Nelson said she wants to see this year's activities become more Indian oriented from the past and with an increase in funding there will be a possibility of participating in more activities that are related to Indians.

Activities this year include: An Indian social- Indian men from the Penobscot nation came to campus and sang and played the drums for the club members.

The club also saw a planetarium show on Indian folklore.



UMaine President Dale Lick (with shovel) being constructed at the edge of Alumni Field near Alford Arena. (Risinit photo)

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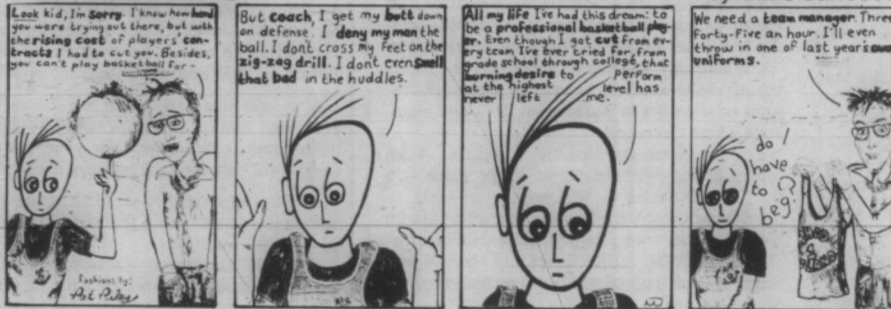
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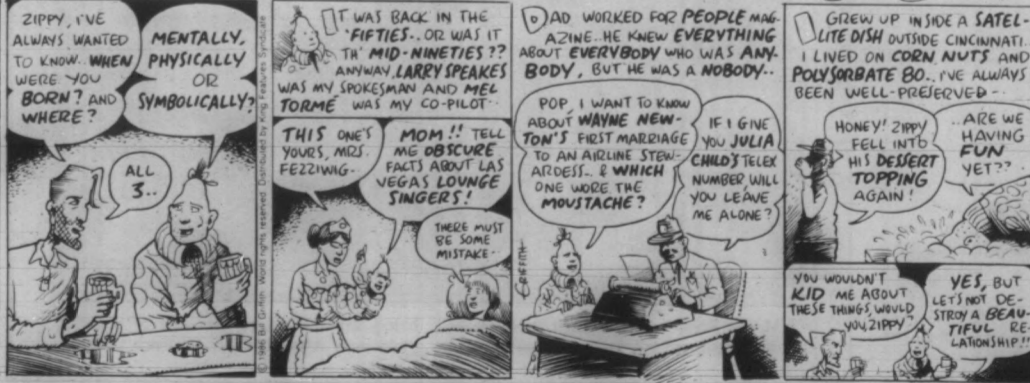
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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**"BABY TALK"**

Bill Griffith



**Admissions may stop requiring SATs, ACTs**

by Robert Hardy  
Staff Writer

Research conducted by the Carnegie Foundation on Education suggests that a majority of U.S. colleges no longer base admissions decisions on SAT scores.

Whether the University of Maine will consider eliminating the test as an admissions requirement is uncertain.

"I believe that at some point in time conditions will be looked at and discussed," William Munsey, director of admissions said. He said any decision to abolish the SAT score completely, is at the discretion of the dean of each college.

He said achievement test scores (ACT's) are no longer an admissions requirement. But ACT's can be administered by individual colleges if they so choose.

The decision to place ACT scores under the jurisdiction of individual colleges, he said, was made in cooperation with individual departments.

"The decision (to eliminate the SAT) would be undertaken at the dean level since they are now administering their own achievement tests, but at this point, there is nothing to suggest that this discussion will take place."

According to the Carnegie report, released in October, gaining admissions to college nationwide is no longer a "victory hard to win."

Researchers estimated that there were "probably fewer than 50 colleges and universities in the United States today that can be considered highly selective, admitting less than half the students who apply."

The report further states that at least one third of American colleges "are virtually open door."

Munsey said there are a number of considerations used when admitting freshmen each year to UMaine.

Departments now have the option of using ACT scores on their own accord, Munsey said.

"We are guided by the policies established by individual colleges and each of the undergraduate colleges will vary in expectations."

The Carnegie report further states that despite the pressure felt by many students to perform well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the American College Testing Program, a majority of colleges based admission decisions more on high school grades, involvement in high school activities and essays included with applications.

Munsey agreed the test scores are not the single criterion used when determining admissions, and he stressed the importance of taking other considerations into account.

The Carnegie report states: "The vast majority of students and colleges do not need a numerical matchmaker and we strongly urge that if a college does not use the SAT or ACT scores as a significant yardstick for the selection and most do not — the tests should not be required."

"I would agree the significant importance would be academic achievement and cumulative grade point average in high school classes," Munsey said.

"We get a broad range of academic background and a wide range of test scores and academic achievement. Student academic achievement is a significant part of the evaluation process and the day-to-day work done by the student is an important consideration."

There is no specific break down for weighing SAT test scores with other criteria, Munsey added.



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# World/U.S. News

## Nicaraguan justice refuses Hasenfus pardon

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Justice Minister Rodrigo rejected on Sunday the possibility of pardoning American Eugene Hasenfus, who drew 30 years in prison for his part in a weapons delivery flight to U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

"There is no reason to pardon him," the chief prosecutor in the case told The Associated Press by telephone one day after a political court handed down the verdict and the sentence. "The Nicaraguan penitentiary system will guarantee that he fulfills his sentence."

Earlier remarks by President Daniel Ortega had fed speculation that Hasenfus, 45, of Marinette, Wis., might eventually be pardoned.

Ortega has not commented on the case since the American mercenary was convicted and his stand on a possible pardon is not known.

The chief prosecutor in the case said, "If a pardon is applicable, I am sure there will be a rejection by the population and the authorities would have to explain that step very well."

Pro-government newspapers on Sunday billed the verdict against Hasenfus as a conviction of the United States as well.

"The 30 years for Hasenfus are a penalty for Yankee interventionism," El Nuevo Diario said.

It quoted unidentified Nicaraguan legal authorities as saying "this sentence should hit the eardrums of President Reagan (who should) observe that his obstinate intention of destroying the revolution will have severe responses."

The government earlier rejected a Contra offer to swap 30 Sandinista prisoners for Hasenfus and five other captives.

The sentence handed down Saturday by the three-member People's Tribunal includes the maximum 30 years in prison for violating the maintenance of order and public security and the maximum three years for criminal association, with the sentences to be served concurrently.

The 30 years also includes an unspecified sentence on a charge of terrorism, which carries a maximum two-year penalty.

Hasenfus was the lone survivor when Sandinista forces in southern Nicaragua on Oct. 2 shot down a C-123 plane he said was carrying small arms and ammunition to U.S.-backed rebels.

The American pilot and co-pilot and a Nicaraguan radio man were killed. Hasenfus was captured a day later, after parachuting from the burning aircraft. Hasenfus on Saturday told the court

he wanted to appeal the sentence. His Nicaraguan attorney, Enrique Sotelo Borgen, said after the sentencing that he did not know if he would appeal.

Presidential spokesman Manuel Espinoza said Sunday that for the time being, Hasenfus will not be allowed to give interviews.

In Washington, a White House spokesman, Donald Mathes, said Saturday, "The outcome was decided before the trial even started. It served no purpose other than to make propaganda."

State Department spokesman Pete Martinez said, "The Nicaraguan government's treatment of Mr. Hasenfus violated many of his basic due process rights under both international and Nicaraguan law."

## Schultz speaks out against Iranian arms trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George Shultz said Sunday the United States should make no more arms shipments to Iran, contending "I don't see any need for further signals" of U.S. good faith to moderate Iranians.

Meanwhile, John Poindexter, President Reagan's national security adviser, said the U.S. arms embargo against Iran still stands and said he remains optimistic that more hostages may be released by pro-Iran forces in Lebanon.

But Robert McFarlane, former national security adviser who made at least one secret trip to Iran, said his contacts among moderate Iranians are in danger of being killed now that his efforts have been made public.

Senate Democratic leader Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.V., urged the administration to state publicly that there would be no more arms shipments to Iran "or any other terrorist state." A congressional investigation into administration dealings with Iran, which Reagan denies were direct negotiations for the release of hostages, is to begin this week.

Shultz, interviewed on CBS' *Face the Nation*, did not specifically criticize past arms shipments but said Reagan's decision to send a signal to Iran with an arms shipment was a subject for debate.

"When you get elected president, that's one of the things you get the right to do, to make decisions of that kind," Shultz said. He declined to say what advice he gave Reagan on the shipments.

Pressed further on whether more arms will be sent, Shultz said, "Under the circumstances of Iran's war with Iraq, its pursuit of terrorism, its association with those holding our hostages, I would certainly say, as far as I'm concerned, no." He said, however, he did not speak for the entire administration.

Explaining why earlier this fall he told representatives of moderate Arab states

that the United States was not sending arms to Iran, Shultz said "my own information about the operational aspects of what was going on was fragmentary at best."

He also said U.S. policy on arms shipments remains intact "and there hasn't been any flood of U.S. arms to Iran ... as far as I understand."

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### Reception and Book Signing

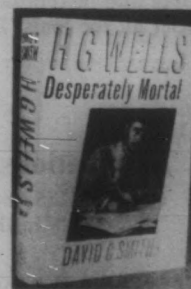


Jesse Owens: An American Life  
William J. Baker

There will be a reception and book signing honoring History Department authors William J. Baker and David C. Smith. Baker is the author of *Jesse Owens: An American Life*. Smith is the author of *H. G. Wells, Desperately Mortal*. The reception is co-sponsored by the Department of History, Fogler Library of the University of Maine, and the University Book Store.

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The reception will take place in the Music Room of Fogler Library at 3:30 on Wednesday 19 November 1986. Refreshments will be served and the authors will be available for book signings.



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## Pilot's medical problems raise doctors' concern

PITTSBURG (AP) — A major airline crash could result from the federal air surgeon's practice of permitting pilots or co-pilots with medical problems to fly, say doctors who worked for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Dr. Frank Austin Jr. has recertified, often over the objections of medical experts, more than 250 professional pilots and co-pilots once grounded by potentially fatal or debilitating medical conditions, The Pittsburg Press reported Sunday.

Doctors familiar with cases handled by Austin characterized his decisions as dangerous, reckless and a serious threat to safety that may endanger the lives of thousands, the newspaper said in a copyright story.

"Those of us who know what he's doing are scared to death that one of Austin's personal decisions will fly a planeload of passengers into the ground," said Dr. Harry Gibbons, former chief of medical research for the FAA.

One pilot re-certified for flight by Austin suffered a heart attack and crashed his helicopter in August, killing

himself and a passenger, the newspaper said.

Soon after that crash, Dr. Mervyn Ellestad, one of the nation's leading cardiologists, resigned as a senior consultant to the FAA.

"If you proceed with your present policies, I believe it will only be a matter of time before we lose a 747 full of passengers due to a sudden cardiac event in the cockpit," Ellestad told Austin in his letter of resignation.

Austin, 62, is the final authority in virtually all appeals of medical decisions made by the 7,000 FAA-approved aviation medical examiners, who perform mandatory flight physicals for each of the nation's 700,049 pilots.

Austin, appointed by the FAA in 1984, admitted he often ignores the FAA medical consultants, who he acknowledged are leading specialists in their fields, the Press said.

"I stand by my actions and do so proudly...I applied my own judgment, and I certified those people. They haven't died or crashed. Except O'Brien," he told the newspaper.

## •Schultz

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Poindexter, appearing on NBC's *Meet the Press*, did not say specifically that no more arms would be shipped to Iran, but said, "The arms embargo still continues. We do not feel it in our national interest to allow the floodgates to be thrown open to allow arms to be shipped (to Iran.)"

"We still list Iran as a state that sponsors terrorism," he said.

"However, the fact remains that the

moderate elements that we were hostage-taking in Lebanon for about a year."

He said the chance for the release of any more of the five Americans still held in Lebanon may have been damaged by recent disclosures.

"It's a very iffy situation. We will keep working on getting the hostages free. It's possible this may progress to the point where we may get some positive results."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Teacher's coffee laced with LSD

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Three high school students accused of spiking a teacher's coffee with LSD will be expelled if convicted or if they admit responsibility, their principal says.

South Eugene High School Principal Don Jackson said Saturday that he had never seen any incident as "hazardous or as ludicrous" as what the boys are alleged to have done.

Police arrested the boys after Lou Hammer, an industrial arts teacher at the school, became disoriented and was taken to a doctor Friday afternoon. A student told school officials that he heard LSD, a hallucinogenic drug, had been put in Hammer's coffee.

Jackson said Hammer takes medicine for high blood pressure, that his blood pressure shot up Friday because of the LSD, and that it "could have been a lethal situation."

The boys were charged with second-degree assault, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and furnishing a controlled burglary. Two of the boys were lodged at a juvenile detention center, and the other was released to the custody of his parents.

Two of the boys were ages 14 and 15; the age of the third was not available. Their names were withheld because they are juveniles.

Hammer said Saturday that he felt "shaky" but was recovering.

### Villagers tortured over bike bell

PEKING (AP) — A former local Communist Party official was sentenced to four years in prison on charges he illegally detained 78 villagers and tortured several because his bicycle bell was stolen, the party newspaper said Sunday.

Li Jiyin, 47, enraged over the

theft of the bell in December 1984, had security officers of Hengshan village in Shanxi province question 85 people the next day, the People's Daily said.

The report said 72 of them were held illegally and several were tortured.

It said Yang Jishun, deputy head of village security, was sentenced to three years in prison.

The sentencing Saturday of Li and Yang came amid a campaign to vigorously prosecute officials who illegally detain citizens. The government earlier reported 949 cases of illegal detention nationwide in the first half of 1986.

### Iran's Musavi denies U.S. ties

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's prime minister was quoted Sunday as saying his government could not establish diplomatic ties with Washington, although another official said U.S. policy toward Iran had turned 180 degrees and become more realistic.

Prime Minister Hussein Musavi also repeated Iran's denial that any diplomatic contacts were made with the United States. President Reagan said last week that the two countries had secret contacts for the past 18 months.

"Of course, the resumption of diplomatic ties with the United States is contrary to the principles of the Islamic revolution of Iran," Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Musavi as saying in Tehran.

The agency was monitored in Nicosia.

Earlier Sunday, the news agency quoted Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, Said Rajai-Khorassani, as saying America was being realistic in seeking improved relations with Iran.

Rajai-Khorassani said Reagan's speech Thursday night, in which he disclosed the secret contacts with Iran, showed the United States now recognized Iran's Islamic revolution.

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## Movies receive unbiased reviews ex post facto

by Linda McGivern

Some day I may decide to become a movie critic.

In this day of the video cassette recorder, however, I've decided I won't critique these movies as they come out. I want to critique movies months or years after the fact.

By doing it this way, a movie is sure to receive an unbiased, concise and accurate slamming instead of one which cannot be trusted because of pre-release media coverage and Hollywood hype.

So now I feel it is necessary to enlighten our adoring public with some post-reviews on movies I have had the personal chance to see and the personal fortitude to endure.

*Under a Cherry Red Moon:* This movie, starring the ever short and theatrically talentless Prince, falls into the second category.

As the movie progressed, I found it increasingly difficult to believe a normal human being could find anything interesting or entertaining about this movie.

The worst thing about *Under a Cherry Red Moon* was that it was rated PG-13. This meant that not only was the movie completely ridiculous, but Prince didn't even redeem himself by offering viewers the normal proliferation of sex scenes so commonly found in his earlier movie *Purple Rain* and in most of his songs.

When Prince was making love to the incredibly beautiful and witty co-star of the movie, all we saw were the hands of the two characters clenched in sexual ecstasy.

Hands? Why not something more substantial like a breast or two, or even some rear.

In any case, the film was doomed from the beginning because Prince was portraying a gigolo. The basic premise of the movie was poppycock; who would actually pay to have a sexual encounter with that guy?

On the other hand, another movie I saw this past summer for the first time which I hope to see again soon is well deserving of every theatrical accolade it ever received.

The movie, *Harold and Maude*, was about a teenaged boy who fell in love with an 80-year-old woman (played by Ruth Gordon).

The beginning of the movie finds us viewing Harold suspended from the living room ceiling with a rope around his neck. His mother enters and says something like, "Oh Harold, come down from there this instant," at which point she leaves the room.

Harold made at least six different suicide attempts during the course of the movie to get the attention of his very rich parents.

Every one failed. Then Harold meets Maude and life takes on new meaning.

The movie, which is called a "cult classic" because of its small but loyal audience, made such a subtle but biting social message one couldn't help finding this otherwise bizarre movie great entertainment.

Another movie of this genre (a personal favorite of mine) was *Tempest*, with Gena Rowlands and John Cassavettes.

In *Tempest*, Cassavettes ditched his untrue wife (Rowlands) and moves to a Greek island he has rented. His daughter (portrayed by Molly Ringwald in her

debut) comes along for the duration as does another American woman (Susan Sarandon) they had met on the streets in Athens.

Never before have I viewed such a hysterically funny movie, as I watched the antics of the three main characters and the island native while they tried to deal with life's trials and tribulations.

In any case, now that I'm on my way to becoming the first-ever post-movie reviewer to make a million I'm signing off until the next time I watch a particularly onerous or entertaining film.

## Clavel's *Tai-Pan* movie attempt panned by critic

by Paul Siletti  
Staff Writer

*Tai-Pan*, the recently released motion picture based on James Clavel's novel of the same name is failure that would take more than Dirk Straun or good joss to save.

Attempting to pass itself off as something historically significant, by ending with pictures of present day Hong Kong, nothing really happens in the movie.

The story starts out in the year 1839. Lin Tze-hsu, an imperial Chinese com-

missioner has been sent to Canton to suppress the Opium trade.

Imported primarily by two British companies, Noble House and Brock and Sons, the Chinese fear opium is draining China of its silver.

Both Noble House's and Brock and Son's opium stocks are confiscated, and the two companies are forced to leave Canton. Although played down by the movie, this point in history begins the Sino-British or Opium Wars, which resulted in the establishment of Hong Kong as a British trading center

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## R.A. Information Session Schedule

### Information for Spring 1987 and Fall 1987 Processes

Complex	Date	Time	Place	The Resident Position: Fitting in to Your Scheme of Things
Hilltop	Friday, Nov. 21	2 - 4 p.m.	Knox Seminar Room	What three things is your resume most in need of? 1) A job experience considered valuable by potential employers in most fields. 2) A leadership experience that demonstrates good communication skills, an effectiveness in playing many roles, and an ability to work with people. 3) Good references that can speak for your skills, commitment and contributions made in a major university department. 4) A good proof-reader. 5) A decent typist. 6) Some high-grade, off-white paper.  If you chose the top three, you may very well want to consider the Resident Assistant position.
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Paul Savioe and Cate Davis rehearse for Maine Masque's performance of "Ecstasy of Rita Joe." (Liveright Photo)

## Tai-Pan

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On the island of Hong Kong begins the great rivalry between the Brock family of Brock and Son, and Struan family of Noble House. Why the rivalry exists is never entirely explained. Hints are made during the film that it has been going on for years.

"You're the same spineless rat that you were when I was a cabin boy on that brig and you were third mate," says Straun in his heavy Scottish accent during an encounter between the two forces.

If the conflict built around the mercantile were better elucidated the movie would have had potential for success. As soon as Noble House and Brock and Son install their trading-shipping businesses on Hong Kong, however, the viewer is flooded with more characters than he can keep track of.

Flat as rice patties, minor players: Mary, Gordon Chen, Aristotle Quince, Jeff Cooper, Tess Brock and a half-dozen other forgettable folks whiff in out of the picture. Periodically spouting dialogue that seems to have little significance to the plot, these numerous faces rob badly needed camera time from the main cast.

Dubbed the Tai-Pan of the trading industry or as the phrase means "supreme ruler" by the Chinese, Dirk Straun, played by Bryan Brown, is a character the movie wants to project as a hero and a half; a tough, thoughtful, strongwilled self-thinking merchant, with plenty of joss (a Cantonese phrase meaning good luck).

Facing Straun, Mary, a whore with a golden heart type character, says to Straun, "Tai-Pan we're all many things. Look at you; saint, smuggler, husband, fornicator, peasant, prince."

As hard as the movie tries to make the audience believe it, by using quotes like Mary's and a multitude of fight scenes from which Straun always emerges victorious, Straun is simply unbelievable as an undefeatable power.

Possessing only average height and a scrawny to medium build, while having neither a steely sneer or a particularly moving voice, Straun's only feature that displays strength is his name.

All possibilities of seriously accepting Straun as a realistic character are destroyed in a scene the film's producer had the poor judgement to put in beginning of the movie.

Just having received a four hundred lac loan, Straun is sailing a locha full of silver to Hong Kong when his crew of nearly ten hungry Cantonese decide to take over the boat. Suffering only a bullet wound in the shoulder which he doesn't even pause to wince about, Straun defeats the entire lot of bad men with little effort.

Trying to be persuaded to believe Dirk Straun is Hong Kong's answer to a demigod, and being introduced to multitudes of characters of no importance are not the worst aspects of the movie.

Following the first half hour of the movie, where the two rival companies are expelled from China and move to Hong Kong to set up their trading facilities, everything that transpires makes the viewer think "who cares."

Some of the noteworthy occurrences in the latter three-fourths of the movie include a dance, more fights and a tropical storm.

Good points of the movie should not be omitted. Although the producers fail to create a believable picture of Dirk Straun, the characterization of the supervillians Tyler and Gorth Brock are irrefutably credible.

Played by Bill Leadbetter, Gorth, son of Tyler Brock, furnishes an excellent show of odiously putrifying behavior throughout the movie, while his father Tyler, played by John Stanton, stands by, proudly approving his every action.

Deeds of greater foulness seem unimaginable when the hulking long-nosed, no-chinned Gorth, at the request of his father, castrates and then murders a gentleman caller of his younger sisters in the start of the film. However, it is not until a scene where Gorth invites Straun's son to a house of ill repute, that the true magnitude of his wickedness is exposed.

Unfortunately for producer John Briley, good movies cannot be based on dirty deeds only. The film's numerous characters that could only all be developed in a book the size of China, its abortive attempts to provide authenticity to the lead role and its failure to convey insight into Oriental history wrecks the movie like a tycoon wrecks a Pacific island.

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## Black Bear hockey sweep Wild Cats 6-5, 3-2

By Mike Collins  
Staff Writer

With just over four minutes left in Friday's hockey game, Maine defenseman Vince Guidotti broke in on University of New Hampshire goalie Greg Rota and flipped the puck over Rota's shoulder and into the top of the net to put Maine ahead to stay 6-5.

The Black Bears came into the game ranked No. 6 in the nation, and second in the Hockey East behind first place Lowell.

And the Black Bears can only move up, as Saturday Maine again triumphed over the Wildcats, spurred on by Eric Weinrich's last minute goal, 3-2.

In Friday's game Maine jumped out to a 4-1 lead after the first period. The first tally was scored at 8:54 when Bob Beers let go an incredible pass to Christian LaLonde for a breakaway. LaLonde faked to the left and slipped the puck through Rota's pads.

The University of Maine then went up 2-0 when Dave Wensley centered the puck and a UNH defenseman deflected the pass into the net. Dave Capulano got credit for the assist boosting his stats to six assists with five goals.

UNH got on the board at 12:21 after Chris Laganis was set up in front by right winger Steve Johnson, and slipped the rubber through the pads of Black Bear goalie Al Loring.

Maine got its third goal of the night on Chris Cambio's first goal of the year. There was a pile up in front and Cambio picked it up and delivered it. The puck deflected off Rota's left pad and bounced into the webbing.

Weinrich pushed the lead to 4-1 as he tried a backhand that went off a Wildcat defenseman's foot and into the net.

In the second period UNH sophomore Steve Horner went to work scoring two consecutive goals.

The first came at 5:26 as Horner flipped it by Loring and the second came at 9:31 as Horner was set up in front by Tim Shields and spun a backhand that beat Loring to the crease.

Maine would get the next goal with less than forty seconds remaining in the period as Mike McHugh deflected the puck in the net off a Bob Corkum shot and put the Black Bears up 5-3.

But UNH came out in the third period and scored two more goals to tie the game at five apiece.

When Maine's Guidotti got his feet tangled, right winger Quinten Brickly skated in alone to challenge Loring, and won by snapping it past the netminder. The tying goal came on a knuckling shot from the blue line by Geoff Canoirer.

Loring saved the original slap, but deflected it into the air. He didn't know where it was as the puck bounced behind him off the cross bar and over the crease for a score.

Over the next eight minutes the play picked up, and both goalies kept their teams alive with great saves.

Guidotti redeemed himself, when he tallied his first goal of his young career by streaking down the right side and flipping the puck over Rota's left shoulder.

With a minute left UNH pulled their goalie, but couldn't put any pressure on as Maine's defense rose to the occasion.

Saturday's contest saw the Black Bears play tough defense in front of goaltender Scott King and come away with a 3-2 win.

Bruce Major registered the initial Maine score with assists going to Jack Capuano and Guy Perron. Lalonde got the second Black Bear tally.

But it was Weinrich's shot from the blue line that evaded Rota with just a minute left on the clock that gave Maine its margin of victory.

## Swimming, diving win against Providence

by Tim Tozier  
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's and women's swimming and diving teams both won their contests against Providence College this past Saturday at the Stanley M. Wallace pool.

The defending New England Champion women's swim team handily beat the Friars by a score of 180-78, while the men's team won with a score of 129-75.

"They had quite a few good swimmers, but they just didn't have enough swimmers to keep up with us with the

new point system," women's coach Jeff Wren said. "There were a lot of good races and the score was not indicative of the way that they performed, we just have more swimmers than they do."

Laura Negri did an outstanding job in winning both the 200-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle.

"Laura did an exceptional job in coming back from the butterfly to take the 500-yard freestyle alone and still get a time of 5:27.17," coach Wren said.

Meg Briselden won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.30, which

was a better time than she had all last year except for in the last meet of last season.

The Friars won the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle to give them

33 of their 78 points with Denise Connolly and Patty Ryan taking the first and second places in the 200yard freestyle.

The Black Bear divers took first, second and third places in both the 1meter (see SWIM page 8)



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## Football ends season on strong victory

by R. Kevin Dietrich  
Staff Writer

Saturday's contest will go into the record books as a 26-11 victory that capped off a 7-4 campaign, but neither mark is indicative of the type of game or the type of season the UMaine football team played.

"I'm pleased with the way the season ended up," quarterback Bobby Wilder said. "We can say 'What if?' till we're blue in the face, but it was still a successful campaign."

The Black Bears, whose Yankee Conference mark finishes at a less than pleasing 3-4, rolled over the University of Richmond before a startled Spider crowd in Richmond.

Maine scored on its first four possessions, and by the end of three quarters had a commanding 19-3 lead en route to its triumph.

"We totally outplayed them. The offensive line dominated them," Wilder said. "They controlled the line of scrim-

mage."

The Black Bears' first possession saw them march 65 yards in 11 plays, led by the running of Doug Dorsey and the passing of Wilder.

It was Dorsey who put Maine on top 6-0 when he scooted around the left end from six yards out for his 12th touchdown of the year, which tied the Black Bear record, set by Lorenzo Bouier in 1982 and tied by Dorsey a season ago.

Maine took over again a little later in the first period when a Richmond fake punt attempt came up short, and the Black Bears eventually converted the opportunity into a Peter Borjstedt 35-yard field goal.

Richmond was unable to get on track as the first half continued and again Maine took advantage.

"I thought the game was going to be a lot closer than it was," linebacker Steve Root said. "Obviously they didn't come to play and we did."

Again it was Dorsey chewing the Spiders up with large gains on the

ground and Wilder liberally spreading his passes around to the Maine receiving corps that helped lead the Black Bears to another touchdown.

This time it was freshman, running back Ray Wood going over from two yards out with his first collegiate touchdown to put Maine up 16-0.

Maine scored its final touchdown with 8:24 remaining in the game when senior Mike Walsh broke through the Spider line and rambled 49 yards to round out the Black Bear scoring on the afternoon.

"It was the way to end the season," running back Chris Boswell said. "On a good, winning note."

In addition to Maine finishing with back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1964-5, the win should assure the Black Bears of a brighter future.

"Everybody's pumped with the way we're going," Root said. "Hopefully there's better things down the road. But it's a good way to go out."

## Swim

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and 3-meter diving events, with Bryn Fenton winning both events by scores of 221.60 and 227.30. Maria Coomaraswamy was close behind Fenton in both events with scores of 219.90 and 221.30 in helping the team to victory.

"In general, I thought it was a good effort by the team and hopefully we will be able to continue in our winning ways," Wren said.

The women's swimming and diving team will travel to UMass next weekend to face the third place team in New England last year.

"It should be a close meet against UMass and I hope the diving will help us out down there," Wren said.

In the men's action, Russ Verby did a great job in winning both the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke with times of 1:47.81 and 2:06.61.

Konrad Martin swam outstandingly, anchoring one relay and winning the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 00:22.67.

The Black Bears swept both relays with Jack Kaplan, Dewey Wyatt, Andy Campbell and Rodney Mason combining their efforts to win the 400-yard medley relay and Jeff Skaggs, Steve Rolfe, Kevin Broad and Konrad Martin put it together to take the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Jack Kaplan did a fine individual job by winning the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:01.89 and coming back two events later to take third in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:09.36.

Also having great times for the Black Bears were Wyatt, who took second in the 200-yard individual medley and won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:13.04 and Kevin Broad, who took first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 00:49.63.

## Women's basketball stages exhibition

by John Holyoke  
Staff Writer

The White team, led by the twin 17-point efforts of Crystal Cummings and Lauree Gott, overcame an early deficit to upend the Blue 78-71 in the 4th annual women's basketball intrasquad game played Friday night.

Coach Peter Gavett said that though the game started out rather slowly, he was pleased with the play of both squads.

"It's tough playing against people who know your plays and offenses, but I told them to just go out and play, and execute," Gavett said. "Eventually they did. (78-71) is a lot of points for a Blue-White game."

The Blue, led by Liz Coffin's 30-point, 15-rebound inside barrage, and Victoria Watras' solid all-around game (22 points, 11 rebounds, four assists, four steals) held as much as a seven point advantage early on before the White pulled ahead in the late going.

For the White, Cummings racked up 14 rebounds to go with her scoring output, Debbie Duff hit for 16 points, and Cathy Iaconeta added 11.

The Blue's Kathy Shorey had 10, and was that team's only other double-figure scorer.

The Maine women's basketball team will play another Blue-White contest Friday at Caribou High School. The contest will provide a homecoming of sorts for Liz Coffin and Diane Nagle, who both played their high school ball in Aroostook County.

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