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## • GSS

## Senate OKs new parking proposal

### Plan must be approved by Faculty Senate

By Andrea Page  
Maine Campus staff

A new parking proposal was endorsed by the General Student Senate last night that brought changes to the free-for-all parking plan made earlier this semester.

GSS President Scott Morelli, sponsor of the proposal, said the new plan adds credence to other parking proposals. He said it is a more community-minded plan.

The new proposal, which the GSS hopes may gain more approval than the first, includes a shuttle bus service, opening up more lots near dorms, a green bike program and supporting a pilot program for carpooling.

"It is important to keep our ears open to other proposals, too," Morelli said. "Over the next two months a decision will be made."

The Faculty Senate will be voting on the parking proposals within the next two months.

Morelli also encouraged senators to participate in the Park-Out taking place today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Another discussion topic was the proposed South Campus

Master Plan for the University of Maine. This plan was proposed by the Faculty Senate to eliminate much of the internal parking on south campus.

Lyn McLaughlin, president of student government, said this plan is part of the university's Capital Plan and the design was made many years ago.

"The guy who designed Central Park designed this," McLaughlin said. "Go through Alumni Hall sometime because the walls are lined with ideas like this."

One senator said this plan will not be good for the safety of students because of the proposed bushes and trees to line the roads.

"In making it aesthetically pleasing, they're not addressing the other issues," Senator Sara Barron said.

In other business, President Lyn McLaughlin announced the tentative moves of groups and organizations to different locations during the Phase I of the Memorial Union construction.

Among those moving to different locations will be: the chapel to the Memorial Room; Maine Bound to the barn; Student Legal Services

to the AGS office; VPFA office to the Old Town room; Outing Club, Circle K and Wilde Stein to the Ham Room; Student Government and Senior Skulls to the Walker



Student President Lyn McLaughlin discusses where student organizations will relocate during renovations of the Union. (Jason Canniff photo.)

Lounge; Multicultural Student Affairs to the Peabody Lounge; and the GSS representative boards to the Bumps room.

Dwight Rideout, dean of student services, announced two open forums that will be held

today to discuss these moves due to the construction. The forums, 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lown Room and 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Peabody Lounge, will be opportunities for the public to speak with the contractors about the construction process.

"We're trying to make this as comfortable as possible," Rideout said. "The construction won't start before February 2 and most of it will be done by March of 2000."

McLaughlin announced the appointment of Amy Hall to the position of vice president of financial affairs. She will be replacing Brooke Jellison.

Jon Duke, president of Residents on Campus, said Campus Living is now considering two living plans for next year that will allow most students to have break housing.

One plan called 'Housing' will include the majority of students and allow dorms to be open during breaks, but not during winter session. The other plan, 'Continuous Housing', will allow dorms to be open during that winter session.

## • Vegetarians

## Study favors meatless diet

By Rebecca Zaner  
Maine Campus staff

Vegan and vegetarian diets are more healthy than those that include meat, according to studies conducted by the American Dietetic Association.

Research conducted by the ADA has proven that a vegan diet lowers a person's risk of kidney and heart disease, lung cancer and obesity. It has also shown that breast cancer rates are lower in populations that consume plant-based diets.

People choose to become vegan for spiritual and environmental reasons as well as health.

"I became vegan because I felt that being vegetarian was not enough," said Wendy Cronkite, a fourth-year philosophy major. "I was still contributing to animal exploitation and environmental degradation by consuming eggs and dairy products."

A common misconception about vegans is that they do not receive enough protein or calcium in their diet.

However, most Americans consume far more protein than needed. A high protein diet causes loss of bone mass which can lead to osteoporosis, said a study by the ADA. The study also concluded, that the United States recommended daily allowance

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## • Forum

## Campus debates marijuana use

By Amanda Hebert  
Maine Campus staff

Students, faculty and staff discussed the impact of marijuana on their lives at an open forum yesterday.

Steven Barkan, professor of sociology, said 700,000 people were arrested in the United States for marijuana use last year.

"What I see as a sociologist, I have to ask if it's worth it," he said.

Barkan questioned whether the government should be able to interfere in citizens' personal lives.

"To what extent should the state prohibit people from doing things that hurt themselves?" Barkan asked.

Barkan said there are two extreme answers to this question: a libertarian view, which believes the government should have no say in what people do to harm their own bodies; and a totalitarian view, which believes the government should have complete control over

what people do.

An answer can't be found in either of the views. It can be found somewhere in between the two, where people are allowed to take part in some, but not all dangerous behaviors, Barkan said.

Edward Regan, a first-year undecided major, said he is unconditionally against the recreational use of pot and he said he favors government regulation of the drug.

"It's bad for you," he said. "It shouldn't be done."

Rampant marijuana use may be due to the lack of education for students, Regan said.

"There doesn't seem to be a program in place," he said. "They tell you about it once freshman year, and that is it. It needs to be more consistent throughout the four years of high school, not just one class for a few months."

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## Taking it all in



Adults and children braved the rain to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

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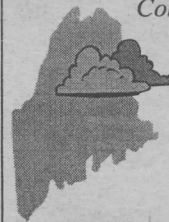
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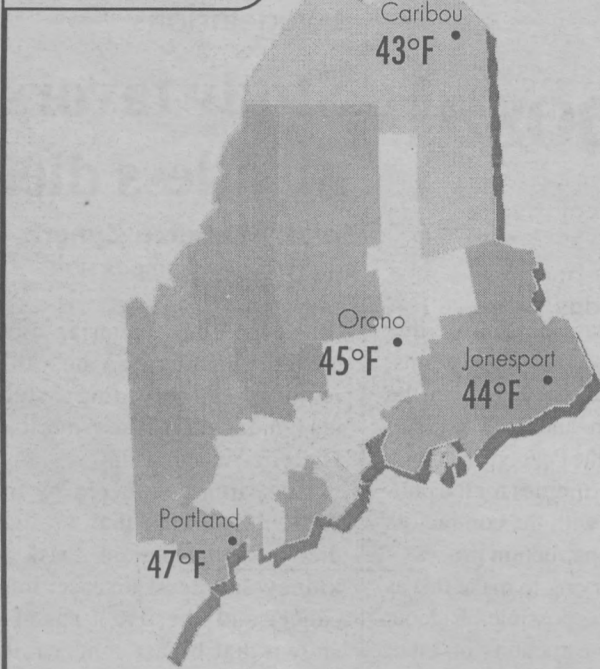
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# WORLD BRIEFS

## WEATHER



## WORLD MAP



## FIVE-DAY SUMMARY

### Today's weather

Chilly and cloudy today with highs near 45.



### Thursday's weather

Mostly cloudy with low temperatures. High near 44.



### Extended Forecast

Friday...Fair. Saturday...Fair. Sunday...Fair.



### • Pinochet

## Hospital's decision deals critical blow to argument

**1** LONDON (AP) — Former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet left a north London hospital today, driven away to an undisclosed destination in a convoy headed by police vehicles.

The ambulance carrying Pinochet swept through the gates of Grovelands Priory a day after the hospital announced that the 83-year-old general did not need special medical care and demanded that he leave.

The statement from the hospital, where Pinochet has been since Oct. 29, dealt a blow to any plan he had to argue that he was too ill to be extradited to Spain to stand trial on charges of genocide and torture.

Demonstrators chanted, "We want justice," as the ambulance passed. Chilean diplomatic vehicles followed with armed police at the rear.

There was no immediate word on Pinochet's destination. Supporters have been looking for a house where he can wait in comfort to learn whether the British government will agree to extradition.

There was speculation that he would head to a nine-bedroom home on a luxurious estate, in Surrey about 20 miles west of central London.

### • On the fringe

## International film crew back safely from Arctic

**2** MOSCOW (AP) — While snow squalls whipped across the desolate Arctic landscape, a Russian helicopter emerged from the dusky winter light Tuesday and rescued a TV crew that had been stranded on a remote island for weeks by bad weather.

The three-man crew — a Russian, a Japanese and an Australian who had been making a documentary on polar bears — had three days' food left when the helicopter airlifted them from Wrangel Island to the port of Pevek, the Ministry of Emergency Situations said.

They had waited for weeks for the skies to clear up enough so that a helicopter could land. The temperature on Wrangel Island has been around minus 22 degrees, and the Arctic days never get brighter than twilight.

"We were filming polar bears and other animals," Nikita Ovsyannikov told Russian television channel NTV. "On Oct. 15, we completed the work, and a flight was ordered to take us back."

"But this year the weather conditions were very unusual: heavy, long cyclones, the weather was constantly bad, with powerful blizzards. So the flight couldn't arrive," he said.

### • Diplomacy

## Bush, Leavitt, Racicot and Cellucci tour Israel

**3** KOHAV HASHAHAR, West Bank (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, touted as a possible presidential candidate in 2000, and three other Republican governors took an aerial tour Tuesday of territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

The Americans also visited Christian sites in Israel before ending their trip to the country.

Israeli Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon accompanied the governors — Bush, Mike Leavitt of Utah, Marc Racicot of Montana and Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts — on a helicopter tour of the West Bank, pointing out areas Israel hopes to annex as part of a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians.

The Palestinians want to gain control over all of the West Bank and establish an independent state there and in the Gaza Strip.

The governors also got a look at the strategic Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria.

The governors' tour of Israel was organized by the National Jewish Coalition, a group of American Jews whose right-wing sentiments mirror the policies of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative government.

### • Weapons

## Iraq denies trying to buy banned missile technology

**4** BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq on Tuesday denied trying to buy prohibited missile technology in Romania but admitted sending a team there to settle "outstanding matters" relating to an old contract.

The Iraqi team also was interested in "some forging and precision-casting technologies" for short-range missiles that the U.N. Security Council allows Iraq to produce, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi told reporters.

Al-Saadi, a top adviser to President Saddam Hussein, made his comments in response to a report Sunday by CNN that Iraqi missile experts, escorted by members of the Iraqi secret police, had traveled to Romania to negotiate the purchase of guidance equipment for banned long-range missiles.

The report was "baseless and full of distortions as part of the hostile media campaign against Iraq," he said.

Al-Saadi is widely believed to be the mastermind of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programs.

Iraq claims that it has ended all its programs for building weapons of mass destruction as required by Security Council resolutions adopted after the 1991 Gulf War.

### • Agreement

## Group to discuss aiding Colombian armed forces

**5** CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Convinced of the need to strengthen an armed forces under siege by the hemisphere's most powerful insurgency, the United States signed an accord with Colombia on Tuesday pledging more military support.

But the modest agreement — creating a bilateral working group to discuss U.S. military aid options — seemed as much a symbol of American reluctance as enthusiasm about getting more deeply involved in Colombia's nearly 4-decade-old conflict.

The group will convene twice a year with the aim of making Colombia's armed forces more professional, improving human rights and fighting drug trafficking, officials said.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen, in Colombia for a meeting of regional defense ministers, called the accord an "important step" that could lead to more tangible assistance in the future.

Cohen and Rodrigo Lloreda, the Colombian defense minister, discussed U.S. training and equipment for a 1,000-man army battalion expected to be established by mid-1999. The unit's sole function will be to assist police in anti-narcotics operations.

# Faces

## Dr. Harry Peddie

By Beth Haney  
Maine Campus staff

Dr. Harry Peddie, the owner of Orono Medical Center, has been treating Orono residents and University of Maine students for 10 years.

Peddie has wanted to be a doctor since he was a child growing up in Scotland.

"I was only 12 when I decided to become a doctor," Peddie said, "I never thought twice about it."

Upon graduating from Edinburgh College in 1957, Peddie decided to move to the United States.

"I was in Iowa around 1961, working in a general practice until 1987," he said.

After 26 years of service, Peddie

quit his job and traveled back to Scotland.

"I was burnt out, exhausted," he said.

During his time in Scotland, Peddie said he decided he needed new surroundings, so he moved to Maine.

While in Orono, Peddie saw the Orono Medical Center, originally called Orono MedNow.

He was surprised at how different the facility was from what he believed the typical walk-in clinic to be. He had assumed walk-in clinics couldn't provide the level of treatment that a hospital could, Peddie said.

"I thought walk-in clinics were second rate," Peddie said. "But MedNow is a family practice, a great place to get treatment. It is almost like an emergency room, it is almost like

a ordinary family practice."

Peddie decided to take over as owner of the clinic in 1988 after realizing the benefits of the center.

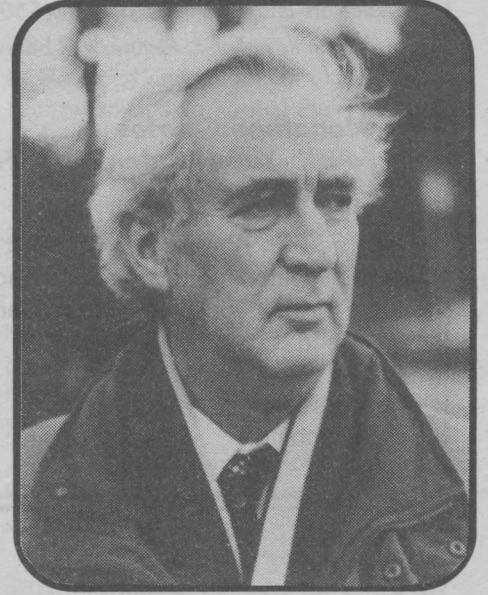
Peddie believes the clinic is a valuable health source to the community because it's always open.

"Anybody can walk in any time, weekdays, weekends, holidays," Peddie said.

The Center gets people from all over, including a lot of college students, he said.

Although Peddie enjoys helping people, his job can be difficult at times.

"The hardest thing to deal with, being a doctor, is seeing patients you can't do much for — we see a lot of those," Peddie said.



(Jake Peppard photo.)

### Forum

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Dr. Robert Dana, associate dean of students and community life and an addiction behavior specialist, also said a long-term prevention process would be better.

"We like these simple solutions, one shot deals," he said. "But we need a long term approach, we've got to do something more."

Marijuana use among school children has reached epidemic proportions, Dana said. "Sixty percent of high school seniors

have had some involvement with marijuana," he said.

The country's high number of marijuana users is partly caused by the mixed messages children receive about the use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana, Dana said.

Children see using marijuana as a way of being cool and nonconformist. Dana said children suffer from pluralistic ignorance, better known as "everyone is doing it" syndrome.

Barkan said young people recognize the paradox set across by marijuana regulations.

There are instances involving marijuana where the country's laws do more harm than they do good, Barkan said.

The Rev. Dana Reed is the pastor of the Wilson Protestant Center. He said he doesn't directly oppose marijuana use, but many people ask what Jesus would do.

Jesus never directly addresses the use of

drugs, but he may not have condoned their use, Reed said.

Reed pointed to the four Gospels and the Epistles which call for watchfulness and readiness for the next coming of God.

"An altered state of mind would not be considered righteous behavior," he said.

Reed said most Judao-Christian religions follow this doctrine, where as many Eastern and native cultures are more open to the use of drugs.

# D E C E M B E R

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### Dec. 3 Howie Day

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### Dec. 5 Blue Valor

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### Dec. 8 Bombay Sapphire

Martini's \$3.50

### Dec. 10 Neobop

Raspberry Stoli Drinks \$3.50

### Dec. 11 The Band That Dare

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### Dec. 12 Andre

Cider Jack Pints \$2.00

### Dec. 17 Billing's Brew

Absolut Drinks \$3.50

### Dec. 19 Me & Brian

Kwak Bottles \$2.50

Monday  
Nights  
Two - for -one  
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# Q&A of the week

What do you think about the recent bill passed by Congress that denies financial aid to convicted drug offenders?

Photo editor's note:

Photos are unavailable because my \$600 camera decided to reject the batteries that were melting into the motor drive mid assignment. I am now selling the camera and will use the profits to skip finals in Tahiti. Pictures will be available at a later date. Good luck and Godspeed.

**Jonathon Charles**  
Fourth-Year Student  
Boston, Mass

"I agree with it. The government allocates money to students to help out with their education, doing drugs goes against the reasons for giving students aid. It's a form of backstabbing."

**David Girardin**  
Fourth-Year Student  
Dixfield, Maine

"It's a good idea. The money should go to those who take it seriously."

**Rebecca Price**  
Fourth-Year Student  
York, Maine

"How are you going to help anybody by denying them an education? How does that help society?"

**Molly Barker**  
Third-Year Student  
Wilton, Maine

"I disagree with it because it penalizes them for what could have been a mistake. It denies the opportunity for further education and for one to do something substantial with their lives."

**Jim Lolar**  
Third-Year Student  
Hampden, Maine

"I disagree because college is a time for experimentation, and it's unfair to deny money for college because they have messed up in the past."

## • Safety

# Hunting season ends with few accidents

AUGUSTA (AP)—No hunting fatalities were recorded and only three shooting incidents occurred during the deer-hunting season that just ended, making the 1998 season one of Maine's safest ever, game officials said.

The only three injuries were accidental, self-inflicted discharges in which hunters wounded their feet.

Chief Warden Tim Peabody said safety laws, especially those requiring hunters to wear two pieces of blaze orange and that

novice hunters take a safety course, have helped reduce the number of hunting deaths over the years.

The any-deer permit system has also helped, because it forces hunters to scrutinize their targets more closely to see if they are aiming at a buck or doe, said Peabody.

Maine had 150,000 resident deer hunters, the smallest number in a quarter century, when the season opened a month ago. But while the number of licensed deer hunters has been

steadily decreasing across New England, the region's deer herd has been expanding.

A fatality involving hunters occurred in Cornish on Nov. 19, but it was investigated by state police as an accidental shooting death, not by wardens as a hunting death. A New York man shot another man while unloading his son's gun following a day's hunting.

Last year, there was one hunting-related fatality and 15 other incidents, and in 1996 there was one death and seven firearms inci-

dents. During the 1995 season, there were 11 incidents and no deaths; and in 1994 there was one death and 12 incidents.

The figures show a vast improvement in the number of hunting deaths in Maine. Decades ago, Maine averaged 48 shooting accidents during deer season, and it was not uncommon for more than a dozen people to die from accidental gunfire.

Maine's muzzle-loading season continues after the end of the regular firearms season.

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## Vegetarians

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lowance of calcium is higher than that in most countries to counteract the high protein consumption rate of Americans.

Vegans get protein by eating tempeh, beans and rice, and dark vegetables, as well as, tofu and other soy products.

"I raced bikes all year and did better than I ever did on a meat diet," said Chris Jones, a vegan and avid biker.

"Veganism has taught me to monitor everything that goes into my body and how it will affect me," he said. "I wouldn't call veganism strict. I would call it careful and conscientious."

Cronkite, who recently ran a half marathon, admits that changing to a vegan diet is not easy at first.

"Like any new thing it takes time to adapt," she said. "If a vegan isn't relying on processed food, is staying away from consuming a lot of sugar and is getting enough fruits and vegetables, it's easy to get enough vitamins and minerals."

Jones believes that people do not want to admit that veganism is a viable alternative to a diet that includes animal products. He can't understand the hostility expressed toward vegan and vegetarian diets.

"Vegans are often labeled as hypocrites and wishy washy hippies," Jones

said. "It's not a crunchy thing anymore, but an entire movement taken on by youth and old alike."

Jon LaBonte, a first-year chemical engineering major, said some vegetarians aren't always true to their ideals.

"Some say they object to the slaughtering of cows, but eat poultry," he said. "It's still meat."

Cronkite said people have a hard time with veganism because it challenges societal norms.

"It's easy for people to not think that they are eating dead animals when they get their food nicely shrink-wrapped on a Styrofoam plate at the grocery store," she said. "It's not dead flesh, it's steak, right?"

Jones doesn't regret the lifestyle change he began four years ago.

"I don't even look to ask why, but why not sooner," he said. "There is nothing worse for our planet, our morals and our sense of self than killing another for our own good when there are plenty of better alternatives, not just adequate alternatives but better ones, for our use."

LaBonte said he appreciates vegetarians, but could never be one himself.

"Without them there wouldn't be Beans and Greens in York Commons," he said.

# EXERCISE

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# LEGAL affairs

BY TED CURTIS

**Q. What is Maine law regarding possession of alcohol?**

A. That is a really broad question. Maine has many laws regarding possession of alcohol. Students from out of state are sometimes surprised at how strict our liquor laws are. Some penalties, such as the decriminalization of possession of alcohol by a minor, (defined for alcohol law purposes as a person under the age of 21) have actually been lessened in recent years. For example, a minor may only be charged with one offense of prohibited liquor violation "in any given instance in which the same set of facts is involved." Possession of liquor, including spirits, wine and beer, by a minor is not a crime, but it is a "civil violation for which a forfeiture shall be adjudged of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300 for the first offense." Violation of that law will probably result in a fine of less than \$150. It is not uncommon to be charged with illegal transportation of liquor by a minor and, upon request, find a sympathetic District Attorney who is willing to change the criminal charge to the civil infraction of possession by a minor. Do not, however, expect the authorities to be as cooperative for a second offense. You can find the many Maine alcohol laws in Title 28-A M.R.S.A. and the motor vehicle laws in Title 29-A beginning with section 2401. The Maine statutes are available at Fogler Library, municipal libraries and offices, and at our office in the Memorial Union.

**Q. I am unhappy with my apartment. A friend told me that I can get out of a lease by providing a 30 day notice to the landlord. That does not seem quite right to me. What is the law?**

A. Your friend apparently knows a little law, but not all of it. Your situation has become confused with the right of a tenant at will. A tenant at will is a tenant without a lease. A tenant, or the landlord, in an "at will" tenancy may give a thirty-day notice, which would start the termination or eviction process. If you had a lease that expired and was not

renewed, but you continued to live in the apartment, you are now a tenant at will. Upon expiration of a written lease the tenant becomes a tenant at will and subject to a 30 day eviction notice. *Homestead Enterprises v. Johnson Products, Inc. 540 A. 2d 471 (Me. 1988).*

In your situation, however, you say you have a lease. If you leave before the lease period, you will probably be found to have broken the contract and may be liable for damages, including unpaid rent.

**Consumer Alert**

The out of town management company for Founder's Place has notified at least several student tenants that their leases, which had provided for the landlord to supply heat and electricity, are being revised to require the tenant to pay the electric bill. The landlord is reducing the rent by an arbitrary amount. Because the heat is all electric, that means a substantial reduction of the landlord's responsibilities. Founder's place and its attorney maintain that the revision is legal. Our office is in the process of bringing the issue of the landlord illegally terminating electric service at one apartment to court.

The Founder's Place lease is a 19-page complex document which, amazingly, appears to give the landlord the right to change the terms of the lease before the original one-year lease term has expired.

Tenants who are harmed by the actions of Founder's Place may consider using the provision of the lease which appears to give the tenant or the landlord the right to terminate the lease in January.

Students in doubt should bring the lease to Legal Services for analysis.

*Student Government Legal Services, provided by Curtis & Griffin, is located on the third floor of the Memorial Union (581-1789). Office hours are Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Queries for Legal Affairs may be submitted via e-mail to theodore.curtis@umit.maine.edu. Copyright Theodore S. Curtis, Jr. 1998.*

• Seasons

## Warm weather persists

PORTLAND (AP) — Thoughts of a white Christmas were put on hold Tuesday as December arrived with temperatures approaching 60 degrees.

The mercury actually topped out at 58 degrees — 18 degrees above normal — before gusty winds kept the temperature from approaching the record of 62 degrees for the day in Portland, the National Weather Service said.

The warmth continued a trend of mild weather dating to before Thanksgiving in Maine, causing elation for some, worries for others.

Some people were wearing short pants as they shopped for Christmas trees. In the mountains, ski resorts struggled to keep trails open. And parkas and mittens became a harder sell than they would be otherwise.

In Kennebunk, Diane Holmes had Christmas music going as people cut down trees on her farm. But she said she would have felt a little more festive if the temperature was more seasonal.

"It certainly makes life easier for us. Our guys aren't out there in a rainstorm or a blizzard. But I personally would like to see a little snow because it adds to the

ambience," Holmes said.

Meteorologist John Cannon said the string of mild weather has lasted a couple of weeks. And it's expected to continue.

The last time the daytime high in Portland failed to reach at least 40 degrees was on Nov. 17, Cannon said. Since then, it has been warmer than normal every day, he said.

Ski resorts used snow-making equipment to open early but the lack of natural snow forced Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA to close three trails apiece, officials said.

For L.L. Bean, the warm weather was believed to be the cause for delayed purchases of mittens, polar fleece and other Christmas gifts, said spokeswoman Jolene McGowan.

"Our strength is in the Northeast. When it's warm, it absolutely has an effect," she said.

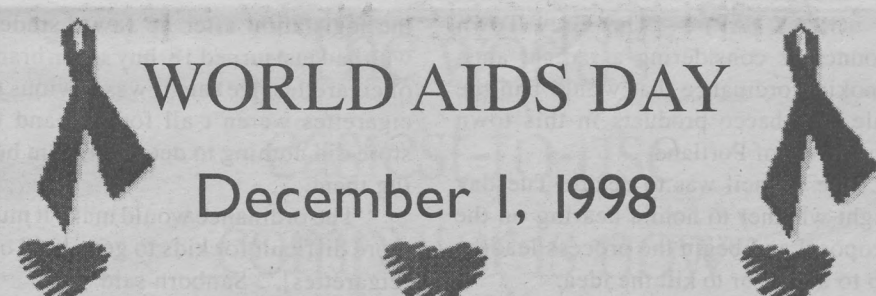
Likewise, snow blowers weren't exactly blowing out of stores for Christmas presents at Sears.

"They are buying some but you don't sell what you do if you have snow on the ground or a storm looming," said Dick Grimes, store manager at the Maine Mall in South Portland.



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## WORLD AIDS DAY

### December 1, 1998

World AIDS Day was observed for the first time on December 1, 1988, after a summit of health ministers from around the world called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater exchange of information on HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1, serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic, which continues to spread throughout every region of the world. This organized effort is designed to encourage public support for programs that prevent the spread of HIV infection and to provide education and awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

**HIV/AIDS INFORMATION**

- According to a 1997 HIV/AIDS report, there are 806 reported cases of AIDS in Maine.
- HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death among African-Americans between 25 and 44 years of age.
- In 39% of all reported female AIDS cases, the virus was transmitted through heterosexual contact.
- In 68% of all new HIV infections in 1997 were among adult/adolescent males.
- Become a force for change. Get involved! For more information call the Peer Ed. Office at 581-4561.

\*All HIV/AIDS facts used in this flyer can be found in The American Association for World Health 1998, World AIDS Day resource booklet

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

November 30 - December 3  
\*All events are free and open to the public!


**MONDAY: November 30, 1998**  
UMaine Peer Educator Program presents:  
• "SEX CONNECTION."  
7:00 PM  
HANCOCK HALL

**TUESDAY: DECEMBER 1, 1998**  
UMaine Peer Educator Program presents:  
• "WELCOME TO REALITY"  
7:00 PM  
YORK HALL  
• "MEN AND WOMEN SHARING"  
7:00 PM  
CUMBERLAND HALL

**WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 2, 1998**  
ME Precaution Presents:  
• "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX AND MUCH MORE"  
7:00 PM  
PENOBSCOT HALL  
• ENCORE PERFORMANCE  
8:30 PM  
AROOSTOOK HALL

**THURSDAY: DECEMBER 3, 1998**  
UMaine Peer Educator Program Presents:  
• "NANCY"  
Come listen to Nancy speak openly and honestly about her experiences with HIV. Listen to her story of courage and hope  
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KNOX HALL  
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# State News

## • Brady Bill

### Second phase of law stalls gun purchases

BANGOR (AP) — Gun dealers in Maine had some sales shot down as a new computerized background checking system went on the fritz.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System went on line Monday as the second phase of the Brady Act kicked in.

The law established federal background checks for handgun purchasers almost five years ago. As of Monday, people buying rifles and shotguns had to submit to checks, too.

But in Maine, as in other states, delays in the system caused some sure-fire sales to walk out the door of gun shops.

Holden gun dealer Ralph McLeod said he made 25 calls to the computerized background check system, known as NICS, and got constant busy signals Monday morning. A young customer waiting to buy a \$225 semiautomatic handgun had to be turned away as a result.

Donald Barrett of the Mill Creek Rod and Reel shop in Orrington said he placed six calls to the NICS number Monday before reaching an operator.

Barrett finally got through on the Washington-based hotline, but the operator couldn't tell him when forms that every licensed gun dealer must fill out would arrive at his store.

At Smitty's Trading Post in Machias, a sale was delayed for nearly an hour due to another snafu in the system.

Each licensed gun dealer submits a code word to the NICS operation center to prevent fraudulent transactions, but an operator erred in recording the secret code word, said proprietor Stephen Smith.

The National Rifle Association has promised to sue over the system, which it calls "an illegal national registration of gun owners."

But gun-control groups are also unhappy because they believe the new law does not give officials enough time to research potential buyers. They also say the FBI, which does background checks in 24 states, does not have access to such background information as restraining orders and involuntary commitments to mental hospitals.

The other 26 states have their own law

enforcement agencies conduct the background checks.

Some Maine gun dealers approve of the concept behind the instant-check method, which promises quicker sales for people who want guns for hunting, target practice or other recreation.

Others say the requirements are a political ploy of the Clinton administration to further tie the hands of small gun dealers, many of whom may be forced out of business if they lose too many sales.

"This Clinton gang is pushing to drive everything underground," said Barrett,

adding that he knows of four local gun dealers who are quitting the business because of the Brady Act.

"Idealistically, it should work," said Van Raymond, a Brewer gun dealer. "In practicality, I don't see that it does a lot of good. You know, criminals are not going to obtain guns from licensed dealers."

The Justice Department has given \$200 million to states to help them computerize their records. Once the system is working smoothly, approvals should take just three minutes, the FBI says.

## • State House

### Legislators prepare for session

AUGUSTA (AP) — With the smell of fresh paint and new carpeting filling the air in the spruced-up State House, newly elected lawmakers return today to be sworn in for the two-year session.

The business of making laws doesn't begin in earnest for about a month, but senators and representatives have plenty of organizing to do in advance. They will be sworn in at 10 a.m. by Gov. Angus King.

They will then attend to the largely ceremonial opening-day duties of electing the House speaker and Senate president and adopting the rules governing their procedures for the next two years.

If there's little intrigue in who will preside over the two bodies, members may be surprised by the new look in the aging granite Capitol, especially the House chamber.

Since lawmakers left town last spring, the House was gutted and refurbished from its ornate, white ceiling to the newly carpeted floor. Scarred and dingy old desks have mahogany replacements, which are built into single units that sweep gracefully from aisle to aisle.

A newly finished rostrum, also mahogany, and new computers at side desks stand ready for action at the front of the House. The walls are repainted in a rich off-white and specially mixed light-olive to match the appearance of the chamber in 1911.

The arched windows have replacement combinations finished in natural wood and, in a seasonal flourish, decorated with holiday wreaths.

On a more practical note, worn elevators down the hall have been replaced by modern cars that are better adapted for wheelchair users. Newly installed bells that summon lawmakers to votes clanged intermittently Tuesday afternoon as the final test runs of computers and other equipment were made.

Joy O'Brien, the Democrats' nominee for Senate secretary, was asked if everything was ready for the lawmakers' return.

"I hope so," she said as she displayed cross fingers and a smile.

Because the Democrats control the House 79-71 with one independent, that party's nominee for speaker, Rep. G. Steven Rowe of Portland, is the odds-on favorite to defeat the GOP nominee, Rep. Henry Joy, R-Crystal, who was an unsuccessful candidate for the gubernatorial nomination earlier this year.

In the Senate, where the Democrats are in control 20-14-1, President-nominee Mark Lawrence of Kittery was poised to reassume the chair after Republicans declined to nominate anyone after a recent meeting. A surprise candidate could emerge Wednesday.

Both major parties are fielding a full slate of candidates for three high-profile state offices that will be filled after the new Legislature is sworn in. But Democrats have the edge in all three races.

Republicans announced Tuesday they would field former legislators for the three offices, which each have two-year terms.

Robert Winglass of Auburn, a former House member who lost a state Senate election last month, will challenge Democrat Dale McCormick for the treasurer's job. Augusta lawyer Sumner Lipman will try to oust Attorney General Andrew Ketterer, and Stephen Hall of Guilford wants Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky's job.

One of the big unknowns about the day surrounds the new rules to be adopted by both chambers.

Lawrence and the outgoing speaker, Elizabeth Mitchell of Vassalboro, want the independent governor to face an early-January deadline to submit bills, saying it will streamline the process. Exceptions would be allowed if leaders OK it.

The proposed rule is contrary to long-standing practice and is being resisted by King, who says the state Constitution clearly gives the governor the right to submit bills whenever he pleases.

## • Town Council

### Gray mulls ban on tobacco sales

GRAY (AP) — The Gray Town Council is considering a radical anti-smoking ordinance that would ban the sale of tobacco products in this town northwest of Portland.

The council was to decide Tuesday night whether to hold a hearing on the proposal and begin the process leading up to a vote or to kill the idea.

Mark Sanborn, the council chairman who sponsored the proposal, said the measure would deter smoking in general, and it would stop kids from buying cigarettes at convenience stores during their breaks at high school.

Sanborn said he decided to sponsor

the legislation after he saw a student, who had just turned 18, buy seven brands of cigarettes. He said it was obvious the cigarettes weren't all for her, and the store did nothing to deter her from buying them.

"The ordinance would make it much more difficult for kids to get a hold of it [cigarettes]," Sanborn said.

Town Manager Peter Janowski said that while other cities and towns have anti-smoking ordinances, he doesn't know of any that have banned tobacco products altogether.

"I don't think anything has gone quite this far," he said Tuesday.

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# National News

• Petroleum

## Exxon, Mobil merge in \$77 billion deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon agreed to buy Mobil for \$77.2 billion Tuesday in a deal that would create the largest corporation in the world and put back together two of the biggest pieces from the 1911 breakup of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil.

Roughly 9,000 jobs will be eliminated worldwide as a result of the takeover, or about 7 percent of the companies' combined work force of 123,000, Exxon chairman Lee Raymond said.

Despite the new company's vast reach, a world oil glut is expected to keep pump prices at rock-bottom levels for now. Analysts also expect the companies will have to sell off numerous gas stations and refineries to satisfy antitrust regulators.

The deal is the latest example of rapid consolidation in an industry whose profits have been cut by worldwide overproduction, weak demand and slumping prices.

"We need to face some facts. The

world has changed," said Lucio Noto, Mobil chairman. "The easy things are behind us."

The company will be known as Exxon Mobil Corp. There will continue to be Mobil and Exxon gas stations, as well as the Exxon tiger and Mobil's red Pegasus logo.

Together, Exxon and Mobil accounted for about 20 percent of U.S. gasoline sales last year, but just 4 percent of global oil production capacity. Exxon Mobil will have about 48,500 gas stations around the globe, with roughly a third in the United States, plus exploration and production operations worldwide.

Exxon Mobil will surpass Royal Dutch-Shell Group as the No. 1 energy company and vault past General Motors Corp. as the biggest corporation in the world, with \$203 billion in combined revenue last year. Exxon is about twice Mobil's size in revenue.

The stock swap deal will give Mobil shareholders 1.32 shares of Exxon. The

deal tops British Petroleum's planned \$58.5 billion purchase of Amoco Corp. as the largest corporate takeover. At current stock prices, it also outranks Bell Atlantic Corp.'s \$72.6 billion merger with GTE Corp.

The Exxon-Mobil deal was prompted in part by slumping oil prices. The average retail price for regular unleaded gasoline was 97.4 cents this week, the lowest since the Energy Department began keeping track in 1990.

At the time of the Persian Gulf crisis in 1990, the wholesale price of a barrel of crude oil topped \$40. Today it's around \$11.

Oil prices have been hammered by a combination of oversupply from OPEC and weak demand because of the financial turmoil in Asia and unusually warm autumn weather in the United States.

Analysts say that to slash costs and boost profits, smaller companies will continue merging, and larger players such as Texaco, Chevron, Unocal and Atlantic Richfield will find partners, too.

"The pressure continues because anybody who's left in the middle like Chevron or Arco is going to be feeling

kind of isolated," said Fergus MacLeod, an analyst with BT Alex Brown.

Executives involved in the Exxon-Mobil deal expect it to reduce annual expenses by \$2.8 billion in the near term.

In another deal announced Tuesday, France's Total SA will buy Belgium's Petrofina SA for \$11.8 billion to create a new European oil power.

Combining Exxon and Mobil raises the specter of Standard Oil, the trust busted by the government 87 years ago, but most analysts said that antitrust concerns will not be strong enough to block the deal. Mobil is the former Standard Oil of New York; Exxon was once Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Analysts believe regulators will demand that Exxon and Mobil sell off numerous gas stations in areas in the Northeast where they dominate. The companies may also have to sell stations and refineries in the Southwest and on the West Coast.

The new company will be based at Exxon's headquarters in Irving, Texas. Raymond will be chairman, chief executive and president. Noto will serve as vice chairman.

• Death row

## Escapee remains at large

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas prison officials still searching for the death row inmate who escaped late Thanksgiving night brought in a National Guard helicopter equipped with high-tech heat-detecting gear on Tuesday, and they shifted the main search area.

The helicopter joined at least two other aircraft and a ground effort of about 500 officers and 70 tracking dogs in the search for condemned killer Martin Gurule in the dense woods and swampy terrain.

After saying for days that Gurule had to be within a 7-mile perimeter south and east of the prison about 85 miles northeast of Houston, prison officials disclosed Tuesday they had shifted the

placement of ground forces.

"We are reconfiguring our search area at this point, and that's really all I want to say," said Larry Fitzgerald, spokesman for the Ellis Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which is home of Texas' death row.

Gurule, 29, scaled a pair of 10-foot fences topped with razor wire and fled into the foggy night just after midnight Thursday, leaving six accomplices behind as guards fired at him with rifles from towers 200 feet away.

The escape was the first from death row in Texas since 1934.

Gurule was sentenced to death for shooting a Corpus Christi restaurant owner in 1992.

• Election

## Gore prepares for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice president Al Gore has not formally announced his intention to run for president but he already is putting together his team for a 2000 bid.

White House political director Craig Smith has agreed to be Gore's campaign manager, according to several Democratic officials close to Gore. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Smith will be in charge of the day-to-day operation of Gore's campaign if the vice president decides to run.

Gore is expected to announce for the presidency early next year.

Smith, 40, is an Arkansas native who

worked for then-Gov. Bill Clinton and came to Washington in 1993, serving first in the political operation at the Democratic National Committee. In 1996, Smith helped coordinate Clinton's grass-roots campaign efforts.

Still to be determined by Gore is who will be his campaign chairman, with lobbyist Peter Knight and former White House counsel Jack Quinn angling for the post.


Bringing Smith aboard his team gives Gore one of the president's most loyal allies to help take advantage of Clinton's political operation throughout the country. Clinton has promised to help Gore win the presidency in 2000.

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## • Congress

# Impeachment inquiry expands into fund raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — House impeachment investigators approved subpoenas Tuesday to obtain evidence about President Clinton's campaign fund raising over the sharp objections of Democrats. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt demanded that Republican House leaders rein in the expanding inquiry.

Gephardt charged that "chaos is reigning" in the impeachment probe and suggested outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich or incoming Speaker Bob Livingston "needs to be given the responsibility, needs to take" control.

In the midst of a hearing carefully planned to underscore the seriousness of perjury, the Judiciary Committee voted 20-15 along party lines to subpoena evidence from the Justice Department investigation of fund-raising in Clinton's 1996 campaign.

"It's my worry that this is becoming an impeachment inquiry in search of a high crime," said the panel's senior Democrat, John Conyers of Michigan.

Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said he still hoped to wrap up the inquiry by the end of the month but felt "duty bound" to explore "anything else that comes to our attention," including Justice Department internal memos that may point to wrongdoing by the president.

Committee officials said lawyers for the Republican majority were making a second attempt today to persuade a judge to permit the Justice Department to provide one of the subpoenaed memos.

Paul McNulty, a committee spokes-

man, said U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson turned down a similar request Friday on grounds the committee did not demonstrate a need for the document — which contains secret grand jury material and recommends an independent counsel to investigate fund raising.

McNulty said Republicans believe the subpoena will strengthen their argument.

As Democrats objected to the belated expansion of the impeachment inquiry, Republicans questioned two women prosecuted for lying in sex cases as they explored whether Clinton should be held to the same standard.

"Because a president is not a king, he or she must abide by the same laws as the rest of us," Barbara Battalino told the Judiciary Committee. The former Veterans Affairs hospital psychologist is serving a home detention sentence after pleading guilty in a case in which she lied about a sexual relationship with a patient.

The carefully scripted hearing came as the committee, just a week before a planned vote on impeachment articles against Clinton, moved to obtain evidence from the Justice Department investigation of fund-raising abuses in Clinton's 1996 campaign. The move made Democrats stew.

One week before a vote is "no time to commence" a new probe into Clinton's campaign finances, Conyers said. "Campaign finance has no relationship" to the sex-and-lies report submitted to Congress by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, Conyers said.

Democrats aired several complaints at

the hearing. "The American people and the president still don't know what the charges are," Conyers complained, demanding that Clinton and his colleagues be told what the specific articles of impeachment will be.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Republicans had staged today's hearing to rally support for impeachment articles. "This is an effort to increase votes on the floor because they're in a little bit of trouble," Frank said.

Hyde said the purpose of the hearing was to explore whether Clinton should be treated the same as other citizens convicted of perjury and suggested Democrats may have a "double standard."

"It is particularly disturbing that many who generally claim to represent the weak now argue that the powerful should be allowed a pass when they break the rules," Hyde said.

Hyde's opening statement didn't address the abrupt decision Monday night to seek to subpoena secret Clinton administration memos urging Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the president's 1996 campaign.

"The committee has received information which suggests that the campaign finance abuse memos may contain allegations of criminal wrongdoing by the president," Paul McNulty, a spokesman for Republicans on the panel, said Monday. "The committee is duty-bound to investigate that information."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart today attacked the decision to explore fund-

raising allegations, claiming Hyde "is not being entirely straight with the president" about the confines of the inquiry. Lockhart suggested "the committee has been hijacked by the extremists."

Republicans, who control the Judiciary Committee 21-16, subpoenaed FBI Director Louis Freeh and federal prosecutor Charles LaBella to gain access to their secret memos laying out Clinton's alleged fund-raising irregularities.

The decision opens up a new avenue of investigation for the impeachment panel, just as Hyde is pressing to wrap up work in time for a vote by Christmas on possible articles of impeachment against the president.

The subpoenas demand that Reno turn over memos that Freeh and LaBella wrote laying out their arguments, and demand that Clinton order Reno to turn over the memos, according to committee officials. No request is being contemplated to force Clinton to answer questions.

Neither McNulty nor other committee officials would say what specific allegations against the president they believed the memos contained.

Another subpoena directs Starr to hand over evidence and testimony that his investigators gathered from John Huang, a key figure in the fund-raising controversy.

One of today's witness, Pam Parsons of Atlanta, is a former University of South Carolina women's basketball coach who pleaded guilty to a federal perjury charge in the mid-1980s for giving false testimony in a civil case about a sexual relationship she had with a player.

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### • '96 Campaign

## Clinton, Dole told to return money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Election Commission auditors recommended Tuesday that President Clinton's campaign repay \$7 million in taxpayer assistance it received during the 1996 election, and said that his Republican challenger Bob Dole should repay \$17.7 million.

The auditors alleged both candidates' campaigns illegally coordinated and benefited from issue ads run by their political parties.

The FEC auditors findings, which have already prompted a separate Justice Department investigation into the legality of the ads, are slated to be reviewed by the six-member commission Thursday.

The commission, divided among three Democratic and Republican appointees, can accept, reject or alter the repayment figures.

The staff auditors said they concluded that Clinton and Dole illegally coordinated supposedly independent ads run by their parties during the 1996 campaign and in so doing exceeded the spending limits the two candidates agreed to when they accepted taxpayer assistance for the election.

To back up its recommendations, the auditors cited three ads paid for by the Democratic National Committee that were the same as ads aired by the Clinton campaign.

In other cases, the Clinton campaign and DNC shared production expenses and coordinated the broadcast of party and campaign ads so they didn't run at the same time, auditors said.

The auditors said that 37 DNC ads clearly identified President Clinton and "appeared to contain electioneering messages."

"While it is true that the advertisements in question were run at times and in locations which suggest that the purpose of the advertisements was something other than garnering support for President Clinton, it appears that this is true because of a deliberate effort to conceal the actual purpose and strategy behind the advertisements."

The Justice Department is currently in the midst of a 90-day inquiry into whether the FEC allegations warrant the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the Clinton campaign. A decision on the recommendation is due next week.

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• Peace Process

# Arafat lays claim to Jerusalem during U.S. visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring Jerusalem his top priority in peace talks with Israel, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has reignited a hot dispute with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by publicly laying claim to the “occupied” eastern part of the city.

At the end of a donors conference Monday that netted the Palestinians pledges of more than \$3 billion from 43 nations, Arafat registered his satisfaction with the outpouring, said he was confident the pledges would be fulfilled and then opened up on Jerusalem.

Referring apparently to East Jerusalem, Arafat said it was “occupied territory” that Israel was bound to relinquish under U.N. Security Council resolutions on an overall settlement with the Arabs.

He also asserted anew his hope to establish a Palestinian state next year, despite stern opposition from Netanyahu and repeated admonitions from the Clinton administration to soft-pedal the Jerusalem and statehood issues in advance of talks with Israel on a final settlement.

The city was divided before Israel pushed Jordanian troops out of East Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast War and declared the united city the eternal capital of the Jewish state — a stand most Israelis support however they may differ on other aspects of the ongoing peace effort.

Jerusalem is now home to an estimated 422,000 Jews and 180,000 Palestinians.

In Jerusalem, David Bar-Illan, senior adviser to Netanyahu, rejected Arafat’s assertions.

“If he says he is going to establish a capital in Jerusalem, he is saying he’s going to do so arbitrarily and unilaterally. That is unacceptable,” Bar-Illan said.

“If through negotiations he reaches any solution whatsoever, and I’m certainly not going to mention any, but any solution whatsoever reached through negotiations is legitimate. Any solution reached without negotiations is not,” he said.

The State Department reacted calmly and predictably to Arafat’s assertions on Jerusalem and on statehood. Spokesman James P. Rubin said both sides should refrain from declarations that sought to pre-judge the outcome of future negotiations.

Arafat met with Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., who is expected to be the new House speaker, and with Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., the House minority leader, on Capitol Hill today. The Palestinian leader said he discussed “all the problems” facing the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and possible solutions.

He was due to see Secretary of State Madeleine Albright afterward on what Rubin described as efforts to strengthen ties between the United States and the Palestinian Authority.

The pledges of aid to the Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza are designed to alleviate poverty. The assistance is to be used for water projects, road-building, the construction of a Palestinian airport and seaport and for industrial zones.

“No peace stands a chance of lasting if it does not deliver real results to ordinary people,” President Clinton said in urging

the European, Asian and Arab nations to do better than the \$2.3 billion pledged five years ago.

Clinton met privately with Arafat at the White House, hearing his complaint that Israel had not released enough political prisoners under the Wye agreement the president helped arrange in October.

Albright invited the Palestinian leader to her home Sunday for a similar chat.

“I am satisfied,” Arafat said in response to the announcement by Albright that “it appears the delegations pledged more than \$3 billion.” She called the response “a substantial achievement.”

The European Union pledged \$2 billion in assistance to Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza over five years, Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel said at a windup news conference.

He said a half-million jobs had to be created for the Palestinians over the next 10 years.

Clinton said the United States intends to

increase its contribution by adding \$400 million to the \$100 million a year it plans to donate over the next five years. The United States has contributed \$500 million since 1993. Any U.S. increase would be subject to congressional approval.

But while Clinton spoke hopefully of overcoming “bumps in the road” in the peace process he has fostered, political tensions between Arafat and Israel were rising again.

Arafat accused Israel of undermining the Palestinian economy with a “continued siege and frequent closure” of the borders with Gaza and the West Bank.

And when a questioner said he could provide 18 pages of anti-Israel assertions in the Palestinian media, calling for a holy war and describing Jews as the children of Satan, Arafat wagged his finger and said angrily: “I challenge you if you can say that I said those words. I talk about the Jewish people as cousins. We are all the sons and daughters of Abraham.”

• Gasoline

## Fuel prices remain low


WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail prices for regular unleaded gasoline fell this week to 97.4 cents per gallon, the lowest since the Energy Department began tracking prices in 1990.

The price is down three cents from a month ago, and has fallen significantly since last year’s \$1.15-per-gallon aver-

age. Department officials expect the decline to continue this week.

The department bases its price on a weekly survey of 800 gas stations nationwide.

An oversupply of oil, caused by declining crude-oil prices abroad, has been a major factor in sinking gas prices in the United States.



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# EDITORIAL

## Instant check system fails test

While it no longer takes five days for someone to purchase a handgun, many gun dealers and purchasers are angry with the latest phase of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act.

The act originally required a background check, which took five days, on people wanting to purchase a handgun. The act's new regulations, which initiated a computer check system that supposedly presents instant verification, requires all gun buyers to also go through the check.

Although one of the act's purposes was to shorten the amount of time it takes to purchase a gun, the government's effort has already backfired. According to published reports, Maine gun dealers have found the FBI's new criminal background system, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which was initiated Monday, more bothersome than helpful.

One dealer said he made 25 calls to the system and never got through to an operator. Another dealer said an error made by one of the system's operators caused one of his customers to wait for close to an hour before he was able to purchase the gun.

No one wants to put weapons in the wrong hands, but the government must have some consideration for the people purchasing weapons. The government should have been prepared for the country's demands. Instead, it has left gun dealers who have to listen to busy signals, deal with angry customers who can't make purchases and lose business.

The government's effort to keep felons, the mentally ill and people convicted of domestic violence from purchasing weapons are necessary. The general public must be protected. Unfortunately, this may not be happening in 25 states, including Maine, where the FBI, rather than separate law enforcement agencies, is performing background checks. Federal officials don't have access to background information such as restraining orders and involuntary commitments to mental health institutions. Without this information, Maine and the 24 other states aren't getting the information they need to protect their residents.

The law itself is encouraging. The system, however, needs some fine-tuning.

## Law ensures treatment for all

Emergency room care can no longer be delayed to patients regardless of whether their health insurance plan will cover the costs of treatment, government regulators will announce this week. The "patient dumping" law ensures patients immediate attention and carries a fine of up to \$50,000 per incident.

Government regulators say some hospitals have been withholding treatment while emergency room staff consult with representatives from a patient's health plan. The new law demands government health insurance plans such as Medicare and Medicaid waive pre-authorization requirements in instances a "prudent layperson" would deem a medical crisis.

It does not apply to private sector insurance plans, however. The president of the American Association of Health Plans says most insurance companies voluntarily practice the "prudent layperson" standard for treatment.

Yet, many insurance plans, especially HMOs, require patients to get permission from designated doctors before being treated in an emergency room. Insurance companies use the stipulation as a way of refusing to pay hospitals for treatment they would not have consented to. If the insurance company refuses to pay and the patient cannot pay, the hospital gets stuck with the bill.

Hospitals do not have the power to decide whether a person truly needs emergency care. Once a patient shows up in the emergency room, the hospital is responsible for treating him or her. If insurance companies want designated doctors to be notified before a patient receives treatment, they should ensure the patient can contact a doctor immediately. Often after office hours or on the weekend, a patient will have to leave a message for a doctor through an answering service and wait for the doctor to return the call.

Although the "patient dumping" law is a step in the right direction, the need for such a law is sad. In 1986, a law was passed protecting patients without insurance. The law stated that hospitals couldn't deny emergency room care to patients who couldn't pay. Twelve years later a law must be passed to protect patients with insurance?

Patients are suffering while insurance companies and hospitals play games. Both institutions need to reexamine their reasons for existence and their main goal: helping people.

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## "The Hoff Who Stole Christmas" starring Johnny "Max" Beacon

### • Letters to the editor

#### • Different solution

To the editor:

I urge you not to support the Park Out today. The Park Out is a bad idea and sends the wrong message. The solution to too many cars is not wider roads and more parking spaces – the solution is to use fewer cars. Air pollution, climate change and depletion of fossil fuels are huge sacrifices to make on the altar of the automobile. As educated university folk, we should be setting examples, not buying into car culture. Ride a bike, walk, take the bus or carpool – there are lots of responsible alternatives to that solo drive to work. Subvert the commuter paradigm.

David Payer  
Old Town

#### • Don't park out, walk in

To the editor:

According to a front-page story in the Nov. 18 *Campus*, the Student Senate has endorsed a "park out" for Wednesday, Dec. 2 to protest UMaine's parking situation. The article goes on to quote

Sen. Jonathan Duke as saying, "The thought of doing something radical is great."

Oh, please! Excuse me if I can't muster any sympathy for healthy young adult college students who feel oppressed if they can't park their cars within 100 feet of a classroom door. Go tell your troubles to the Hondurans who recently had to dig their dead children out of the mudslides in the wake of hurricane Mitch. Tell them to impoverished Haitian villagers who can barely afford food, much less an automobile and the opportunity to pursue a college education. Or, closer to home, tell them to Maine workers laboring in factories, fields and woods, or holding down dead-end minimum-wage jobs to make ends meet. Students, if you get media attention for this ill-conceived "protest," you're likely to be perceived by working-class Mainers as over-privileged, spoiled children. Think about it.

I propose a truly radical solution to the "parking problem": Plow under and seed with grass most existing campus roads and parking lot, and confine parking to the periphery. For my part,

I will counter the "park out" with a "walk in" by not parking my car on campus today, Dec. 2. I hope others of like mind will do the same.

Phil Locke  
Neville Hall

#### • Open your mind

To the editor:

I just thought I would write in and give Mark Tabone (who submitted "Un-philosophy lowers quality" in the Nov. 18 *Maine Campus*) my two cents.

All I can say is that Terrence Brown's article in the *Campus* was amusing and real. If Brown wants to write an article about masturbation and how stupid he is, that's great. It amused the hell out of me. Besides, the *Campus* is for everyone to voice their opinion in. If Tabone found it of poor quality, that's his problem. If he has such a problem with the *Campus*, then why does he even bother to read it? Tabone should keep more of an open mind and try not to get pissed off.

Misty Raymond  
Gannett Hall

# OP/ED



## • Letters to the editor (continued)

### • What's the answer?

To the editor:

I, too, would like to know the answer to the question posed to Sen. Michael Lake by Sen. Oreo Nalley. In the Nov. 18 edition of *The Maine Campus*, in the front-page article on Student Government and the parking dilemma, the story ended with an unanswered question. After the lengthy discussion on parking, Sen. Nalley asked Sen. Lake if he had posted the following statement on the Christianity board (FirstClass): "Next week is national kill a baby week here at UMO, sponsored by the student whores association." Since Sen. Nalley did not get an answer to his straightforward question, I feel it incumbent upon myself to fill Sen. Lake's silence with the answer. On Friday, Oct. 16, at 5:02:12 p.m., a message appeared (and still does at the time of this response) on the Christianity board titled "false prophets," posted by Michael Lake. In that post, the aforementioned quote appeared.

So, what say you, Sen. Lake? Did you make that post on the Christianity board? Why didn't you answer Sen. Nalley's question? At the time, you seemed quite confident about your view toward women. Did someone steal your password, log in your name, and send that message without your knowledge, or did you actually send it of your own will and volition? If you did send it, why won't you own up to authorship? In retrospect, are you ashamed to have sent it, as I was, a confessing Christian, to have read it?

His words are hardly prophetic. The prophet Hosea compared the nation of Israel to a harlot (whore) in his prophecies around 732 B.C.E. (Before Common Era). I suppose that in light of Hosea's utterances, Mr. Lake is, at the very least, using terminology not uncommon in the Bible. But, I've read Hosea, and he is no Hosea, to paraphrase a line used in a U.S. vice presidential debate. Yes, Hosea's message was strong, but it was tempered by love and compas-

sion, as God would have him to do. Even though he has referred to me as "the antichrist" in the past, I want to reach out to him in Christian love and ask that he withdraw his post from the Christianity board and search his heart for a more responsible way to express his heartfelt beliefs. Take a tip from that courageous fellow Christian who wrote you back in response to your post: "I think you should reconsider the way you approach how you fight what you don't believe in."

Rev. Dana C. Reed  
Wilson Protestant Student  
Center  
Orono

### • Flawed reasoning

To the editor:

It is rather pathetic that obviously mentally challenged students such as Dave Bailey make it all way to be seniors majoring in mass communication without anybody's concern from their department. There's nothing wrong with writing that vegetarians are wrong, unreasonable, unhealthy and hypocritical. The author is entitled – as well as anybody else – to share his opinion with us. But there is a couple of things that make me wonder whether he's learned anything at all about communication in his classes or whether he was just incapable of applying the knowledge: His attempt for reasoning is incredibly poor. Reasoning is not only about showing own "truth" – it's also about comparing the points of view from the other side, which the column completely lacked. Reasoning should also be sound. What does killing rats have to do with vegetarians? About as much as Bailey's funny baseball hat and the extinction of koala. Writing that vegetarians damage buildings with graffiti is equivalent to writing that meat-eaters' shit stinks more than veggies' and that therefore meat-eaters should have separated bathrooms. The second weakness of the column is the arrogant approach that Bailey chose to insult all the vegetarians.

By throwing the whole veggie community into one stinky bag of "morons, clowns, and dullards without any shreds of intelligence," Bailey again sets a sad example how narrow-minded and redneckish our future media representatives can be.

Petr Marecek  
Hart Hall

### • Involvement easy

To the editor:

We are writing in response to "The Geele World" sketch in the Nov. 18 issue of *The Maine Campus*. We are shocked and thoroughly disgusted that *The Maine Campus* allowed such trash to be printed. The artist should have done some research to learn how Student Entertainment Committee operates. Channing Geele, vice president of student entertainment, guides the meeting, but the decisions that are made aren't made by him alone. The Student Entertainment Committee, which is comprised of any student wishing to join, makes all decisions based on a two-thirds vote. Channing Geele is not responsible for the decisions that are made with regards to concert performers, each and every student at this university is. This is so because Student Entertainment Committee is run by the students, for the students. Channing Geele is not a public figure, he is a student like the rest of us and doesn't deserve to be attacked like this. All that we have heard this year about Student Entertainment Committee are complaints. If you feel so strongly about this, don't criticize when in fact you can be doing something about it. Make your voices heard. Go to the Student Entertainment weekly meetings. Get involved! Don't be so quick to criticize until you have all of your facts straight.

Beth Taylor  
York Village,  
Erica Jakimas  
Old Town,  
Tim Meehan  
Stodder Hall

### • The quiet room

## Defining ourselves

All generations steal from their predecessors. It's the way the game works. But this generation may be the all-time champion. Consider as evidence the resurgence of platform shoes, bellbottoms, swing music (which some classify "alternative," believe it or not) and mid-'80s-like spending patterns. Just pray that parachute pants and many-zippered jackets remain in the closet for a long time.

Forget all these things for a moment and think about how you identify yourself.

Call yourself an "individual." Say you "go against the grain." Or maybe you buy into the whole "Generation X" label, with all its implied trappings. Tell yourself whatever

scientific study), but I'm sure you can link yourself to anyone at UMaine in two steps. Three at the most. If you need more than that, you need to get off First-Class and go out and meet some people.

If you need some real convincing, try this game: Link Dave Bailey (the anti-vegetarian) with the vegan of your choice on campus, using any or all of your acquaintances. I can do it in one step.

Another example of the identity game is the way we surround ourselves with pictures of the important people in our lives. I'm willing to bet that you've got



By Derek  
Rice

helps you get to sleep at night. Frankly, all this individuality is frustrating, especially when these "trailblazers" are doing the same things as thousands of others.

Remember where you were when the Challenger blew up? Don't we all? It was our generation's defining tragedy, filling the same hole that the Kennedy assassination and Pearl Harbor did in earlier generations. If you're too young to remember the Challenger, never fear: Another cultural tragedy will be along before 2010.

Every human being, regardless of who you are, in some way, shape or form identifies themselves in relation to other people. Even the guy who makes the conscious decision to forsake electricity and running water to live in a cabin in Greenbush is someone's son, father or brother.

Don't believe me? Let me illustrate what I'm saying.

You're at a party somewhere below downtown Orono – this is before the cops bust it up, of course – and you start talking to a member of the opposite sex. You're interested in him or her, so the first thing you want to do is establish some sort of bond. In this microcosm of society that we call the University of Maine – including all its surroundings – the easiest way to forge a bond is to find someone who you both know. Maybe his or her cousin lived on your floor during your freshman year. Whatever it is, you play the game until you come up with a common acquaintance. They say there are six degrees of separation between every person on Earth – especially Kevin Bacon. Everyone knows someone "important," either directly or indirectly. I don't know if the "six degrees" business is true (I'm still waiting for the

at least one photo either on your desk or in your wallet.

Photos are what we leave behind to prove that we did indeed exist. Without them, who would remember us? We also use them to create a sort of comfort zone within our homes. We can have the people we care about right there with us at all times.

The premium photo, however, is one you might have of yourself with someone famous. My fiancée has a photo of her with Margaret Chase Smith. Not only will it serve as evidence that she existed, but if an antique collector should happen to find it in the bottom of a dresser several years from now, it will be more meaningful than one of a girl no one knows.

Which brings us to the notion of being famous. Fame is not necessarily based on something someone does – or did – particularly well. The only criteria for fame is that lots of people know your name. Need proof? Tell me what it was that Richard Jewell did well. Aside from playing the part of scapegoat, the answer is nothing. Yet most of you, unless you were under a rock two years ago, recognize him as the guy who almost took the fall for the Centennial Park bombing during the Atlanta Olympics.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that we all fit into the grand scheme of things somewhere. How we fit in depends on the people in our lives. Despite our many differences, we have many similarities, perhaps more than we care to admit.

Derek Rice is an English graduate student and is the opinion editor for *The Maine Campus*.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, December 2

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Others will try to change your way of thinking this year, and whether their efforts are subtle or severe you must be aware of them and you must resist. No one can tell you how to live your life or what to believe. Anyone who tries should be kept at arm's length.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You may be in the mood for fun and games but others have work to do and won't take kindly to you if you get in the way. Maybe they are pushing themselves too hard, maybe they should take a break, but that is not your decision to make. Looks like you will have to entertain yourself today.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Someone will try to intimidate you today. They will promise all kinds of doom and destruction if you don't do as they say. They obviously don't know you too well as you are not the kind of person who is easily scared. Think of the most cutting thing you can say to them — and say it.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A battle of wills is likely today as Mercury, your ruler, opposes Pluto, planet of desire. In a nutshell, what you want and what a partner or loved one wants are two entirely different things. You may be able to compromise but it's unlikely. You will just have to go your separate ways.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** This is not the best day to ask a favor but neither is it the worst. It all depends on how you ask and how far you are prepared to go to see your favor granted. If a colleague or employer requires that you do something dishonest in return you may be better off retracting your request.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** A good idea is a good idea whoever thought of it first, so don't waste time arguing whose idea it was when what you should be doing is pulling together and making it pay. Don't worry that the cake will have to be divided too many ways: there is more than enough to go round.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Whether you laugh or whether you cry won't change a thing today, so keep control of your emotions and focus exclusively on the facts. If you miss one little thing someone will be down on you like a ton of bricks, so keep your eye on the details — it's one of the things you are good at.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** There are so many thoughts running through your head that it may be impossible to make sense of them all. But who says you have to? It's the quality that counts, not the quantity. There is one thought in particular you should be focusing on. A little bit of thought will tell you what it is.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Nothing in life is permanent and that fact will be rammed home to you today if something you prize is taken away from you. Or maybe you will finally realize it is something you don't need and which takes up too much emotional space. Now is the time to let it go.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** If partners and loved ones seem moody or difficult to talk to today don't push it. Give them some space and let them work out their problems alone. Whatever else you do, don't let them drag you down with them. Pessimism can be contagious so put them in quarantine until they've recovered.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** If something you had high hopes for doesn't work out the way you planned don't be too unhappy about it. You can't expect everything to go well but enough things do to make minor setbacks like this worth suffering. And just because it doesn't work today doesn't mean it won't work tomorrow.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** It is essential that you act with restraint today. It is even more essential that you speak with restraint as the things you say could have consequences you will not enjoy. Bite your tongue if you have to but keep that sarcastic remark to yourself. It might just save your bacon.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Don't chase after something too eagerly today. If you do you may find you never quite catch it, which is not only frustrating but might persuade you to give up the chase altogether, and that would be sad. Pretend you are not too bothered whether or not you get it — then it will come to you.

### Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



### The Short Bus

By S. Winslow



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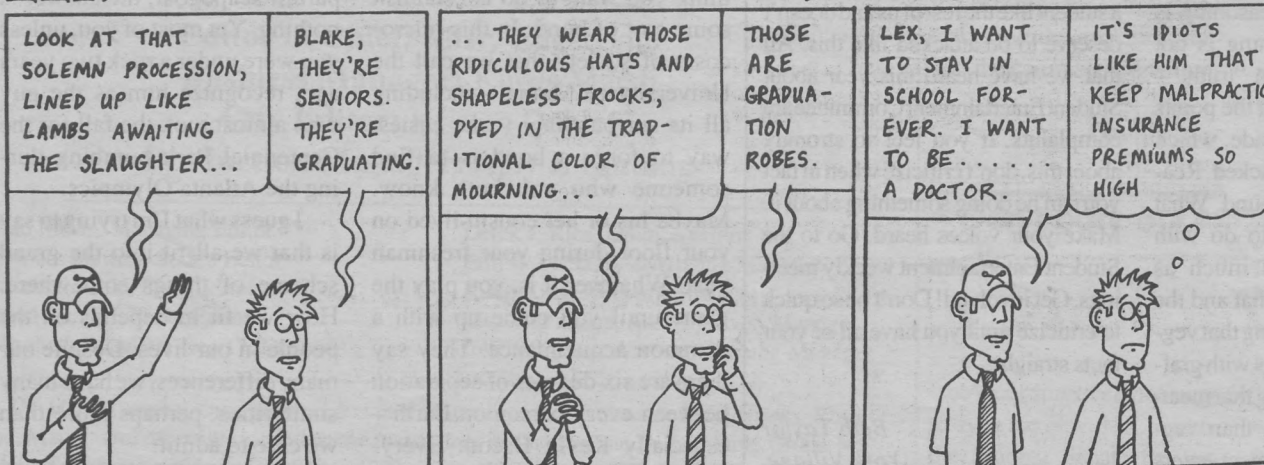
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# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, December 3

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Whatever advice you are given over the next 12 months you will probably ignore it — you hate to think others might know better than you. Inevitably, mistakes will be made but you will keep bouncing back. You are determined to show you can go it alone.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Some tough decisions need to be made and you may not enjoy informing certain people what you have decided. But you know that to wait any longer would only make matters worse: for them, for you and for whatever plans and projects you happen to be working on together.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** How much do you need to make you happy? A lot less than you think by the look of your solar chart. There is every possibility that something you have grown used to will exit your life today. Don't make a fuss about it — help it on its way. It's time to move on to something new.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** If you have a clear idea of what you want to achieve then the next 24 hours could take you tantalizingly close to your goal. Even if you don't have a clear idea you will move several steps nearer to your target, although you may not realize it for a week or two yet.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** To say you are emotionally aggressive is not nearly saying enough. With Mars and Pluto cutting across the most sensitive axis of your chart you will find it easy to lose your temper. Don't feel bad about your lack of moderation. It's good to let off steam once in a while.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You have a lot of energy at your disposal today and if you are smart you will invest it in something worthwhile. You could just go out and have the party of your life but isn't there something creative or artistic you could be involved in? Something that will make you feel good about yourself?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** It is not wrong to be ambitious and anyone who tells you otherwise is probably resentful of your success. If you encounter opposition today, if someone tries to stop you following the path you know is right for you, then you must come out fighting. It's your future that is at stake.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** What would you do if you knew you could not fail? What would you seize if nothing was beyond your grasp? Whatever it happens to be the planets suggest it is closer than you think — all you have to do is reach out your hand. This could be a day when dreams come true.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** A positive attitude is a must today, especially where business matters are concerned. With Mars, planet of aggression, aspecting Pluto, your ruler, it is odds-on you will encounter opposition from rivals or even people you thought were on your side. Don't worry, you're much too smart for them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You must be honest about your feelings today, otherwise a negative situation that has dragged on too long already will drag on even longer: weeks, months, maybe even years. Sometimes you have got to be tough. Sometimes you have got to be ruthless. Such a time is now.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Your instincts tell you that someone is trying to undermine your efforts while pretending to be your friend. You know who that someone is but you do not yet have enough evidence to confront them. By the end of the day you will. Under no circumstances let them off the hook.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You may have to change your opinion about someone today and it annoys you to think you could have been so wrong, but no one expects you to be infallible so why expect it of yourself? The important thing is that you found out about them before it was too late.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** No doubt you are of the opinion that friends in need are an occupational hazard but you are far too sensitive to turn your back on a cry for help. Just make sure they realize that once they are on their feet again the rest is up to them. They will cling forever if you let them.

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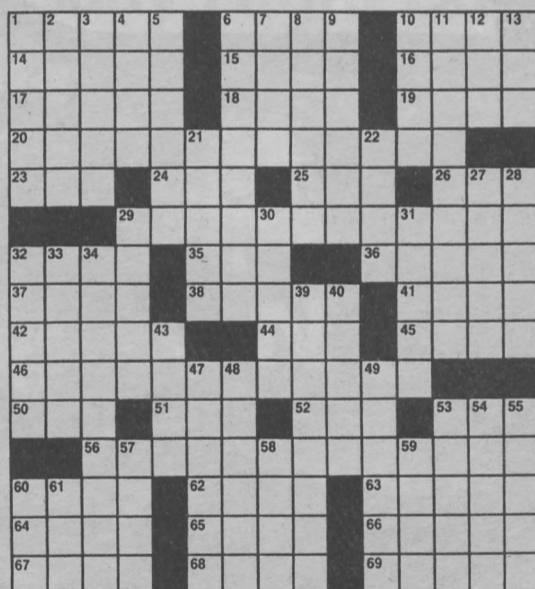
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Puzzle by Mark Danna

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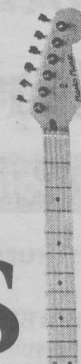
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# STYLE & THE ARTS



• *gä*

## A solo mission expressed through film

By Elisabeth Gold  
Maine Campus staff

Ace charmer and December graduate Preston Noon is no longer chumpin' at the proverbial bit, having aroused us with his long-winded philosophical passages so cleverly disguised as weekly *Maine Campus* columns.

High Noon is now venturing out from his abstract writing world into the land of film. He is among an ever-growing population on campus attempting to evoke reality through visual means. With his recent years of literary schooling and his montage writing style he has applied his collective knowledge and created a visual description of his cross-country journey.

With *gä* (pronounced as in Jah Rastafari) as his co-pilot, Noon has set out on an adventure to the west coast, an adventure perhaps we won't completely understand, only get a glimpse of in

with a video you're creating that. You're creating not only the visual image you're creating the audio image and the story line. So it's a much more dynamic medium to work in. It's much more exciting.

**Fascinating . . . Well, I guess I'm most interested in the process. If you could talk about your creative process and what you've learned switching over from the writing to this visual art.**

The transition from writing to visual was not the hardest transition. The hardest transition was moving from expectations from what was going to occur and what actually did occur, and then moving that into the image, the visual representation. Because originally I'd planned to encompass the reality that would occur after many many hours inside the car and the conversations that were a result in that. Which is pretty much the root of cross-country road trips—

such project. Saab America wanted me to drive down the east coast and I had long wanted to go out to the west coast, so I told them that the alterations were too much for the project.

**But they were willing to give you a car if you drove down the East Coast?**

I shouldn't say that. It was an executive who called and she wanted to get me to commit to more her idea. She wanted to have a commitment to back up her idea when she went to the big meeting, the executive meeting. So what's happened with the film since, many changes obviously. There's logistical problems and events that occurred on the road, you know you just move forward. So since the story of the movie is built from the available footage that I have. And the trip, and its not a road rules. It's definitely not a road rules.

**No clues?**

The story's about a single cell moving

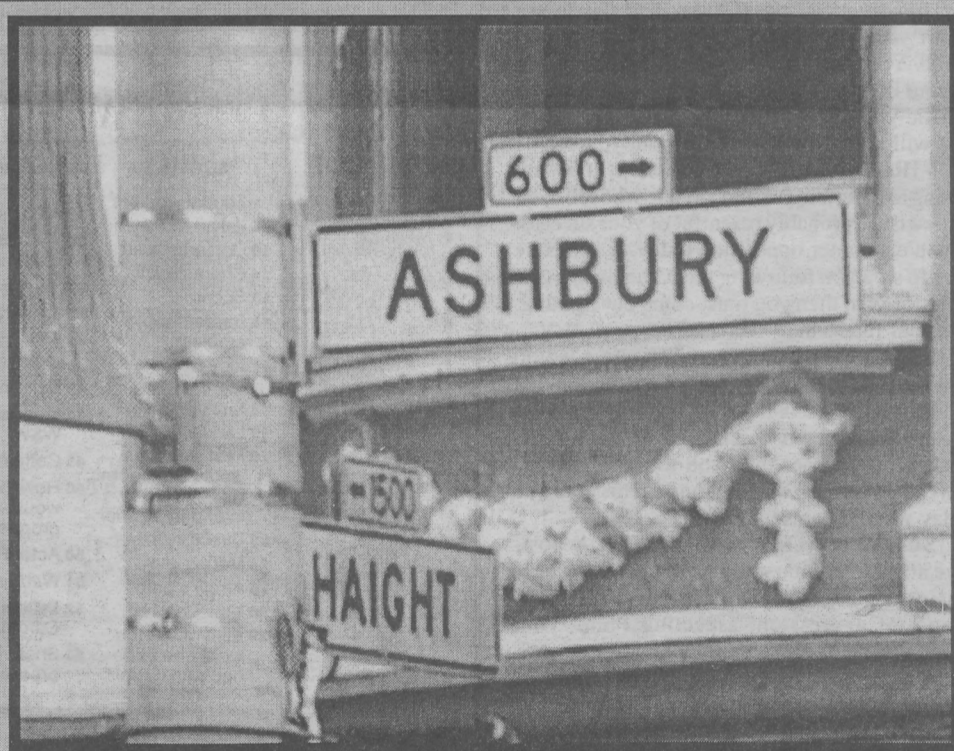
building a spaceship out of it. And that spaceship could carry well. It depends if anyone wants to hear what I have to say.

**So, how many hours of footage do you actually have and how long were you on the road for and where exactly did you go?**

I left Aug 11 pretty late in the day because my car was just coming out of the shop and as with a trip like that it was all whirlwind because I was working until the day before and there was really no prep time. From Maine, I drove to, the first day was in the Adirondacks, second day went to St. Paul. Eventually I made it to San Francisco for about two weeks, then went up to Portland a day before classes started and I missed the first week of school.

**Hmm . . .**

And for routes, I went up 90 to the Trans-Canada highway down past Niagara to Detroit so I didn't have to go down to Chicago, and I came



"I just wanted to . . . show what I'm working on because I think that there's not enough projects of this nature on campus." (courtesy photos.)

his premiere showing tomorrow night at 7p.m. in Donald P. Corbett.

**Well, why don't you begin with how it all started?**

Well, I wanted to explore the methods of creating a story visually rather than just having a story through text, which is what I'm experienced in.

**And what did you find the difference is?**

Well, I find the difference is . . .

**Other than it being visual . . .**

Well, when you go into visual media the story is more controlled than if you are just reading text. Where as text is . . . the imagination of the reader becomes a very large part. Where you are reading the descriptions and from the descriptions you can distill some sort of image. The mind's eye. But with the visual image or

what in fact occurred was I was on a solo mission and I became, I actually became cameraman, producer, director and star.

**How does that feel? You're a one-man show.**

Well, it can feel only as it is. Because the title of the movie is from that. It's a character. *gä* is a character which I found visually interesting more as a trademark than an actual title. The title, as with any good trademark, it encompasses the entire product. I think culture is inundated with trademarks. The commercial world. And it's interesting because when I initially started I extensively pursued getting corporate sponsorship for the project. Hitachi had recently been involved in a similar program that they said did not have substantial returns so they weren't willing to get involved in another

across the surface of the globe, surface of the sphere. That single cell is me, because I am one person inside of one car driving from point A to point B on the sphere, which is the earth. And that, that oneness, that singularity of a solo mission also brings out the notions of *gä* as the almighty. The story or the footage, the trip was more for footage or in terms of the film the trip was more for footage than for content.

**Can you explain that a little bit more? More for footage rather than content?**

Yeah, so its not like. Yeah, I'm on day one, I'm packing up the car.

**Okay . . .**

In review of the tape I've written a story that will be augmented by the visual tape that I have. So it's more like having a box of Legos and

back on 80, which goes through Kansas.

**What do you hope people will see from your film? Obviously people will extract different things.**

The only thing, it comes back to the oneness, to the center. All anyone can really know is themselves. And so in expressing how they feel a connection is possible through similarity or through being able to be like, 'Oh yeah, I know what you're talking about at that point,' or even visually if its as simple as 'Hey there's Haight-Ashbury, that's pretty famous.' 'Or that's Niagara Falls.' But it's not really about that; it's more about life.

**Can you expand a bit more on the process, I know you started talking about it in the spring of last year and obviously you're**

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• The Big Apple

# New York by a stretch of imagination

By Henrique Fontes  
Maine Campus staff

How's your Thanksgiving? Turkey, pie and a fight with your parents? Or did you simply get so bored on campus that the commons food sounded like an exotic banquet? Well, if you will, embark with me in an imagination exercise, where you would have gone to ... let's say ... New York for the week.

Let's hypothetically suppose you and two of your friends find a ride in the First-Class folder from some girl going down to visit her family. Minutes later you have booked a hostel, also through the net, for \$14 a night. Summing up your trip will cost a total of \$170, food included.

Then you skip classes on Tuesday and ride all the way down with the mysterious

driver, who turns out to be very nice and funny, reaching at the end of the day the heart of the Apple. Well, maybe it's the kidney, because the hostel is in Brooklyn.

At midnight, after wandering around with a backpack that says "I'm a lost tourist," you finally get to the square room that for the next five days will be your home. Yours and 20 other people's too, all snoring together as a happy family.

Next day, breakfast, the subway and you reach Manhattan. Up and down the streets. East, West? Where's the sun? Oh look at that building! Broadway! Times Square! SOHO! (so what?). OK, let's stop, I'm hungry.

Then you and your friends walk 10 blocks trying to find a cheaper place to eat until you realize that even McDonald's is more expensive in New York.

Ride the subway back, chit-chat in the hostel with people from Chicago and France, shower and you're back to the city.

Then the second realization sinks in. There's nowhere to go in New York if you don't know what you want to do. So you'd buy Time Out magazine to plan your night. But it's time to night-night because the next day is Thanksgiving day, and in New York that means Parade Day.

Ah, the parade ... what a silly mistake to get up at 7 a.m. and walk miles in the rain to find a spot, and see what?

A bunch of clowns with dripping make-up on? A group of laminated cheer-leaders? Or maybe soaked little kids crying for home? No, maybe you don't want to do that.

But you want to find a nice French bar that played a load of rhythms - just like "Club Reality" - where your under-age friends could responsibly drink and have a

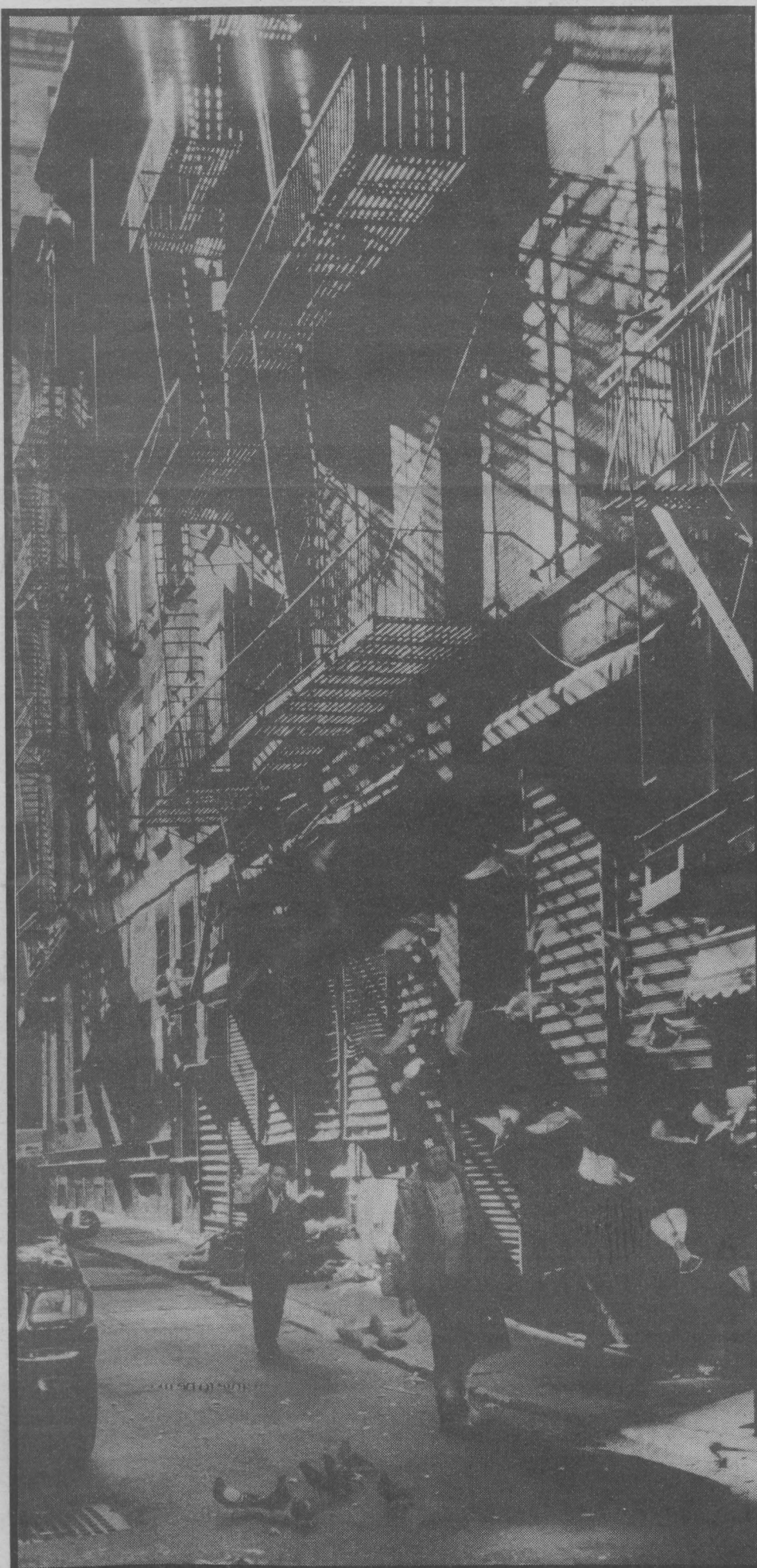
good time.

There you dance and laugh until 2 a.m. and then safely ride the trains back "home." The most violent scene you see would be dogs fighting as their owner held their leashes.

On the last day, of course you go up the Empire State Building, after waiting an hour and a half in line, and look at all those people looking down on millions of others. All of them with their manias, phobias, passions. All of them trying unsuccessfully to become the next millionaire.

Well, maybe it's just too much for your mind to hold. Too far of a stretch, but if your desire could take you there and Public Safety would allow you to, it would be worth-while.

It would not only be a break from a "hypocritically correct" Maine, it would be a step for life.



Chinatown. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

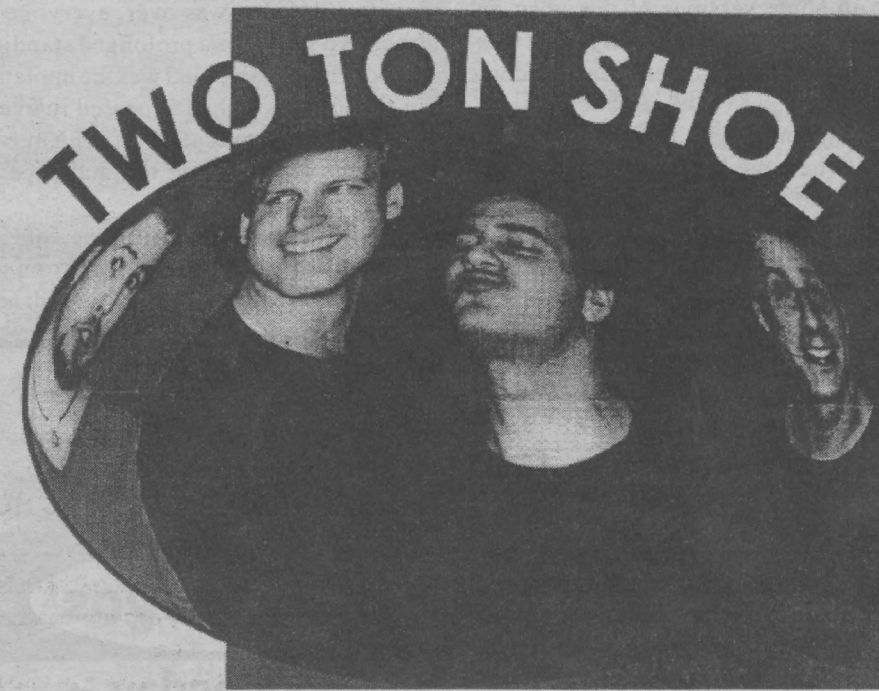
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At this point where you're showing your documentary film in Donald P. Corbett. You know, one of the more technologized rooms on campus for lecture halls. How does one get to that point?

Well the technology, I used the digital video camera, which that technology has only been around for a few years. What it allows you to do is, the camera that I had only had 500,000 pixels per image, which is mid-range. Digital photography-like movie houses have doubled that at least. Tripled that. Utilizing what's in DPC is continuing along the capabilities of state of the art technology just because there is unmatched respect for the eight millimeter films that are worked on, but at the same time the ease, no I shouldn't say that, the abilities of the digital medium are unmatched. Originally, I had planned to send daily digital video through an internet connection to be posted on my Web page daily. To show the advancement of my trip. Time and planning led that astray so it didn't really matter. I wasn't sure how many people would be willing to download a big file of me being on vacation.

And that's also why I stepped away from making a particular movie that way because that's not what I wanted to do. Anybody can make a movie about going on vacation. But hopefully I can do something more.

**How has the support been for this project?**

Everybody's definitely been interested. I have a reputation.

**You?**

Yeah. For creating. At least in the art department, my views are definitely respected and of interest so, there certainly should be good support. Though I've thrown the monkey wrench into the works of the showing in that along with the . . . the film, when you go to see the film it's not about me on vacation and it's not about some film that some guy made, I just wanted to show, the reason for my showing is to show what my gig is. To show what I'm working on because I think that there's not enough projects of this nature on campus. And I've added a DJ competition after, which really isn't a competition, it's more just about sound and vinyl because there really is an art there.

And it's about expression and that's what I've done through my film and that's what will be done to the vinyl.

**Do you know at this point who those DJ's are going to be? No? What about the musical accompaniment for this film?**

Yeah. We built a theme. I had an idea of what type of music and what particular tracks I wanted and from there my sound guy, Matt Young has created a really solid montage of Jungle Brothers, Tragically Hip, Uncle and DJ Shadow. We haven't really . . . yeah I don't want to ruin it. But it's fat.

**And the evolution of your project?**

Well, when you have a project you're trying to make happen, you have to be able to bend yourself. You have to be able to move forward when your sense is catastrophe. Like specifically, my brother was supposed to be my co-pilot and he withdrew from the project a week before my departure. Which, it's difficult to find someone in seven days who wants to take a month off and drive to the west coast. I did ask, there are people I asked. But finding someone to drop

their life for you is difficult. Or it was in August. It's not really, like with anything nothing really turns out the way you planned. I mean it can be close. And in my case, my planning wasn't finite or as it wasn't finite at all it was just options. Because you never know what you can accomplish until you try.

**Do you think people are going to be expecting a lot from this?**

No. It's an independent film. And I've seen some pretty bad independent films. I mean, if nothing more it's just a good story. I think that what I'm doing anybody can do

**But you're doing it.**

Yeah.

**So what should we expect as we sit in DPC on Thursday the 3rd?**

If nothing less, it will be a good time. DPC 100 has a solid sound system. It's the best on campus. Three projection screens.

**So your future?**

My future from this point is, ah, graduating in two weeks and probably move to a cabin in the woods.

• On ice

## Swan Lake graces MCA

By Josh Pouwels  
Special to the Campus

I can imagine no harder workers than those in the Russian troupe who performed Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" last Friday. On a stage barely big enough to meet the minimum specifications, the company gracefully skated for two hours.

Since its first production in Moscow in 1877, the story has been performed thousands of times and has continued increasing in popularity. Tchaikovsky's music has become synonymous with the holidays, with his ballet "The Nutcracker" ranking as the most performed ballet in the United States.

The story of "Swan Lake" is a French version of an older German tale. It is about a princess, Odette, who is turned into a swan by an evil magician, Rothbart; in some versions of the story, including the one performed at Maine Center for the Arts, all of her friends become swans, too.

Every midnight, Odette (and her friends) become human again for a few hours. One midnight, Odette is discovered by Prince Siegfried who falls madly in love with her and promises to rescue and marry her.

The next evening there is a ball in the castle where Siegfried is meant to choose a bride. Odile, Knight Rothbart's daughter, enters as a black swan, looking exactly like Princess Odette. Siegfried is instantly drawn to her, and he declares she will be his bride. Odette then appears and sees what has happened. Siegfried recognizes Odette too, and realizes he has broken his promise.

The performance, although it contained no spoken words or subtitles, was easy to follow. Before seeing the play performed on the small stage, I had serious questions as to how so many skaters (at times upwards of twenty) could perform on such a small stage. They did it with grace and skill as if they had been training their whole lives to perform in Orono, Maine.

After the play was over, everyone in the crowd stood for a prolonged standing ovation. Especially loud was the applause for the jester who had appeared in every scene, skillfully executing difficult moves and creatively keeping the audience in suspense.

As I looked for my car in the cold air outside, I marveled at this troupe from the heart of Russia devoting their lives to dance.



More NYC, the Brooklyn Bridge. (Andrew Bailey photo.)



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• Men's hoop

# Providence tips Maine

By Jay Baltes  
Maine Campus staff

The Men's basketball team had another opportunity this season to knock off one of the big boys of college hoops when it traveled to Providence Monday.

This time, however, the underdog Black Bears failed to pull out the shocker as Providence surged toward the end of the game to win 79-72. The game marks the end of a tough five-game road trip in which the Bears went 3-2.

Maine, now 4-2 overall, appeared to be in good shape as they entered halftime with a 35-32 lead. The Bears came out strong in the second half, but Providence was able to stay within striking distance until it found its stride in the final minutes of the game.

"The margin of error in a close game against a team like Providence is very small," coach John Giannini said. "Even though our players did a good job, there were a few breakdowns in defense that if avoided would have made a big difference."

Maine was led in scoring by junior guard Andy Bedard, who hit five three-pointers on route to a 25 point effort. Senior forward Allen Ledbetter came one point shy of a double-double with nine points and 11 rebounds. Guard Marcus Wills chipped in 13 and freshman guard Huggy Dye came off the bench to score 14.

The Friars were led by NBA prospect Jamel Thomas, who recorded 25 points and 11 rebounds on the night. Center Erron Maxey chipped in 15 points and six rebounds.

Providence (5-2) was in the final eight of the NCAA tournament just two years ago.

Giannini said he believes that win or lose, games against teams like Providence can only help in preparation for the all-important conference schedule.

"Our record coming out of this road trip indicates that we are on track to achieving our goals," Giannini said. "But of course

we wanted to be better than that. We want to be one of the up-and-coming teams in the nation, but we still have a ways to go in proving that."

The Black Bears will now enjoy a week—and—a-half of rest and preparation before hosting conference foe Hartford on Dec. 12.

**Over The Break**

Ledbetter became only the 11th player in Black Bear history to eclipse the 1,000 point mark in Maine's 86-84 win at Vermont.

Ledbetter accomplished the feat in dominating fashion as he broke out for 20 points and 16 rebounds to help the Bears overcome a 12 point half-time deficit.

The game marked another record as November 23 was the earliest conference game in the 18 years since America East was formed.

The Black Bears followed the conference win up with a 91-72 romp over Brown on Saturday led again by a strong Ledbetter performance.

Ledbetter had a game-high 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds. He showed why he was the conference leader in field goal percentage going a perfect nine for nine from the floor.

Nate Fox had a strong game as well dumping in 19 points and muscling 10 rebounds in recording the first double-double of his college career. Bedard chipped in 18 points and eight assists.

**Notes**

Bedard is second in the league three offensive categories at this early stage in the season. He is averaging 24.7 ppg behind Delaware's Mike Pegues at 28.5. Bedard also is second in assists with 5.2 game behind Hofstra's Craig Claxton at 6.6 and has gone 31-34 on the free throw line for 91 percent, trailing Will Chavis of UHN who is bating 1.000.

As a team, Maine enjoys the finest free-throw shooting in the league at 80 percent as well as the best three-point percentage at 40 percent.

## Women's hockey

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her 10th and 11th goals of the season. Kira Misikowetz, Maine's second leading scorer, contributed her third goal of the campaign.

"For the first two periods we were all over them," Filighera said. "It was 3-0 and it could have been higher. I was really impressed with the way we were playing."

But Wilfred Laurier stormed back in the third with two goals in the first five minutes to chop the deficit to one.

Wolf's goal at 16:42 in the third sealed the deal for the Bears.

"It's a learning experience," Filighera said. "I think it was definitely something that we can take a lot from."

Playing in a smaller rink helped Maine's once-sagging forecheck.

"The short rink helped us because of our speed," Filighera said. "Our defense was jumping in and pitching down the wall real well and our forwards were backing the defensemen up."

Filighera compared Wilfred Laurier roughly to Princeton, which Maine lost to earlier in the season.

With Maine having crawled to the break-even point, Filighera hopes his team won't have to stare up at the rest of the standings for much longer.

"Our goal now is to try to stay over .500

the rest of the way and compete every day," Filighera said.

**Injury Report:**

Some Black Bears got banged up while in the Great White North:

Defenseman Jill Marks sat out last weekend's games with an injured leg, while left wing Amy Van Vuren is nursing a bad hand.

Both players are considered to be day-to-day.

**Honor Roll:**

Along with Wolf, Maine's goalie tandem of Kathleen Hedges and Mandy Cronin were named to this week's ECAC Honor Roll.

Hedges had 40 saves on 41 shots on Friday, while Cronin saved 30 of 32 shots Saturday.

**Lookin' at the leaderboard:**

With nine goals in her last four games, Wolf has propelled herself into the ECAC scoring race. The freshman ranks second in the league with 11 goals. Her 19 overall points are fourth overall and second among freshmen. Wolf's three power-play goals tie her for sixth in the ECAC.

Elsewhere, Misikowetz is tied for 12th with seven assists, while her 10 points place her tied for seventh in the freshman scoring derby.

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## Hockey

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sliced the Wildcat defense before cutting in on goalie Sean Matile's left side before wringing it past him.

"Dave Cullen made a great pass and I was able to gather a lot of speed," Kariya said. "The D-man was a little flat-footed and I was able to get around him."

"He's a great electrifying player," Walsh said. "He's now starting to play with some guys who are his caliber."

But the Wildcats, who feature one of the league's more explosive offenses, rallied behind their cornerstones in Mike Souza and Krog, who evened the contest with time expiring in the second stanza.

Krog's goal came on a rocket from the right point with nine seconds remaining in the second period.

"It's a play we work on in practice," Krog said. "[Alfie] Michaud froze, and I got the puck for one-timer."

"Jason played great, what a shot," Walsh added.

Both Matile and Michaud turned away magnificent shots in a classic duel between the league's more formidable goaltenders. Michaud finished with 27 saves while Matile stopped 17.

### Two for two

The Black Bears skated away with their second tournament trophy Saturday night after handing the Catamounts a 2-0 shutout behind the efforts of freshman goalie Mike Morrison.

Cory Larose found his scoring touch, accounting for both goals to up Maine's record to 9-1-1 on the year.

### Paw Prints

Some notes from the final Governor's Cup final tournament.

Maine advanced to the championship game in all four years and posted a 2-2 record in that span. Both wins came over Vermont while both losses came against UNH. The Bears recorded a 6-2 overall mark in the tournament. UNH posted a 5-3 record while Vermont finished with a 4-4 record. UMass-Lowell won only one tournament game in four years, going 1-7.

Following Friday's game, UNH coach Dick Umile was livid at the officiating, apparently upset with some late third period penalties called against his team.

"No comment," said Umile, tapping his fingers on the table in the press conference. "They know what they did. I don't need to tell them."



Steve Kariya - shown here in the Fleet Center last year - was named Governor's Cup MVP. (File photo.)

### • Women's hockey

## Special teams in a winning streak

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

The cliché "110 percent" usually means to give extra effort on the ice as far as a hockey team is concerned.

But ask Maine women's hockey coach Rick Filighera and it means something a little bit different. Ask him about 110 percent and, he'll tell you about power plays and penalty kills.

So, what's the connection?

"Our magic number is about 110 percent," he said. "What I mean by that is if you're 25 percent on power-play proficiency, and if you're in the high-80s/low 90s on the penalty kill, you're going to have a really

good chance of winning."

### Special order for special teams

Maine is looking for some harmony on special teams among other things after extending its winning streak to four games with victories of 2-1 and 4-2 over Canadian universities Guelph and Wilfred Laurier, respectively.

After going 6-for-28 (.207) on the power play through six games, Maine was 2-for-9 (.222) over the weekend.

"Our power play is clicking a little better," Filighera said. "You want to be somewhere around 25 percent on your power play."

As far as the penalty kill was concerned, Maine was 5-for-6 (.833) when disadvantaged. The Black Bears are now 20-for-33 (.606) in short-handed situations.

"I'm still not happy with our penalty kill," Filighera said. "We can be better at it. We did

some good things, but there's still some improvement there that needs to be made."

Maine is now 4-4-0 overall, 0-4-0 in ECAC play.

### The winning streak continues

On Friday, Maine beat Guelph on goals by Robyn Elliott (her second) and Angela Hill (her first).

"We gutted out a win, which is really important," Filighera said. "We outplayed [Guelph] for the first seven minutes. We didn't score right away, so we kind of laid back."

"We could have played better, but you know [that] with a young team, the consistency's not always going to be there. For us to come up with a win, we're excited about it."

Against Wilfred Laurier Saturday, Maine relied on the big guns, as Raffi Wolf notched

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## Hoops

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rebounds in leading Ole Miss to the 83-77 win over UNC-Charlotte in the opening game of the tourney.

**The Roar:** After getting blown out by Georgia 80-57 in its last contest, UMass limps into tonight's game against Maine riding a five-game losing streak.

Tez Kraft leads the Minutewomen in scoring with 12.2 ppg and rebounding at 9.3 rebounds a game. Kathy Coyner and Kelly Van Huisen also average in double-digits in scoring, with Coyner leading the team in assists.

Maine holds a 10-4 series advantage over

UMass, including a 82-68 win last season.

Cassidy has earned America East Player of the Week honors in the first two weeks of the season. The 6-foot-4-inch junior is leading the conference in scoring, tied for second in rebounding, third in field goal percentage, third in free throw percentage and second in blocks.

Vachon is the league leader in assists with 8.33 a game, leading Hartford's Maureen DiJulia by almost a full assist. She is also fifth in steals.

Tinklova is tied for ninth in scoring.

## Heisten

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college hockey coaches, Heisten turned down major junior hockey in favor of the collegiate route. But it wasn't an easy choice.

"Every day I was changing," Heisten said on the decision process. "I really didn't know what to do. It was a hard choice to make. I tried to do whatever I could to keep my mind off it. There was a lot of people telling me different things."

"Major A did a great job recruiting him," Standbrook said. "They did a great job of marketing the league."

The Seattle Thunderbirds, one of 18 teams in the WHL, competed vigorously with U.S. colleges to corral what scouting reports called the No. 1 sought-after recruit in America.

In events that mirrored more of a tug-of-war game, Maine was forced to sweat out a summer heat that permeated the program to a new extreme.

Seattle made its pitch. Maine countered with its own. Heisten made up his mind. Then he changed it. Until ...

"Until I phoned him," Standbrook said as Heisten prepared to enter the Thunderbirds' training camp in late August. "I clearly made my point. I pointed out the distances he would have to travel by playing in that league. If you want to travel by bus across western Canada in the middle of the winter you have to be crazy."

And how did Seattle respond?

"Their selling point was that it hardens you," Standbrook added.

The WHL features teams in Washington, Oregon, Manitoba Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Had the star forward attended the Thunderbirds' practice, he would've lost his collegiate eligibility for a year.

"I was about ready to head to Seattle's practice, and Grant gave me a call and told me that I was making a bad choice and if he could punch me in the face he would - that's what he said to me," Heisten laughed in recollection. "And somehow it sunk into my head."

"I called him and said, 'Barrett, if I could pull you through the phone line I would,'" said Standbrook, who recruited Heisten for nearly two years. "Of course I said it in tongue in cheek. And he countered and said, 'Do you have any single rooms?'"

Two days later, Heisten was on a plane to Orono - leaving Seattle and the Thunderbirds behind.

"He was debating what he wanted to do," Seattle General Manager Russ Farwell said. "He took a long look at coming here and at the last minute he decided to go to college."

"We had a number of discussions and we talked quite a bit. We would've loved to have him."

"If I don't like it here I can always go [to Seattle]," Heisten said on the rationale behind the decision. "But if I don't like it there, I can't go here. It came down to that."

And if he doesn't like it, would he consider leaving?

"Maybe," Heisten said.

Playing for former Maine coach Greg Cronin, Heisten competed on the National Team Development Program after spending a year with the Anchorage North All-Stars in his home state.

And the numbers piled up - almost as quickly as his hype.

"He's an outstanding player," Farwell said. "He's maybe a little erratic but he can make the tough play."

Farwell said he was disappointed in losing the recruiting war - in particular because of what he perceived was a lack of enthusiasm Heisten expressed in attending a university.

"[Heisten's] problem is that he doesn't have an interest in going to school," Farwell said. "So, watch him quick because he won't be there long."

"We're going off what he told us. He said, I think college is a great route for someone who has an equal interest in school but it can be a scramble to try to stay eligible."

Heisten, who has yet to score his first collegiate goal, is skating with Steve Kariya and Cory Larose in the Black Bears' top scoring line this season.

"He's a great player to play with," Kariya said. "He has a lot to learn, but he can make some unbelievable plays out there."

Although his future plans - which a variety of scouting reports project will culminate in the NHL - are still uncertain, Heisten, if only for now, is satisfied with calling Maine his home.

"I like it a lot, it's a great place," he said.



Jamie Cassidy scored 38 points against Ole Miss Saturday night, which set a single-game record in the Dead River Classic finals. (file photo.)



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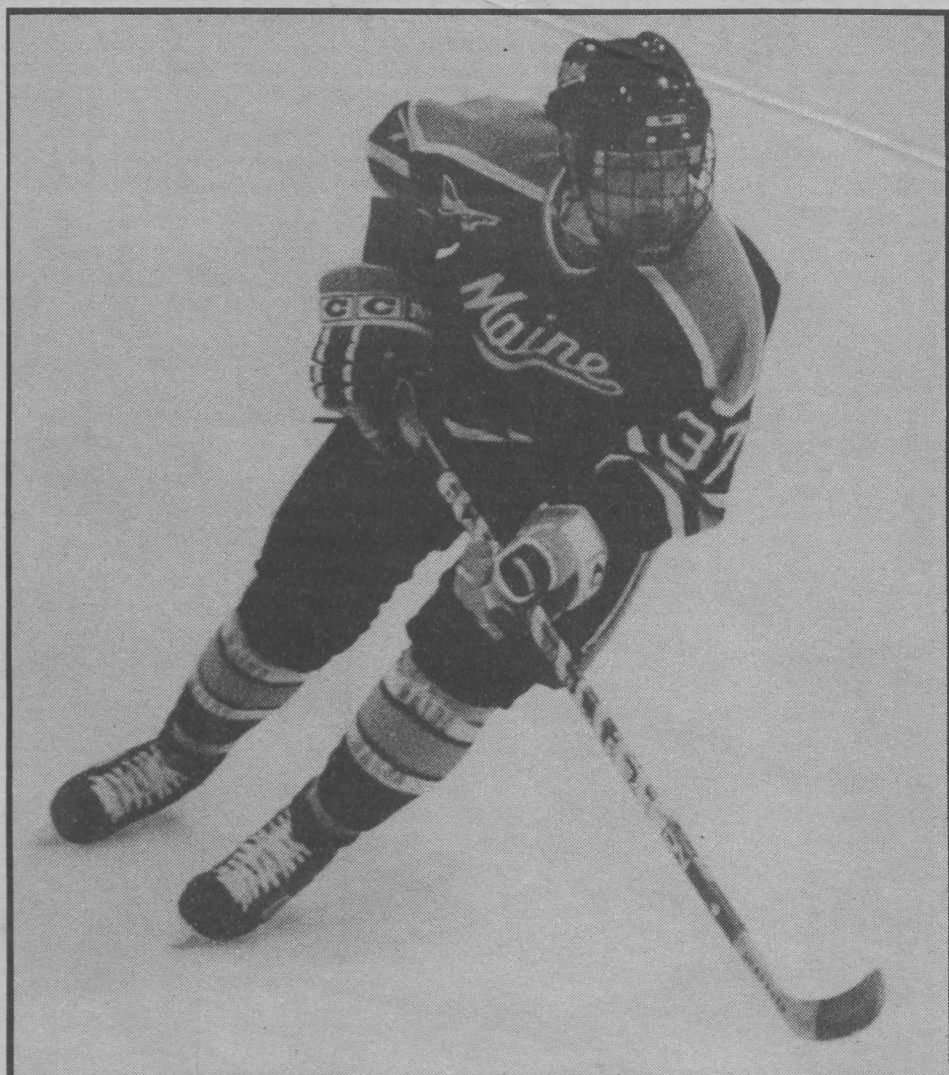

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Maine freshman Barrett Heisten was 90 minutes away from losing his collegiate eligibility. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

• Men's hockey

## The wait is finally over

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

Ninety minutes. In actual game time, it's midway through the second overtime in a NCAA college hockey playoff. Or, for you baseball fans, it's about the fifth inning in a major league game.

For the University of Maine hockey program, however, it totaled how much sand remained in the commitment jar of recruitment time before harnessing one of the sport's more promising prospects.

Barrett Heisten, who learned how to skate when he was six years old, is skating for the Black Bears after a recruiting war that territorially raged across the country.

Boston University wanted him. The

Michigan State Spartans wanted him. The Michigan Wolverines wanted him — so did the Western Hockey League's Seattle Thunderbirds. Everybody did.

But after the smoke settled, the 18-year-old resident of Anchorage, Alaska, reached his ultimate decision.

"The most frustrating process I've ever gone through," said Grant Standbrook, Maine's assistant coach and primary recruiter. "I never knew for certain where I stood. I never knew when he made a decision if it would be final or not."

And the recruiting tenacity escalated.

After an indecisive summer that produced a wave of mixed messages sent to

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• Men's hockey

## Maine ices tournament

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

LOWELL, Mass.—It was the most anticipated early-season matchup for the University of Maine hockey team.

All season the two schools hovered around the peak of Hockey East despite their first league meeting not coming until February.

But last weekend, the Black Bears and the University of New Hampshire Wildcats provided a sneak preview in the opening game of the Governor's Cup tournament off what may lie ahead when the season enters the final stretch run.

Featuring Hobey Baker candidates, potential All-Americans and stonewalling goaltenders, the Wildcats and Black Bears put on a show where all the main characters flashed their talents.

And when the final buzzer rang, it was the Bears that earned their fourth consecutive trip to the tournament's final, beating the Wildcats 4-3 to send them into Saturday's championship game.

Maine, which is ranked third in the nation this week, upended a feisty Vermont team, 2-0, to capture its second tournament crown in four

years. New Hampshire defeated UMass-Lowell, 5-1, to settle for third place.

"It's one of those games where there doesn't deserve to be a loser," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said following Friday's win over UNH. "I'm really tickled about our team defense. Our team defense this year is so dramatically improved."

The Black Bears piled a two goal lead late in the second period and then held on to preserve a one-goal win over their rivals from the Granite State.

Senior forward Marcus Gustafsson banged home the game-winner in the third period on a backhander in front of Wildcat goalie Sean Matile. It was Gustafsson's fourth goal of the year and came on a play where the Bears had effectively cycled the puck in the corner.

"It didn't seem pretty," Gustafsson said.

Steve Kariya, who earned tournament MVP honors, scored two second period goals on moves that reinforce the purpose of highlight films.

The senior captain's first goal of the afternoon came on a move fueled by instant acceleration where the slippery forward

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• Women's basketball

## Cassidy sets records

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus staff

Despite Jamie Cassidy's record-breaking 38 points, the University of Maine women's hoop squad could not stop tournament MVP Tarsha Bethley as Ole Miss defeated the Black Bears 77-72 in overtime to win the Dead River Co. Classic Saturday.

Bethley scored 25 points, all in the second half and 12 points in the last five minutes of regulation alone, to fuel the 4-1 Lady Rebels.

Maine drops to 2-1 on the season and was on the road at University of Massachusetts-Amherst Tuesday night.

Cassidy, Bethley, Maine's Kristen McCormick, Ole Miss' Frankie Boyd and Melissa Fazio of St. Bonaventure were named to the All-Tourney Team.

Cassidy set a single-game tournament record and set a record for points in a tournament with 62 points, breaking Cindy Blodgett's 55 points.

Martina Tinklova had 11 points for the Black Bears, as Cassidy grabbed 10 rebounds. Kizzy Lopez had nine points and nine assists.

Boyd scored 10 points for Ole Miss. Maine went into the half up 22-11, despite poor shooting from both teams.

Ole Miss hit three more 3-pointers than Maine, connecting on three.

St. Bonaventure downed UNC-Charlotte 78-52 in the consolation contest. Fazio finished with 26 points.

On Friday, Cassidy scored a game-best 24 points, along with 11 rebounds, to lead Maine to a 94-67 rout of St. Bonaventure in the opening round of the Dead River Co. Classic.

McCormick, fresh off an ankle injury, scored 22 points in her return with four three-pointers. Tinklova also had 22 points, as Amy Vachon dished out 11 assists.

Melissa Fazio led 3-2 St. Bonaventure with 19 points. Casey Homan had 15 points and Tanisha James chipped in 12.

The Black Bears were on fire the whole contest, shooting more than 58 percent from the floor to St. Bonaventure's 37 percent.

Bethley scored 22 points and had 10

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## STAT OF THE WEEK



University of Maine women's hoop star Jamie Cassidy opened up the record books this weekend, scoring a Dead River Classic Tournament single-game record 38 points Saturday night. Cassidy finished the tournament with a tournament-record 62 points, which earns this week, stat of the week.