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• Election '97

Nelson-Morelli ticket wins close election

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

Jenn Nelson and Scott Morelli were elected president and vice president of Student Government early Wednesday morning.

In the most vigorously contested race in recent memory, Nelson claimed a victory over Chris Barstow by 95 votes. The final, unofficial tally was Nelson, 410; Barstow, 315. David Cray, the write-in candidate for president finished third with 223 votes.

Students cast a total of 998 votes, a total that does not consider absentee ballots. Including absentee ballots, approximately 10 percent of undergraduates turned out to the polls to cast their vote.

Morelli took the vice presidential election with 626 votes to Mackey's 229.

The election results will not be official until Thursday, the deadline for a candidate to file a complaint with the Fair Election Practices Committee.

Write-in candidates Cray and Mackey fared well among off-campus voters. Cray tied Nelson at the Memorial Union polls,

where off-campus students vote, with 106 votes, and vice presidential candidate Mackey edged Morelli 138 to 137.

The presidential vote broke down as follows: Stodder - Barstow, 26; Nelson, 54; Cray, 12; Hilltop - Barstow, 87; Nelson, 136; Cray, 34; Stewart - Barstow, 56; Nelson, 83; Cray, 17; Union - Barstow, 74; Nelson, 106; Cray, 106; York - Barstow, 72; Nelson, 31; Cray, 54.

The vice presidential vote broke down as follows: Stodder - Morelli, 76; Mackey, 13; Hilltop - Morelli, 194; Mackey, 29; Stewart - Morelli, 127; Mackey, 10; Union - Morelli, 137; Mackey, 138; York - Morelli, 92; Mackey, 39.

Results were not available until 2 a.m. FEPC Chairman Jonathan Duke said the counting of the ballots was delayed because there was disagreement as to if the committee would count write-in votes as valid if the box next to the write-in candidate's name was not checked.

After deliberating, the FEPC decided that those votes would indeed be valid if

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Bethany Doyle, a junior elementary education major, votes in the Memorial Union Tuesday. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Confide

Cutler Health stocks HIV test kits

Lester B. Smith
Maine Campus Staff

The Confide HIV Testing Kit, which is more than 99% accurate, is now available at the Cutler Health Center for \$30.

"In addition to the test's accuracy, it's very easy to use and confidential," pharmacist Debbie Kotredes said.

As explained by Kotredes, the procedure for using the HIV testing kit is simple. First you take a blood sample from your fingertip. Then, mail the sample to the Confide laboratory in a prepaid mailer and after a week call the Confide result center's toll-free number and give your personal identification number on your test card to find out your results.

"If someone were to call the Confide result center and find out their results are positive there would be counselors available

to give the person support and medical advice on how to live a longer and healthier life with HIV," Kotredes said.

According to Direct Access Diagnostics, the makers of the Confide HIV testing kit, each blood sample is tested at least four times to ensure the same accurate screening and confirming test results as hospitals.

The makers of Confide advised individuals to take an HIV test if they have injected drugs and shared needles, had several sex partners and didn't know their HIV status or had a blood transfusion in the United States between 1978 and 1985 because during that time blood was not tested for HIV.

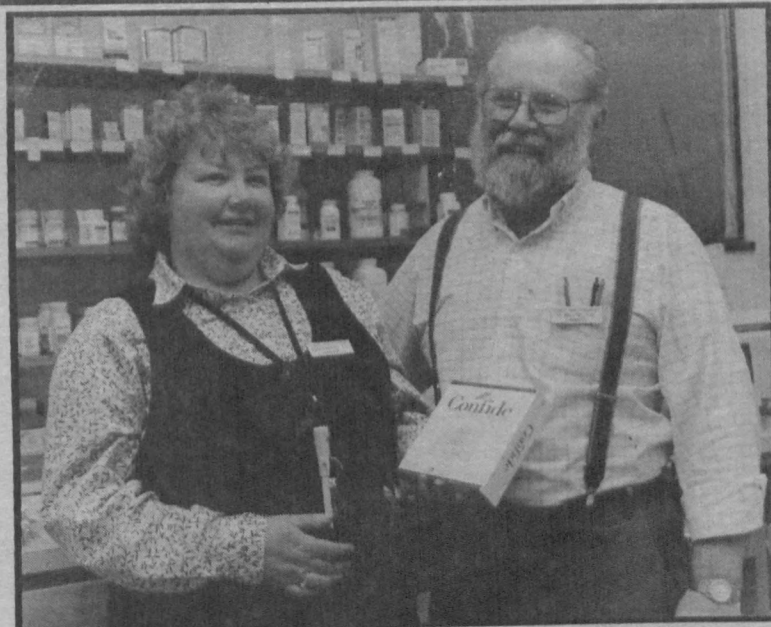
"Individuals can reduce their chances of contracting HIV by using a condom, knowing their companion's HIV status, having a monogamous relationship or

practicing abstinence," Cutler Health Center pharmacist Al Mallory said.

According to studies by Direct Access Diagnostics, people can't contract HIV by using public water fountains, being coughed on, sharing utensils or being bitten by insects.

"We've had the HIV testing kit available since January and a few students have purchased it, but if students feel uncomfortable about coming to the Cutler Health Center they could call Confide's toll-free number and

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Debbie Kotredes (l) and Al Mallory, pharmacists at Cutler Health Center, support the Confide HIV test kit. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Plaque

GSS to honor King

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

General Student Senate voted last night to give writers Stephen and Tabitha King a plaque as a token of appreciation for their recent contribution to the university. However, it did not go without debate.

Sen. Sydney Mackey said the senate should express its gratitude with something other than a plaque,

such as a thank you note.

"One, we can use the money for students; two, there are other ways to express our thanks and three, I don't believe the Kings gave UMaine the money to get a gift in return," Mackey said. "They did it to help us."

Sen. Jamie LeBlond, sponsor of the resolution, said the cost of the gift, approximately \$80 is not a

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• Ruling

Delta Tau Delta cleared of hazing charge

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The Student Conduct Code Committee found the Delta Tau Delta fraternity did not participate in hazing in the Dec. 4, 1996 incident in which five members of the fraternity were accused of stealing Christmas trees.

The committee voted 5 to 1 with one abstention on Jan. 28 in a closed hearing with committee members, members of the fraternity and Director of Judicial Affairs William Kennedy.

Early on the morning in question, the five men were apprehended in two vehicles by Old Town and Orono police. After all five men were taken to the

Public Safety office, they wrote accounts of the night and led police to the Delta Tau Delta house to retrieve the trees, which they were alleged to have stolen as part of a hazing for the fraternity.

"(The allegations) really affected our reputation on campus," Marc Dettore, a member of Delta Tau Delta, said, adding that they also put a damper on

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• Shady business

Lucrative route for oil smuggling

1 MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Skirting the shoals of Iran's Persian Gulf coast, tankers are smuggling tens of thousands of tons of fuel oil out of Iraq in violation of U.N. sanctions, a U.S. admiral said Tuesday.

The embargo busters and their Iranian protectors have had two confrontations with the Navy in the past two weeks, ramming a U.S. frigate in one unpublicized showdown.

"Our indications are that this is a rather sophisticated effort, centrally controlled within Iran," Vice Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, commander of the U.S. 5th Fleet, told The Associated Press at his Bahrain headquarters.

The "Iran connection" is one visible sign of cooperation between the two former enemies in trying to foil American efforts to enforce U.N. trade sanctions on Iraq.

The main motive is money. Iraq, desperate to circumvent the embargo, will sell the oil cheap, and a 2,000-ton shipment of oil can net \$150,000, Fargo estimated.

Crews of intercepted vessels tell investigators that Iranian authorities are taking a cut of the profits.

"A protection fee is paid to the Iranians that guarantees them safe passage through territorial waters," the admiral said.

• Decision

Election victories to be approved

2 BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — It took nearly three months of street protests for Serbia's opposition to wrest the first democratic concessions from autocratic president Slobodan Milosevic.

Today's session of Serbia's parliament should confirm what Milosevic promised last week: that he will recognize opposition victories in municipal elections Nov. 17.

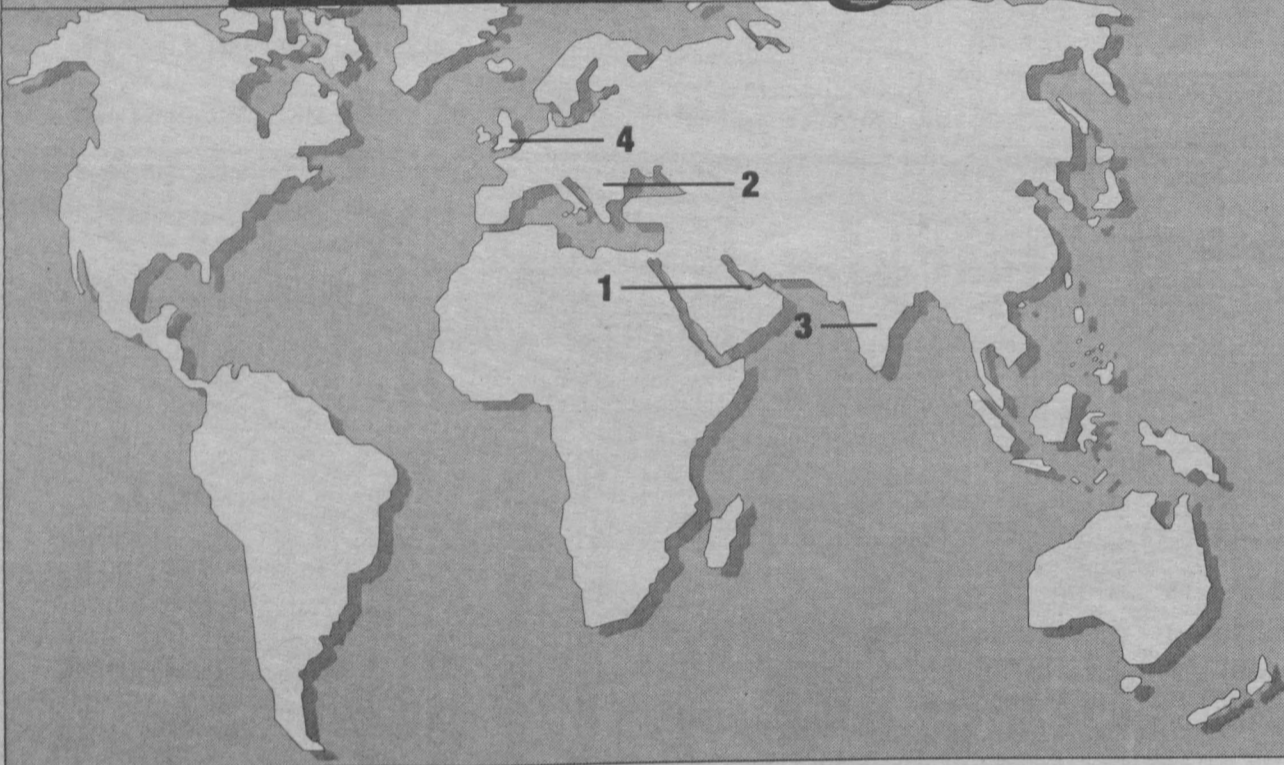
But the struggle for real democratic change in Serbia will be longer and probably tougher. The opposition says it won't stop in its drive to chip away at Milosevic's power.

"Getting all our seats is not enough to satisfy Serbia," said Zoran Djindjic, one of the three leaders of the opposition coalition Zajedno, or Together. "Our demands go far beyond."

Milosevic's Socialists, former Communists, hold 123 seats in the 250-member parliament of Serbia, the republic that makes up most of postwar Yugoslavia. With junior allies, they have enough votes to pass a special bill recognizing the outcome of November's elections.

The bill is just one of the items on the agenda and it is not certain how long it will take for the law to be adopted.

World Digest



• Unearthing

Villagers find fossilized dinosaur eggs in fields

3 PISDURA, India (AP) — Indian villagers thought they were stumbling over rocks as they ploughed their wheat and cotton fields — but scientists were thrilled to find fossilized dinosaur eggs.

Villagers had been finding the oval-shaped eggs — six inches long and three inches wide — over the past several years in Pisdura, 440 miles northeast of Bombay, but researchers were only recently alerted.

"The villagers did not know the importance of the fossils," said Dr. Gyani Badam, a paleontologist from nearby Deccan College.

Villagers also found fossilized bones and droppings in their green and yellow fields. In all, more than 300 dinosaur eggs in clusters of four to 10 were unearthed.

"What is it to me? These are just like stones. People come in cars to take them away. They look like animal bones, but it had to be a very big animal," said farmer Kisna Dadmal.

Badam said the dinosaurs who laid the eggs lived 65 million years ago during the Cretaceous period, when such creatures were dying out. Studying such late-period remains could provide clues about what led to the end of the dinosaurs.

• Eat & run

Woman wins pancake race in 63.5 seconds

4 OLNEY, England (AP) — In a biting wind, Avril Soman beat 12 other women to the finish line today in Olney's annual pancake race.

The 25-year-old finance clerk made the 415-yard dash with a frying pan and pancake from The Bull pub in Olney's market square to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in 63.5 seconds.

A parallel race was held yesterday in Liberal, Kan. Each community has won the Shrove Tuesday race 23 times.

At the finish line, Mrs. Soman was rewarded with the traditional kiss from the church vicar, Nigel Pond and a silver platter from Tim Fowler of Liberal, who helps organize the event.

In 1950, Liberal joined in friendly rivalry with Olney, a small town 40 miles northwest of London, after seeing a picture of the Olney race in Time magazine.

Participants must flip a pancake in the frying pan at the start and at the finish of the race. The record is 58.5 seconds.

Shrove Tuesday, known in Britain as Pancake Day, traditionally was the last day for unhindered merrymaking before the start of Lent. Pancakes were thought to be a good way to get in the eggs and fat the faithful were supposed to do without during Lent.

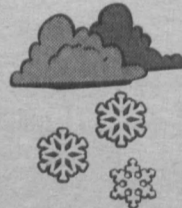
According to legend, the Olney race started in 1445 when a housewife, rushing to be on time for church, arrived at the service clutching her frying pan with a pancake in it. Another theory is that a pancake was taken to church as a bribe for the bell ringer to sound the beginning of the day's celebrations early.

Weather

The Local Forecast

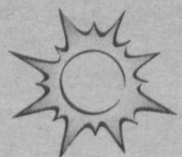
Today's Weather

Cloudy with a chance of light snow, high near 30s.



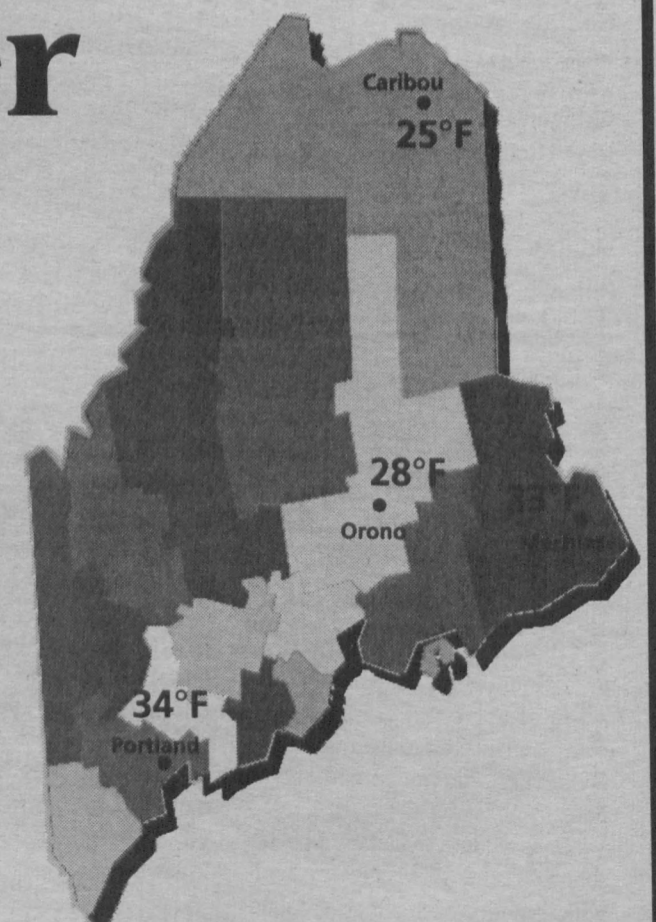
Thursday's Outlook

Mostly sunny and windy. High in the upper teens to lower 20s.



Extended Forecast

Friday...Fair, High in the mid 20s north to mid 30s south. Saturday...Chance of snow, High near 25 north to near 35 south.



• Expansion process

Students discuss payment preferences for new union

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

More computers and places to eat and hang out should be added to the Memorial Union when it is expanded, according to first-year students at the University of Maine.

"The biggest problem in the union is the computers," Thomas Robert, a first-year student living in Penobscot Hall, said. "Every time I go into the cluster I have to wait 20 minutes."

"I think there should be more places to hang out like the coffee shop but with couches," Lee Currier, a first-year student living in Hart Hall, said. "We need somewhere to get something to eat and sit around with friends."

The plan for the expansion and renovation of the Memorial Union devised by the University of Maine administrators and student leaders states that students must be involved in planning the uses for the expanded union.

"Students are paying for half so they deserve half the autonomy," Scott Morelli, the vice chairman of the Student Government Facilities Expansion Committee, said.

"It is extremely important to have student input," Ryan Eslinger, chairman of the Undergraduate Facilities Expansion Committee, said. "If President Hutchinson doesn't realize students care, then it is not going to happen."

New shops and stores other than the bookstore, a climbing wall, a movie theater or a place to watch television and a

place where bands could play and people could dance were other suggestions by first-year students.

"It is very important to get student input from first-year students, especially since they are the ones that are going to be here," Jennifer Nelson, president of Residents on Campus, said. "It is important to go to the town meetings with President Hutchinson because this is a student building for student wants."

The town meetings, the first of which was held last Monday in Knox Hall, were included in the plan to get students' ideas and suggestions for the expansion of the Memorial Union and how to fund it.

The plan has students paying for about half of the \$9 million that it will cost to expand and renovate the Memorial Union. The expansion and renovations will take two years to complete. First-year students will be the first to pay the fee.

There are two options for student funding of the expansion and renovation. The first option is a \$3.55-per-credit-hour fee that would cost a student taking between 24 and 30 credit hours each year between \$82.50 and \$106.50. The second option is a flat fee that would cost a student taking 12 or more credits \$118 per year and a student taking between seven and 11 credits \$59 per year. Students taking fewer than seven credit hours would pay no fee. First-year students had mixed reactions to the funding options.

"I think the flat rate fee is fair because I am taking 18 credit hours," John Robinson, a first-year student living in York Hall, said. "It is not fair that I should have to pay

more when I'll have less time to be there."

"I'd rather pay by the credit hour because it is more fair," Jessica Smith, a first-year student living in Somerset Hall, said. "If you are here longer you should pay more because you will use (the union) more."

"The flat rate fee is better because a lot of people take more than 15 credit hours," Andrea Johnson, a first-year student living in York Hall, said. "Everyone should pay the same."

Of the 25 first-year students interviewed, 13 said they would prefer funding the expansion with a flat fee, five preferred the per-credit-hour fee and sev-

en said had no preference.

Some students voiced apprehension about the decision to expand the union but others were content with the decision.

"I think that the expansion is a good idea in general," Kate White, a first-year student living in Androscoggin Hall, said. "It depends on the plan, how they are going to pay for it, what they are going to do with it. They have to meet the fire code."

"I love going down to the union. I go there all the time," Megan Freise, a first-year student living in Somerset, said. "It would be nice to have more stuff to do there."

POLICE REPORT

Feb. 3 - Four gallons of ice cream was reported stolen from a freezer in Stewart Commons. The theft occurred between Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 8 p.m., according to police.

Feb. 7 - Two Brewer juveniles, ages 17 and 15, were summoned to court for possession of alcohol. Police pulled the car in which they were traveling over on the Rangely Road at 11:10 p.m. because the car was operating without headlights.

Feb. 8 - Police responded to reports of a fight on the steps of York Hall at 12:35 a.m. As a result of the investigation, Matthew C. Rivera, 20, of Topsham was summoned to Bangor District Court for assault.

Angela R. Buck, 19, was summoned to Bangor District Court for operating a motor vehicle after suspension and violating the zero-tolerance law. Police pulled Buck over heading north on the Rangely Road in Orono for speeding at 12:43 a.m.



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• Volunteerism

Alternative break program to offer students life experience

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

Spring break has traditionally meant hanging out on the beach in Florida or skiing down the slopes of Utah. Students looking for something different next year may volunteer their time over the March break to travel and build houses for the poor or clean up the environment.

Martha Eastman, community health nursing coordinator, is starting an alternative break program at the University of Maine. Eastman's initiative is derived from the Break Away program, which began at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Break Away is a non-profit organization that serves as a national resource of information on alternative break programs, which place teams of college students in communities to engage in community service and experiential learning during their school vacations.

Eastman submitted her proposal to fund her LET'S (Learning and Exploration Through Service) Volunteer Initiative to the University of Maine Foundation in January. The foundation approved the proposal, funding it at \$5,000. The money will be used to obtain Break Away chapter status, hire a work-study student

to serve as an alternative break coordinator, visit potential sites and attend Break Away's summer conference in Tennessee.

Eastman said the philosophy behind the alternative break program coincides with President Frederick Hutchinson's *Vision Statement*, which was delivered in May, 1994. In the statement, Hutchinson supported the extension of learning opportunities outside the classroom.

"It's a chance to go some place and do something significant," Eastman said. "A lot of learning can happen in a situation that's outside the classroom but relevant to real life."

Eastman said she was forming a task force to determine the site of the first alternative break, which she said was scheduled for March 1998. She said travel and community service aspects of the break would give students valuable and rewarding experience.

"During break, you want to get away from campus and get into the outside world," Eastman said. "This is real life."

HOME (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment), Inc. in Orland has hosted many alternative break programs in the 27 years this job training program has been in existence. Jo Barry, volunteer coordinator for HOME, said the cen-

ter hosts between 800 and 1000 volunteers every year.

Spring break is an especially busy time for the center and all the alternative break positions have been filled for March, according to Barry. Approximately 125 students from the University of Vermont, Boston College, the University of Virginia, St. Anselm's College and Tufts University have already committed themselves and their spring breaks to volunteering at HOME. Barry said she would welcome the opportunity to work with students from UMaine.

In addition to the five homeless shelters in Hancock County, two food banks and three transitional houses HOME operates, the organization, with the help of its many volunteers, also builds houses for low-income Maine residents. To date, HOME has used its on-site sawmill and woodworking shops to supply enough lumber to build 24 houses for low-income residents, and this volunteer-driven organization plans on building four more this year. The center also offers students the chance to volunteer in its cobblery, pottery, weaving and learning centers.

Barry said building houses is a favorite project for the students who come to HOME as a result of alternative break programs, and students who participate



Martha Eastman. (Courtesy Photo.)

get a great sense of satisfaction from the experience.

"It's a very worthwhile effort and the students that come here really want to help," Barry said. "Whether it be building houses or fixing roofs, they'll do anything that needs to be done."

"We try to keep them happy, and they respond by doing a real good job," she said.

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large amount of money to spend compared to the \$4 million donation to the university.

"What's an \$80 gift compared to an unselfish contribution of \$4 million," LeBlond said. "We can do it at least for them since they could've been anonymous (in their donation)."

Sen. Ryan Eslinger said he understood Mackey's position on the gift, however, he felt the senate should do something to show its appreciation.

"I completely understand about using the money to serve the students," Eslinger said. "We have a lot of money, approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000 (left in the budget), \$80 to send a token of appreciation (isn't a whole lot)."

Eslinger said the Kings' donation sends a political message to the state regarding

UMaine funding.

"He used (the donation) as a political message, and by giving him the plaque we are giving him something tangible saying we're supporting what he said," Eslinger said.

Student Government presidential candidate David Cray addressed senators, thanking them for the time and effort they put into the election, whether it be for him or against him. "I'm glad so many people voted; it means we accomplished something if over 1000 students voted today. It's progress and I appreciated it.

In other business, GSS approved several clubs. Financial approval allows clubs to request money during the budget approval.

The Animation Club, which sponsors of animated films on campus, was approved, as was UMaine High-Angle Rescue Team

(HART), which provides training in technical and ground base search and provides volunteer services to community.

Another approved club, Los Colores Unidos, is a group that supports Latinos and Hispanics. The club also educates the community on Latino and Hispanic culture by holding various events such as films and speakers.

Ranger Challenge Team received final funding approval. The team competes in an athletic regional competition every year. In the past they have helped move freshman into dorms.

Scabbard and Blade Honor Society received funding and final approval as a club. The club educates people on the military, holds an annual military ball, which raises funds for them to perform service projects such as blood drives.

The 20th Maine Honor Society (a service organization) and the women's volleyball club also received final club and funding approval.

The Comprehensive Fee Committee approved funding for the following:

- Guest Lecture Series: John Hawkenberry \$ 2000

- Wilde Stein: \$250.00

- National student Speech language hearing association \$650.00

- Union Board: Not at the Mall Film Series: 2,000

- Sonar: Earth Week World Game approved \$2500 out of a request of \$4,365.

- African American Student Association \$2,300 for a speaker

GSS voted to support the Guest Lecture Series in reserving Hauck Auditorium for an April 10 lecture. The organization has been having difficulty obtaining the auditorium for speakers.

GSS voted to donate two toilets and four windows to a community help program such as Habitat for Humanity. These items were previously in the Ram's Horn, which no longer exists.

Legislative Liaison Committee announced a rally in Augusta to be held Wednesday, Feb. There will be no cost to ride down for rally at Augusta.

ROC is hiring a new vice president of financial affairs. The new student orientation program, which used to be run by ROC, will now be the responsibility of Campus Living and it will be called the Hello program.

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Election

the write-in candidate's name was spelled in a recognizable fashion, whether or not the box next to the name was checked.

C. Ryan Eslinger and running mate Keith Heselton were elected president and vice president of Residents on Campus. In the presidential race, unofficial vote totals show Eslinger received 394 votes and opponent Shana Walsh received 250 votes. Heselton ran unopposed for vice president and received 588 total votes.

Eslinger unofficially came out ahead in every polling place. The vote broke down as follows: Stodder - Eslinger, 53; Walsh, 35; Heselton, 84; Hilltop - Eslinger, 154; Walsh, 88; Heselton, 219; Stewart - Eslinger, 78; Walsh, 70; Heselton, 123; Union - Eslinger, 14; Walsh, 3; Heselton, 17; York - Eslinger, 95; Walsh, 54; Heselton, 125.

All results are unofficial and do not include absentee ballots.

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Test

order it over the phone," Mallory said.

Students who choose to purchase the Confide HIV testing kit at Cutler will be asked to pay for it in cash or check be-

cause it will not be billed to their student account. This will maintain student confidentiality, which helps students feel more at ease, Kotredes said.



Work-Study Student Positions Available



The Maine Educational Talent Search and Maine Educational Opportunity Center Programs have position openings for six Student Counselor Aides for the spring semester. The major tasks of these positions are to provide telephone follow-up services to program participants who have recently enrolled in college. Experience working with nontraditional students helpful, but not necessary. Knowledge of the financial aid application process is required. Strong communication skills and discretion with confidential information is very important. Potential for summer college work-study employment. Hourly rate is \$5.70.

Please call:

Lori Williams at 581-3703 to schedule an interview.

• New facilities

YMCA revamps itself with kayak, climbing program

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

With the recent additions of two major recreational facilities at the Old Town-Orono YMCA, new programs are being added for members that reflect the latest sports interests of Generation X.

The completion of a swimming pool and a climbing wall inside the YMCA allows for several new programs to be developed involving kayaking, canoeing and rock climbing.

"Climbing is a great stress reliever and it is very therapeutic," said Keith

Skeffington, climbing director at the YMCA.

The new wall, which was designed by the Old Town High School engineering class of 1996, was completed last June and was dedicated in memory of Russell Keith Crouse on October 20, 1996. This facility is the only one of its kind in the state of Maine, as it has a unique auger system.

Much of what Skeffington has learned about the sport has come by trying various things on his own. He appreciates the benefits of climbing.

"Climbing is an excellent sport, and

is one of the better cardiovascular workouts besides swimming and jogging," he said.

Various organizations use the climbing wall for activities and training. The Army National Guard, the Boy Scouts, Acadia Hospital, Eastern Maine Technical College and Old Town High School, among others, are avid users of the new facility.

"There is always a staff member on duty to answer questions and to help out," Skeffington said. "Anyone over five years old is welcome to come in and climb, as long as you have the willingness to try something new."

Kayaking and canoeing are also making a start at the YMCA. Open pool sessions are available on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for paddlers who want to maintain their skills and techniques.

"The University of Maine and the Bangor YWCA used to offer open pool sessions for this activity," said John Milligan, kayaking instructor at the Old Town-Orono YMCA. "But now, (this) YMCA is the only facility in the area to offer this open time for paddlers."

Milligan said the pool sessions are not used for formal instruction, but are available mostly for paddlers who want to stay in shape and strengthen their skills, although anyone interested in this sport is welcome. As with the climbing wall, instructors are always on hand to assist with questions or problems.

In March, there will be a demonstration day for the new facilities at the YMCA. Representatives from Old Town

Canoe and New England Outdoor Center will be on hand to relay information to anyone with interest or questions. Milligan said "the motive of this presentation is not sales, but to increase interest in the sport."

An introductory course for rock climbing has been proposed and may be available by mid-March, pending approval by YMCA board officials. A climbing competition is planned for the public and will be scheduled for late March or early April.

The Old Town-Orono YMCA offers a variety of packages and payment methods for members, depending on what their interests are.

"We have a special rate for college students, as well as a low monthly payment plan if necessary," said Fran Crouse, director of operations at the YMCA. "Basically with the various packages, you pay for only the programs you use."

Skeffington said the new programs will create an increase in membership at the YMCA. "Those programs offer something new for existing members and are a way for new members to gain interest," he said.

Milligan also said the new pool and climbing wall will add to the public's interest in the YMCA.

"If you look at activities today, the top three outdoor sports are kayaking/canoeing, rock climbing and mountain biking," Milligan said. "Any company who can offer these activities as programs is going to do well. The YMCA is very reputable so you can be sure the instructional techniques are correct."

• Teaching trends

Courses to be taught over Internet by UM professors

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

A group of electrical and computer engineering professors are using the information superhighway to teach people in their industry who can't make it to campus. Their mostly non-credit classes are slated to begin in March using teleconferencing and compressed video technology.

"I hope it has a very positive effect on the university," Assistant Professor Bruce Segee said, adding that the university very much wants to be a part of the community and help industry. "It's an attempt to reach out to industry and provide some valuable, practical knowledge that would be widely applicable."

Professor Mohamad Musavi said he likes the idea of transferring knowledge and technology.

"I see my role as providing education to everyone who wants education," said Musavi, who is teaching a course on neutral network applications.

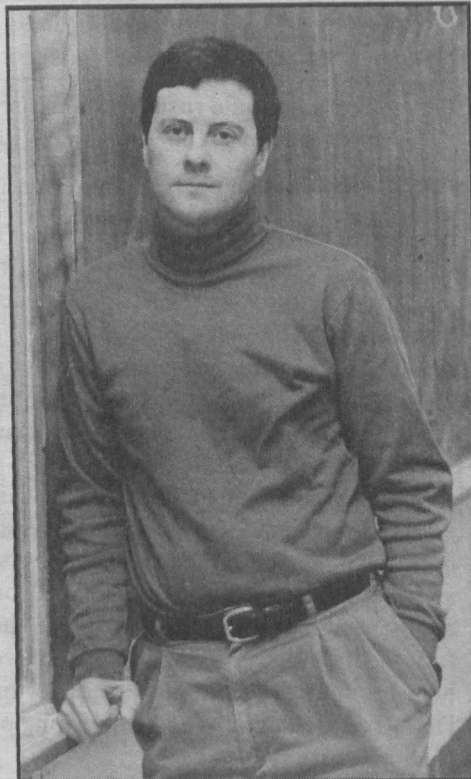
Segee described his class on practical control systems as a real-world look at controlling machinery. Associate Professor James Patton, who designed the web site, said his class on electric power systems is designed around the most frequently asked questions in that area. Other classes include one free course, titled "electronic power generations options in Maine" and one for-credit course titled "writing effective property descriptions."

Though Internet education has the advantages of convenience and accessibility, there are some disadvantages as well. Patton said one of the disadvantages of teaching over the Internet is that students can't go up to their professor after class and ask questions, although he does encourage the use of e-mail for questions and feedback.

"It does take some adjustment, no doubt about it," Patton said. He said if the professors feel satisfied with the courses, they will eventually change the credit status of the non-credit classes.

Patton said he has shown the course to a few grad students with a positive response, but he's not sure how others will feel.

"I can't predict how soon it'll take off," he said.



Professor James Patton. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

Patton compared the teleconferencing process to when McNeil and Lehrer used to interview long distance guests: he can see the students and they can see him. He will also videotape the class and put the audio onto the Internet for those students who don't have teleconferencing equipment.

"Lots of universities are getting interested in this," Patton said. "If you don't want to fall behind, it's inevitable."

Aside from the course fees, some of which are negotiable, the program is also being paid for by the Department of Energy and money won from the Academic Computing Advisory Committee tech-fee competition on campus. Money will go toward hiring students to help the professors with scanning material and teleconferencing.

Musavi said he doesn't see these courses replacing live courses on the UMaine campus.

"If (students) are on campus, I prefer to (teach) in class," he said. "I still prefer face to face, one on one communication."

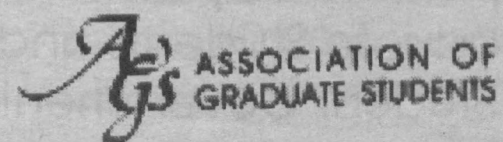
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State News

• DeCoster

Cause of spill at Iowa farm remains unidentified

CLARION, Iowa (AP) — The cause of an alleged hog manure spill at DeCoster Farms of Iowa in April 1995 remains a mystery and cannot be blamed on the hog confinement operator, a DeCoster attorney said Tuesday at the close of a state civil lawsuit.

"Either we're dealing with something that no one understands or it didn't come from our land," attorney William Smith said of the dark, foul-smelling liquid seen running from two discharge pipes in the 1995 incident.

DeCoster had just applied 300,000 gallons of hog manure as fertilizer to a 36-acre field across a road from the pipes. The state attorney general's office alleges that caused the discharge into a stream leading to the Iowa River.

Attorneys for the state and DeCoster made their closing statements Tuesday to Judge Ronald Schechtman after two weeks of testimony in the trial. The state is alleging environmental violations at DeCoster farms in Wright, Hardin and Hamilton counties, but the centerpiece of the suit is the April 1995 incident at a farm southeast of Clarion.

Assistant Attorney General David Sheridan said DeCoster is the only plausible cause of the waste discharge.

"None of the three experts called by DeCoster Farms identified another source

of the discharge that we know happened at those tile outfalls," Sheridan said.

"We don't know the precise conduit in which this hog waste got to the tiles. But we don't have to prove that, either," Sheridan said.

Smith said the manure could not have filtered within hours through four feet of soil to underground drainage tiles leading to the discharge pipes. He said an open pipe at the edge of the field could not have collected enough manure to cause the discharge.

Smith said DeCoster officials initially feared that they were responsible. When their investigation failed to find a cause, Smith said, they later suspected sabotage. But by then, no evidence was apparent.

"Unfortunately, it came up significantly after the event," Smith said of the sabotage suspicion.

DeCoster has upset some north-central Iowa residents by its aggressive expansion. It owns at least 30 hog confinement farms in the region, with a capacity of at least 370,000 hogs.

If DeCoster is found responsible for a manure discharge, it would be its first violation under a state "three strikes" law that slaps a five-year expansion ban on any farm with three violations in cases referred by the Environmental Protec-

tion Commission. Two other cases referred by EPC are pending. Schechtman said Tuesday that those cases will be combined in a single trial to begin Sept. 16.

DeCoster is also facing potential loss of its state law protection from nuisance lawsuits brought by neighbors over hog farm odors. A 1996 state law classifies farms with three environmental violations as chronic violators, subject to nuisance lawsuits.

The lawsuit that concluded Tuesday also included allegations that DeCoster let two manure lagoons fill beyond legal capacity, used two lagoons without state

permits and allowed manure to leak from cracks in concrete foundations of confinement buildings.

DeCoster attorneys said the alleged violations did no environmental damage. They have claimed that the state is unfairly targeting DeCoster for prosecution.

"This case is simply about the state trying to punish DeCoster for something it cannot prove happened," Smith said while discussing the drainage pipe discharge.

The judge gave the attorneys until Feb. 21 to file additional information before he makes his ruling.

Delta Tau

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the number of people rushing the house. "This was not a house function done with prior knowledge."

Because the Buckley Amendment prohibits officials from releasing details of a student's record, the Conduct Committee is not able to say what specific actions, if any, were taken against the five men. Any action other than a suspension or a dismissal can't be appealed, according to Debi McIntosh, a graduate student who works in Kennedy's office.

Dettore said even though the fraternity was found innocent of hazing, members must perform community service and Delta Tau Delta will be placed on two semesters of probation because the fraternity was incriminated when the five men brought the Christmas trees to the Delta Tau Delta house on the morning of Dec. 6.

"We have (the hours), we'll do them and we'll put all our effort into doing them," Dettore said. He said he hoped in the future that situations like this one would be handled more privately, with people knowing the facts before rumors start to spread.

"These allegations are going to affect us for semesters to come," Dettore said.

In addition to disputing the hazing charges, Dettore said the fraternity also presented the Conduct Committee with a number of plans to make sure the situation didn't happen again. The fraternity plans to have an alumni adviser oversee committees on pledge education, academic affairs, rush and recruitment. The fraternity also plans to host a seminar next fall for the Greek community about hazing and re-affirming every Greek's pledge not to haze.

Members of Delta Tau Delta are still upset about the lack of community support they have received.

"We had no support from the old (Interfraternity Council)," Rich Radulski, a Delta Tau Delta member, said, adding new IFC members had been supportive. He said fraternities elect IFC members and expect support from them, but in-

stead they turned their backs on Delta Tau Delta without proof they were in the wrong.

"We were pretty much left to hang out to dry," Dettore said.

Jason Libby, former IFC president, said he felt the hazing allegations affected the Greek community as a whole. He cited a column, comic strip and top 10 list that appeared in *The Maine Campus*, which he said trashed on all Greeks and gave the impression that all Greeks haze.

"Whether or not it's true, it's already done its damage," Libby said.

Radulski said Delta Tau Delta members were also upset because they received a lot of negative publicity at the start of the investigation, and have not received any positive publicity yet.

"We just would like the same publicity to let people know, 'Hey, we don't haze,'" he said.

Dettore said the fraternity members were unaware of the hazing charges until they read about them in the Dec. 6 issue of *The Maine Campus*. Radulski said the stories of hazing had been fabricated, and that none of the five men had written in their original statements that the theft was part of a fraternity hazing ritual. Public Safety officers had written in their report of the night that the situation could possibly be hazing. He said the hazing story started out by the equivalent to the "telephone game," in which someone hears a story at one end, and by the time the story reaches the last person it has changed completely.

Radulski said Delta Tau Delta's judicial board, which consists of one person from each class, met with the five men to discuss the severity of their actions. But specific actions that board may have taken against the men are private. A representative from the fraternity's national headquarters also visited the house for an internal investigation and found no hazing violations, Radulski said.

Radulski said the fraternity is still fully supporting the five men in their Feb. 27 Bangor court date, even though that ruling will have no effect on the house.

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• Justice

Divorce case complexities raise equality questions

AUGUSTA (AP) — Navigating the legal complexities of a divorce is like being led into a darkened courthouse and being told to find the staircase alone, the head of the state court system said Tuesday.

Chief Justice Daniel Wathen used the analogy in his State of the Judiciary address as he pleaded with lawmakers to create a Family Division in the court system.

Wathen also made pitches for judicial pay increases, better legal services for the poor and continued support for computerizing the courts as he addressed a joint House-Senate convention. Gov. Angus King became Maine's first chief executive in memory to attend the annual speech.

Overall, Wathen called for improvements to assure that justice is equal for the rich and poor.

He quoted from a letter written by a woman in Kezar Falls who was worried about her son's divorce case. "Please, how does a poor person get justice in this state?" the letter said.

"When an ordinary person seeks a divorce today, it is just as though they were told that somewhere inside the darkened courthouse there is a long, narrow, and winding set of stairs," Wathen said.

"It is up to them to find the stairs and climb them on their own."

Wathen said creating a Family Court would help thousands of people who are unrepresented by lawyers in divorce, support, custody and visitation cases to maneuver their way through the legal system and see their cases resolved fairly.

In laying out his goals for five years from now, Wathen listed a Family Division of eight district judges, who would serve in that capacity on a rotating basis, eight case management officers and a support staff to handle divorce, juvenile and child protection cases.

The court would cost \$875,000 a year, but Wathen estimated that all but about \$285,000 would be covered by federal money.

House Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Vassalboro, announced after Wathen's speech that she will sponsor a bill to create the family court, which she said would resolve disputes promptly, screen cases for domestic violence and provide continuous case supervision.

Wathen also wants the court system fully computerized so it is paperless by 2004. Improvements would include links to federal and state databases, audio-visual teleconferencing and electronic document filing.

Legal service providers would be available to assist people in "serious civil proceedings" who cannot afford lawyers, said Wathen. Videotaped instructions, educational programs and a panel of lawyers offering free legal services would be available at each or the state's 50 court sites.

Noting that federal funding for legal assistance has been slashed to almost nothing, Wathen said it is now up to the states to fund legal services for the poor.

"They must have a voice, we cannot continue to exclude them," the chief justice said.

The chief justice supports a bill to

fund legal services with increases in filing fees on civil cases.

Wathen asked the Legislature to heed the findings of a judicial pay commission that found Maine judges are among the nation's most productive but lowest paid.

The three-member independent commission also recommended that judges' get roughly 10 percent across-the-board pay increases so their salaries are the same or better than those of judges in other states with similar per capita incomes.

"Maine relies very heavily on the few judges it has, and, in the long run, you are going to get just exactly what you pay for," said Wathen.

• Buffer zones

New regulation protects right whales

BOSTON (AP) — All boats, except those with special research permits, will have to stay at least 500 yards away from Northern right whales under a new requirement by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Only about 300 of the endangered species exist between Maine and Georgia.

"This is a first step toward keeping the ... boats away from whales," Max Strahan, who first proposed a buffer zone around right whales in 1991, told The Boston Globe.

Strahan has sued federal and state agencies, maintaining they are not doing enough to protect right whales.

Officials of the New England Aquarium, which operates whale-watching tours,

said the new regulation probably will reduce disturbances of the whales, but won't do much to prevent whale-ship collisions, the major cause of whale deaths.

Susan Gedutis, spokeswoman for the aquarium, said crews of ships that hit whales usually do not see them.

"Because of the size of these ships, they can't always change directions anyway," she said.

She also said the regulation could deprive researchers of sighting information they have been getting from fishermen and whale-watchers.

Strahan said the whales would be better off if researchers and everyone else left them alone.

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National News

• Senate Intelligence Committee

CIA director-designate faces further Republican scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee again postponed confirmation hearings for CIA director-designate Anthony Lake today, citing information about meetings between Lake aides and a foreign donor to the Democratic Party.

Signaling new troubles for a nominee already facing Republican opposition, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the committee chairman, said Lake's confirmation hearing will be postponed by two weeks, from Feb. 25 to March 11. It is the second time Shelby has postponed Lake's appearance before the committee.

"Detailed questions given to Mr. Lake in mid-January by the committee have yet to be answered," Shelby said. "These questions relate to National Security Council contacts with foreign political fund-raisers; energy stock divestitures; divestiture requirements; potential conflicts of interest; Iran-Bosnia; Chinese missile exports to Pakistan; counter-terrorism and Sudan; and Somalia."

While most of the issues listed by Shelby have already been extensively discussed by committee members and White House aides, the reference to foreign political fund-raisers meeting with

NSC officials was new.

Lake was Clinton's national security adviser for the past four years.

"The committee has become aware of White House records indicating meetings between at least one National Security Council staff member, possibly others, and a foreign contributor who made illegal contributions to the Democratic National Committee," Shelby said.

The charge appears to draw Lake into a problem that has bedeviled the White House and senior Democratic Party officials for months, stemming from White House and DNC admissions that the party accepted and later returned some contributions from foreign nationals contrary to law prohibiting the practice.

The charge comes as a surprise in that Lake's reputation during his White House tenure was for scrupulously barring politics from deliberations over foreign policy.

Shelby did not name the NSC staffer or staffers who met with the foreign contributor.

But according to White House records, NSC Asia expert Sandy Kristoff met at the White House with Thai businesswoman Pauline Kanchanalak on three occasions, April 7, 1993, and June 27 and

Aug. 20 of last year.

Kanchanalak is a legal U.S. resident but not a citizen. She is allowed by law to contribute to political campaigns. But the DNC gave back one of her major contributions because the money had come from a third party, which is illegal. In addition, she and five associates with investments in China met with Clinton last June 18 on the same day Kanchanalak gave \$85,000 to the party.

Although the meetings themselves were legal, some Republicans have accused the administration of selling access to the president and top White House officials in exchange for generous contributions.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry had no immediate response to

word of the cancelled hearing. President Clinton has urged the Senate to quickly confirm Lake and vowed to "go to the mat" to defend his choice for CIA director. He has also promised full cooperation with the Senate during the confirmation process.

Generally, McCurry said "all of these matters are matters we believe Mr. Lake has addressed ... and is in a very good position to clarify any concerns."

He acknowledged that "we will have to live with the schedule determined by the Senate." But, McCurry noted the president's crowded overseas travel schedule for the coming months, adding, "We have ample need to have strong leadership within the intelligence community as we move into the weeks ahead."

• Discovery

Telescope repair mission tests limits of shuttle crew

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its mechanic-astronauts chased after the Hubble Space Telescope on Tuesday for a service call that took on new urgency with the failure of one of its components.

A science instrument aboard Hubble conked out last Friday. The seven astronauts are bringing its replacement, a top-of-the-line spectrograph that they will install this Friday.

"This is an example, you could say, of just in time," NASA payload manager Kenneth Ledbetter said after Discovery's spectacular liftoff in the dark early Tuesday.

Once Discovery was on its way, ground controllers pivoted Hubble into a safe position for Thursday's rendezvous and began shutting down the telescope, one component after another. Within six hours, Discovery had narrowed the gap from 7,500 miles at the start of the chase to 5,200.

This will be the second Hubble visit by spacewalking astronauts in three years.

The astronauts' No. 1 priority, during the first of four spacewalks on consecutive days, will be to install the new \$125 million imaging spectrograph and a \$105 million near-infrared camera. Scientists hope to peer back even farther in time and space with these instruments, which will bring the 1970s-era Hubble up to date.

"With a little luck in a couple weeks, the best telescope in the universe will be

even better than it is now," shuttle commander Kenneth Bowersox said.

The \$2 billion telescope — considered the world's premier optical observatory — was launched from the same shuttle in 1990.

In 1993, a repair team had to fix Hubble's blurred vision — the result of a flawed mirror — and replace its shaky solar panels, broken gyroscopes and failed computer memory boards.

This crew will install 11 major components. Among the upgrades: new data recorders, pointing-system devices and a computer "switchboard."

"It's clear that the last mission was probably the toughest shuttle mission ever," said NASA's chief Hubble scientist, Ed Weiler. "This may be No. 2 or No. 3. It's not every day we launch a shuttle and try to do four six- or seven-hour spacewalks."

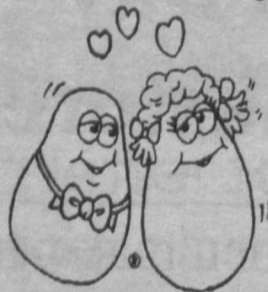
The fear is that the four spacewalkers could inadvertently make the telescope worse.

During the last repair visit, the Hubble's fragile, 40-foot solar panels were rolled up. On this flight, however, they will remain outstretched because they're too twisted to retract.

"It's all the little things that add up, that make you worry," Weiler said. "We're going up there and docking and playing around with a spacecraft that's working beautifully, even though it's designed to be done."

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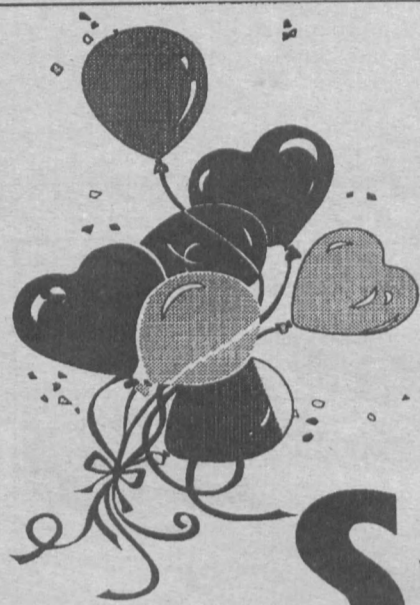
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Editorial

Crazy campaign synergy

This year's Student Government elections have passed and with them a small sense of hysteria has possibly passed as well. Much in the norm, the Nelson-Morelli ticket stayed within the traditional, semi-passive boundary that has been publicity for Student Government elections at the University of Maine, as did candidate Barstow.

However, David Cray brought a refreshing outlook to the recent election with his guerrilla-like publicity. Yes, sometimes he was in your face. Yes, sometimes he did look a bit silly. But regardless of the importance of the position the president of Student Government holds and the serious attitude one should have to fill that position, Cray made the election process an interesting and entertaining one. In a word, it was fun.

Cray's energy and high-strung chicanery transposed itself into many conversations and debates concerning the election. This energy may be the prime cause of the increased voter turnout this year. With

Cray's crazy shenanigans performed throughout the campus over the last two weeks, the election was kept strong in voters' minds and may have even found a place in those who never thought to vote.

Regardless of Cray's lack of experience in status quo Student Government affairs, his ability to shock the other candidates into serious thought about their own efforts to improve the campus is something that might, and ought to, stick. In actuality, a new Student Government president like Cray, without any experience, might be finally rid the organization of the taint of incompetence (ineptitude?) that has somehow permeated successive administrations (regimes?).

For all their experience and supposed good deeds, the other candidates could at least have developed an *original* campaign strategy. If Cray's commitment to the election process is any indication of his future activity in Student Government, the outcome of next year's election may be foregone.

Society's best interest

Sen. Olympia Snowe demonstrated her independence and her mettle by insisting the Army suspend its top non-commissioned officer until the accusations of sexual harassment that have been leveled against him are resolved. Snowe's actions speak plainly to the fact that there will be no "different system of justice" for the military's upper tier, as alleged by the woman who accused Army Sgt. Major Gene C. McKinney of making unwanted sexual advances toward her while the two were on a business trip.

The Army drill sergeants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland were immediately suspended when female trainees accused them of rape. Although disclosure of the Aberdeen allegations was reluctant, the Army should be commended for its swift action once they did hit the newsstands. Only removing McKinney from the panel designed to review the Army's policies against sexual harassment, instead of relieving him of duty completely, demonstrates poor judgment on the part of those in the Army

who have publicly preached zero tolerance toward allegations of this nature.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer mistakenly blamed the media and justified the suspension by saying it was in McKinney's best interest because "continued public attention made it increasingly difficult for (him) to do his job." Fear of public attention and concern surrounding McKinney's ability to perform effectively shouldn't have been the reasons cited for the decision to suspend this supposed role model.

Suspension is not in McKinney's best interest. It is in the best interest of society, which must be assured that military personnel accused of a crime, regardless of their rank, will be treated in a similar fashion.

The McKinney case, following so closely behind last fall's Aberdeen incident, has understandably shaken the Army, which should have known better than to tacitly condone McKinney's actions by allowing him to continue to serve in such a prestigious post.

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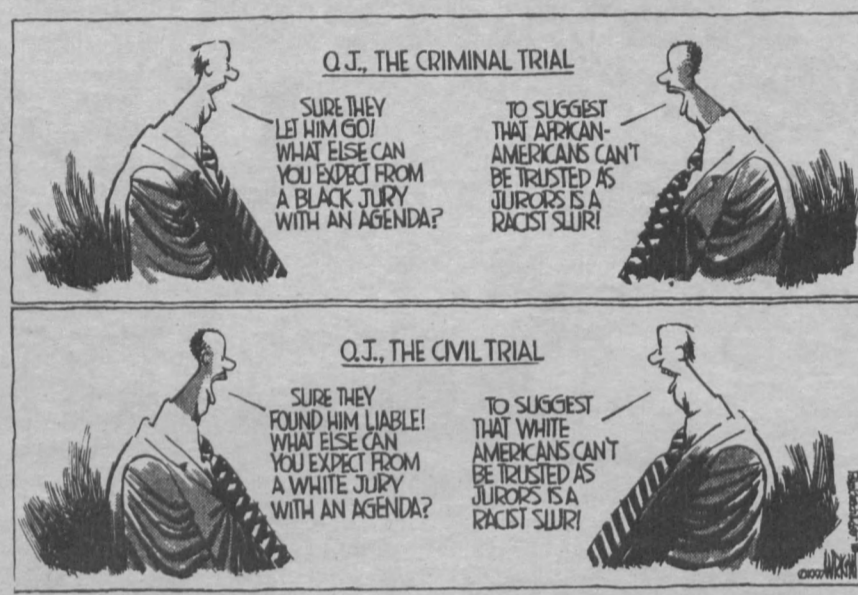
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• Letters to the Editor

• Military necessity

To the Editor:

This is in response to Jeff Tuttle's article "The new military mind." Mr. Tuttle, we live in a world that has war and conflicts, therefore it is necessary for a standing military. Who is going to serve in this military? Who is going to stand up for the United States' interests and rights? You? I think not. You have certainly demonstrated that lately through your articles that belittle the men and women of the U.S. armed services. Do you think you are better than these people that choose to go into the uniformed services? The soldiers, sailors and airmen have a great responsibility, a responsibility you have no insight into, one you can't imagine. We save lives and preserve the freedoms that veterans before us have fought and died for — the freedoms that you can take for granted, that allow you to be able to criticize how we go about our job. You cry foul because while sitting in your dorm room you can see marines screaming in pain after receiving their airborne wings pinned to their chests for the first time. You criticize this without knowing the other side of the story. Did you ever stop to think that maybe, although painful, they may be proud of what they just accomplished and looked forward to getting their "blood wings" and looked upon them as a badge of honor? I do not think so. You have the luxury because men and women in uniform do a job without your having to get your soft hands dirty. Obviously our job sickens you. You seem to take pride in belittling a proud tradition through your column. We use words like honor, pride, tradition, respect and loyalty, words you have obviously chosen to omit from your vocabulary and your behavior when it comes to speaking of the U.S. military and its personnel. The traditions you witnessed are part of the military and ingrained in its proud heritage since it began. The service members who take part in these ceremonies

do so on their own free will.

They know they are going to happen and look forward to the day that they take place because they are rites of passage. I am going to active duty in the Army upon graduation in May. I aspire to go through airborne school as soon as I can. I look forward to the day that I earn my "blood wings." If I am not allowed to have my wings pinned on in that manner I will hold people like yourself and Secretary of Defense William Cohen responsible for ruining a great tradition. Proud traditions should not die if they do not risk the lives of those involved, just so the military may become more politically correct. Just because armchair critics like yourself cringe at the thought the pain that it might cause for a few seconds. Again, I challenge you to step up and don a uniform.

Sgt. Jason R. Maglathlin
 Maine Army National Guard

• University plague

To the Editor:

I am extremely disappointed, to put it mildly, with the way Mike Reynolds chose to start his review of the Ellis Paul show last Friday in the Damn Yankee. In the first two paragraphs Mr. Reynolds chose to show not only his extreme ignorance of folk music, particularly with regards to the University of Maine, but also his narrow-minded attitude toward new artists. He states, among other things, that the folk artists that come to campus are artists that no one has heard of, or that the shows are sparsely attended. These are the "traps that have plagued many acoustic acts that come to the University of Maine," according to Mr. Reynolds.

Frankly, I don't know where Mr. Reynolds and *The Maine Campus* have been over the last several semesters, but there have been several excellent folk performances on campus.

Performances, I might add, which have been well attended by folks not afraid to experience a new artist, or who have

a genuine love for, and knowledge of folk music. These are attributes that I would not associate with Mr. Reynolds.

The true plague afflicting the University of Maine's folk music scene is the lack of sufficient funding by student organizations, save for the Union Board's efforts, to support a viable folk scene. I challenge any student organization to put up the money to bring Greg Brown or Christine Lavin to Orono. Of course, since no one has heard of these folks, it wouldn't be worth it, would it Mr. Reynolds?

Marc Edwards
 Bangor

• Chadbourne vandals

To the Editor:

Someone on this campus is a jerk. No, really! It's true!

Last week an obscenity and a swastika were scratched into the elevator and bathroom walls in Chadbourne Hall. Beyond the obvious vandalism, scratching a swastika on the wall is a hate crime.

We reported the crime and, within days, a member of the university paint crew did an outstanding job covering them up. Painting the elevator required sanding the plastic panels and applying a high quality, matching paint.

Just minutes after the paint dried and painter released the elevator, someone made several wide, new scratches. The next day the painter came back and repainted the panel. Less than an hour after he finished — you guessed it — several new, deliberate scratches on two walls!

As building manager I'm trying hard to work with our maintenance staff to keep this building presentable. Frankly, I find these stupid and hateful acts frustrating. Should I stop caring about our campus environment? Will someone come forward and own up to defacing our building? I'd like to know.

Alan Parks
 Building Manager,
 Chadbourne Hall

OpEd

Investing in Maine students

Mary R. Cathcart

Last Monday, the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Education recommended unanimously to the Appropriations Committee that the biennial budget include a 3 percent per year increase for the University of Maine System.

Despite widespread agreement that education is the cornerstone of a healthy, sustainable economy, reduced state funding and consequent tuition increases are preventing Maine students from getting the skills they need now and in the future. In 1995, Maine had one of the top high school graduation rates in the country, yet ranked 49th in the percentage of graduates who went to college. Each time tuition goes up, many students have to drop out, reduce their course load or find an extra job. Tuition in the UMS has increased 79 percent since 1990; while not high for New England, Maine's tuition is very high nationally.

Affordability is the key to access. To keep tuition stable, the state must pay a larger share. The state's General Fund budget has increased a total of 29.2 percent since 1990,

but \$2.5 million was cut from the UMS. Orono alone has eliminated over 425 positions, the campus continues to downsize and restructure. Maine ranks 41st in the nation in per capita expenditure for higher education, and 50th in spending on research and development.

If Maine is to grow and thrive, legislators must support access to higher education. UMaine deserves praise for continuing to provide a good education: Orono still awards 43 percent of all four-year degrees, 64 percent of all master's degrees, and 100 percent of all Ph.D.s and Ed.D.s in Maine.

Efficiency is the key to affordability. The central office provides a vital link between campuses. Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart has promised to make more internal reductions. He seems open to allowing campuses more autonomy. The 1996 Commission on Higher Education Governance recommended keeping the UMS intact. The Legislature will soon consider several restructuring bills in its effort to increase access and accountability to all Maine residents.

The UMS, particularly the Orono campus, plays a vital role in Maine's

economy. A significant investment in science and engineering research at UMaine would help faculty bring in more federal and private grants, immediately creating jobs (paid for by out-of-state money) as well as stimulating long-term economic growth. If we want the next generation of Maine students to compete in a rapidly changing and technological world, we cannot afford to sell them short.

I ask everyone to get behind our university. Please call or write to your legislators and ask them to vote for increased funding. Here are some specific measures to support: (1) an immediate increase of 3 percent per year in funding; (2) legislation to invest \$20 million a year in research; (3) legislation to provide a \$500-per-year income-tax credit for middle-class families with a student enrolled in the UMS; and (4) legislation to create a higher education savings plan to help Maine families save for future tuition costs for their children.

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Spreading our priorities

Kathryn Ritchie

A new bill calling for a needle exchange program for drug addicts is appearing before the state Legislature. While many people are quick to disapprove of the idea, the bill proposes a rational argument. According to an Associated Press story, the number of AIDS cases caused by people sharing needles made up less than 10 percent of AIDS cases in 1991. That number has now jumped to 25 percent. Obviously, something must be done. People high on cocaine or heroin aren't thinking about safe sex or AIDS. They are only thinking about the high.

Of course, people are going to argue that offering needle exchanges will just encourage intravenous drug users and attract those not currently using. But this approach carries the same mentality as people who are against condom distribution in high school. Their argument: Giving teens access to condoms will only tell them it's OK to have sex. Now I have a strong argument against that, which may shock the community elders: Some teens are already having sex. Those that are having sex will continue to do so, with or without protection. And those students who are choosing not to have sex will not change their minds the instant they see a rubbery prophylactic. It's not community-sanctioned sex, it's protecting the kids who are too nervous to talk to Mom and Dad about contraception.

If the U.S. Supreme Court follows its past logic, it will also approve the needle exchange program. In strik-



ing down a New York law in 1977 that prohibited the sale and distribution of condoms to people younger than 16, Justice Stevens summed up the absurdity of the law with an analogy: "It is as though the state decided to dramatize its disapproval of motorcycles by forbidding the use of safety helmets."

Needle exchange programs work the same way; people not shooting up will not be drawn to do so at the sight of a brand new hypodermic needle. People who already use will be able to do so without the risk of spreading, or getting, AIDS.

As people have seen this as a reasonable alternative, needle exchange programs have popped up all over the world. The first was in 1984 in Amsterdam. They have slowly made their way to the United States, in places such as Northampton, Mass.; San Diego, Calif.; New Haven, Conn.; and New York City. People who exchange needles in sites like these usually get a card that al-

lows them to carry hypodermic needles without a prescription. The purpose of the bill in Augusta is to decriminalize the possession of 10 needles without a prescription.

Needle exchange programs are also more cost effective than dealing with the staggering cost of treatment for AIDS victims. When rationalizing the need for a program in Northampton, the commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health said that each case of AIDS costs the state at least \$100,000 while the needle exchange program costs the DPH \$20,000.

Perhaps these needles could be exchanged in health centers where counseling is made available to addicts coming in to exchange their needles. The goal is not to ambush addicts when they come in and force them into rehab, but to get them to eventually seek help on their own, and know where to get it. Needle exchange programs not only protect the addicts, they also protect the ones around them. If someone shares needles and then sleeps with a partner who doesn't know about it, they are putting their partner at risk.

So, basically, it's a matter of priorities. First let's stop the spread of AIDS, and the let's stop intravenous drug use. Our country has been declaring a war on drugs for a number of years, to no avail. So let's try to stop the spread of a deadly disease before worrying about whether the exchange program would encourage drug use.

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Calling a Spade a Spade

Wake up call for the university

Yolanda Sly

Stephen and Tabitha King made an appearance at the University of Maine Friday and, while some may say they've seen the authors appear on campus from time to time during their stay at the university, their visit was perhaps the most expensive visit they've paid to the UMaine campus. They pledged to give the university \$4 million over four years to provide scholarships and hire faculty.

The Kings' gift has come at a time when the university has to face the realities of lack of funding and loss of professors. The Kings' money will provide \$2 million to hire faculty in various fields of study in the liberal arts and sciences and \$2 million for scholarships. While there are many departments in the college that have lost faculty, the university would be making a wise investment by replacing faculty in those departments that were the hardest hit or only have one or two professors teaching in a department.

The Kings stipulated that renewal of the gift would depend on how effectively they believed their donation was being spent. While the university should be grateful — actually more than grateful for the donation — it cannot solely rely on the Kings to fund the university. It must continue its efforts to obtain increased funding from the state. The university should also be spending money wisely, to prove the funding needed won't be frivolously spent.

The Kings' gift also symbolizes faith in their alma mater at a time when many students, faculty and alumni see the university as a sinking ship and are holding on to life preservers.

The University of Maine Foundation should take this fortuitous donation as a wake up call to enlist the help of outside sources to support this institution, such as those who contributed to the proposed new union expansion project.

Optimism is what many of

the cynical — myself included in the bunch — need. Students wonder where their departments are going or what the piece of paper they'll receive at the end of the ride is worth. Faculty wonder what will happen next, and if they'll be the next to leave.

If used wisely, the Kings' donation will not only provide scholarships and faculty, but encourage the state and other alumni to donate money to this institution. The university must justify why it needs money, along with the benefits the university provides.

While alumni have given enormous amounts of money to fund various buildings, such as the Class of 1944 performing arts building, we should also persuade them to give money for academics in the classroom.

People still benefit from UMaine's remaining faculty, research programs — such as the wood composite project — new buildings and athletics. The Maine Center for the Arts provides people in the area and in northern Maine the opportunity to see various cultural events they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see.

The services provided by the university are, unfortunately, not comparable to that of a Rutgers or a University of Minnesota — both institutions have more students, tax income, facilities and resources than UMaine. However, UMaine must take stock of what programs it does have and improve those that are lacking to provide a quality of education as the "flagship" university in Maine, and accomplish the goal of having an institution with broadly based programs of a quality level. In an economy and population that are growing both within the state and nationally, to have a shrinking educational system is deplorable, especially because UMaine is the most prominent campus in the University of Maine System.

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

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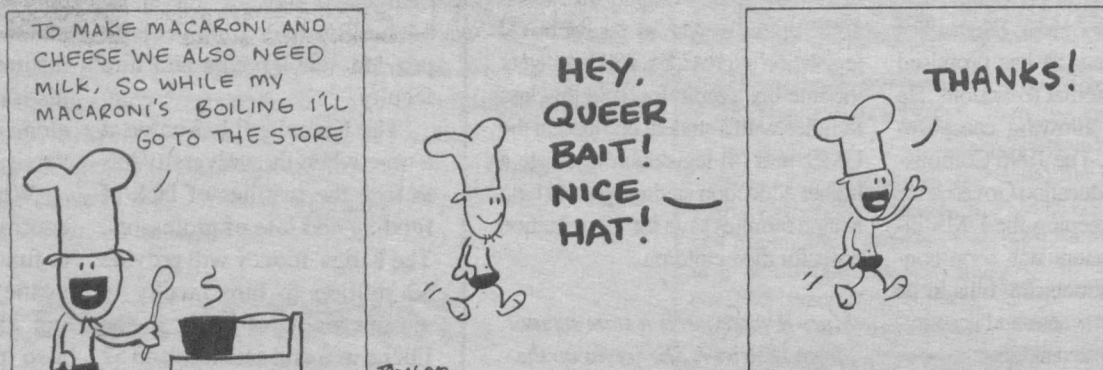
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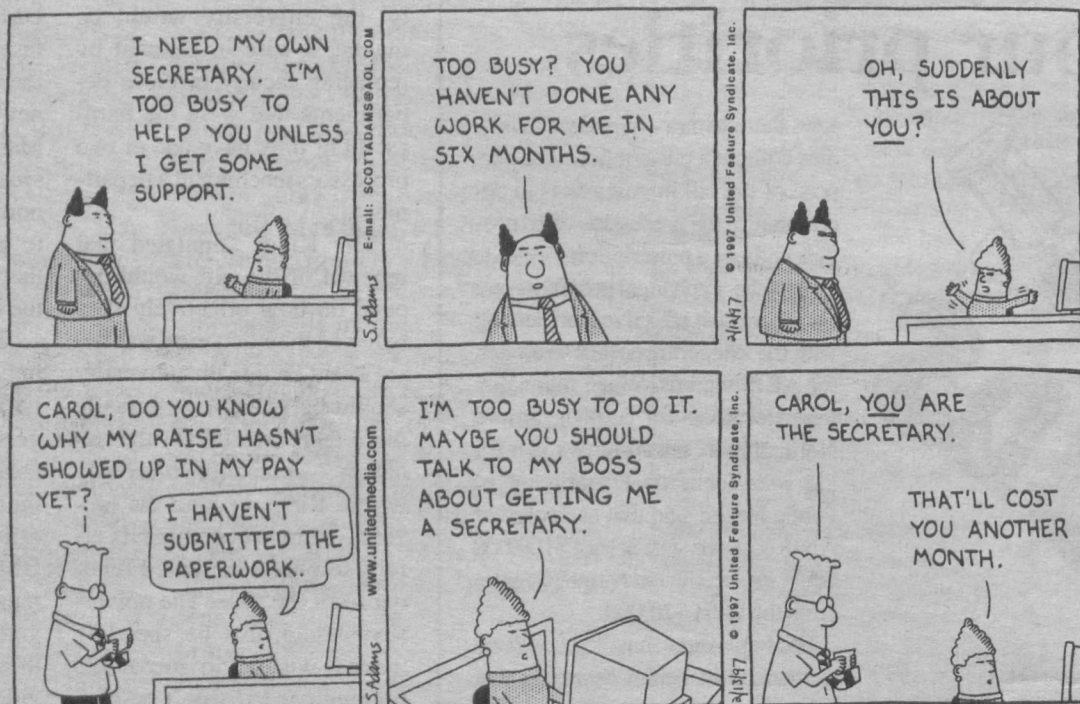


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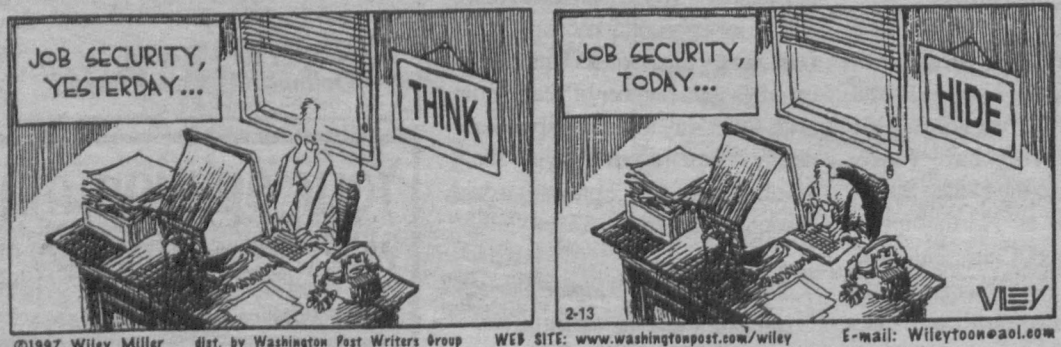
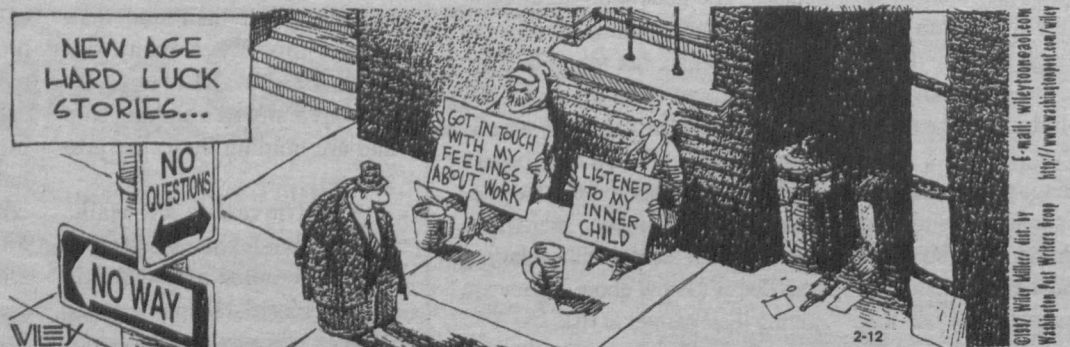
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IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: There are so many positive aspects on your birthday this year that you are sure to create something wonderful. You are a unique and talented human being: Show the world what you can do.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You have big ideas running through your brain, and you can't wait to test them out on people whose opinions you value. Before you do, however, test them out on someone closer to home. It could be embarrassing if you have overlooked something simple but important.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Say what you mean and mean what you say today, because important people are going to be listening. If they like what they hear — and they should — you will probably be offered something to your advantage before the end of the week. Don't think twice — take it.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be extremely careful what you say and, more to the point, what you offer to do today. You may promise more than you could ever hope to deliver. The best way to help those in need is to do something of a practical nature.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You will be tempted to gamble today. You may even get lucky and win. But there is no guarantee that you will, despite what you want to believe. Planetary activity reminds you there is no easy route to success: It takes hard work and common sense, especially about money.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): What you hear today may shock you or delight you — it may even do both — but do you really believe it? Your instincts tell you that someone close is embroidering what is really quite a simple story, merely to make his/her own role look bigger. Pretend not to notice — it makes no difference to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If it isn't broken, don't fix it. And don't break something just so that you can show how clever you are at mending it. There are many positive things you can do with your time today, and at least one thing is genuinely broken and in need of repair.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You have so many options that you don't know where to start. Start with whatever is sitting in front of you at this moment. One thing will lead to another, and before you know it you will have created something of real and lasting value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You feel that you owe something to someone who has helped you so many times in the past. You do. That doesn't mean, however, that this is the right moment to start paying back. That person is getting along quite nicely. Save your assistance for when it is needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your mind is moving at such a speed today that the rest of you may take a while to catch up. Your thoughts become words so quickly you could easily say something rash. You may not notice, but others will. Be careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Think big today. Make plans that stretch years into the future. Everyone needs a vision — something to aim for and help make meaning of life — and you are no exception. The practical side of your nature will no doubt say "what about the details?" but they come later, when the time is right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Almost any day this week is astrologically perfect for deciding what you want to do with your life. If you feel the time is right, make that decision today — if not, don't put yourself under pressure. Tomorrow will do just as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Use your imagination to create something special. You are a highly creative person, but you don't always live up to your potential. If there is a project you have been toying with, make up your mind that you will start it today. Make it your No. 1 priority for the rest of the year.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, February 13

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Whatever your age and whatever your role in life you will have some brilliant ideas this year, ideas that could make your fortune. All you have to do is take those ideas and weave something creative out of them, something no one has thought of before. It's easier than it sounds.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your mind is working at such a pace it is a wonder your vocal cords can keep up. You will not be short of opinions today, and you won't hesitate to tell anyone and everyone what they are. Whether or not they agree with you is irrelevant. You are determined to have your say.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): If you settle for second best you will fall short of your true potential. A planetary setup means your words carry weight with everyone, but particularly with those who make the rules. Speak your mind — you have more to say than most.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): All your worries will be swept away today. OK, so maybe not all of them, but enough to make you smile. What you thought was going wrong in your life now appears to be going right. It could be that your positive attitude is beginning to have an effect.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you need to make an important decision concerning your family or financial situation, make it today. It may not be an easy decision, but it will be easier to make now than later on. If you make it now, you won't be able to back out in the future.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): To each person the world is different. We see through different eyes, and we hear through different ears. As for our thoughts, not everyone appears to have them. You can learn a lot today by listening to other people, especially those with different viewpoints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Planetary influences indicate your thoughts are out of this world. Ideas will come thick and fast, but you cannot possibly remember them all. Invest in a pen and notebook — and get scribbling!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): If you can visualize what you would most like to achieve then you will undoubtedly reach your goal. Planetary activity over the next few days indicates there is little you can't do. That's all the more reason to work out your priorities and do one thing at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Don't try and guess what others are thinking today — come right out and ask them. You have got it into your head that certain individuals will be offended if you ask personal questions. Nothing could be further from the truth. Be prepared, however, for a personal answer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Take a leading role in whatever group of people you find yourself in today. Whether you are at home, at work or socializing, make a point of letting everyone know your point of view. Others share your opinions and want to discuss them with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): However hard you may have struggled with something in the past it should come easy now. All those hours of sweat and toil were not in vain. Others may even think of you as an expert. There is no secret to being a success: Hard work and self-belief make anything possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Listen to your hunches today. Follow your gut feelings if your inner voice whispers that it is time to make your move. It could be more than a whisper — it could even be a bellow. And it will bellow even louder if you don't get cracking and take advantage of what it tells you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): If someone appears to have it in for you, then you must confront that person today. Most likely it will turn out to be your imagination running riot but, just this once, you could be right. In which case, let that person know that you are capable of retaliation. He/she will get the message.

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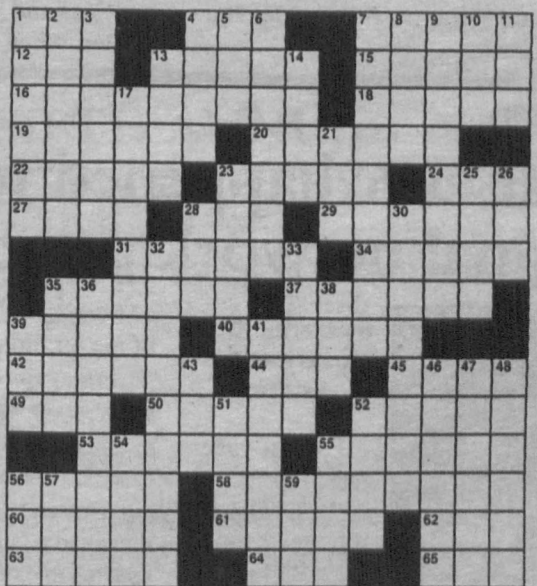
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 - 19 Whence the phrase "God save the King"
 - 20 Conductor Anderson et al.
 - 22 Start of a Caesar quote
 - 23 More: Prefix
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 - 45 Back talk
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 - 50 Parts of a Road & Track course
 - 52 Dead duck
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 - 55 Without much trouble
 - 56 A Curie
 - 58 Phone a rock group?
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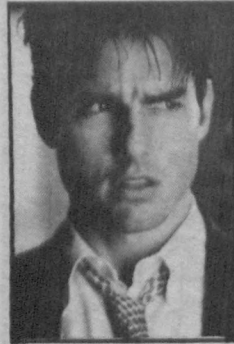
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Independents head nominee lists, but big studios not shut out

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Madonna said she wanted him, even deserved him. But the star won't be snuggling up with Oscar after all.

The Material Mom who proclaimed herself Academy Award-worthy for her starring role in "Evita" was denied an acting nomination Tuesday, and the musical was passed over in the best-picture category.

Academy voters instead lavished recognition on thoughtful films made outside the Hollywood studio system, including the wartime romance "The English Patient," which captured a leading 12 nominations.

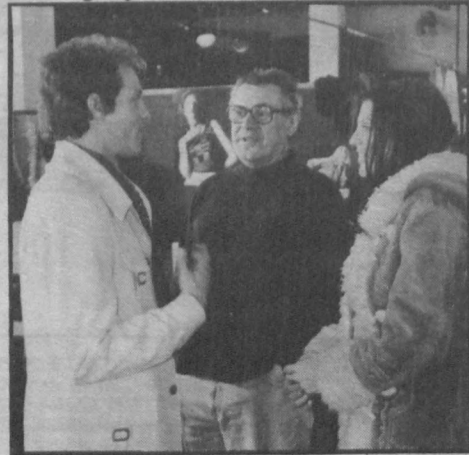


Tom Cruise. (Courtesy Photo.)

Four of the five best-picture slots went to independent films, with "Fargo," "Shine" and "Secrets & Lies" joining "The English Patient." TriStar's "Jerry Maguire" was the sole big-studio, big-grossing nominee.

"There's two businesses in Hollywood: The big studio event movies and the good writing and innovative projects (for which) the indies are picking up the mantle," said Miramax Films chief Harvey Weinstein.

"Ecstatic is mild," was the reaction from "English Patient" producer Saul Zaentz. His film nearly foundered because of budget problems, but Zaentz held fast



Woody Harrelson (l) and director Milos Forman received nominations, while Courtney Love was left out. (Courtesy Photo.)

against a studio bailout that would have forced cast changes. The movie was ultimately rescued by Miramax.

Three stars of the film received acting bids: Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas in the lead category, and Juliette Binoche for best supporting actress.

For Madonna, however, it was not to be — her supreme confidence notwithstanding.

"Yes and yes," Madonna said in December when asked whether she expect-

ed and desired an Oscar nomination for "Evita," made by Buena Vista.

"I thought Madonna should have gotten it," Weinstein said. "I think she's amazing and has a great career ahead of her."

Others snubbed by Oscar include rock star Courtney Love for her acclaimed performance as a drugged-out stripper in "The People vs. Larry Flynt"; and Debbie Reynolds, who returned to the screen in the comedy "Mother" after a long absence.

Missing from the best-picture list was

Joan Allen. (Courtesy Photo.) "The People vs. Larry Flynt," although the drama about the publisher of Hustler magazine snared a best-director bid for Milos Forman and an acting nomination for Woody Harrelson.

"The Crucible," the film version of Arthur Miller's 1953 play, was an early front-runner for nominations in every category, but after a mixed critical reception only got two: Joan Allen for supporting actress, and Miller for adapting his play.

Tuesday's nominations elevated a number of relative unknowns to sudden fame, including Billy Bob Thornton of the little-seen "Sling Blade" and Bren-

da Blethyn of "Secrets & Lies."

"I'm sure there's been some mistake made," Thornton, who was nominated for best actor and best screenplay, said with a laugh.

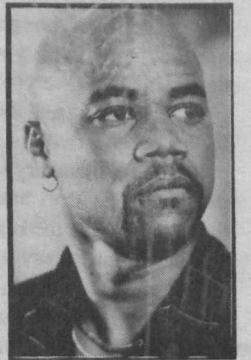
Thornton's best-actor nomination puts him in the company of Fiennes, Harrelson, Tom Cruise for "Jerry Maguire" and Geoffrey Rush for "Shine."

Besides Scott Thomas and Blethyn, the nominees for best actress were Diane Keaton for "Marvin's Room," Frances McDormand for "Fargo" and Emily Watson for "Breaking the Waves."

While "Jerry Maguire" has pulled in \$100 million-plus at the box office, the rest of the best-picture nominees have been much less profitable. "English Patient" leads the group with a respectable \$42 million.

"English Patient" director Anthony Minghella said he doesn't consider his film offbeat or independent, even though a major studio didn't back it.

"It's about matters of the heart," he said. "I never saw that as either unconventional or a specialized movie."



Cuba Gooding Jr. (Courtesy Photo.)

• Column

What ever happened to decent, original network programming?



By Derek Rice
Maine Campus
staff

I haven't been watching too much TV lately, and you know what? I really don't feel like I'm missing anything. Now that could either be a sign of how much I've matured in the last few months or it could be a comment on the state of TV programming of late. I vote for a little of both.

I got out of the habit of watching NBC's "Must See TV" last semester when I worked late Thursday nights. This semester my schedule is different, but I still don't really watch these shows I once felt I had to see to survive in society. It's not that I don't watch them, it's that I don't go out of my way to.

For instance, I haven't seen a single episode of "ER" this season, and I don't feel any worse for it. I know pretty much what's happened, but only because I've overheard people talking about it.

Does this make me a bad person? Do I suffer socially because I don't watch a TV show that has been consistently in the top 10 throughout its existence? I don't think so, but maybe others do.

I used to plan my life around TV. Monday meant "Chicago Hope," Tuesday was an NBC night and Wednesday was up for grabs. If it was Thursday night, I'd be plant-

ed on the couch with NBC flickering in front of me for three hours.

Fridays haven't changed much. The only show I ever watched that night was "Homicide: Life on the Street," and that's still the case. In the four years since it debuted, I have missed only one episode, and that was thanks to a faulty VCR that chose to eat the tape instead of record on it. "Homicide" has an excellent ensemble cast and Andre Braugher doesn't get the respect he deserves.

Other than that, the only other night I go even the least bit out of my way is Sunday night, when I'll watch "The Simpsons" (for my money, the funniest show on TV) and "The X-files." The rest of the nights of the week I usually spend doing something else and maybe watching TV if I have nothing else to do.

I tried to watch a couple of the new shows, "Men Behaving Badly" and "Suddenly Susan." Needless to say, they quickly grew tiresome. I just felt as though my intelligence was being insulted. How many inane, unfunny comedies can there be on TV? Sadly, as many as it takes to fill out a network programming schedule.

And then there's the made-for-TV movie, the ones that show up on Sunday and Monday nights. You know, the "snatched from the headlines" movies that usually star one or more "Beverly Hills 90210" cast members or another of programming genius Aaron Spelling's creations. The only thing

Gone fishing



Pot buoy necklaces by Joyce Royster, scallop shell with potpourri by Yvonne Morrison and note cards by Mark Follstad are featured in the Hole in the Wall Gallery, Memorial Union, as part of "Up River: the Story of a Maine Fishing Community," by residents of Gross Neck, Maine. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

these movies are good for is a laugh. Sometimes you have to wonder how the "actors" deliver lines with a straight face.

Maybe my growing dissatisfaction with what's being offered is just a personal problem, but somehow I don't think so. How many times a day do we need to see "Saved by the Bell"?

When congressional leaders talk about cutting funding for public broadcasting, you have to wonder what they're thinking. Some-

times PBS offers the only programming on TV that even makes an attempt to engage the viewer. Most of what we're being offered are copies of whatever formula of the year seems to be working. The success of "Friends" has spawned so many imitations I've lost count. Where's the originality?

The general status of entertainment is a standstill. We, as a country, are content with

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• Valentine's Day

Off-the-wall gifts make for interesting expressions of love

NEW YORK (AP) — Tired of buying roses and chocolates for a valentine? How about an African lion or two nights in a swanky hotel for \$16,000?

While it's easy to cling to Valentine's Day standards, those willing to explore gifts beyond the Godiva counter are sure to find some offbeat offerings to please that special someone.

"She doesn't eat chocolate and I'm not buying her a diamond ring," said Peter Klein, a 30-something New Yorker. "Now I'm looking for something fun, and of course, kind of romantic."

Perhaps the Detroit Zoological Society has the answer. For \$25, participants can "adopt" a number of animals, including trumpeter swans, African lions and bald eagles.

Packages include an adoption certificate, a photograph of the animal, a fact sheet and a newsletter. For \$50, chocolates and a plush animal are included.

And if your honey happens to be named Bow, Arrow, Cupid, Sweetheart or Honey, submit the name for a free flight on any of the routes Air South flies.

"People now look for things that are

out of the ordinary and fun, and this fits both of these," said Tom Volz, vice president of marketing at Columbia, S.C.-based Air South, which runs similar name promotions for Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving and July 4.

The more self-indulgent may enjoy Hyatt Hotel's "Ultimate Romance" package at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington. For \$16,000, the four-star presidential suite is all yours for two nights, complete with fireplace, candle-lighted hot tub and "unobtrusive butler."

Club Med also has a Valentine's deal that lets one person go half-price for a seven-night stay at some of its resorts when two people book together. Inns and spas from Oregon to Maine are also offering special Valentine's weekend getaway packages.

For those who prefer simpler gifts, Williams Sonoma has heart-shaped muffin pans for \$36 or chocolate molds for \$12, an easy way to bake a romantic treat.

Looking to add a little spice to the holiday? Try Brookstone's mechanical massagers. For \$2,595, there's the Pana-

sonic Urban Massage Recliner that soothes the whole body, and for the less wealthy, the No Hands neck massager for \$99.

But bucking tradition isn't for everyone and retailers are betting that lots of heart-shaped merchandise is bought for Valentine's Day.

A survey by the International Mass

Retail Association found consumers will spend an average of \$30 on Valentine's gifts and 50 percent of its 1,000 respondents ranked candy and cards as the top gift items.

"A box of candy, he's doing good," said Lisa Schwartz, who eyed some lingerie at Victoria's Secret in New York. "A dozen roses, he's doing a lot better."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday, Feb. 12

- "Homesick for That Place: Ruth Moore Writes About Her Maine," by Jennifer Pixley, part of the Women in the Curriculum Lunch Series, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

- Book signing by Margo Cobb, author of "The Granite Man," 1 p.m.-2 p.m., University Bookstore.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- "Rita's Lucky Summer," film and discussion led by Elaine Ford. Bangor Lounge, 12:30 p.m. Part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series.

- "Langston Hughes," part of Peace and Justice Film Series, 7 p.m. in 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Friday, Feb. 14

- Jazz TGIF, featuring A-Train, offered by The Union Board, 12:15 p.m. in the Damn Yankee.

- "A Comet Comes By," planetarium

show, 7 p.m. Feb. 14, 3 p.m. Feb. 15-16, Wingate Hall. Admission fee. For more information, call 581-1341.

- "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a Maine Masque production, Hauck Auditorium, 8 p.m. Feb. 14-15 and Feb. 21-22; noon Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16 and 23. Admission \$12, free with UMaine ID.

- Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta "The Mikado," presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Hancock County, Maine Center for the Arts, 8 p.m. Feb. 14-15, 3 p.m. Feb. 16. Admission \$12 and \$10, with \$2 off for seniors and students.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- "Follow the Drinking Gourd," planetarium show, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 15-16, Wingate Hall. Admission fee. For more information, call 581-1341.

- "Reservoir Dogs," offered by The Union Board, 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building. Admission fee.

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• People

'Spenser' star back on TV; Downey sober, working again

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh from his own battle with cancer, Robert Urich will return to television later this month as host of a new medical series.

"Vital Signs," which premieres Feb. 27 on ABC, features doctors and patients in "vivid re-enactments" of medical crises they have faced.

Urich underwent surgery in November for synovial sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that attacks the joints and can spread to the lungs.

The veteran television actor is best known for playing detectives in "Spenser: For Hire" and "Vegas." He also starred in the syndicated Western, "The Lazarus Man," which halted production because of his illness.

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. is happy to be sober and working again.

The Oscar-nominated actor, who spent months in jail and rehab for drug abuse last year, showed up at a cast party in New York on Sunday for the just-finished film "Two Girls and a Guy."

"New York has certainly been a welcome change of pace for me," a fit-looking Downey, 31, told USA Today.

Downey next heads to Los Angeles to visit his wife, Deborah Falconer, who recently reconciled with him. He then is scheduled to go on location in Georgia to make "The Gingerbread Man," which co-stars Kenneth Branagh.

"I can't wait!" Downey said.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The casting call for Kevin Costner's latest movie proves he has thousands of baldheaded fans.

Nearly 5,000 people — many of them with shaved heads — answered the call for parts as extras in Costner's new science-fiction thriller, "The Postman."

Hoping to achieve a futuristic feel, producers were looking not only for men with the hairless look, but fresh-faced teens and horseback riders in their 20s. About 1,000 extras will be chosen.

"A lot of people started calling in from out of state," said casting director Amber Puckett. "We got letters from all over the country."

"The Postman," which Costner directs and stars in, is scheduled to begin filming next month in Tucson.

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney denies any responsibility for a proliferation of rampaging boars that are killing lambs and damaging crops near his farm.

The Times of London on Monday quoted farmers as suggesting McCartney and his wife, Linda, were harboring the fierce, tusked wild hogs.

"They are putting out carrots and so on for these creatures. They won't have hunters on the land because they are against killing animals, so their farm has become a safe haven," sheep farmer Diana Morrison said.

Geoff Baker, a spokesman for the 54-year-old ex-Beatle, said that the claims are "total rubbish" and that the McCartneys have never seen any wild boar around their farm about 50 miles southeast of London.

NEW YORK (AP) — Howard Stern, a true romantic. Who knew?

Howard and his wife, Alison, were selected the most romantic couple of 1997 on Monday by the cable network Romance Classics.

The network said the radio shock jock's devotion to his wife of 18 years has never wavered "in the face of endless temptation."

"If you've listened to Howard's show, watched him on E! or read his books, you have discovered a side of him that is truly romantic," said Kate McEnroe, president of Romance Classic. "It demonstrates that romance doesn't always come bundled in hearts and flowers."

DANVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — Johnny Paycheck has to pay up.

A judge told the country singer last week to pay \$107,000 to a pharmacy after Paycheck failed to respond to a lawsuit accusing him of reneging on a loan.

Larry's Drive-in Pharmacy of Danville sued Paycheck, his wife and their company, Boshar Inc., in 1994 for payment on a \$70,000 loan.

County Judge L.D. Egnor awarded the principal of the loan and interest accrued since 1991 to pharmacy owner Larry Bowen when Paycheck didn't answer the lawsuit.

Paycheck, best known for his 1978 hit "Take This Job and Shove It," filed for Chapter 7 protection under federal bankruptcy law in West Virginia in 1990, listing debts of \$1.6 million.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melissa Etheridge's next songs may be about motherhood.

Etheridge's partner, Julie Cypher, had a baby girl on Monday. Bailey Jean Cypher weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, said Etheridge spokeswoman Gayle Fine.

Etheridge, the Grammy-winning singer

of "Come to My Window," and Cypher, former wife of "La Bamba" star Lou Diamond Phillips, disclosed last year that Cypher was pregnant. The method of fertilization and the identity of the sperm donor weren't disclosed.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barry Manilow once crooned about writing the songs that make the whole world sing. He says his latest venture is much more difficult.

Manilow is writing the score for "Harmony," a tale about The Comedian Har-

monists, a group of 1920s German entertainers described as a cross between the Marx Brothers and Manhattan Transfer.

The group made more than a dozen films and sold millions of records before clashing with Nazis due to their mix of Jews and gentiles.

"The writing of this piece has been the most challenging and creative journey of my career," Manilow said. "I have tried to probe ... most every musical style I've ever loved."

• History

Museum offers presidential oddities

FREMONT, Ohio (AP) — Visitors touring the latest exhibit on presidents will find more than a lock of George Washington's hair or the life mask that Abraham Lincoln made four months before his death.

A tape recorder used by Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal, William Howard Taft's giant bathtub and Teddy Roosevelt's teddy bear will be on display. So will Calvin Coolidge's 800-pound electric hobby horse, a mechanical beast that

trotted in place.

"You can see the power and the glory of the presidents. But you can also see the fun and downright silliness," Jay Snider, curator of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, said Monday.

This year's "Presidential Potpourri" exhibit at the center will show off more than 200 artifacts and oddities on loan from other places. Case in point: an elaborate portrait of John F. Kennedy carved into the middle of a peach pit.

• Pucker up

Professor writes book on kissing

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Professor Michael Christian is making the perfect kiss academic.

The Boston College professor is an expert on kissing. He's even written two books on the subject.

Christian said there's about 25 different kinds of lip-locks, from the lip-o-suction kiss to the upside-down kiss. In a speech at the University of Southern Indiana, Christian told students that most Americans kiss for less than a minute, but the longest kiss on record lasted more than

200 hours.

His interest turned academic after a girlfriend complained that he kissed with his eyes open. He now knows he was just kissing the wrong girl. One-third of the population likes to kiss 'n' peep.

But Christian admits being a kissing expert hasn't helped his love life.

"Women's expectations are too high and they always say things like, 'You've got to be kidding. You wrote the book on The Art of Kissing and this is the best you can do?'"

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these formulas that networks are warming over and presenting to us in different packaging. I'm guilty of this. I'll turn on the TV and watch whatever I can find, sometimes because watching has become such an important part of my life.

Until the current trend of copycat shows stops, we have few options other than to a)

not watch TV at all, b) be more selective in our viewing habits or c) demand better programming from network officials. Good luck with that last one because the networks' plan seems to be working for now.

I'll be working on the first two in the meantime.

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• Women's basketball

Black Bears prime and ready for stretch drive

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

With a 13-1 America East record and the top spot in the conference by two games, Maine is sitting pretty for the playoffs, in which the back-to-back conference tournament champions have already clinched a berth.

The Black Bears have four games remaining in the regular season, two at home this week, and two on the road. They have already clinched a home quarterfinal for March 2, and with two wins this weekend they can clinch a share of the regular season title, which they have won the last three years.

Currently ninth in the nation in field goal percentage and tenth in field goal defense, Maine is the conference leader in scoring margin, outgunning opponents by an average of 22.7 points a game. Maine watched a 27-point advantage late in the first half last weekend against the University of New Hampshire drop to as little as two.

Head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie said she believes Maine can take positives from the UNH run that will help them later on.

"I think that was great for us," Palombo

said. "We haven't had that at the Alford too much, and we're trying to get ourselves in the position to be the best possible team we can in March.

"Teams are going to try different things, and that's the positive. (Maine) has to try to change up and do different things. What we have to do is keep increasing our repertoire of things we like to do."

Cindy Blodgett said it's sometimes hard for the team to keep its intensity while keeping a lead that sometimes grows to as much as 40 points against some opponents.

"If it is closer, I think everyone is more in-tune with everything," Blodgett said. "When you have a big lead at times, the tendency is to be a little bit complacent. You might not dive for that ball when you are up by 20 or whatever. But you should never go into a game thinking like that, even if you have a big lead."

Blodgett was named America East Player of the Week for the fourth time this season. Her 41-point outburst Sunday was the fourth highest output in overall games in conference history, and the second highest ever in a conference game. She is second in the nation in scoring as of the last rankings.

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Joanne Palombo-McCallie and Cindy Blodgett have the Black Bears in prime position heading into the stretch run of their America East schedule. Blodgett, who scored 41 points Sunday afternoon, was named America East player of the week. (Joel Page Photo.)

• Men's basketball

America East race reaches crunch time Maine's Black Bears battling for fifth spot in conference

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus staff

There are three weeks left until March, which can mean only one thing: March Madness, which in turn can mean only one other thing: Crunch time is officially here.

That is definitely the case in the America

East Conference and very much the case for the Maine Black Bears. Right now Maine is in a tie for sixth place with a 5-8 record and faces a crucial game with Delaware Thursday night.

Both ends of the conference have a log jam of teams fighting for position, with three teams within reach of first place and

possibly six teams fighting for the fourth or fifth spot.

Three-time defending conference champion Drexel made its move toward the top spot Sunday, blowing out Boston University 73-42. The Dragons are now a game out of first place at 13-2. The loss was BU's first conference loss of the season, and now the Terriers stand at 13-1. With a nine-game winning streak, Drexel is the hottest team in the conference.

Hartford is on the outside looking in at the top of the standings. At 10-4, the Hawks need to beat both Drexel and BU - both of whom they face in their last four games - and win their other two games against Northeastern and Hofstra. They would also need some help from the two top teams.

Drexel has only three conference games remaining compared to four for the Terriers. BU finishes with three of four at home, having only to travel to Orono for their final game of the season with the Black Bears. After facing St. Joseph's, Drexel plays two of three conference games at home. Both are undefeated at home this season.

The battle for fourth place is muddled, with Hofstra the front runner. The Flying Dutchmen are 8-7, putting them two games ahead of Delaware (7-8.) New Hampshire is a half game behind Maine and Vermont, at 5-9.

Fifth place is as important as fourth place for most teams. The top four teams get a first-round bye in the America East playoffs, while the bottom four meet in preliminary games.

The Black Bears' quest for fourth place
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Tunji Awojobi and the BU Terriers currently hold the top spot in the America East Conference. (Courtesy Photo.)

• Field hockey

Third Kariya commits to Maine

ORONO, Maine (AP) — Another sibling of NHL standout Paul Kariya plans to attend the University of Maine on an athletic scholarship.

Noriko Kariya, a heavily recruited field hockey star at Argyle Secondary School in North Vancouver, British Columbia, has made a verbal commitment to follow in her older brothers' footsteps and play for the Black Bears.

Kariya said she chose Maine over American University, James Madison and perennial national powerhouse Old Dominion, which was in the NCAA Final Four last fall.

She said she was impressed by coach Terry Kix and assistant Diane Madl and feels the program is headed in the right direction.

"I was pursued by Top 10 schools. Maine isn't as highly ranked but with their coaching ability and their persistence, they will eventually get the team to that level," Kariya predicted.

Paul Kariya led Maine to a national championship in 1993 before leaving during his sophomore year to play for the Canadian Olympic Team and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. His brother, Steve, is a sophomore on the Maine hockey team.

Noriko Kariya may not be the last of the family to come to Orono. School spokesman Matt Bourque said he understands that a third brother plays in a schoolboy hockey program in British Columbia.

• NFL

Parcells officially Jets coach

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Back in 1927, 12-year-old Leon Hess used to dig for clams on the beach near his home in Asbury Park, N.J.

"Little did I know," he said, "that 70 years later, eight miles away in Sea Girt, there'd be a Tuna."

The saga that has fueled the Boston-New York sports rivalry for two weeks ended Tuesday with Bill Parcells, the coach known as "Tuna," officially installed as the man to carry Hess' New York Jets from the bottom of the NFL to the top.

Here was one of football's marquee coaches, one of just two in NFL history to take two different teams to Super Bowls, taking over one of pro football's least-successful franchises after a two-month courtship that ended with commissioner Paul Tagliabue finally approving the nuptials.

And here was Hess, the oil billionaire and absentee owner, basking in the arrival of Parcells, who led the Giants to two Super Bowl victories and left New England after losing to the Packers 35-21 in this year's Super Bowl.

Hess almost stole the show from Par-

cells, his fellow New Jerseyan who grew up in the New York suburbs but now owns a house on the shore at Sea Girt.

First he took all the blame for the Jets' 4-28 record the last two seasons. "It was not the coach. It was all my fault," Hess said.

Then he noted that getting the dispute worked out with the Patriots was not the hardest he's had — he'd once negotiated an oil deal with Moammar Gadhafi in Libya.

"I had a meeting many years ago in Libya and a revolver was put on the table," Hess said.

He paused, then added: "I'm here."

It also was Hess who set his sights on Parcells and only Parcells to replace Rich Kotite, who stepped down after two seasons with four wins. Hess never even conducted an interview in the seven weeks until Parcells' season ended Jan. 26.

"We were contacted by 24 highly qualified coaches," said Steve Gutman, the team's president. "Leon's sights were set on the superstar we ended up with."

That, of course, could raise questions

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• NCAA hoops

Bruins give Lavin contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Interim UCLA basketball coach Steve Lavin was promoted to permanent head coach today and will receive a four-year contract.

Lavin, 32, was an assistant for five seasons before being appointed interim coach when Jim Harrick was fired Nov. 6.

The Bruins (13-7) are tied with Southern California for first place in the Pacific-10 Conference with an 8-3 record.

"With all that has occurred this year, they could have given up on the season, but instead, they pulled together as a family should do in a time of crisis," Lavin said of his players.

Lavin hasn't been afraid to bench starters for being late or throw them out of practice, as he did with forward J.R. Henderson last month.

Lavin's contract will run through June

30, 2001. That could mean underclassmen Toby Bailey, Henderson and Jelani McCoy will stay instead of leaving for the NBA.

And Baron Davis, considered the top point guard prospect in the nation, may follow up on his oral commitment to play for the Bruins and sign a letter of intent.

Davis, a senior at Santa Monica Crossroads High, decided last fall to wait until the spring signing period to commit after Harrick was fired two weeks before the season began.

Athletic director Peter Dalis did not disclose the other candidates but said Lavin was his top choice.

"I had informal discussions with other candidates and I felt Steve was the best choice for this position," Dalis said. "He embraces the values that I consider very important in the world of higher education."

• Rec center

Alfond donates to St. Joe's

STANDISH, Maine (AP) — St. Joseph's College announced Tuesday a \$1 million gift from Harold Alfond for a student recreational center, a basketball arena that will replace the school's "chamber of horrors."

The college said it hopes to break ground in the spring of 1998 for the new sports facility, the third in Maine to bear the name of the 82-year-old philanthropist.

President David B. House hailed the gift as the largest in the college's 85-year history and said it requires that St. Joseph's match it by raising an identical amount for the project.

"With the support and enthusiasm of the entire St. Joseph's College family, I know we can do it, and I look forward to the

day when we complete the match and break ground for the Harold Alfond Student Center," House said.

Alfond, the founder of the family-owned Dexter Shoe Co. that was sold to Berkshire Hathaway in 1993, did not attend the news conference where the gift was announced.

He was represented by Greg Powell, a trustee of the Harold Alfond Foundation, who said of Alfond: "All his life he's picked winners. He believes St. Joseph's College is a winner."

Rick Simonds, who heads the school's athletics department, confessed that he had mixed feelings about the pending demise of the "chamber of horrors," the name given to the basketball venue where seats filled with screaming Monks fans approach the fringe of the court.

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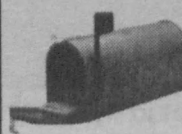
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but may move up, in part to her 41-point effort.

As the season rolls on, voters for the All-American and Naismith Awards are looking for where to place their votes. Palombo spoke about Blodgett's chances for postseason honors following her outstanding game this weekend.

"Those are All-American plays. In a tight game for Cindy to come up with that

steal, and the shot she took, Cindy's just a great player," Palombo said. "The game she played today was tremendous, and she took it upon herself in a lot of ways. There's no question, a coach, a team, a community, a school, that's why they have the name All-American.

"It's just something very special. (The UNH game) was fun. I just had to smile. There's no X's and O's there; that's a player."

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won't be easy. Maine plays three more games on the road and then faces Northeastern and top ranked BU at home to end the season. The Terriers struggled the first time they faced Maine, needing overtime to beat the Black Bears 67-62 Jan. 4.

The Black Bears will have to get revenge over Vermont and Delaware, both of which picked up come-from-behind wins to beat Maine at home.

Hofstra is in the driver's seat, but face two tough games with Drexel and Hartford as well as a matchup with Vermont - all on the road. Vermont faces Northeastern on the road and then faces Maine, Hofstra and Drexel at home.

Every team in the conference will play in the conference tournament that will be held at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Del., Feb. 28, March 1-2.

WMEB COLLEGE HOCKEY POLL

Team ranking	Points
1. Michigan	59
2. North Dakota	53
3. UNH	44
4. BU	41
5. Minnesota	40
6. Vermont	27
7. Clarkson	22
8. Miami Ohio	21
9. Michigan State	12
10. St. Cloud State	4

Other teams receiving votes: Lake Superior State 3, Maine 2, Colorado College 1, Cornell 1.

WOMENS' HOOPS

What: Delaware (7-16, 5-10) vs. Maine (15-7, 13-1).

When and Where: Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Alford Arena

Key Players - Maine: G Cindy Blodgett (25.5 ppg, 5.8 rebounds per game, 60 steals), F Jamie Cassidy (14.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg), Stacey Porrini (9.8 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 1.5 blocks per game). **Delaware:** Shanda Piggott (15.2 ppg, 10.0 rpg), Jackie Porac (5.8 rpg), Keisha McFadigon (3.0 assists per game)

Outlook: Coming off a good win against UNH, the Black Bears are looking to wrap up the conference. They can help that task along by beating the Blue Hens, who come into this contest as losers of their last two games. With some luck, though, the Blue Hens could be much better. In games decided by five points or less, they are 2-6, with five of those losses coming in conference play. Maine blew out the Blue Hens 89-47 in their only meeting this year.

MENS' HOOPS

What: Maine vs. Delaware

When and Where: Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., Carpenter Center Newark, Del.

Key players - Maine: G John Gordon (14.7 ppg, 3.5 apg), G Ramone Jones (10.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg), F Terry Hunt (16.2 ppg, 7.6 rpg), F Angelo Thomas (3.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg), C Allen Ledbetter (10.1 ppg, 9.0 rpg). **Delaware:** F Greg Smith (20.7 ppg, 11.3 rpg), F Peca Arsic (13.1 ppg, 5.0 rpg), G Keith Davis (15.2 ppg, 3.8 apg), G Tyrone Perry (5.4 ppg, 3.72 apg), F Mike Pegues (6.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg)

Outlook: Delaware picked up a come-from-behind win early in the season against Maine after shutting down Alan Ledbetter. The sophomore forward scored 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the first half, but Greg Smith stepped up and Ledbetter finished with just 19 points and 13 rebounds. The Black Bears will need to get the ball to Ledbetter and try to get Smith (who averages a double-double) to get into foul trouble and out of the game. Maine needs a win to move out sixth place in America East and avoid a first-round game.

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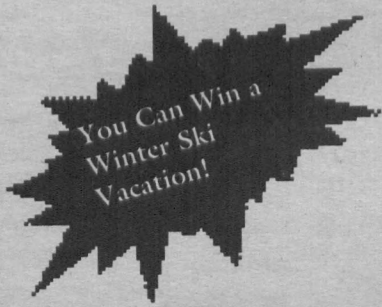
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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



- Top Fundraising team wins 5 nights in Winter Park, Colorado. Lift Tickets/Air Fare teams of 4 persons

- 2 nights for 4 at Smugglers' Notch, Vermont includes Lift Tickets.

- Lift Tickets at Sugarloaf USA

- Ski's, Poles, lots of other prizes...

Winter Park, Colorado
& Smugglers' Notch, VT.



Ski for Free, All Day at Sugarloaf USA & Free Lunch at Strokes



Help us Raise Money so Maine Kids with Disabilities Can Learn To SKI...get a team of 4 skiers together. Join us for Gate Racing/Obstacle Course or Ski for Fun...call for pledge sheets today...Minimums to enter/teams/singles

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T-Shirt Design Contest

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1st Prize: \$100
(In time for spring break.)



Runner-up:
Latti Fitness Center Pass for summer or fall 1997

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 21st

Application forms available in the Recreational Sports office, 140 Memorial Gym.

Designs should be in good taste and represent Univ. of Maine intramural participation. A committee will decide the winning logo.

Parcells

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with the league, although New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who earlier had cried tampering, declared that matter closed after Tagliabue arbitrated the dispute.

Two weeks ago, Tagliabue read Parcells' contract and ruled that Parcells could coach for no other team next year but New England. So Parcells signed on with the Jets as a "consultant," with the intention of taking over the coaching duties in a year with right-hand-man Bill Belichick as a stand-in.

It went back to Tagliabue, and on Monday he arbitrated a deal — four draft picks to New England for Parcells. The picks are a third and fourth this year, a second next year and a first in 1999.

Asked Tuesday if he would take himself for those picks, Parcells quickly replied: "No. Not for those picks. It's a heavy price."

That was the drift of the day — wry humor mixed with joviality at the headquarters of a team that has won no title of any kind, not even the AFC East, since 1970. By

contrast, since 1986, Parcells has won four division titles, two Super Bowls and an AFC championship with the Giants and Patriots.

Parcells had no great revelations about the future of the Jets, declining to answer questions about whether he'd prefer to take quarterback Peyton Manning or left tackle Orlando Pace with the first pick of the draft.

He noted that Manning still hasn't decided whether to leave Tennessee and suggested that Jumbo Elliott, who played for Parcells with the Giants and is now with the

Jets, remains a competent left tackle.

"I know who the left tackle is. I coached him for a few years," Parcells said. "He'll be all right."

He also — directly or indirectly — praised a variety of other Jets, including wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, running back Adrian Murrell, and quarterback Neil O'Donnell, whom Parcells first met as a high school quarterback when the Giants trained in O'Donnell's home town of Madison, N.J.

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personals

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S. Sorry about this weekend. Let's try it again on Friday. J.

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