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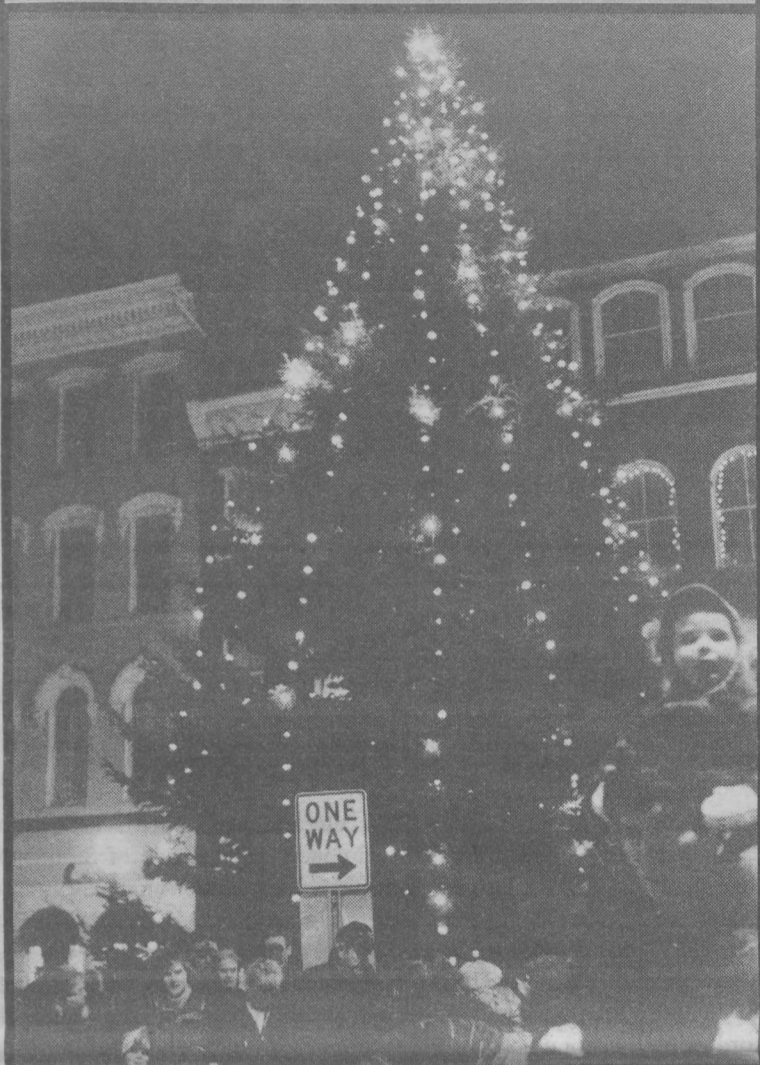
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## 'Tis the season



The Christmas tree lighting in Bangor on Friday. (Jason Canniff photo.)

### • Safety

## Course empowers women

By Amanda Hebert  
Maine Campus staff

*Editors' Note:* The Maine Campus sent first-year staff writer Amanda Hebert to participate in Public Safety Officer Deb Mitchell's and Officer Bob Norman's rape aggression defense class, a hands-on self-defense course offered four times a year for campus women. Part one of her first-hand account follows.

I was not prepared for what happened at a personal safety meeting I attended in October. I had expected just a short demonstration of safety measures and risk management. Officer Mitchell demonstrated some defense techniques, but first she told us stories of true attacks. She told us about the date rape drugs that are slipped into the victims' drinks so that they do not know what happened to them until it is too late. She described the effects that attacks have on a victim. She should know — she is one of the officers at Public Safety who deals with each of the reported rapes on campus. As she related her experiences to the residents of Aroostook Hall, the crowd grew.

At the end of her talk and demonstration she told us that she and Officer Bob Norman were going to offer a rape aggression defense, or RAD, class starting that week. All of the women at the meeting were welcome to join the class. She explained that men were not allowed so the integrity of the program could be preserved. Four of us who were hooked decided to join the class.

### Week One:

I have not regretted my decision to take the course. The five three-hour classes were more than worth my time. In recent years I have considered myself a fairly confident person, but the confidence I gained through the RAD program cannot be measured by the time it took. It is much more valuable than the time I could have spent studying, in the pool or writing a story.

I arrived with the other three "Aroostook women" who were taking the course with me — none of us knew any of the other participants. We sat around our tables, waiting for Norman and Mitchell to begin the lecture that took up most of the

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### • School tunes

## Stein Song embodies spirit

By Erin Dawley  
Maine Campus staff

Nearly every student at the University of Maine has heard it at some point. Maybe it was at a football game right after a touchdown, or maybe it was at a hockey game when the Black Bears scored a goal. It is the Maine Stein Song, UMaine's fight song, and regardless of when it is played, it inspires students to stand up and cheer.

The Maine Stein Song has been around a lot longer than most students may realize.

Bert Pratt, a current employee of the university, said the music for the Stein Song was inspired by a military tune in 1905. Adelbert

Sprague, the band director at UMaine at the time, had heard the tune and thought that a particular section of it would make a good school song. According to an article obtained from Pratt, Sprague

ed January 1930.

Sprague said the administration needed to be persuaded to accept the song. It came in the days of prohibition in Maine and, being a "drinking song," it was seen as inappropriate. Eventually, however, it was permitted and quickly became extremely popular with the students.

The success of the Stein Song did not stop there, Pratt said. In January 1930, Rudy Vallee, a UMaine graduate, sang a jazzed-up version

of the Stein Song, which aired on the radio.

Shortly after this, the song's popularity soared, and it became an instant hit, reaching No. 1 on the Hit Parade, Pratt said. The Maine

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Steins from the University of Maine's collection. (file photo.)

gave the tune to his musically and poetically inclined roommate Lincoln Colcord.

"He took it down to the piano in the music room and within a half hour was back with the Stein Song just as it is today," said Sprague in the article dat-

### • Academics

## Library to offer training for credit

By Dilnora Azimova  
Maine Campus staff

The library promises students will efficiently use its resources if they take a new course, LBR 200. "People have a hard time evaluating where information comes from," he said. "The purpose of the course is to give students background on how information is produced."

The course, taught by Social Sciences and Humanities Reference librarian Melvin Johnson, will be offered next semester in

the library.

LBR 200 will benefit students by providing skills for evaluating and navigating various kinds of information resources, including the Internet and print sources, according to the library's web page.

The course will teach students how to recognize whether a source is reliable, Johnson said. It will also introduce the legal, social and economic aspects of information resources.

Students will be exposed to different media including electronic and print, according to the

course's web page.

Eva Kleczyk, a sophomore economics major, said although she won't take the course, she believed the class would benefit

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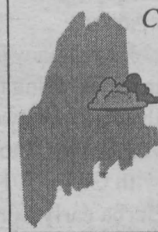
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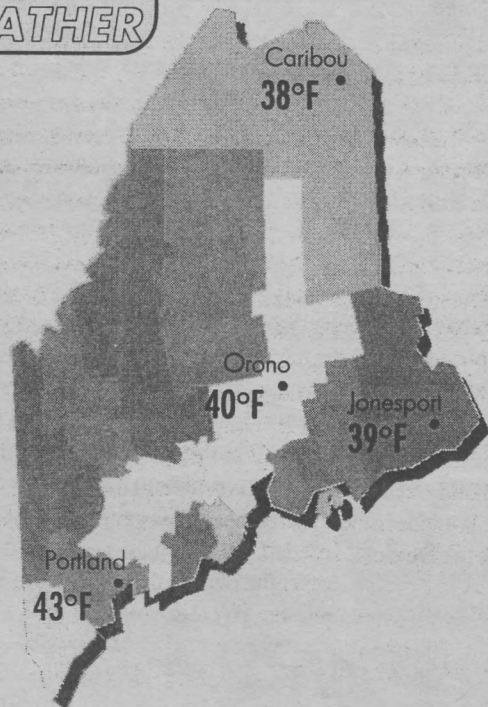
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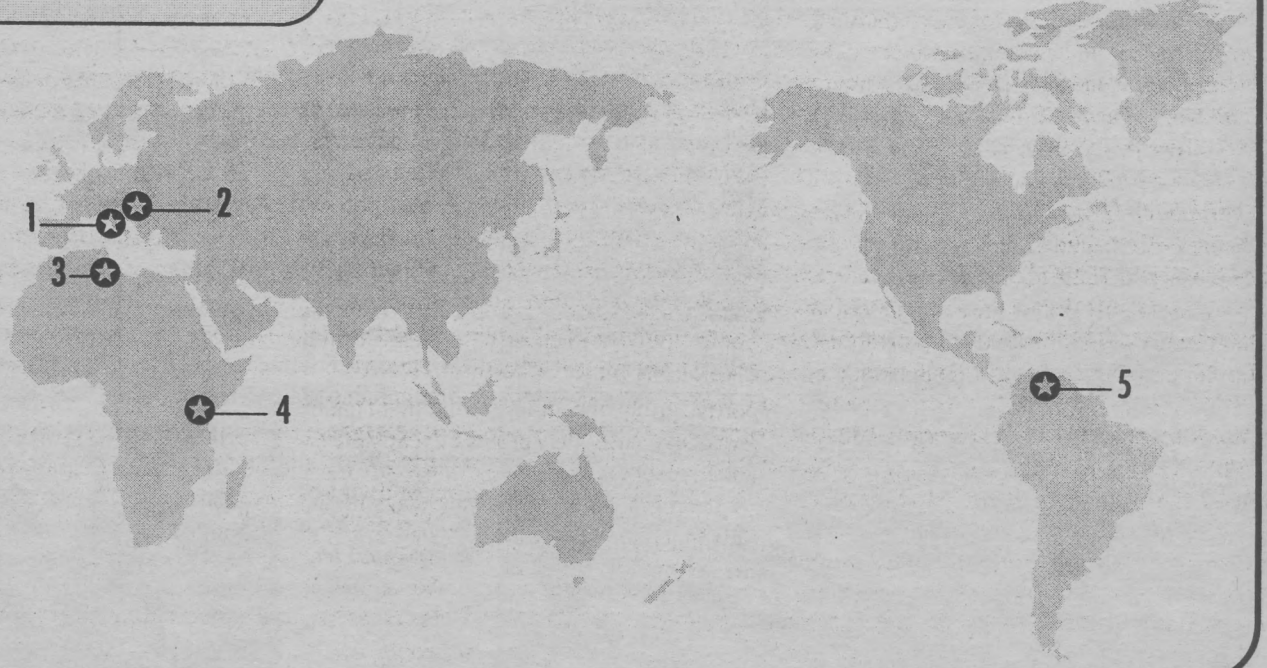
Senior Andy Forst sees what is provided by the library's online services. (Mike Zubik photo.)

# WORLD BRIEFS

## WEATHER



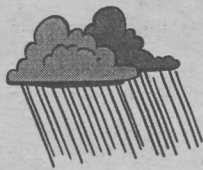
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## FIVE-DAY SUMMARY

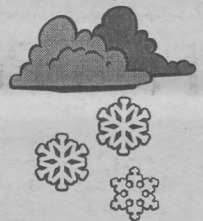
### Today's weather

Wet and cold. High near 40 today.



### Tuesday's weather

Overcast with a chance of snow. Highs nearing 45.



### Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Fair.  
Thursday...Fair.  
Friday...Cloudy.



### • Rough voyage

## Smugglers throw illegal immigrants into ocean

**1** ROME (AP) — A Russian ship rescued 50 illegal immigrants from the waters off Malta after they were thrown overboard by their smugglers, according to a report Sunday. Ten people were missing and feared drowned.

The smugglers apparently panicked when they saw the Russian merchant ship approach Saturday night in the Mediterranean, about 90 miles south of Malta, according to Italian RAI state television.

Officials aboard an Italian naval vessel helping in the rescue said there was little hope the search would find any survivors Sunday in the rough, cold waters, RAI reported.

Most of the immigrants were from Africa. RAI showed the survivors, some of them wrapped in blankets, getting off the Russian ship Sunday in Valletta, Malta's main port.

The smugglers were likely trying to take the people to the Italian island of Sicily, RAI said.

Thousands of people try to slip into Italy illegally, looking for a route into Western Europe. The country's long, largely unpatrolled coasts attract smugglers, who pull up to beaches during the night and drop off immigrants who have paid thousands of dollars for the voyage.

### • Tensions

## Milosevic problem continues to fester despite opposition

**2** BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Washington may claim the violence-plagued rule of Slobodan Milosevic is weakening, but the Yugoslav president's supporters and even some critics at home say he is as strong as ever.

Ignoring U.S. pressure on his government, he is purging the police and military in apparent preparation for another major crackdown: this time on pro-independence elements in Montenegro, the small republic that with Serbia forms present-day Yugoslavia.

The purge prompted State Department spokesman James P. Rubin to declare last Monday that "President Milosevic's grip on power is weakening."

Rubin accused Milosevic of being "at the center of every crisis" during and since the breakup of the old Yugoslav federation. "He is not simply part of the problem; Milosevic is the problem," the spokesman added.

Washington has always blamed Milosevic for the ethnic conflicts in the Balkans, and it imposed diplomatic and economic sanctions on his government. But the Clinton administration has worked closely with him since 1995 trying to ensure a lasting peace in Bosnia, formerly a Yugoslav republic.

### • Diplomacy

## Annan unable to reach an agreement in bombing trial

**3** TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan failed to reach agreement Saturday on bringing two Libyans to trial for the 1988 Pan Am airliner bombing despite what he called "fruitful and positive" talks with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

Annan said, however, he believed an arrangement for trying the two Libyan suspects could be secured in "not an inordinate" amount of time.

The secretary-general talked to reporters after meeting Gadhafi at an undisclosed location in the Libyan desert. Libyan TV showed Gadhafi, in a brown robe and cap, shaking hands with Annan.

It was a long day of diplomacy for 60-year-old Annan. He left Jerba, Tunisia, in the morning for Tripoli, held talks with Libyan officials in the coastal city of Sirte, 250 miles east of Tripoli, then took what was said to be a two-hour journey to his desert meeting with Gadhafi. He headed back to Tripoli before returning to Jerba early Sunday morning.

Annan is trying to get Libya to go along with a U.S.-British plan to try Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah before a panel of Scottish judges in the Netherlands for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing.

### • Ethnic clash

## Violence forces families to look westward for help

**4** MWANZA, Tanzania (AP) — Oscar Niyiragira would love more than anything for his family to be able to go home to Burundi, but returning to his ethnically segregated homeland would mean almost certain death.

Instead, Niyiragira, his wife and four children will be among 228 mixed-marriage refugees from Burundi and Rwanda who have left refugee camps in Tanzania on their way to a new life in the United States. The first group flew out on Sunday.

Niyiragira is a Burundian Hutu. His wife Regine Katarwa is a Tutsi. For their four children, no place in Burundi, split by ethnic civil war, would be safe.

"You know, this one is neither Hutu nor Tutsi," Niyiragira said of the three-year-old son sitting on his lap. "He's mixed. So there is nowhere he can find peace. If he goes on the side of the Tutsis, he'll be killed. If he goes into Hutuland, he'll be killed."

In both Rwanda and Burundi, Tutsis are minorities with Hutus making up more than 80 percent of the population.

Recommended by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees — which has been running camps for millions of refugees throughout Africa's volatile Great Lakes region for the past decade — these families are only a handful of the more than 250,000 Burundian and 6,000 Rwandan refugees in Tanzania.

### • Elections

## Chavez clears hurdles to reach 'stunning' victory

**5** CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, who staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years ago, was elected president of Venezuela Sunday — dealing a stunning blow to the political and economic establishment that has ruled the country during 40 years of democracy.

With 65 percent of the vote counted, Chavez had 56 percent compared to 39 percent for Yale-educated businessman Henrique Salas Romer, according to official results from the National Electoral Council.

People danced in the streets, set off fireworks and honked their horns in celebration.

"Venezuela is being born again," Chavez declared as soon as the election results were revealed. He made an appeal for calm on the streets and said he would pursue prudent economic policies.

"Once again the people of Simon Bolivar have shown themselves to be a grand people," he told the Venevision television network. Chavez often invokes South American liberation hero Bolivar in his speeches.

Because of Chavez's meteoric rise in the polls, the vote had turned into a confrontation between rich and poor — and a warning sign for the rest of Latin America.

• Support

# Women's Resource Center fosters bonds among students

By Debra Hatch  
Maine Campus staff

Strengthening minorities and their support systems improves morale and confidence and increases their role in the community, according to the director of the Women's Resource Center.

The center, located in Fernald Hall, is working to expose people to new ideas to make the university a better learning environment, Sharon Barker said.

"You won't get far in solving problems until you expand the kinds of people in the discussion," Barker said. "Each person has a different perspective."

Founded in 1991 as a division of lifelong learning, the resource center serves as a major liaison to the university and surrounding communities.

"[The resource center] is a fun and sup-



Senior Willow Wetherall, an international-relations major. (file photo.)

portive group of people," senior math major Eva Curry said, "they provide a really pleasant atmosphere to work in."

Perspectives from all members of the university are an important part of drawing the community together, Barker said.

By creating support systems for female students in nontraditional majors like engineering, math and classified employees, the resource center breaks down gender barriers, Barker said.

Men in the university are in need of support just as much as women are, Barker said. She hopes there will be an increase of male involvement at the resource center in the near future.

The center offers a lending library of books, audio-visual materials, and journals of interest to women and women's issues. It also offers a networking system, workshops and programs of interest throughout the year.

Some recent programs include last April's Beautiful Project, a weekend of celebrating women, and the recent Adolescent Suicide Prevention discussion at the Dexter Lounge at Alford Arena.

Another Beautiful Project is in the

planning for April, said Willow Wetherall, a senior international-relations major. It will possibly include artists like Ani DiFranco and the Beautiful Wall, which includes artwork from women the university.

Along with the Student Women's Association, the center is currently working in area high schools on a gender equity program called United Sisters.

Each high school girl is matched with a mentor, or a muse, who helps to work with the girls to enhance gender equity in their high school and surrounding community. The program also helps foster independence and leadership skills in the young women they work with.

"It's wonderful to be able to walk into an environment that validates the contributions made by women and which has so much to offer the people that come in to do research," Wetherall said.

## Safety

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first class. At first, we were all a bit wary of the police officers sitting before us. While the officers take their jobs as instructors seriously, they have a good time with the class and with each other. They became our friends quickly, but they also became our advocates.

We were told that if a person is attacked and reports the incident to either the local police or to Public Safety the victim will never be forced to take the witness stand or

even bring the case to trial. The officers said if one of our friends was attacked and we were having problems dealing with it, we could turn to anonymous counseling programs. Sometimes, being the friend of the victim is a painful experience in itself. Most importantly, both officers said they would be there for us any time that we needed them.

"Nobody messes with my RAD girls," both officers said.

### Week Two:

We began experiencing the physical aspect of the class. Week two was when we began reshaping our attitudes from that of a victim to that of a survivor who could fight back. We were taught not to scream but to yell a firm "NO!" We were taught the defensive position, which fosters balance and sets up for the punches and kicks we were to learn.

We learned to block and punch. What a

rush it was to hit the pads- and to hit them effectively. We also had to block pads that were coming at us. There was nothing in the class that any of us couldn't do, and by the end of the day we were all cheering for our newly made friends. We all left the class that day with a bit more confidence than we had before.

\* Amanda's account of the final two weeks of the RAD course will be published in Wednesday's Maine Campus.

## Stein Song

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Stein Song had an impact all over the world, and several countries started slightly different versions of it, including Japan, Germany, England, France, Canada and Australia.

In 1975, Pratt organized Homecoming Weekend, where Vallee did a huge performance, making the weekend one of the best homecomings in UMaine history. Despite some initial disapproval of the new version of the song, it eventually stuck to become the familiar tune that students at UMaine know today.

Even now, it is immensely popular throughout the country. According to Joe Carr, a Public Affairs writer for UMaine Today, the Maine Stein Song is ranked up with Notre Dame's fight song in a recent

poll done by Northern Illinois University.

"According to Professor William Studwell at NIU, Maine is ranked No. 6 out of all college fight songs. It is behind only Notre Dame, Michigan, Wisconsin, Yale and the U.S. Naval Academy," Carr said.

According to Chris White, director of the UMaine pep band, it is one of the first songs the band learns.

"It's a wonderful tradition to expose the students to," White said. "It used to be a song sung to sweethearts, but now it's part of UMaine's history."

"I don't know all of the words, but I do know that it makes me want to drink," said Jason Bard, a graduate student in electrical engineering.

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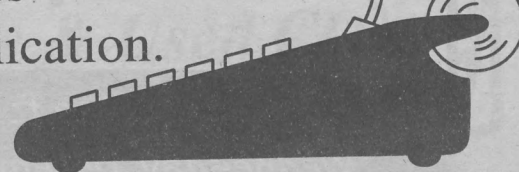
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# MAINE VIEW

## ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

By Chris Corio  
Maine Campus staff

A group of students is already preparing for an unusual spring break this year. Some may travel to South Carolina; some to Harlem in New York City; others to Detroit, Mich.

The theme connecting these excursions is involvement, which is the purpose of Alternative Spring Break, now in its second year at the University of Maine.

ASB adviser Muffy Eastman said the program was generated in memory of Elizabeth Morris, a University of Maine minister who was killed in an accident in 1993. Morris had approached Eastman about starting ASB at UMaine before her death.

The group was able to start when it obtained a University of Maine Foundation Grant in 1997. The group joined Breakaway, the ASB connection at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and became one of over 50 colleges and universities in the United States to take part in an ASB program.

Other successful ASB programs include the University of Michigan's, which sent volunteers to 32 sites last March,

both nationally and internationally. Eastman hopes UMaine will reach the same level.

"The hurricane relief in Honduras is going to last for years," she said. "It's theoretically possible that if this program is successful and ongoing, we could send a group to Honduras."

Last spring, ASB volunteers traveled to South Carolina to repair damaged housing for people living in poor, rural neighborhoods.

This year ASB is expanding, with opportunities to help disadvantaged people at a halfway-house soup kitchen in New York City, promote peace and support victims of violence in Detroit, or return to South Carolina to assist with home construction.

Funding for these trips comes from a variety of fundraising events, Eastman said. One such event was the Alumni Association craft fair, where ASB volunteers raised \$174.

Groups such as Residents on Campus have also provided financial support, she said. Skeeters redemption center in Old Town is accepting bottle deposits for the program.

Students who volunteer for the program are required to donate \$80. Eastman said this would cover the cost of food and some housing for the week of their stay at sites. The rest will be covered by fundraising

efforts, she said.

ASB is about more than helping others, Eastman said. It is also about people getting to know themselves and fellow volunteers.

Junior Chuck McKay, public relations coordinator for ASB, says the experience is intense

"You learn how to be part of a group," he said. "You make friends you never thought you'd make."

Preparation for the trips includes a retreat for the participants. During this time, volunteers learn practical knowledge about their sites and the issues they will be dealing with, Eastman said.

McKay said he realized how important the program was when he became involved last year.

"A lot of people like to sit around and complain, but very few people get out and do something about it," he said.

Sophomore Ralph Cox is also returning this year as an ASB volunteer. He said it is vital to get involved.

"You step outside your comfort zone and see things as others see them," he said.

McKay is encouraged by the number of people who have joined ASB this year. Half of the students who participated last year are back, bringing the total up to 30 volunteers.

McKay hopes to have at least 45 participants and says the application deadline has been extended to Jan. 15 to accommodate more volunteers.

Faculty and staff are also welcome to get involved, McKay said.

Gerald Ellis, director of the Onward Program at UMaine, was an ASB volunteer last year.

"It was a relaxing time," he said. "All we thought about was getting this wall done or that kitchen remodeled. There were no administrative responsibilities for me."

Pre-med student Robin Kamilewicz, returning to ASB as site leader, said she sees the program as a way to do something worthwhile.

"It's the only way to make the world work," she said.

Junior Shontay Delaloe is joining ASB volunteers for the first time. She said the experience is integral to an individual's success.

"You just can't go to class and expect to get out and know how to survive in the world," she said. "A well-rounded education involves volunteering, helping out, meeting new people and learning how different people function."

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# State News

## • Education

### Pakistan allows journalist to leave for Colby visit

WATERVILLE (AP) — A Pakistani journalist charged by his country with sedition for writing about the slave-like working conditions of children will be allowed to leave Pakistan temporarily to come to Colby College, officials said Friday.

The break in the stalemate over Zafaryab Ahmed's detention came this week as Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif visited Washington for meetings with the Clinton administration.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, raised the issue during Sharif's visit, Colby President William R. Cotter said.

"Rosemary Gutierrez from Sen. Harkin's office called me to say that the senator personally handed my letter to the Pakistan prime minister," Cotter said in a statement Friday.

Ahmed will be allowed to leave Pakistan for 90 days to become Colby College's first Oak Human Rights Fellow. The fellowship is meant for human rights proponents

who incur some level of personal risk through their activities.

Many of Ahmed's reports focus on bonded labor, a system in which poor people take a loan from an employer and are obliged to work for that employer until they have paid off their debt.

The issue received international attention in 1995 after the murder of Iqbal Masih, a 12-year-old human rights activist who had been sold into virtual slavery at age 4 to a carpet factory.

Ahmed was arrested in 1995 and released on bail last year. But he still faces sedition charges.

Ahmed will likely come to Colby later this month or early in January, said Kenneth Rodman, a Colby professor of government and director of the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights.

When Ahmed returns to Pakistan, he will be back on Pakistan's "exit control

list" as he continues to fight sedition charges,

"This is not quite a total vindication," Rodman said. "But it is a tremendous victory after many months of frustration, and we are looking forward to Zafaryab's arrival."

As an Oak Human Rights Fellow, Ahmed will teach and conduct research while

in residence at Colby.

Eliza Deneoux, associate director of the Oak Institute, credited the persistence of Harkin, along with Maine Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and non-governmental organizations like the Committee to Protect Journalists and Amnesty International.

## • Court

### Mother pleads innocent in child's death

SKOWHEGAN (AP)—A mother whose toddler died after apparently overheating in a parked car has pleaded innocent to charges of manslaughter and endangering the welfare of a child.

Jennifer Pillsbury, 27, of Skowhegan, left her 2-year-old son inside a car with the engine and heat running while she visited friends inside a home on Aug. 29. Robert Duncan MacDonald was found dead two

hours later.

Pillsbury's lawyer, Michaela Murphy of Waterville, said her investigation has indicated that a mechanical defect in the car may have caused the interior temperature to rise.

If convicted, Pillsbury faces up to 25 years in prison.

Pillsbury appeared in Somerset County Superior Court Friday. No trial date has been set.

## Library

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first-year students.

"It will teach them how to access information, how to get it faster without spending much time doing the research," she said.

The class will have guest lecturers and include hands-on and group activities, Johnson said.

Although the course offers three credits, it does not meet general education requirements because experimental courses do not usually qualify for them, he said.

This may be a problem for students who want to take this course. Megan Chase, a sophomore nursing major, said she may take the course if it meets general education requirements.

"A lot of people have structured aca-

demic schedules that it will not fit in, unless it will be a requirement course," she said.

Some students think the course should be major-based and should not be taught for the whole term.

"I think it would be a good class for people in journalism, English, law, paralegal. They need research skills," said Victoria Jackson, a sophomore international affairs major.

"I think it will be a useful course, but it should not be necessary to have it for the whole semester," she said.

Some students do not see the need to take LBR 200 because they expect to get help from librarians.

Others thought small workshops offered by the library might be useful for people

who would like to take advantage of library services.

"I have enough understanding of the library. I can ask guidance from a librarian and get directions," said John Richards, a sophomore political science major.

The course, which five to six people have already signed up for, is aimed at undergraduates but it is open to all students, Johnson said. The class has a maximum size of 20 people.

Like other university courses, LBR 200 will include lectures, class discussions, and class and homework assignments. There is no textbook for the course, but students are expected to read materials on reserve in the library, according to course's web page.

The new course is designed as a 200

level course because students have research projects and use secondary literature in their second year, Johnson said.

The library has offered similar versions of the two courses before, such as NRC 397 and LBR 398, which were sponsored by journalism and natural resources departments, Johnson said.

James Birs, head of the science and engineering department, taught the one-credit course, NRC 397, last fall and said students showed interest in the course.

"We had a good group," he said. "Students thought it was a lot of work. It helped them out."

The University of Maine is not the only university offering such courses. Many universities require students to take similar courses, Johnson said.

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# Utilities criticize nuclear waste pileup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every day, more than six tons of dangerous nuclear waste pile up at power plants around the country — more than 2,000 tons a year. The spent reactor fuel, highly radioactive for the next 10,000 years, has long been the nuclear industry's most vexing problem.

And as it inexorably accumulates, a major dispute has developed over whether the government should remove close to 40,000 tons of used nuclear fuel from 72 power stations and keep it at a central location.

Utilities say the government should haul away the deadly garbage and are seeking billions of dollars in damages because of federal inaction.

Now a federal judge has said that in three breach-of-contract cases involving three closed New England reactors, the government is liable for monetary damages for failing to dispose of the reactor waste.

"The government made commitments with these utilities, entered into contracts to take the waste and accepted their money. Now the government has welched on the commitment," says Jerry Stouck, the attorney representing the three New England plant operators, which include Maine Yankee in Wiscasset, Maine.

Stouck's clients are asking for \$268 million in damages, although the courts must still determine how much the government will pay. Operators of seven other reactors are asking for more than \$4 billion in damages, and dozens of other utilities are waiting to file court claims.

The Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry trade group, claims that if the lawsuits succeed, the government could be liable for as much as \$56 billion. Energy Department officials scoff at the figure but acknowledge millions could be at stake.

"This is more than simply a promise. This is a binding legal contract," says Robert

Bishop, general counsel for the Nuclear Energy Institute. Electricity users so far have contributed nearly \$15 billion in fees to a federal nuclear waste fund without assurances that the material will be disposed of, the utilities argue.

Last year, a federal court ruled that the government need not take the waste until it has a safe place to put it, but it also gave a green light for utilities to seek monetary damages from the Energy Department for the breach of contract. The Supreme Court recently let stand that decision, and so far 10 utilities, including the owners of the three closed reactors in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut have done so.

The squabble over reactor waste — nearly 40,000 tons already at 72 power plants in 34 states — also is being fought out in Congress.

In 1982, Congress assured utilities that the government would find a central storage site for spent reactor fuel and begin accept-

ing the waste by 1998. The deadline passed last January with the waste still at the bottom of cooling pools — or, in a few cases, dry cask storage — at reactor sites.

In each of the last three years, attempts have been made in Congress to build a temporary government storage facility in the Nevada desert, where the government hopes to eventually bury the waste deep beneath Yucca Mountain, 90 miles north of Las Vegas.

But deep-seated opposition by Nevadans has stymied the congressional effort each time, with another attempt expected early next year.

The Clinton administration has argued the waste should remain where it is until a decision is made on a permanent burial site at Yucca Mountain. And the Nevada project — which could begin taking waste as early as 2010 if the site is found geologically suitable — itself has not been given the final go-ahead.

## • Property

## New bank owner finds \$80,000 left in ATM

OLD TOWN (AP) — When Robert Modery bought the building, he assumed the contents of the former Key Bank were his as well.

There didn't seem to be any dispute — until he learned about the \$80,000 left in the automatic teller machine at the branch on North Main Street.

Modery contends the purchase agreement

covered all the property inside the building, including the ATM and its contents.

"Problem is, when you buy something, you buy it and it's yours," he said Friday.

Modery bought the property and its contents at an auction in June for \$51,000.

Key Bank employees came to the building after the sale to retrieve some items, including computer equipment and security

cameras. Modery said taking those items violated the agreement, and the bank conceded that the property now belonged to the building.

Ownership of the ATM, which Modery said was still in operation after he became the legal owner of the property, then became the subject of contention.

In August, the bank told Modery that it would remove the machine, but again Modery objected, saying it belonged to him.

He allowed employees at Brink's, a na-

tional security company, to take the cash, but he did not relinquish his claim to the money.

Michael Pizzo, senior vice president for Key Bank's eastern group, said he believed the contents of the building, including the ATM, belonged to Modery, but the new owner had no claim to the money in the machine.

Modery has sold the ATM for \$5,000, but the debate continues about who owns the \$80,000.

## • Fisheries

## Rare virus hits salmon farms

PORTLAND (AP) — A rare and fatal virus that infected Maine salmon being held at a Massachusetts hatchery to produce eggs remains a puzzle for scientists.

The virus, detected only once before at a fish farm in Scotland, killed or infected scores of salmon taken from the Pleasant River in Washington County.

Scientists say they don't know where the virus came from or what caused the outbreak.

The episode has heightened the federal government's concerns about the use of European strains of salmon in the fish farms that dot the Down East coast, near the wild salmon rivers.

The National Marine Fisheries Service believes that hybrid fish produced by fish farmers may introduce diseases or damage the genetic integrity of wild salmon, making them less likely to survive.

The agency wants to strike an agreement with industry and the state on the use of foreign strains of fish by March, when the fisheries service will conduct its first annual review of Maine's wild salmon conservation plan.

But a spokesman for the aquaculture industry said there is no scientific evidence that foreign strains of fish are damaging the wild salmon population.

Joseph McGonigle, executive director of the Maine Aquaculture Association, said Friday the agency's position threatens the survival of the state's \$55 million aquaculture industry.

The Pleasant River, which drains into

the ocean about 40 miles east of Addison, is one of seven rivers where the state is trying to restore wild salmon populations. Other rivers involved in the program are the Sheepscot, Ducktrap, Narraguagus, Machias, East Machias and Dennys.

Local strains of salmon were so depleted when fish farming began in Maine more than a decade ago that the industry was forced to use foreign strains to avoid genetic inbreeding, McGonigle said. Outside strains also produce fish that grow faster and resist disease better.

Biologists began catching young salmon in the Pleasant River in 1996 to develop broodstock, mature fish whose eggs would be raised in tanks until they hatched. The hatchery fish would be returned to the river at a young age to supplement the wild salmon population.

But while the broodstock fish were being held at a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery in North Attleboro, Mass., they developed a rare virus that killed or infected most of the fish. It took fisheries experts nearly two years of investigation to identify the problem, which had never been seen at a U.S. hatchery.

Biologists will have to start again with the Pleasant River stocking program, using new fish that will have to be tested to make sure they don't have the virus.

The virus cannot be transmitted to humans, but it usually kills infected fish, said John Coll, a fish health expert with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Pennsylvania.

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# National News

## • Teamsters

### Hoffa to restore union without corruption

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teamsters president-elect James P. Hoffa promised Sunday to guide the union back to the glory days it enjoyed under his father three decades ago but without the mob ties that were the undoing of Jimmy Hoffa.

The 57-year-old Detroit labor lawyer, who appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," also said the future Teamsters will be more

aggressive in negotiating contracts. "We're going to see a new militancy of the Teamsters in our negotiations," he said.

The union reached the pinnacle of its power under Jimmy Hoffa in the 1960s, but both he and the union were tainted by charges of ties to organized crime. Hoffa disappeared in 1975, possibly the victim of mob violence.

"We were the strongest, richest union in the free world," the younger Hoffa said Sunday. "We want to get back to that."

Teamsters election headquarters said that with 396 of 541 locals reporting, Hoffa had 136,325 votes, Tom Leedham had 98,377 votes and John Metz, who didn't campaign, 15,028. Leedham, chief of the union's warehouse division, conceded defeat on Saturday.

A federal officer was overseeing the procedure under a deal struck with the Justice Department a decade ago to help loosen the grip of organized crime.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, on CBS's "Face the Nation," offered Hoffa her congratulations. "He has said that he wants to pursue a goal of fiscal integrity, of organizing rank and file. We support him in that, and I look forward to working with him," Herman said.

Hoffa critics have warned he would restore the old Teamsters establishment to power, inviting the return of corruption, but Hoffa insisted: "The mob killed my father. They are never going to come back in this union. I will see to that."

He said his critics were "linked to the most corrupt Ron Carey administration

we've ever seen. That really tells you where they're coming from."

The 1.4-million-member Teamsters have seen their membership decline in recent years and top leaders end up in legal trouble. Incumbent Carey won election under government scrutiny in 1991 and was narrowly re-elected in 1996 over Hoffa. Carey was later ousted after investigators found that his campaign benefited from an illegal fund-raising scheme.

"This union's been through a civil war," Carey said. "We've got to pull it together, we've got to restore the financial integrity of this union." He said he would work to balance the union's budget without raising dues.

Carey said it would be a "challenge" getting along with AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, who was close to Carey and has been a strong supporter of the Democratic Party. Hoffa said his union, which until Carey's administration traditionally tilted toward the Republicans, would try to be bipartisan.

"I think the AFL-CIO is realizing the mistake they made by being tied to one party or the other," he said. "They take you for granted."

## • HIV

### Man who injected son with virus found guilty

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — A man convicted of injecting his son with the AIDS virus may spend the rest of his life in prison — a prospect that is little comfort to the boy's mother.

"Although the trial is over and the one responsible for this inhumane crime has been brought to justice ... my son has been robbed of a normal childhood and given an unjust sentence of his own," said the woman, identified only as Jennifer to protect the boy's identity.

A jury convicted Brian Stewart, 32, of Columbia, Ill., of first-degree assault late Saturday and recommended life in prison. Sentencing was set for Jan. 8.

Stewart's son, now 7, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1996. The boy's mother wept briefly and became ill after hearing the verdict.

Stewart showed no emotion. He is expected to appeal.

Prosecutors used circumstantial evidence to convince the jury that Stewart, who worked as a hospital technician at the time, stole HIV-infected blood from his workplace and injected it into the 11-month-old boy during a hospital visit in 1992.

Prosecutors said his motive was to avoid paying child support. No syringe or any other evidence linking Stewart to the crime was found.

"The circumstantial evidence is like a number of strings that weave together and make a rope. It's a very strong rope that bears the weight of a conviction," Prosecutor Ross Buehler said.

Buehler called the injection a "death sentence" for the child and referred to Stewart as "the monster" during closing arguments. He said Stewart had access to HIV-tainted blood through his job as a medical assistant. And more importantly, he said, he had a motive.

"In the mind of an evil genius, HIV was the perfect disease to inject a death sentence into the child's veins," Buehler said.

Witnesses testified that Stewart often issued threats that he could end people's lives by injecting them with "something."

The mother said that once during an argument with Stewart over the boy, Stewart told her "you won't need to look me up for child support anyway because your child is not going to live very long."

The defense also contended the boy could have contracted the virus a number of other ways. The child was hospitalized frequently and lived with three admitted drug users for a three-week period. However, all three tested HIV-negative, the mother is HIV-negative, the boy has never had a blood transfusion and a medical exam found no evidence of sexual abuse.

## • Tapes

### Kennedy called Nixon 'nuts'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President John F. Kennedy and former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown called Richard Nixon "nuts" and "psycho" in a taped telephone conversation after Brown's victory over Nixon in the 1962 governor's race, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday.

"You reduced him to the nut house," said Kennedy, after Nixon's infamous "last news conference" soon after his 300,000-vote loss to Brown. "That last farewell speech of his ... shows that he belongs on the couch."

After the defeat, Nixon bitterly told reporters: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

The conversation was included on tapes released last month by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

On the tapes, Brown also told the president that humiliating Nixon was what Kennedy had wanted. Kennedy defeated Nixon for the presidency in 1960.

"This is a very peculiar fellow. This is a very peculiar man," Brown said. "I really think that he is psycho. He's an able man, but he's nuts!"

Brown told Kennedy that Nixon may have doomed his political future in California with the farewell speech. Six years later, Nixon carried the state in his successful presidential bid against Hubert H. Humphrey.



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## • NASA

# Astronauts link first components of space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Endeavour's astronauts connected the first two building blocks of the international space station on Sunday, creating a seven-story tower in the shuttle cargo bay.

It was the first time that the Russian-built Zarya control module and the made-in-America Unity chamber had ever touched. It looked to be a perfect and, hopefully, long-lasting fit.

"We have capture of Zarya," commander Robert Cabana announced the moment the two pieces came together.

"Congratulations to the crew of the good ship Endeavour," replied Mission Control. "That's terrific."

The 240-mile-high construction job began two hours earlier with Nancy Currie's capture of Zarya (Russian for Sunrise) using the shuttle robot arm. "We're halfway

home," Cabana said.

Then came the hard part: stacking the two giant cylinders in the cargo bay.

The two station pieces are so big — 77 feet from the tip of one to the tip of the other with a combined mass of 70,000 pounds — that Currie and her crewmates had to rely on a computerized vision system and camera views, rather than direct line of sight. This was the first time such a "blind" docking had ever been attempted.

Currie positioned the solar-winged Zarya, still on the end of the shuttle robot arm, several inches directly above Unity. It was slow going; she wanted and needed perfect alignment.

Once she was sure she had it, Cabana fired Endeavour's thrusters, and the brief burst raised the shuttle and thereby Unity enough for the docking mechanisms on the

two station components to snap together. The historic moment occurred above the South Pacific.

The union — intended to last the station's 15-year or more lifetime — set the stage for a spacewalk by two astronauts on Monday to attach electrical connectors and cables between the two components.

Mission Control thought Sunday's work might take hours longer than planned and gave the six astronauts plenty of time for the tasks. But everything occurred more or less when and how it was supposed to, aside from a piece of space junk that strayed too close.

Before beginning their final approach to Zarya, the six astronauts had to steer clear of a chunk of a rocket launched last month from California.

Mission Control ordered the pilots to fire the shuttle thrusters to put an extra three miles between Endeavour and the space junk, putting Endeavour a total of five miles from the orbiting debris. The smaller gap would have been "probably a little too close for comfort," Mission Control said.

The bigger worry, by far, was over Endeavour's pursuit and capture of Zarya, and its coupling with Unity.

The shuttle's 50-foot robot arm had never before handled an object as massive as the 41-foot, 44,000-pound Zarya, a power and propulsion module that was launched from Kazakhstan on Nov. 20. It will provide all of the necessary electricity and steering for the fledgling space station until a permanent

control module can be launched next summer.

Minutes after Zarya's capture, Cabana called down that two antennas on the module were still undeployed as Russian flight controllers had feared. The antennas must be fully deployed in order for Zarya's manual docking system to work; that system won't be needed before next summer, officials said. The only other problem was with a Zarya battery; the astronauts took up a replacement part.

The 36-foot, 25,000-pound Unity, the first American-made component, will serve as a connecting passageway, or vestibule, for future modules.

It was crucial that Zarya and Unity be joined; if they could not be connected with the robot arm, NASA would have sent out two spacewalking astronauts to manually fit them together.

In all, three spacewalks are planned for Endeavour's 12-day flight, not only to hook up electrical connections between the two modules but to install handrails and other tools for future crews. The joined modules will be released from Endeavour once all of the work is completed.

NASA estimates 43 more launches and 159 more spacewalks will be needed after this mission to assemble the entire orbiting complex.

Once completed, the 16-nation space station will have a mass of 1 million pounds, be longer than a football field, and house up to seven astronauts and cosmonauts.

## • Cops

## Officer dies as result of ambush

DETROIT (AP) — A police officer died Sunday night, a day after he and another officer were shot in an ambush on their police cars. Two men surrendered and a third reportedly was taken into custody.

Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, died after he was taken off life support at the request of his family, a hospital spokeswoman said. The second wounded officer, Lloyd Todd, 34, remained in critical condition. A third officer was treated and released.

The attack began late Saturday while the officers were investigating the kidnapping of a woman and her child, an abduction that appeared to be connected to drugs, police Chief Benny Napoleon said.

Three men were in custody. One man surrendered to police Sunday afternoon after hearing from relatives that he was wanted and a second man surrendered Sunday night. A third man was taken into custody Sunday night, WDIV-TV reported. The three were being held for questioning.

Police did not expect to have warrants until Monday.

Napoleon said police received a call late Saturday that a young woman and her child had been kidnapped.

A little later, officers in an unmarked car saw a van matching the description of the

vehicle used in the abduction. A patrol car with uniformed officers helped them try to stop the van.

During a chase, both police vehicles were struck by shots fired through the van's rear window by what appeared to be a "high-power, assault-type weapon," Napoleon said.

"The officer in the marked car who was not injured described the gunfire as extremely heavy and as the rounds were striking the car, they were shaking the car," Napoleon said.

The officer also "indicated the fire was heavy and it was constant," Napoleon said. "They were basically ambushed."

Police later found the van abandoned nearby, but the weapon had not been found Sunday.

The woman and the child were earlier held in the van, but they had been released before the shooting in exchange for a \$5,000 cash ransom, Napoleon said.

The kidnapers had originally asked for \$100,000, Napoleon said. He said police weren't involved in the negotiations and he would not release any details of the exchange.

A man who was taken into custody 45 minutes after the shootings was questioned and released, Napoleon said.

## • Politics

## Al Gore Sr. passes away at 90

CARTHAGE, Tenn. (AP) — Former Sen. Albert Gore Sr., father of the vice president and a Southern liberal whose opposition to the Vietnam War ended his 32 years in Congress, died Saturday. He was 90.

Gore died of natural causes at his home, a statement from the vice president's office said, Al Gore Jr. and his wife, Tipper, were at his bedside.

"Albert Gore Sr. was the embodiment of everything public service ought to be," President Clinton said. "He was a teacher, he was a progressive, he helped to connect the South with the rest of America."

A leader among liberals in his years in the Senate, 1953-71, the elder Gore became known during his third term for his opposition to the Vietnam War. His son, meanwhile, served as an Army journalist in Vietnam.

Gore was defeated by Republican Bill Brock in 1970.

"You know, he might have been himself in national office if he hadn't been just a little too far ahead of his time," Clinton said, praising Gore's pro-integration stance on race and opposition to the war.

Gore retired from public life after his defeat, vowing, "The truth shall rise again."

Six years later, his son and namesake was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and then to the Senate in 1984. After a failed presidential try in 1988, the younger Gore was elected vice president as Clinton's running mate in 1992.

Gore himself was briefly a vice pres-

idential candidate during the 1956 Democratic national convention. He withdrew in favor of fellow Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver, who won the nomination and lost as running mate to Adlai Stevenson.

When Gore was first elected to the Senate, in 1952, he had already served 14 years in the U.S. House, taking time out for Army service during World War II.

In the 1950s, the elder Gore introduced legislation to create the interstate highway system, promoting it as a national defense network modeled on the German Autobahn that he had seen during World War II service. The bill was passed in 1956.


One of Gore's biggest battles in Congress was to limit access to the interstates with cloverleaves and similar on-off ramps that "allow you to drive from one coast to the other without encountering a stop light," he recalled.

One of the towns that was bypassed by the interstate system was Gore's own hometown of Carthage, in the Cumberland foothills about 50 miles east of Nashville.

Following his defeat in the Senate, the one-time school teacher-farmer became a vice president of Island Home Coal Co., a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Co. Gore's farm at Carthage also contains extensive copper, zinc and germanium ore.

A memorial service will be held for Gore at noon Tuesday at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, said Chris Lehane, a spokesman for the vice president. Clinton is expected to attend the event.

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## • Impeachment

## Hyde gives Clinton team 2 days for defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — With hopes of a censure alternative fading, lawmakers said the House appeared to be moving inexorably Sunday toward impeaching President Clinton.

At the same time, however, the House Judiciary Committee offered a compromise plan to give the White House two days this week to present the president's side in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Clinton's lawyers had requested three or four days, while committee chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., originally proposed a one-day hearing and warned against any effort to delay the committee's work.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the House vote-counter and a chief proponent of impeachment, ruled out a separate censure resolution as unconstitutional. And DeLay said: "If we voted today the president would be impeached."

Other Republicans said on the Sunday television shows that Clinton lost ground among those inclined not to impeach him with what they said were legalistic responses to 81 questions posed by the committee about his relations with Ms. Lewinsky.

"When the president pretty much stiffed the Congress, then I think a number have said 'No. I may vote for impeachment now,'" Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., said on ABC's "This Week." Shays is among only a few Republicans openly opposing impeachment.

"His answers to the 81 questions were outrageous. He still doesn't get it. He still doesn't tell the truth," Shays said.

Two or three weeks ago it appeared the president might avoid impeachment by the House, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Since then, "things have turned against the president," Hatch said.

Under the Judiciary Committee's Sunday proposal, the president's lawyers will get a last chance to present his side of the case Tuesday and Wednesday.

Committee chief of staff Thomas Mooney, in a letter to White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff, said Clinton's lawyers would get an extra day but made clear that "the committee will not undermine its goal of resolving the inquiry this year."

The White House had no immediate response.

Regardless, the committee is likely to vote by the end of the week to approve at least one article of impeachment, accusing the president of committing perjury in testimony denying a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., a strong backer of impeachment, promised to seek other articles, including an allegation of obstruction of justice, when committee Republicans meet on Monday.

"I don't think censure is on the table now," he said on ABC.

If the committee approves articles of impeachment, the issue would go to the full House the following week for a vote on whether to send those articles to the Senate, where 67 of the 100 senators would have to

vote against Clinton to remove a president him from office.

Lawmakers on both sides say the House vote is now too close to call, but the Senate is almost certain not to vote to remove the president.

DeLay, on "Fox News Sunday," said the House vote is a "50-50 proposition," but he expects impeachment to pass.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., who wants to censure but not to impeach the president, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that Clinton won't be impeached "if Tom DeLay allows

us a free conscience vote on whether or not there should be a censure motion."

Without that, King said, the vote would "come down to the wire."

McCollum said that the House should impeach even knowing the Senate won't convict. "Impeachment is the ultimate censure," he said, and "censure is the ultimate scarlet letter."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said that if the Senate receives articles of impeachment, "the Senate will have a trial. We will do our duty."

## • Budget

## Clinton to cut waste in Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is suggesting a series of changes that will save the federal government at least \$2.1 billion by cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

In his first proposal for the federal budget beginning next Oct. 1, the president will announce Monday a package of legislative initiatives that would help the Health Care Financing Administration combat wasteful or abusive practices. The initiatives are being reported in a White House ceremony.

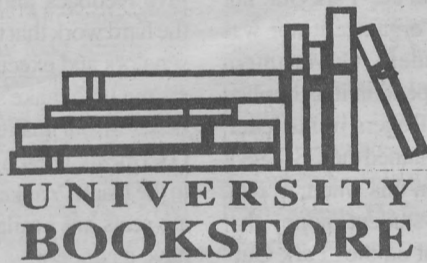
A White House official who discussed the package Sunday on condition of anonymity said the plan includes eliminating markups in the prices Medicare is charged for drugs. Under Clinton's plan, Medicare would pay what a drug costs the provider, a

policy currently used by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Medicare covers only certain drugs that must be administered by a doctor or in a hospital, such as those used for dialysis or organ transplants.

The official said Clinton was taking this action to "ensure that not one dime of the program's trust fund is wastefully spent," especially as the Medicare Commission works to find ways to strengthen the program by 2010.

An inspector general's report in the Department of Health and Human Services found that markups for 22 drugs cost Medicare hundreds of millions of dollars annually because Medicare paid more than twice the average wholesale price for certain drugs — and in one instance paid roughly 10 times the wholesale price.

## Unraveling the Book Buyback Mystery



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# EDITORIAL

## Debt expensive in the long run

With all the news about the health of the American economy, it is easy to understand how some students have found themselves in nearly insurmountable debt. It is human nature for us to try to keep up with others, even if those others are more financially secure than we are.

That said, there is no sensible excuse for the increasing debt levels in this country, especially among college students.

While some acknowledge their need to start saving money for their post-college years, others continue to sink farther and farther into debt, oblivious to the eventual consequences.

Sixty-five percent of University of Maine students take out loans to help pay for their education. While these loans are helpful – many students would not be able to afford college without them – they put students at an immediate disadvantage once they graduate, as the thousands of dollars they borrowed will come due six months later.

On top of the almost obligatory student loans, students are whipping out their plastic to pay for meals, clothes, beer and anything else they may not have the cash to buy. If you can't afford it now, go without. It will save you a lot of headaches and grief in the long run.

Colleges are almost their own microcosms of society. Some students hold jobs to earn spending money, while others either make do without it or use part of each semester's loans to support themselves.

Many students are oblivious to the fact that their credit card bills will come back to haunt them. They simply make their minimum payment without realizing that they are actually losing money in the process. Making payments that are just a little more than the minimum, students can repay their debts months earlier, while saving a somewhat substantial amount of money in the process.

Some students are fortunate enough to either have no credit card debts or to have parents who will make the monthly payments for them. These people would seem to be in the minority at UMaine.

The bottom line is to recognize the limits of your lifestyle and to live within your means. While you may feel more popular when you put your friends' dinners or drinks on your credit card, in the long run, those moments of generosity will come back to haunt you. College costs enough without factoring high credit card debts into the equation.

## State must do more than hotline

Maine has taken an important step toward preventing any further tragedies that involve the mentally ill. Last week, the state announced it has created a new crisis hotline for the mentally ill. The hotline is part of an attempt at a general improvement in Maine's care for the mentally ill.

The hotline will be open around the clock, 365 days a year. Callers will immediately be connected to the nearest crisis center where operators can talk them through their problems or send crisis workers to help callers.

Maine received wake-up calls about the state of its care for the mentally ill in 1996. Since then it has worked to improve its care.

On Jan. 27, 1996, Mark Bechard, a former mental patient, used a cane and a statue of the Virgin Mary to bludgeon four nuns at a Waterville convent. Two of the nuns died as a result of the attack. The courts found Bechard not criminally responsible for the attack because he was insane.

The Associated Press reports that Maine's mental health system investigated itself after the Waterville attack and found a lack of resources in the crisis response system.

That same year, a male patient murdered a female patient at the Augusta Mental Health Institute. AMHI lost its license to operate and got it back just last June, after the state had put more money into the hospital to hire more doctors.

The year 1996 demonstrated that Maine needed to improve its care for the mentally ill. The hotline is a step in the right direction for improving that care. The mentally ill, often ignored by society, will find a responsive listener through the hotline. The state should continue its efforts to provide help for the mentally ill.

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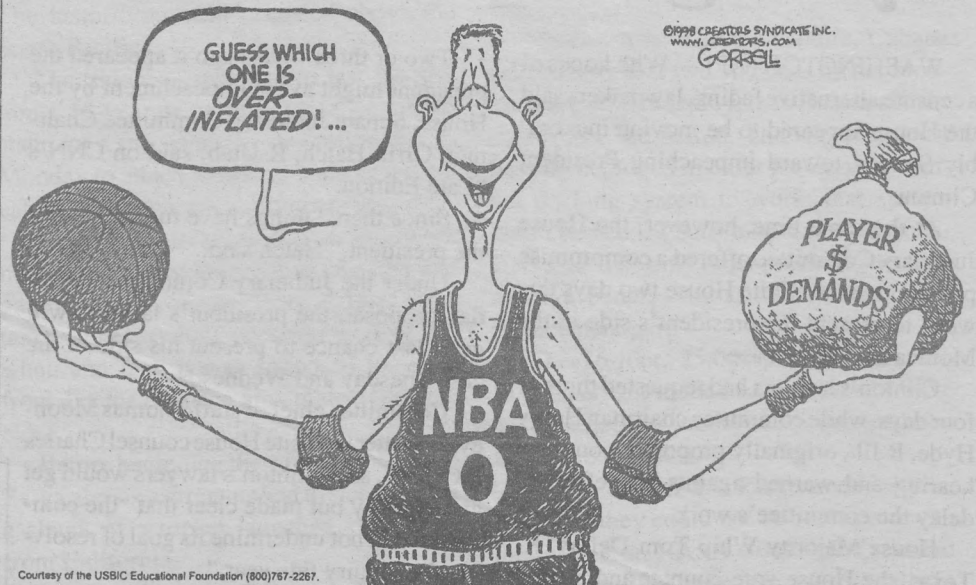
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### • Letters to the editor

#### • Personal attack?

To the editor:

As a vegan, I was very angered and distraught by the misconceptions and non-compassionate, negative attitude that Dave Bailey portrayed in his column "Anti-meat people miss mark" on Nov. 23. It is obvious that Dave Bailey is a meat-eater since he has such negative energy towards other species on this planet. How can he portray the attitude that he is living compassionately by caring whether or not humans die, while writing about vegetarians and vegans in this manner? The fact of the matter is that he may be concerned with human death, but he is obviously not concerned with other species which we inhabit the Earth with. Vegetarians and vegans are concerned with other species living on Earth including humans. By eating lower in the trophic level a vegetarian allows food resources to be consumed by other humans and animals.

It is a total misconception that vegetarians and vegans "always look so pale and pasty." Eating a strict vegetarian diet one can be nourished with all the vitamins and nutrients necessary. If one feels they have the knowledge to determine the health of all vegetarians, why don't they analyze the health of meat eaters. Looking at our society's eating habits of large quantities of meat and junk food, I don't believe that one will find that the vast majority of Americans are healthy. I think you should really think hard about generalized statements you make in the future. Do a little research before writing such misinformed columns.

Many people in our society, including Dave Bailey, miss the connection between many social issues such as the

environment, human rights, world peace, racism, sexism and homophobia. We need to think about being a little more compassionate in our daily lives, by making a conscious effort to think how our actions and words will affect others.

Pam Werner  
Orono

#### • Defending GSS

To the editor:

This is a response to three recent letters to the editor opposing the "Park Out" endorsed two weeks ago by the General Student Senate. It is imperative to point out that the GSS DID NOT formulate the idea for the "Park Out" nor did they organize it nor was any Student Government money spent on it as implied by Kirk Rogers in his letter. He complained the GSS spent money on this when, in fact, the only student money that was spent on the "Park Out" came from *The Maine Campus* (which students fund), which took ads out to publicize and promote the event. It was organized by one of their staff members as well. All the GSS did was give a "thumbs up" to his idea and we still support him. Nothing more.

Further, Phil Locke criticizes us for focusing on parking when other issues like the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch are more pressing. He'd be glad to know that some members of the senate have taken it upon themselves to collect bottles & cans for the Hurricane Relief fund. Short of passing a resolution condemning "Mitch" for his actions, members of the senate can only express our deep grief for those people and their families and stick to our job of representing and working for the students at the University of Maine. Parking is a concern of theirs and we're doing our job by addressing it.

Finally, Mr. Rogers also claims that the GSS should focus on more important issues other than parking and continues by listing a few. I am pleased to say that, in deed, the senate has addressed these issues, some quite effectively. We are currently pursuing efforts to improve campus safety, improve textbook prices, keep tuition and fees low, enhance academic offerings and, yes, improve parking, among others. I would encourage these three community members, along with anyone else, to actually attend a GSS meeting and see what transpires. I can assure you that it is much more than what the Campus has space to cover and by attending you can give feedback and see all of the hard work that the 30-plus senators and executive officers put in to make student life better at our institution. The GSS meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Damn Yankee, and senate seats are available if you have a concern.

Scott Morelli  
President  
General Student Senate

#### • 'Tis the season

To the editor:

With all the talk about seasonal disorders and with the stress of the end of the semester, there is one thing the University could do to help put a smile on our faces. Why not put Christmas lights up around our gloomy campus? I understand not everyone celebrates Christmas, but the lights would be a nice touch I believe everyone could appreciate, regardless of their religious preferences.

So, UMaine, spend a little money and to put a smile on our faces, and brighten up this place.

Michael Hussey  
York Village

## OP/ED

Muddle America / Bob Gorrell



• Guest column

## Out of sight, not out of mind

By Melissa Boyd

What would you do if one day you went to the Bear's Den for your morning cup of coffee and there were no paper cups for you to use? And what if there were no other cups either, because too many students used the reusable china to stock their dorm rooms? You would find yourself greatly disappointed.

This is a dramatization of course, but imagine the United States, and even the rest of the world without disposable items. Imagine a world that didn't need landfills. Most people in the United States cannot even fathom such an idea. In Sweden, there are no landfills. All "waste" products there are first reused, then recycled. Both Sweden and Germany have redemption programs that require manufacturers to use reclaimable materials in their products. All organic waste products, such as food scraps, are composted. Most people probably do not even think about how much they send to the landfill. Out of sight, out of mind works for most folks but would you like a landfill in your yard? The landfill concept goes against the flow of all natural systems where there is no waste. The by-products of one organism are used as food for other organisms. This process is continual and indefinite. Nothing is ever considered 'rubbish' or unusable. All products are important parts of the system and these products are endlessly cycled.

In the recent past, people could take jars to be refilled with just about anything, such as milk, honey, molasses and much more. Then came the dawn of the disposable everything. Let's take diapers for example. Say that tomorrow you are going on a field trip with your science class to a "state of the art" landfill. If you and your class chose any location in the household rubbish area to dig up, it is very probable that you would find a diaper in there. Chances are, it wouldn't have changed much since it was put there in the first place. Why is this so? Landfills are designed to prevent leakage and runoff of materials that are considered potential pollutants. Therefore, landfills are theoretically secure from weathering factors such as sun, air and water exposure. If you left a page of the newspa-

per in your yard, it would fade, tear and rot. The 1960s newspaper also found in the landfill on your field trip would still be readable. So, it doesn't really matter if you buy a product that is biodegradable if all you do is send it to the landfill. From a human standpoint, its breakdown will take a very long time. With composting, however, the breakdown is much quicker. Composting allows us to facilitate this breakdown and create a valuable end product from something considered as waste. This is why we all need to compost.

Let's think about the "waste" products we produce and how or if they can contribute to our livelihood. Do those products reduce or even eliminate unusable waste, or do they just add more to our landfills?

Consumerism and advertising tactics in many cases do not advocate product sharing and reduction. Car and truck manufacturers promote the idea of freedom through owning a vehicle. Let's take for example, your fictitious neighbor, Mark, who drives to school every day when he only lives a mile or so from campus. He feels a great sense of pride and ownership from the independence he gets from his car. Mark feels it is his right to drive whenever and wherever he wants. Perhaps it is, but this is an advertiser's goal. They love the idea of everyone owning their own car. Forget carpooling. Have your own car and you can go wherever you want!

Think of Mark's alternatives. He could have a nice walk to school or get rides with others. Think about the poor air quality he could prevent, the tires he would save from the landfill and the oil barons he wouldn't support, just by driving less. The independence he gets from his car, what most people get from their cars, is a facade. Having a car only makes him more dependent because then he has to rely on so many other resources, such as a mechanic, fuel, batteries and so on, to ensure he can drive his car. He then has to consume more products and utilize more resources that result in environmental toxins.

There is a great deal of important information to consider in the products we use and consume. If you follow, from start to end, the life of a paper cup, you would be surprised at the amount of information you'd gain.

Starting with habitat degradation, aerial herbicidal spraying, the toxic and carcinogenic by products resulting from the bleaching process, fuel for transportation from forests to mill(s), between mills, then to stores and on to consumers, and then ending with the landfill. This is a very abbreviated version of the life of a paper cup and the many unneeded disposable items most Americans consume. Do you really need that paper cup? You may think, "It can't really matter if I bring my own cup." It does matter. Remembering such little things as bringing your own cup and bag make a big difference overall. Why throw out that bag or cup or anything else after only one use. Better yet, why get it in the first place?

All these so-called "little things" may seem insignificant, but they really do add up and affect the grand picture of all life. The chlorine-bleaching process used in making paper and paper goods creates dioxin, a toxic chemical which causes cancers, disrupts hormones, reproductive and immune systems and causes other unknown long term effects. Yet, the University of Maine currently uses chlorine-processed paper in most departments. More departments need to be aware of what kinds of paper they are purchasing and the paper-making process. These dioxins take a very long time to break down and only due so with the aid of weathering and extensive sun exposure. We all have dioxin in our bodies and will for the rest of our lives. Why add more? Stop using products that are produced with the use of chlorine regardless of whether you care about your own body. Consider other life forms, and even other people.

The United States uses more of the planet's resources than any other country in the world, and also produces more waste. Ironically enough, the United States also talks about recycling and reducing waste more than any other country. Think about the products that you buy, the industrial processes that you support, and what impact they have on the people and the environment around you.

*Melissa Boyd is the recycling coordinator for the UMaine campus and bikes or walks to campus every day.*

• Dave's world

## Jingle all the way

Well, jingle my bells. Christmas is a time of year that tends to make normal, sane people do some really strange things. For example, I came close to tears a few times when watching "Rudolph" last week on CBS. Hey, don't laugh; I really thought for a minute there that Santa was going to have to put the kibosh on Christmas this year.

I don't know if Christmas in Dave's world is any stranger than it is in your neck of the universe, but it can get awfully weird at times.

My parents have always shunned having a real tree penetrate the family household. Every year they're satisfied with digging up an artificial tree from the basement. Great. Instead of smelling

only are there cartoony ornaments on the tree, but also two-foot-high moving figures of Bugs Bunny and Sylvester. Bugs is dressed as Santa and waves a bell while Sylvester serves as his elf.

On top of Cuz's dresser drawer is a miniature Christmas village, complete with skaters, Santas, carolers and God knows what else. It's kind of a holiday version of that miniature town model in "Beetlejuice," only without the brothel.

But that's nothing compared to the bathroom. Sitting on top of the tank behind the head is an angel holding a brown sheet with the words to "The First Noel"



By Dave Bailey

pine scents on Christmas morning I get to smell plastic and dust.

Some people in high school once told me that the lack of a real tree was the source of all my problems, but I'm not so sure about that.

Every year my mother watches the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on the tube while she fixes the turkey. Around noon Santa usually makes an appearance on the screen, marking the end of the parade. Upon seeing ol' St. Nick's grinning mug, she immediately calls my brother down from his room upstairs.

"Dan! It's Santa!" she shouts.

Just for your information, my brother will turn 21 next March.

After seeing Santa, my mom then breathes a huge sigh of relief and proclaims that the holiday season has truly begun.

But that's nothing compared to my mom's cousin, who builds a virtual Christmas shrine every year. Cuz doesn't begin the holiday season at Thanksgiving; she's putting up the Christmas decor right around Halloween.

About a week before each Christmas, I tag along with my mom to visit Cuz to swap gifts and to check out the latest additions to Cuz's tribute to Christmas commercialism.

I procured a sneak preview of what Cuz had up her sleeve for this holiday season when I paid a visit on Thanksgiving weekend. In addition to the big, colorful tree in the living room, there's also a (slightly) smaller tree in the dining room with all-white lights, plus another big tree in the TV room with nothing but sports ornaments. It's mostly hockey-playing Santas, but there's also some cool stuff like Boston Braves ornaments.

The big tree is loaded with Looney Tunes decorations galore. Not

scrawled on it. Even the toilet seat cover is all Christmasy. You almost expect the bowl to shout "Ho, ho, ho" once you lift the seat.

Turn around and you'll see Santa doing his thing on the shower curtain. Santa permeates the bathroom mats and towels as well.

But that's only the beginning. This year Cuz has added a talking lamp-post to the bathroom, so I guess I'll be hearing "Ho, ho, ho" when taking a whiz after all.

Much of this stuff (I'm too sentimental at the moment to say "junk") is ordered off one home-shopping channel or another. I think Cuz does it in the hopes that she can go on the air so she can brag to her friends about how she got on television. Oh, did I also mention that she has country-western Christmas tunes playing on her stereo round-the-clock? Nice to know that I don't have to stay in eastern Maine in order to experience a hillbilly Christmas.

I love Christmas as much as the next person, but I'm quite satisfied with the cheap lights that surround my apartment windows—even if half of them have burnt out and my foot-high tree, even if it's a fake model and the top is a little bent.

But it's all good in the end. Even if Christmas makes us all a little eccentric, it still brings out more good in us than bad. Although some people show their spirit in bizarre ways, they mean well in the end, and that's what counts the most.

*Dave Bailey is a senior mass communication major who wishes everybody a happy holiday season—even the vegans.*

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, December 7

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You will learn many lessons this year, but perhaps the most important is that you don't have to be aggressive all the time. The way to work your way into a position of influence is to make yourself indispensable to someone in authority. But do so quietly; no drum rolls please.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** There may be some major upheavals this weekend, the kind of upheavals which make serious people do silly things. Fortunately, you are under cosmic protection so, hopefully, no harm will befall you but take care you don't get caught up in the general panic. Negative emotion has a way of spreading.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You may not be the type of person who takes many risks but you should take a few now, especially if there is a social or career opening you would like to take advantage of. Do something even your best friends would never expect of you — it could be enough to get your way.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Any remaining doubts will be swept away this weekend; you finally realize that you can do anything, go anywhere and be anyone you want. Actually, that's always been true but you have been too engrossed in petty dramas to notice. It's time to look at the big picture — and do something big with your life.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Go on the offensive this weekend. Take rivals and critics by surprise. Get your retaliation in first. That might not sound too cheerful, but it is certainly practical as you need to defend what you have gained from all sorts of predators. And, as you know, the best form of defense is attack.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** No one can pull the wool over your eyes this weekend. You will know instinctively when others are lying to you or when they are making opinions sound like facts. You could, of course, catch them out publicly and take them to task but what's the point? Just so long as you're not taken in.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Don't complain if someone in authority asks of you more than they ask of anyone else. Take it as a compliment that they think you are up to the task and don't let them down. This could be an amazing weekend for Virgoans who want to move up in the world. Your rise could be rapid.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** There is a tension in the air that is strangely seductive. It is as if anything could happen at any moment — and you wish it would. You will go wherever your heart leads you and you won't care about your reputation. Good for you. It's about time you let down your hair.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Because you have been preparing yourself for the worst, what happens next won't take you completely by surprise. In fact, the most surprising bit of all is that it isn't as bad as you feared it would be. Could it be you overestimated your rivals' strength — or underestimated your own?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You may be happy to let partners and loved ones call the shots but it will pay you to keep an eye on what they are doing — and what they are letting you in for. If they sign you up for too many things you could find yourself seriously out of pocket by the end of the month.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You may envy other people their abilities but they probably envy you your success. Each sign is born with its own particular talent and yours is to build something that remains long after you have gone. Do you know what it is? Don't worry, you soon will.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You can do no wrong this weekend. With Uranus, your ruling planet, perfectly aspected by Mercury in Gemini you know exactly what to do, when to do it and what the outcome will be. Perhaps you should take up astrology! Listen to others by all means but listen to your inner voice first.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Lay down the law if you have to and make absolutely certain that everyone knows what is expected of them. There has been too much laxness of late, too much skipping off before the job is finished. It is said that Pisceans can be quite ruthless when they want to be. It's time you proved it.

### Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro

SATEN CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



### The Short Bus

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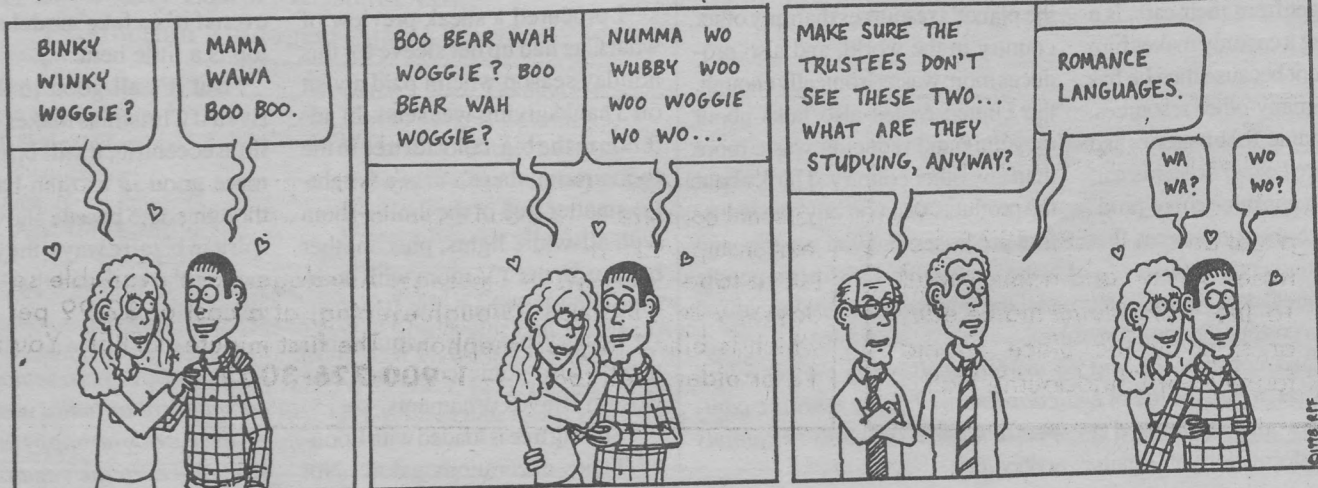
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# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, December 8

**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.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Ask Dr. Dick



Dear Dr. Dick;

I'm failing a class taught by a new professor who doesn't have a clue, and to make it worse, I'm required to take classes from him next semester or I can't graduate. At least seven other students are in the same predicament, but the department keeps blowing us off. How can I get him fired by Christmas? -Frazzled in XX

This anti-Christ masquerading as an educator must be punished. Crucify yourself on the steps of the union to make a statement, then take action — quickly and aggressively. You'll need some support behind you when you storm the hallowed halls of administration, so I suggest rounding up the vegans — they're vocal, they're militant, they're high — they're perfect. With your minions of vegreens, stage a candlelit vigil for your cause, followed by a march across the mall to your professor's office. Of course, true to University of Maine tradition, no one will actually attend your protest, hence the extras.

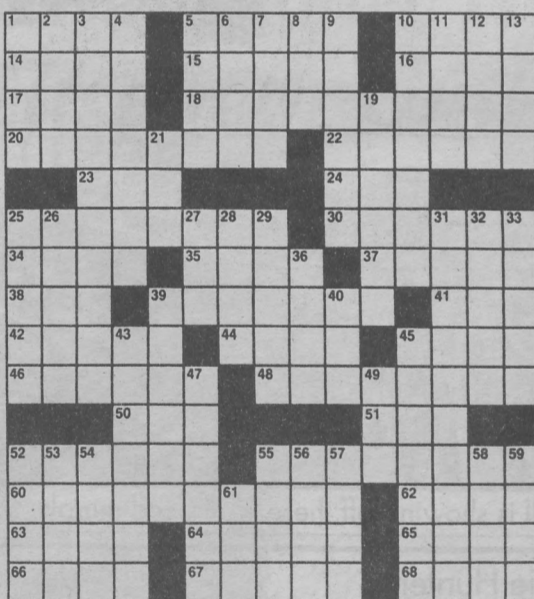
Not satisfied? Continue on to the President's not-so-humble abode. Peter "BearWorks" Hoff won't be available to see you, since he's playing with FirstClass (or so he would have us believe). You see, I have it on good authority he opens his account so Joe Student sees him on the directory, then skulks about the sketchier sites of the Internet. I'm betting on ho.es.com.

Make a quick stop at MCFernald's for a hummus-spinach wrap to keep the vegans happy, and move up to the true seat of power at UMaine. No, not that den in the second floor of the union where Channing counts his gold. I'm talking about real power. March right down to the pearly gates of Alford and demand to see the man.

Actually, send a strikingly attractive but somewhat slow young woman as bait. Once he's fixated on her bum, you should have no problem convincing him to grant your request. The proper ceremony is as follows: get down on one knee, divert your gaze from the eyes of "the Walsh" and kiss his NCAA 1993 Championship ring.

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# STYLE & THE ARTS



• Museum of Art

## Two new exhibitions rock Carnegie

By Elisabeth Gold  
Maine Campus Staff

Friday evening, the University of Maine Museum of Art hosted two opening exhibits in their Carnegie gallery. Colorprint USA and Salon De Fax drew faculty and students alike offering both visual and edible treats to those who came to check out the new work.

Colorprint USA, organized annually by Texas Tech University, is an original print collection including all fifty states in an effort to encourage printmakers to use col-

or in all their artwork, whether it be lithographs, woodcuts, etchings or screenprints.

The upstairs gallery will greet you warmly as you enter. The prints have a diversity only fifty different artists can produce, yet there is something threading through all the artwork. They all seem to flow and come together nicely with their same size and framing. This sameness allows the observer to concentrate on the color and content of each individual piece and not get carried away with the how the work is presented.

Particularly breathtaking is a photo en-

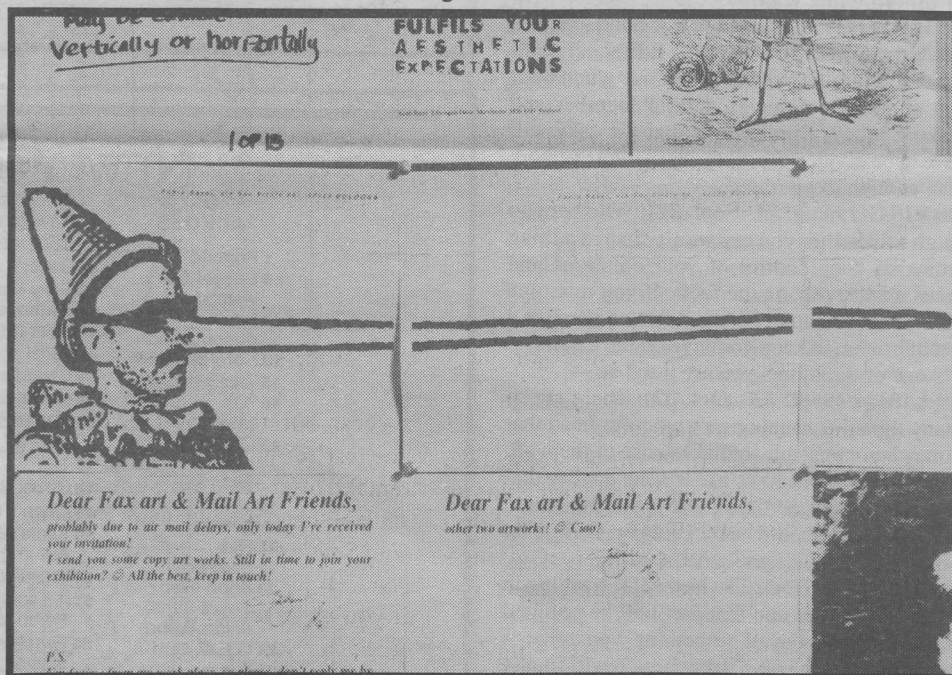
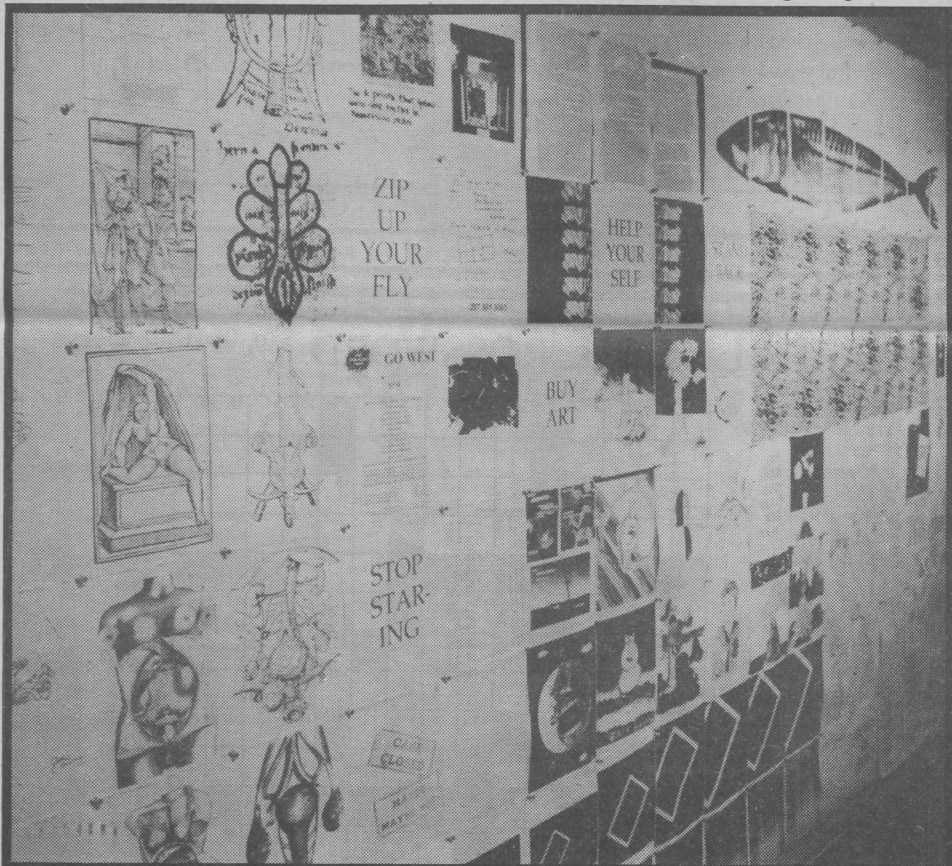
graving and color etching, "Sweat Coutre," by Frances Myers & Warrington Colescott, artists from Wisconsin. "Pansy Boy," a screenprint on mylar created by Randy C. Bolton from Pennsylvania, and its hanging neighbor "Griz Girl," a lithograph screenprint by Francis Noel of Montana were equally stunning and grabbed my attention for a few minutes.

The exhibit is very colorful in not only tone but subjects as well and is a wholesome, get-to-know-your-states art presentation. I appreciated the lesson.

Also upstairs, in an evening lecture by Siri Beckman, a faculty member from the art department explained her work in accordance with the Colorprint USA exhibition. Beckman, representing Maine, displayed "Approaching Storm," a wood engraving. Downstairs, when you first walk in the museum, don't be concerned with the huge

recycling project that confronts you. Just try to enjoy the collection of faxes that are tacked to the Carnegie walls. And what a collection it is. Faxes from students of all ages, offices on campus, different parts of the state, country and world make the display extensive in style. There is a four page "Fetish" fax including what looks like a newly married couple embracing. A huge mackerel plasters the wall, funky scales and all. A cheesy fax photocopied from the office of President Hoff sent to someone on campus was up there as well.

Preston Noon's ga was of course posted with a couple of verses to boot. The collage is enormous, as it covers the whole downstairs floor, but the effect is gratifying. The eye roams immediately to the different art and writing illustrating the classic black and white faxes.



Carnegie Hall is showing off these wall-sized murals, made from faxes sent in from all over the world, as part of the Salon de Fax. (Mike Zubik photos.)

• The Movie Hunter

## Van Sant doesn't change much in new 'Psycho'

By Hunter Tzovarras  
Maine Campus staff

Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" was a groundbreaking film for the horror/thriller genre, when it was released in 1960.

It was made at a time when Hitchcock was creating some of the very best movies of his career. "Psycho" followed "North By Northwest," and "Vertigo," three films that possibly represent the best Hitchcock ever directed — though arguments can be made for "Rear Window" and "Notorious."

Gus Van Sant is coming off the most successful film of his career, "Good Will Hunting," (though I think "To Die For" was even better), and what does he follow it up with? A shot-by-shot remake of Hitchcock's "Psycho." I left the theater wonder-

ing, what's the point?

Not that the story is unclear in any way, but why would Van Sant want to remake the film in nearly the exact same fashion and style Hitchcock used thirty-eight years earlier? There are a few small differences in the Van Sant version, but they're all visual, and still Van Sant mostly just reuses the same camera angles and blocking Hitchcock used.

The only noticeable changes Van Sant has made is the augmentation of some set pieces, and a few shots that deviate from Hitchcock's cinematography. Besides that, Van Sant sticks firmly to the original Joseph Stefano script, the same one Hitchcock worked from.

The dialogue is almost verbatim to the original throughout, and there are no new twists or even minor alterations from the

original plot. And I'm not spoiling anything by telling you all this — the film has long been promoted as an exact remake of the 1960 classic.

In the remake, Anne Heche reprises Janet Leigh's role as Marion Crane, a hapless opportunist who decides to steal \$400,000 (in the original it was only \$40,000) to pull her lover out of debt, so they can get married. She has the misfortune of stopping at the Bates Motel and taking that now infamous shower.

The shower/murder scene is probably one of the four or five most famous scenes in movie history, and the only spin Van Sant gives it is shooting in color. Vince Vaughn gets the role of Norman Bates, the recluse, guilt-ridden innkeeper — "We all go a little mad sometimes."

After Marion and the 400 grand turn up

missing, her sister Lila (Julianne Moore), and private detective Milton Arbogust (William H. Macy) go in search of her and the money. These are all good actors and the performances are good. They do not make the mistake of trying to duplicate or imitate the subsequent performances, but give the characters their own touch. Robert Forster even has a small role as Norman Bates's psychiatrist.

If you've seen the original you know precisely how the story will progress. I think a better, more ambitious approach would've been to lure us in to believing we were watching an exact remake of the original and then at a key moment take the story off the familiar path and down an unexpected one. Use Stefano's original script for the

See PSYCHO on page 15

# Nutcracker



(Andrew Bailey photo.)

From Staff Reports

Were you a good kid this year? If you were this is the time of year to get your rewards. Alexander Zendzian and Heather Cox from The Robinson Ballet Company surely are getting theirs. Here you see them as Snow Prince and Queen in this year's Nutcracker performance.

The Company performed this Christmas classic on Saturday and Sunday at the Maine Center of the Arts on campus. More than 25 dancers from ages 10 to 40 leaped and waltzed through the stage accompanied by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra.

It was an early Christmas present for all the parents and friends that bought almost all the tickets for the four performances.

## Psycho

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first two acts, and then give us a new, fresh third act. But this is only wishful thinking, nothing of the sort happens.

A few years ago, Martin Scorsese did a remake of "Cape Fear." And I bring this up because with that remake, Scorsese didn't just retell the story. He added to it, giving a new perspective and spin, and the results were great.

But Van Sant doesn't try anything new. So, I get back to the question I had at the beginning: What's the point? Was the purpose of remaking just to prove the timelessness

of the story, or to see if Hitchcock's style could be emulated? If so the film's a success, but still, I don't see the point. Why not just re-release the original, since the remake offers us absolutely nothing new.

If Hitchcock never made "Psycho," then Van Sant's film would surely deserve four stars. But as it is, I can only recommend it if you've never seen the original. There is really nothing wrong with Van Sant's film, and there is really nothing original about it either.

Rating: ★★

• Moi

## Miss Piggy launches perfume

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Look out, Kermit. Miss Piggy has launched her own fragrance line, saying it has "a certain je ne sais moi" that makes her irresistible to the singing frog.

Her limited edition perfume, "Moi," may be just a dab on the wrist of the \$6 billion U.S. fragrance industry. But for the famed star of The Muppet Show, it's serious business — and not strictly for material reasons.

"When I'm wearing 'Moi,' Kermit finds me more attractive, more alluring than ever," Miss Piggy said Thursday. "He just can't keep his little flippers off me."

Perfumers behind "Moi," which hit Bloomingdale's shelves last month for the holiday season, say it smells like "a bouquet of seductive flowers warmed with 'come-hither' notes of warm blonde woods."

But won't women be turned off by a perfume associated with a pig?

"One might think that, but I think that Miss Piggy herself is so lovable that she brings with it not the normal feeling about pig scents," said Nancy Lueck, a Bloomingdale's spokeswoman.

Topper Schroeder, who as president of Gendarme Fragrances of West Holly-

wood helped the Muppet develop her scent, agreed.

"Miss Piggy is the Elizabeth Taylor of that world," he said. "This is not your ordinary pig. It had to be elegant, better than anything else I can find on the market."

Bloomingdale's would not release sales figures for "Moi," but Lueck claimed that even at \$24 a bottle, it is proving to be a hot item at the company's 23 stores around the country.

Some analysts were skeptical.

"What do you think of when you think of Miss Piggy smell? It's not good," said Laura Ries, president of Ries & Ries, a marketing strategy group in Atlanta. "She's a Muppet. Who wants to smell like a Muppet?"

Miss Piggy begs to differ.

"Moi am a pig — but, moi am MORE than a pig," she said while on location for her next film, "Muppets From Space."

"Moi have written best-selling books. Moi have appeared in hit motion pictures and television shows. Moi have appeared on the cover of People, Life and TV Guide. So, don't look down on me, buster — look UP to me. And if you're not careful, look OUT for me!"

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• Wingate Hall

# Planetarium offers free shows to students

By Amanda Hebert  
Maine Campus staff



Alan Davenport, Director of the planetarium, controlling the heavens. (Mike Zubik photo.)

The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, located in Wingate Hall, is a great resource for students, according to Director Allen Davenport, but few University of Maine students take advantage of it.

"It depends on what is going on campus," Davenport said. "On average six to 12 students show up."

The shows presented at the planetarium, which traditionally take place on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, are free to students through the comprehensive fee, Davenport said.

"All they have to do is show their student IDs, and they get a free ticket," Davenport said.

Davenport said the students who do attend shows at the planetarium often go as part of a class.

Christina Caparelli, a first-year history major, went to the planetarium with her Liberal Arts and Sciences 100 class. She said she had never been to the planetarium before.

"Well, at the time, I didn't even know where it was located," she said.

One trip to the planetarium made her an instant fan, she said.

"I really liked it," she said. "It focused on the moon — I hadn't really learned about it. At my high school we didn't have anything like astronomy."

Matthew Green, a senior psychology and pre-med double major, said he went to the planetarium as part of a program at Cumberland Hall to get students involved.

He said the planetarium is a good resource, but said he didn't enjoy the show he saw.

"I thought it was a cool concept," he said, "but I was sort of disappointed with the show."

Green said the show could have been more sophisticated with all of the technology available today.

"I guess it was expecting a little more of a higher-tech show," he said. "It was kind of primitive."

"I would go back," he said. "There are a bunch of shows, maybe I just picked the wrong show."

The majority of the visitors to the planetarium are from the community, according to Davenport.

The planetarium saw its largest turnout of the year and the recent past on Oct. 24 with its show "Astrofest," Davenport said. "Astrofest" attracted 300 visitors to campus during the day and 150 for the "Star Party" at the observatory that night. The day show featured speakers, activities and a scale model of the solar system that stretched from Wingate Hall to the observatory.

"It was a festive fair atmosphere," Davenport said. "It was something special."

Davenport said the planetarium is currently showing the "X-Tra Terrestrial Files."

"It is the same idea as the X-Files," he said. "It explores the possibility of other life forms."

"X-Tra Terrestrial Files" will be playing every Friday night at 7 p.m. until Christmas. A show called "Christmas Around the World" will also be showing every Sunday at 2 p.m. until Christmas.

• Up for grabs

## Who's to run Comedy Central ?

NEW YORK (AP) — What would Kenny think? The creators of "South Park" want to run the Comedy Central cable network.

Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the University of Colorado buddies who turned the crudely drawn animated series into a sensation, have asked to replace Doug Herzog as president of the network that airs their show.

Herzog is leaving early next year to become the chief programmer at Fox.

Parker and Stone met early this week with MTV Networks chairman Tom Freston about the job. MTV's corporate parent, Viacom, owns half of Comedy Central and the other half is owned by Time Warner.

"It was a serious discussion that moved into an enjoyable and very funny lunch," Freston said. "We surely weren't talking about who killed Kenny."

Kenny, one of the animated characters on the show, is killed violently in every episode.

It's an audacious move for Parker and

Stone, who also produced the flop movie, "BASEketball," from earlier this year. Both are in their 20s and have no management experience at a TV network.

Insiders say the duo has little hope of getting the job, but Comedy Central's overseers don't want to say or do anything to alienate the creators of the network's most popular program.

A receptionist at Parker and Stone's production office referred calls to Comedy Central, which did not comment on the meeting. A spokesman for HBO chairman Jeff Bewkes, who oversees Comedy Central with Freston, had no comment.

They're expected to name a new president for the network within the first three months of next year, said Carole Robinson, a spokeswoman for Freston.

Among the potential candidates for the job are Van Toffler, MTV's general manager; Larry Divney, executive vice president at Comedy Central; and Robert Morton, former producer of David Letterman's "Late Show."

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• Column

# Maine in the states

*Editor's note: The following piece is from our archives and appeared in the October 20, 1949 Maine Campus. This column, which was titled Bear Facts, was written by John Murphy on the upcoming football state series between Maine, Colby, Bates and Bowdoin. Notice the use of the word "we."*

The preliminaries are over and the main bout is about to begin.

Although we like to win the early games on our schedule and are proud of our top spot in the Yankee Conference, the State Series is what counts.

Here at our fair institution, a coach and his team can falter miserably during the early part of the year but if they win the series and especially beat the girls from Brunswick, everything is jake.

Maybe this is a bad situation and maybe it is a good situation but anyway, it is a true situation.

This year, Bowdoin was a heavy pre-season favorite with Maine, Bates and Colby slated to trail. Things look different now. Bowdoin has stumbled badly, Bates has improved greatly, and Colby, according to press records, is not as weak as first thought.

Our Bears, if they continue to play as they did Saturday, won't take a back seat to anyone.

This Saturday at Bates, Maine will be out for a bit of sweet revenge. Last year, the underdog Bobcats completely demoralized Erik Allen's charges and romped to a 31-0 victory.

I don't believe it will happen again but Bates is not to be underrated. Ducky Pond's team upset both Tufts, which trounced Bowdoin, and Joe Zabalski's Northeastern club, which laced Colby.

In Walker Heap, Pond has probably one

of the best backs in the state. A veteran of the Glass Bowl team, he had been plagued by injuries but is finally coming into his own.

Saturday's encounter at Lewiston has aroused a great deal of student interest. Already, more than 600 tickets have been sold to Maine fans for the game.

Plans have been made for the band to attend and a bus will probably carry students who were unable to find rides in private cars.

Incidentally, a little caution on the part of drivers would be of great help. Traffic will be heavy and an ounce of prevention counteract a fifth of care.

Every man on the Maine team deserves an armful of Hillson Achievement Awards for the Connecticut game. Facing a heavier and more experienced team, the Maine players showed, to coin a phrase, what it takes.

Hal Marden is still playing under bad luck. A heavy cold bothered him during the New Hampshire game and an injury to his heel received during the Connecticut game may hamper him, to some extent, against Bates.

Cross of one more nose on the football squad; Bill Bird, reserve back, broke his in the UConn game. A nose guard will protect the mangled member from now on.

Coaching troubles have hit the Connecticut campus. According to latest reports, the students don't care for their coach. Also, the UConns are in favor for a heavier Yankee Conference schedule.

Bowdoin game tickets are going fast. Anyone who plans to buy tickets for the game should do so in a hurry.

Of note: Maine lost a 6-0 decision to Colby that weekend. Later, the Black Bears lost to Bowdoin, 18-0.

## Hoops

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12 points, and Rachel Byars and Sharae Mansfield each scored 10.

While both teams were shaky offensively, the Black Bears were shackled as Cassidy was the only player in double-digits with

20 points, eight rebounds, four blocks and three steals.

Maine actually outscored the Toppers in the second half (38-34), but could not make up the 25-point first-half deficit.

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## • Black Bears

## Notes for the weekend

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

Although the Maine women's hockey team whooped it up with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over St. Lawrence Saturday night, Alison Lorenz wasn't able to participate in the celebration.

Thanks to an ankle she twisted Friday night, the junior forward saw Saturday's action from section NNN of Alford Arena, a pair of crutches parked next to her.

"It wasn't anything that was major," said Lorenz, who has three goals and three assists for six points this season. "I didn't fall on it. I was just skating and I twisted it. It just sort of swelled up real bad."

Lorenz is listed as day-to-day, but Maine coach Rick Filighera doubts he'll use her against Bowdoin Wednesday.

"I want her to heal it, 'cause after Wednesday we're off until the 28th and I want her healthy for Harvard," Filighera said.

Lorenz had 38 goals and 22 assists last season and was named ECAC Alliance player of the year.

#### Filighera's Keys to Victory:

Before Saturday's game, Filighera drew up a list of things Maine had to do in order to win:

- 1) Score First.
- 2) Play with desperation.
- 3) Take more shots.
- 4) Dump the puck more.
- 5) Play with accountability and leadership.

Filighera felt that Maine accomplished four out of five. "We didn't dump in as much as I wanted," he said. "Too much carrying in the neutral zone causes turnovers. When the puck gets turned over [St.

Lawrence] does a great job."

#### Finding the Right Mix:

While center Raffi Wolf and left wing Kira Misikowetz have clearly established themselves on Maine's top line this season, they're still in need of a consistent threat from the right wing.

Colleen Baude, a defensive forward, started Friday's game alongside Wolf and Misikowetz, but was replaced with the more offensive-minded Lorenz late in the game when Maine was down 3-0 and needed some scoring punch.

"When we need a goal, you might see that," Filighera said.

But when Lorenz and Baude went down with various ailments Saturday, Amy Van Vuren filled in and factored in Maine's first and third goals. Van Vuren assisted on Wolf's goal and helped get the puck to Misikowetz on her game-winner.

#### Star Standings:

With a No. 1 star for her 41-save performance Saturday, goalie Kathleen Hedges vaults into the second spot in this week's Star Standings. The rest of the rankings are as follows (Three points for a number-one star, two for a two-star, and one for a three-star):

#### Player-Points

Raffi Wolf - 8  
Kathleen Hedges - 3  
Sarah Caza - 2  
Kira Misikowetz - 2  
Alison Lorenz - 1  
Kelly Nelson - 1

#### From the Bear Trap:

Maine was 8-for-8 in shorthanded situations for the weekend and 1-for-4 on the power play. The only time Hedges made more saves in a game this season was 51 at UNH Nov. 14.



Maine's Esther Granville and St. Lawrence's Aliza Goss get their sticks tangled up during Saturday night's game. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

## Women's Hockey

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to take advantage of the subpar Saints.

"We played with no enthusiasm," Filighera said. "We weren't going to the net."

Filighera also said that such inconsistencies can be expected from a young team like Maine.

Maine defenseman Jessica Stachiw noted Maine's sluggishness on the ice.

"Our energy was kind of low," Stachiw said. "We were trying to pick it up, but I think we know what we have to do."

St. Lawrence coach Ron Waske suggested that Maine's lack of depth was a factor in the Saints' victory.

"Unfortunately, the depth isn't going to be there," he said. "[Maine's] first line is as competitive as many of the first lines in the [ECAC], but the depth after that is

a little weak."

St. Lawrence got on the board 3:14 into the game when Suzanne Fiacco one-timed a Nicole Kirnan pass past Hedges.

The score was 1-0 until the third, when St. Lawrence scored two more to blow the game open.

"The third period, we just sleptwalked through it," Filighera said.

Stacy Boudrais gave the Saints the two-goal lead, sticking the puck to Hedges' left.

Christa Talbot capped the scoring for St. Lawrence with a powerful slap-shot goal from just in front of the blue line.

Hedges made 21 saves for Maine, while Caryn Ungewitter made 18 for St. Lawrence to run her record to 3-5-0.



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• The bottom line

# Not exactly perfect but ...

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus staff

I love this job. I really do. I get to write sports for a living and get paid for it. I work with great people and have made some lifelong friends in return from my experiences. I am feeling oddly sentimental this week, so don't mind me. With working at *The Maine Campus*, occasionally I or other members of the paper get accused of not writing the truth or reporting bad things about people that we shouldn't. It seems that people want us to be professional but also want us to show restraint in reporting on high-profile students getting arrested or when we complain about something in general. The old adage "You can't have your cake and eat it, too" seems fitting here. As an official newspaper with paid staff members, *The Campus* staff have an obligation to report the news as best we can without holding anything back just because a news-worthy article may reflect badly on a student. In that same light, we are college students learning how to run a thrice-weekly paper on our own. We will make mistakes just like any other, but believe me, when we do, we will correct it. Columns and satire are different altogether. If someone wants to get their view out using words or a drawing, as bizarre as they may be, they have a right to do that. That's where sports comes into the mix. We have had an eclectic group of contributors this semester, ranging from my own thoughts to the satirical genius Dave Bailey, to broadcaster Pat Spekhardt to the resurrected Darren Pare. However, Dave and I seem to get trashed quite a bit. Reportedly, my tailgating column didn't go over well with some Public Safety officials, while Dave gets comments on his pieces all the time. That's what makes the game of column writing great: when people actually read your stuff enough to comment on it. However, it bothers me when some people think we

don't know what we are talking about. I can't speak for Dave's experience, but I have been writing sports since I was a sophomore in high school, almost six years ago, with a countless number of articles to my name that span four different newspapers. In other words, I know what I am doing. So when a reader compares my writing to "infantile whinings" and thinks my motives are to complain about how "Public Safety repeatedly impedes my ability to be as immature as I wish," I kind of take offense to that. My motives are simple: to get the message out there about how I am feeling. If that bothers people, fine. It won't scare me off and never will. I lasted through the "not-so-golden oldies" debacle of my freshman year, didn't I? As far as being as immature as I wish: hardly. I like to have fun as much as any college student, at least I thought. I think people should have the right to enjoy their collegiate experience however they may please, without having to worry about being arrested all the time. The point: if you don't like how we do something, change it. Come in and write for us. Show us how it is supposed to be done and you never know, you might have a future in the business. If not, feel free to complain since that is the basic right of every American. But think about who you are complaining about first and don't assume that the printed words reflect the person writing them. Finally, my dual role as both a sportswriter for both *The Maine Campus* and Bangor Daily News will soon come to an end, as time constraints have forced me to drop the latter. It isn't often when you get to work with a group of people that you both can learn from and call friends at the same time, all the while gaining valuable experience. So to Joe, Dave, Pete, John, Deirdre, Andy, Jessica, Larry (aka "The Big Dude"), Don, Matt and Jason, thanks for everything. May the Duke live forever. Josh Nason wishes his critics would come write for the paper and put their pens where their mouths are.

• Men's hockey

# Kariya talks about league

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

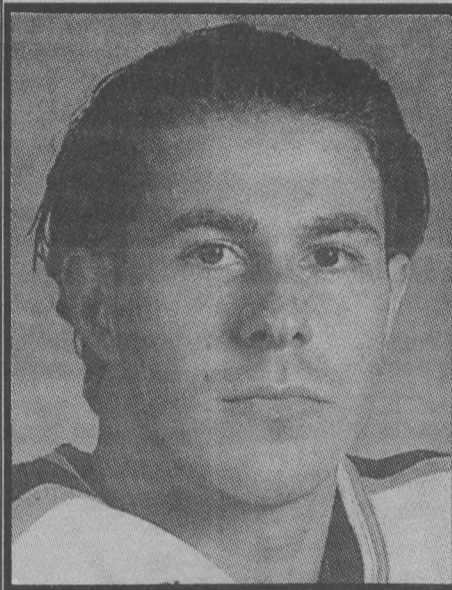
With no games on the slate this weekend, the University of Maine hockey team enjoyed a little time off to help clear up some bruises and begin preparations for Northeastern Huskies, who come into town Saturday. In the meantime, however, Black Bear forward and Hobey Baker candidate Steve Kariya had some time to field a couple of questions of the league and where it stands right now. Kariya, who is averaging 1.5 points per game in league play, shares his thoughts on a couple of items centering around the teams, players and the different schemes the Black Bears have faced this season. **Right now, who is the best team in Hockey East?** "It's hard for me to say because we haven't seen BC and a few other teams play yet. I was very impressed with New Hampshire, and Providence also looked good." **Who is the biggest surprise in Hockey East play to date?**

"Certain teams are showing a lot right now and obviously UMass-Amherst is very difficult. Of all the teams in the league, though, New Hampshire lost the most from last year and I thought they might have a letdown, but that's not going to happen." **Who has thrown the toughest defense at the team this year?** "Well, the most frustrating game was the UMass game (a 2-1 loss). We had like 90-something shots and their goalie was outstanding and their defense did a great job clogging up the ice." **Who are the players you respect the most in the league?** "Jason Krog of New Hampshire. He's a tremendous player and I respect him a lot. Also, that Providence line of Mike Omicioli, Fernando Pisani and Jerry Keefe. I have a lot of respect for those guys." **Lastly, if you could play any team in the nation tomorrow night, who would it be?** "Whoever is No. 1 this week. Personally, I like that challenge and I get up for those type of games."

# ATHLETES ANGLE

**He's a fourth-line banger.** Frequently seen on Maine's penalty kill situations and known more for his tenacious style of play, Jason Vitorino is an intricate part to the Black Bears' team defense this year. A resident of Brookline, Ma, Vitorino is a former star at St. Sebastian School where he earned All-League honors. Although he's accustomed to throwing his body around on the ice, this week we keep him in check ...

Name: Jason Vitorino  
Position: Forward



(File photo.)

**What is your favorite pig-out food?** Chicken wings with honey hot sauce.  
**What is your favorite music group?** Beastie Boys.  
**Who has the coolest uniforms in Hockey East?** I'd say BU but I don't like them, so I'll go with UMass-Lowell.  
**What is your favorite TV show?** Beverly Hills, 90210.  
**Your favorite movie?** Good Will Hunting.  
**If you could play any other sport here, what would it be?** Soccer.  
**In 10 words or less, describe coach Shawn Walsh.** He'll do anything it takes to win.  
**Who really runs UMaine?** AJ Begg and his Aspire.  
**Who will win the Stanley Cup this year?** Boston Bruins.  
**Which is better, Canada or the United States?** United States.  
**What is your least favorite dining commons food?** Chili.  
**What is your favorite class at Maine?** Athletes for Sexual Responsibility.  
**And your least favorite?** Calculus.  
**Who is your favorite UMaine hockey player?** Jimmy Legger.  
**And lastly, what is your favorite college newspaper?** The Campus.  
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# Black Bear Sports

Monday, December 7, 1998

• Women's hockey

## Black Bears win first league game



Black Bear forward Raffi Wolf scored two goals Saturday night to help Maine skate to a 3-2 victory over St. Lawrence. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

To some, it might be just another puck. But to Maine women's hockey coach Rick Filighera, it was the perfect birthday gift.

Filighera celebrated his 31st birthday in style Saturday as Maine downed St. Lawrence 3-2 at Alford Arena for its first conference win of the season.

"I can be real happy about this one," said Filighera, holding the puck the way a child grasps a piece of candy. "We are loving life right now."

Raffi Wolf tallied two goals for Maine, while Kira Misikowetz had one, which proved to be the difference-maker.

Penalty killing was the key to victory for the Black Bears, as Maine shot down five St. Lawrence power plays, including two when the Saints had two-skater advantages.

Maine (5-5-0, 1-5-0 ECAC) also had to cope with some line shuffles. With Alison Lorenz out with a twisted ankle and Colleen Baude under the weather, Amy Van Vuren was inserted into the left wing position alongside scoring powerhouses Wolf and Misikowetz.

And it didn't take long for the move to pay big dividends.

Just 37 seconds into the game, Van Vuren, who was to the right of Saints goaltender Emily Stein (19 saves), flipped the puck to a waiting Wolf in front of the net. Wolf then banged it high to Stein's left to put the Bears on the board.

"It was the most important goal, [being] right at the beginning," said Wolf, who now has 13 goals on the season to lead Maine. "We have to play with everyone. The whole team has to get along."

Five minutes later, Maine was put to the test when two quick penalties put the Bears at a two-skater disadvantage.

But with the crowd of 187 shouting "Dee-fense!" and Wolf clearing the puck out of the Maine zone, the Bears were able to kill the penalty.

"When [Wolf] gets a hang of the puck, it's gone," Filighera said. "That's why she's out there."

With her defensive credentials well-established, Wolf exhibited her offensive skills again in the second, rebounding her own shot and stinging the puck to Stein's right for a power-play goal.

But St. Lawrence wasn't about to lie down just yet. Midway through the second, Nicole Kirnan and Caroline Trudeau scored two goals for the Saints in the span of 2:35 to knot the score.

After surviving another two-woman disadvantage, Maine took the lead for good, when Misikowetz took a loose puck and stuck it in the net for an unassisted goal at 3:38.

"It wasn't a spectacular goal," Misikowetz said. "It was just a 'cross the net, jam it in' goal. Amy Van Vuren was behind the net and she worked hard to get it out there, and I just smashed it in."

Kathleen Hedges made 41 saves in the net for Maine, upping her record to 3-3-0. Among the sweet stops was a sweeping glove save off Meghan Maguire's dead-on shot with 10:26 left in the second, not to mention a plethora of saves in the third when Maine was unable to get the puck out of its zone (The Bears had only one shot in the second half of the third).

St. Lawrence outshot Maine 43-22 overall.

"We just kept on saying we thought we were better than them," Misikowetz said. "We thought if we kept giving it to them that we would come out on top. No matter what they did, we just kept on saying, 'C'mon guys, let's go.'"

### Friday — Polar Opposite

Saturday's triumph helped wash out the bad taste of Friday's debacle, as a sluggish Maine team was corralled 3-0 by an equally sluggish St. Lawrence squad at the Alford — the third time this season the Black Bears have been shut out.

Filighera was in a less-than-jovial mood following a game in which the Bears failed

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• Women's Hoop

## If it's any consolation

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus Staff

Following their lowest scoring output in two years against UMass, the Maine women's basketball squad came out of this weekend's Roger L. White Invitational with a split, losing by 21 to Western Kentucky in Friday's opener and beating Ohio by 21 in Saturday's consolation game.

The Black Bears now find themselves at 3-3 overall and will host Rhode Island Friday.

On Saturday, four different players scored in double figures, led by Jamie Cassidy's 25 points, to fuel Maine to an 82-61 win over Ohio.

Martina Tinklova scored 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds for Maine, as Amy Vachon registered 12 points and seven assists.

Freshman Lacey Stone had a breakout game with 11 points, five rebounds and four assists and Kizzy Lopez continued her impressive play with nine points, five rebounds,

three blocks and five steals.

Maine's defense limited the Bobcats to a 21-point first half, thanks to poor shooting as Ohio barely connected on 25 percent of their shots.

The Black Bears capitalized and led by 12 at the break, extending the lead in the second half by hitting for 57 percent from the floor.

Amber Bunce scored 12 points to lead Ohio. Shayla Crawford and Danielle Longnecker each had 11 points, with Crawford dishing out seven assists.

On Friday, another chapter was written in the budding rivalry between Western Kentucky and Maine, as the Lady Toppers limited the Black Bears to just 19 points and eight field goals in the first half in a 78-57 win.

Shea Lunsford scored 19 points to go with nine rebounds, six assists and three steals for 7-1 WKU. Katashia Witcher had

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## INSIDE SPORTS

Nason fires back.

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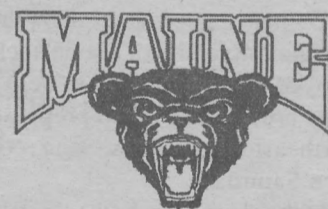
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



RICK FILIGHERA

"We are loving life right now."

— Maine women's hockey coach Rick Filighera, who celebrated his 31st birthday with a 3-2 victory over St. Lawrence for the Black Bears' first ECAC win of the season.



(File photo.)