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# Merry Christmas

## THE MAINE CAMPUS

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### Ride Pool's Results Find New Names

Following are the names of people signing our Campus ride pool since last week. The names of people signing the pool last week will be found in the Dec. 10 issue of the *Campus*.

#### Passengers Wanted

To New Haven, Conn., or vicinity: Knute Nordstrom, Sigma Nu.

To Jacksonville, Fla., or vicinity: Francis Groselle, University Cabins.

To Philadelphia, Pa., or vicinity: Mrs. Sadie Jewell, 34 Forest Ave., Orono.

#### Rides Wanted

To Greenwich, Conn., George S. Davis, 211 Hannibal Hamlin Hall.

To Washington, D. C.: Sid Butler, Alpha Tau Omega; Dick Finch, North Dorm 7.

To New York City: Dick Kellner, 215 Dunn Hall.

To White Plains, N. Y.: Russ Kinaman, 221 Dunn Hall.

To Wilkes Barre, Pa.: Ed Hill, 109 Corbett Hall.

### Davis Wiggin Given Kappa Sig Award

Davis E. Wiggin has been named the recipient of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Scholarship-Leadership Award at the University.

The \$100 scholarship was presented to Wiggin by Dean John E. Stewart during special Founder's Day ceremonies at the fraternity house on Thursday evening, Dec. 10. Wiggin, a senior, also received a distinctive tie clasp as part of the award.

This is the second time that the award has been made at the University. The first award was made to W. Gregor Macfarlan in 1951. Originated nationally by Kappa Sigma fraternity in 1947, the scholarship-leadership award program was set up to "encourage the members of the fraternity to take more advantage of the possibilities presented in the colleges and to reward those who did so."

Plans are now being discussed for the participation of the University of Maine in a junior year exchange of women students with one or more eastern Canadian universities.

Such exchanges, sponsored by the Canadian-American Women's Committee, have for some years provided opportunities for students in other New England colleges to study in and become acquainted with another country at relatively small expense, since each would pay the usual fees at her own university.

Among the Canadian universities suggested have been Dalhousie, Acadia, and Mount Allison in the Maritimes, McGill in Montreal, and Carleton College in Ottawa.

Sophomore women interested in such an exchange should see Miss Alice Stewart in 140 Stevens as soon as possible after the Christmas vacation.

#### Next Issue Jan. 7

The next issue of the *Maine Campus* will be Jan. 7.



Shown enjoying the Christmas spirit in North Estabrooke around the dorm's Christmas tree are, left to right, Ann Thomas, Nancy Littlefield, Norma Bessey, Mary Moore, Marjorie Woodman, Mary Bigelow, and Doris Provencher.

Photo by Johnson

### History Of 24-Hour Cut Rule Shows Things Are Easier Now

BY PAUL FERRIGNO

How do you feel about the 24-hour cut rule? Or are you completely in the dark about it?

The students who object to this rule should perhaps know what the previous cut rule was in order to better appreciate the present one.

In the years before 1947, the rule stated that students who missed their classes in a twenty-four hour period before and after a vacation or school holiday were dropped from the course with the now extinct "F." This referred only to unexcused absences.

In the winter of 1947-48, owing to the work of the General Student Senate and the sympathies of the faculty, a change was made. The faculty agreed that the students' grades should not be determined by anything other than scholastic ability.

#### Two Plans Proposed

At first two plans were proposed. The Senate wanted a non-penalty vacation plan to be tried for one year. The faculty Council on Absences came back with a plan to drop the students one grade for unauthorized absences.

A poll was taken in which the student body voted overwhelmingly—by a 1134-195 margin—to invoke the present day rule. More than half the faculty agreed and the old law was erased.

The new rule went into effect for the spring vacation of 1948. It was a compromise between the Senate and

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### Christmas Recess Begins Tomorrow Noon; Classes Will Resume January 4

BY CHARLOTTE GELINAS

Tomorrow is December 18—and to all students that means vacation, Christmas. It means students forgetting what the teacher has to say during fourth period because they can't help thinking that in less than an hour they'll be on the road again, going home again—for Christmas.

And with Christmas, of course, comes Santa Claus. Maybe some of you wonder about him. Maybe you even question his existence. So to help you decide this most important matter, members of our administration and faculty were interviewed, and they were asked: "Do you believe in Santa Claus?"

Dr. Arthur Hauck: "Yes, I believe in Santa Claus, if you mean the spirit of Christmas—the spirit that makes people think of others and want to make children happy and to think in general of the happiness and welfare of people everywhere."

Dr. Donald Quinsey: "Yes, I believe in him. In fact I've seen him. Because I'm a good boy. I hope there isn't going to be any congressional investigations as a result of this."

Professor Lewis Niven: "Not anymore! I've spent so many years trying to catch up with him—I gave

up hope and became completely disillusioned."

Miss Marion Rogers: "I sure do! Because he's a symbol of happiness which helps us to express the love we have for each other and our dear ones."

Dr. Charles Virtue: "Why sure! There must be a Santa Claus because from the dawn of history the darndest things have happened that can't be explained otherwise. Besides, I've helped finance him. And if there isn't a Santa Claus, I don't know how in the world I'm going to get a new record player."

Dean Edith Wilson: "I believe in the spirit of Santa Claus except when commercialism takes over. I think the whole idea of giving has been commercialized so that sometimes the simple expression of appreciation and affection is lost."

Mr. Thomas Parker: "Of course not. I just suppose I've reached that age where I know better."

Dr. Joseph Trefethen: "I believe in Santa's spirit."

Dr. Alfred Pellegrino: "Yes, I do. Because Santa Claus represents a symbol of human charity—and that is what children need in this world—a spirit of human charity. We all do. Maybe that's why I believe in Santa Claus."

Prof. Herschel Bricker: "Yes, I believe in Santa Claus—the spirit of Santa Claus. Doesn't everyone?"

Al Leo was elected president of Phi Kappa Sigma at a recent election. Vice president is Jerry Beach; secretary, George Palmer; treasurer, Gil Leslie; and pledge master, Doc Harris.

### 5 Co-Eds Vie For Honorary Lt. Col.

Five University coeds will vie for the rank of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel at the annual Military Ball, Jan. 15.

Barbara Arnold, Gloria Trafton, Patricia Gill, Kay Fletcher, and Esther Babb are the candidates.

The Military Ball, sponsored by the Scabbard and Blade, will be held in the Memorial Gym with music by Al Halliday and his orchestra.

Voting for the candidates will take place a few days before the ball.



Candidates for the title of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel to be chosen in January are left to right, Pat Gill, Esther Babb, Barbara Arnold, Kay Fletcher, and Gloria Trafton.

Photo by Johnson



## Union News

The Union presents its first annual Christmas party tonight at 7:30. The program will start with caroling in front of the building.

An open house with refreshments will be held inside the Union. The Modern Dance Club will perform "The Night Before Christmas" in the Main Lounge and Herschel Bricker will read selections from the Christmas story. A program of movies and dancing in the Bear's Den is also planned.

Come and join the festivities before leaving for the holidays. Santa has surprise gifts for all.

The holiday schedule for the Union is as follows:

Friday, Dec. 18 closed at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20 closed.

Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 21-23 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 24-27 closed.

Dec. 28-31 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jan. 1-2 closed.

Sunday, Jan. 3 open at 5 p.m.

## Beta Holds Its 73rd Formal Initiation

Ten men became brothers in Beta Theta Pi last month when Beta Eta chapter held its 73rd annual formal initiation and banquet.

The initiates were David E. Dexter of Lewiston, Ernest Knaus of Mexico, John W. Lane, Jr., of Gardiner, Richard H. Crummy of Short Hills, N. J., Robert W. Upham, Jr., of Rumford, R. I., Harry Reifel of Waltham, Mass., Donald N. Wood of Needham, Mass., Henry O. Hooper of Winchester, Mass., Robert W. Thomson of North Andover, Mass., and Louis A. Cardani of Framingham, Mass.

Speakers at the banquet attended by nearly 60 people included Harry M. Easton of Winchester, Mass., a national vice president and former district chief; Weston B. Haskell of Waltham, Mass., present district chief; and Dr. Harold Boardman of Waterville, Beta Eta '95, a former president of the University and representing the oldest class at the affair.

The banquet was served by Beta wives.



New class presidents are shown at a group meeting held shortly after the election. Left to right, Merton Robinson, junior; Davis Wiggins, senior; Hiram Bronson, sophomore; and William Greene, freshman. Photo by Johnson

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## Lt. Paul A. Paulson Assigned To ROTC

Lt. Paul A. Paulson has been assigned as an instructor at the University of Maine R.O.T.C. unit.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy in June, 1949. He attended the Basic Course at Fort Riley, Kansas, and also at

Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Paulson makes his home in Hamden, Conn., and is presently residing in Old Town, Me.

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## Chimney Flue Fazes Santa At Union

The second annual Christmas party for History and Government majors was held last Monday afternoon in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Union.

The party was highlighted by the familiar red-faced, white-whiskered gentleman from the far North who made a special pre-Christmas jaunt to the University for the occasion. People said it was no other than Gerald Grady, but no positive fact establishes this. Santa appeared to have difficulty coming down the chimney and blamed inexperience with the new Union Building flue.

## Arrows Way Out Front As Christmas Gift Favorites



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Thurs., Dec. 17  
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6:30-8:30  
Feature 7:00-9:00

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"ABBOTT AND COSTELLO GO TO MARS"  
Sat. Matinee 2:30; 6:30-8:27  
Feature 3:10-7:10-9:07

Sun. & Mon., Dec. 20-21  
Doris Day, Howard Keel  
in Technicolor  
"CALAMITY JANE"  
Sun. Matinee 3:00; 6:30-8:30  
Feature 3:24-6:40-8:45

Tues. & Wed., Dec. 22-23  
Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall  
"FEUDIN FOOLS"  
6:30-9:19  
Also  
Ray Milland, Arlene Dahl  
in Technicolor  
"JAMAICA RUN"  
7:40

Thurs., Dec. 24  
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# Looking 'Em Over: Profile Student Union Director Kept Busy As Cook, Dishwasher, Farmer

By JOE RIGO

For a man who first got mixed up with student unions "by default," Nelson B. Jones has stuck with them for quite a while. After 25 years as head of the Brown University Union, Faunce House, he took over the similar post here last spring.

A graduate of Brown, he first assumed management of Faunce House during his senior year. The position was offered him after the resignation of the previous director. Jones, as head of the university's intermural athletic program, was asked "to keep things going" until a permanent director could be found.

By graduation time he had been offered the directorship permanently.

## Unions Established

At this time Unions were first really getting established in the country. As one of the pioneers in the field, Jones was lucky in that the Brown union was sponsored in a large part by John D. Rockefeller.

For four years Jones was president of the National Association of College Unions.

While at Brown he was very active in university and community affairs. At Maine, however, his outside work so far has been limited to his church where he is active in a men's club.

Jones became well known at the start of his career here for the quality of hamburgers he turned out during the Union's opening days when help in the Bear's Den was critically short.

## Cook And Dishwasher

It was through this and many hours put in washing dishes that one of his pet peeves was formed: a strong dislike for the snack bar juke box. He estimates from looking over figures from its operation so far that the machine is going on an average of once every seven minutes from the time the Union opens in the morning until it closes at night—seven days a week. This is aggravated by the way certain tunes reach popularity peaks and get continuous replaying for periods of several weeks.

In off-hours Jones claims fondness for a farm owned by his wife's family



"Quiet relaxation is a fine companion"—Union director Nelson Jones, right, with James Varner, a University student. Photo by Meinecke

at Bucksport. "Quiet relaxation," he says, makes a fine companion for his gardening and woodworking.

He is a conservative dresser and somewhat balding. His appearance, though, gives full testimony to years on Brown's varsity football team.

## Four Goals

Jones lists four goals for the Me-

morial Union:

- (1.) Provide full facilities and opportunity for the best leisure time living for students and faculty.
- (2.) Assist in preparation of programs and activities to broaden interests of students.
- (3.) Hasten completion of full Union facilities.

(4.) Study possible expansion of the Union.

## Student Talent

In achieving these goals, Jones wants to use student talent as much as possible. Feeling students and the Union can both gain from such a system, an extensive student committee system has been set up under his direction.

As more immediate goals he lists first, to make student boards most effective in organization and representation, and second, to complete as soon as possible the game room and food service sections on the ground floor.

The Union, he says, should assume a position of service to the University. Furthermore, it should concern itself with interests of all students, not particular groups.

Most important, he wants a place where students can make the best use of leisure time that they desire. He wants the Union to be a place to encourage and aid the development of new interests and ideas as well as serve ice cream.

Gerald Pendleton, Jr., and David Swentor are recent pledges of Sigma Nu fraternity according to the Interfraternity Council.

David Switzer has been pledged to Tau Kappa Epsilon.

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## Critics Take Notice

At the time of class elections last week there was repeated comment on what a farce the whole thing was. Over and over again there were remarks on how class officers were powerless, how the administration runs everything on campus.

In part this is true. The administration here is a strong one. Yet even more, the complaint is unjustified in comparison with many other similar institutions.

We wonder what our critics would say if they had seen the story in last Friday's issue of the University of Connecticut newspaper. The headline read "Fraternity Rushing Cancelled." It seems several of the fraternities there had been caught serving liquor to freshmen during their rushing programs.

Incidentally, it might be further noted that frats there live in regular dormitories and enjoy little of the freedom of Maine houses. Both fraternity and non-fraternity units are subject to weekly inspections by their university appointed house mothers who make sure everything is in order.

At Maine there seems to be a decided motion by the administration towards putting more power in the hands of students. The student judiciary is the latest example of this. There are others.

As in the past, a great deal of the criticism is apparently from lack of anything else to do. Admittedly, though, much of it is based on justifiable cause.

Yet while there are still dark spots, we can't help feeling the whole situation is heading up, not down.

## S'no Use

As a friend of ours remarked Monday, that snow looked awfully nice coming down in the morning, but then walking back from his eighth period class at 5 p.m., well . . . he wasn't quite so sure.

It is always difficult trying to write something about the weather for a paper. At the time it is written things may be, and somehow usually are, completely different from conditions when the paper comes out. This is true for a daily paper and especially true for a weekly.

At the present there is snow just about half covering the ground. By the time this is read the trees may be budding. It's happened before.

In any case, it looks like it is going to be a very nice Christmas.

## WORO Expands

As a Christmas present of a sort, we understand the campus radio station, WORO, plans to expand its broadcasting area within a month or so to include the greater majority of the University residential area. With this major step the station is to be again congratulated. It has come a long way since its rebirth last year.

## Attention

The Christmas season is here again and with vacation starting tomorrow the entire Campus staff wishes to extend its sincere wishes for a very happy holiday and the best new year ever.

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## Kneeland Prey

### All I Want For Christmas

BY ASHER KNEELAND

Not having noticed many students Christmas shopping this week I've been trying to find out what the trouble is. From asking tricky questions and planting dictaphones in the ladies' powder room in the Union, I've made a complete study.

I hit four students buying presents. One said he had to buy them for his three kids. Another, a pretty young girl, said she was buying her mother a present. The other two, a boy and a girl, were buying each other presents, and doing it hand in hand!

One person I caught coming back from Bangor with his arms full of packages said, "Christmas, hah! These are clothes for me. Some so and so swiped half my stuff."

Two others with their arms full of bulky packages sneered when I questioned them. "What are you? A spy for the administration? These are bottles of milk we got here. Now shove off."

Through by informers and tape recorders I got an impression of those who have not been shopping.

A professor, muttering to himself as he walks down a corridor: "How

can I buy gifts this year? I still owe a hundred and fifty dollars on that 'Jiffy-Cash' loan of a hundred dollars I got last Christmas."

Young male student: "Presents? With my worries? My ranks are slipping. The draft is after me..."

Student with armful of books: "Presents? All I'm giving is right here. The library will never miss them."

Worker at University: "Presents—sure! Not too many on my pay. Vacation?—A couple of days around Christmas."

Several students talking: "All I want for Christmas is to get away from the professors."

Several professors: "All I want is to have a vacation from these students."

Adding it all up I got absolutely nothing. Seeing that I had been using the methods of loyalty checks and some congressional investigations that figured. That's all they ever get.

But I'm dumb or something; when I've found nothing I say so, instead of drawing conclusions.

Instead I'd like to humbly wish: A happy Christmas to all.

## With Malice Toward None . . .

### Progress Report (For Men Only)

BY RON DEVINE

University of Maine  
 Orono, Maine  
 Gentlemen:

Will you please forward this to the student paper. I have a few questions to ask and would the students be kind enough to help me get the answers for my survey. What I want to know is as follows:

Is there a woman President of the United States in our future?

If so, can we expect her to be elected the year of 1972? Or would you say sooner than that? Or later than that?

Are you in favor of a woman for President?

Just picture in your mind some year in the future, a woman president of the United States, a woman vice president, and also an all-woman cabinet. How does that strike you? Does the thought shock you? Or please you?

I would appreciate any views and opinions and can be reached at this address following.

Sincerely yours,  
 Francis Pesek  
 850 Hazelwood  
 Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Francis:

When we received your letter in the *Campus* office I decided to take care of your request personally. I have asked several people prominent on this campus what they thought of the situation you present. Most of them seem to agree that the thought of such a condition in this country is most horrible.

"I knew it!" muttered a government major. "I knew the minute we gave women the right to vote they would start butting into politics. I'm surprised we haven't got a woman for President already."

An economics major was immensely disturbed. "Our economy is shaky enough with men running the government," he said. "What do you think would happen if we let a dame handle our dough?"

## Correspondence

### SRA President Denies Charges Made Here

To the Editor:

Members of the SRA appreciate the serious consideration given the organization in last week's *Campus*. While editorials are expressions of opinions, it is assumed that they are based on facts. Unfortunately, many of the facts were incorrect. Therefore, in fairness to the administration, the faculty, and the students, I am compelled to clarify the editorial.

Let's take a look at the editorial as it appeared.

1. Has the SRA student support? Membership and student financial support is through joining Hillel, MCA, Newman or Canterbury. No additional solicitation is ever made to students. The approach to the faculty is an annual affair. The progress so far is most encouraging. \$367.25 has already been donated with one college unreported.

2. How does the SRA stand without a director? In spite of Charles O'Connor's withdrawal, the major activities have continued. Availability of the Union provided SRA an opportunity to evaluate its position on campus.

Brotherhood Week, an annual national program, compares very favorably with other leading universities. The Freshman Club has been a strong instrument of class unity. An Embassy Week speaker has been chosen for next March. The Book Mart is servicing the students. Community service projects are organized. Social dancing classes in conjunction with the Union are in progress.

3. Why did Charles O'Connor leave his position? He left because he received greater opportunity elsewhere. He wasn't forced out as the editorial falsely implied. He resigned. The administrative readjustment came about after the resignation.

The editor maintained the Book Mart is losing money. This is a student service. A slight loss is the result of too close budgeting in order to serve the students.

4. Will SRA have a director? Yes, SRA expects to have a director. SRA is in the midst of reorganization and evaluation. This type of study is time consuming. If SRA wants a good analysis of exactly what type of director is needed, it can not come to a decision without deliberation and consideration of its future. Pulling together people representing major religions of the world is more complex than the editor implied.

5. What is the future of SRA? Bright! How can it be otherwise with the active programming and commitments previously mentioned. The only dark part is that it needs editorials that meet the real issues. If some unity is to be achieved, support of the press is needed so that no misrepresentation distorts the facts of SRA operations.

DONALD POULIN, President  
 Student Religious Association

When asked if he thought such a possibility could take place in the neighborhood of 1972, a math student said, "I don't think so." He stated that the way he figured it, there was only one chance in 346,569,045 that it could even happen at all.

But some of the women students were quite confident that someday one of the fair sex would find her way to the top. Others thought that a woman President would be nice but doubted if it would ever happen.

Thanks for putting so much confidence in the old slogan, "As goes Maine . . ." So far as I can find out Maine will not go woman-for-president for quite some time, and I hope the nation does not either.

Sincerely,  
 Ron Devine



## Opinionettes

Question: How do you think the food service in the Bear's Den could be improved?



Judy MacPherson, '56—Please improve the coffee!



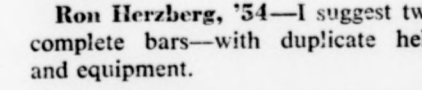
Charles Galbo, '54—I don't think they should serve solid food at all during class hours, or else get more help.



Barbara Mitchell, '56—I think the service is all right now.



Carlton Chapman, '57—I suggest another row of booths right down the center.



Ron Herzberg, '54—I suggest two complete bars—with duplicate help and equipment.

## Cut Rule History Shows Changes

(Continued from Page One)

the faculty proposals. The rule said that any student who misses his last classes within a twenty-four hour period both before and after a vacation would be dropped from the course without a grade. Students who had a failing grade at that time would be dropped with an "E" grade.

**Ruling Modified**  
In December, 1951, the rule was modified to include only cutting of the last class before and the first class after a holiday. This is the rule now in effect.

The rule is not as harsh as it seems. A student regardless of what grade he may have at the time of cutting, will have a chance to explain reasons to his Dean.

The registrar noted, "No student is dropped without a just cause."

**May Present Evidence**

Most students can evade this rule by presenting evidence, either before or after the vacation, for being absent. Excuses for violation may be accepted for a variety of circumstances. Included are: sickness, funerals, weddings, infrequent transportation, essential employment, special church services, official attendance at fraternity or sorority functions and University missions.

## Photo Club To Hold Meetings Jan. 4, 5, 6

The University Photo Club will hold a series of organizational meetings on Jan. 4, 5, and 6, in the Bangor Room of the Union, for the purpose of attracting new members.

The meetings will feature an exhibition of all types of photographic equipment and members of the club will discuss photography techniques.

Later meetings will be directed to help the amateur photographer improve his pictures.

## Maine Outing Club Has Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, the Maine Outing Club held its annual Christmas party in the MOC cabin. Supper was served, after which the members gathered around the Christmas tree and sang Christmas Carols.

## Four Me. Students Honored At Festival

The annual Maine Intercollegiate Forensic Festival was held at the University last Saturday with students from Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Husson, and the University of Maine participating in the event.

Four University students won honors at the Festival. Kay Crozier received the highest rating awarded at festivals, the rating of "superior."

Carl Brooks, Betty Kononen, Charlotte Gelinas were ranked a "excellent" in their respective divisions.

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### SCHEDULE

#### Read Down

Lv. 4:25 P.M. Van Buren  
Lv. 5:12 P.M. Caribou  
Lv. 5:34 P.M. Presque Isle  
Lv. 5:56 P.M. Mars Hill  
Lv. 6:39 P.M. Houlton  
Lv. 7:07 P.M. Oakfield  
Lv. 7:21 P.M. Island Falls  
Lv. 7:36 P.M. Sherman  
Lv. 8:10 P.M. Millinocket  
Lv. 8:57 P.M. Brownville  
Lv. 9:05 P.M. Milo  
Lv. 9:54 P.M. No. Maine Jet.  
Lv. 10:07 P.M. Bangor

#### Read Up

Ar. 2:15 P.M.  
Ar. 1:29 P.M.  
Ar. 1:06 P.M.  
Ar. 12:45 P.M.  
Ar. 12:03 P.M.  
Ar. 11:37 A.M.  
Ar. 11:20 A.M.  
Ar. 11:04 A.M.  
Ar. 10:29 A.M.  
Ar. 9:44 A.M.  
Ar. 9:35 A.M.  
Ar. 8:45 A.M.  
Lv. 8:30 A.M.

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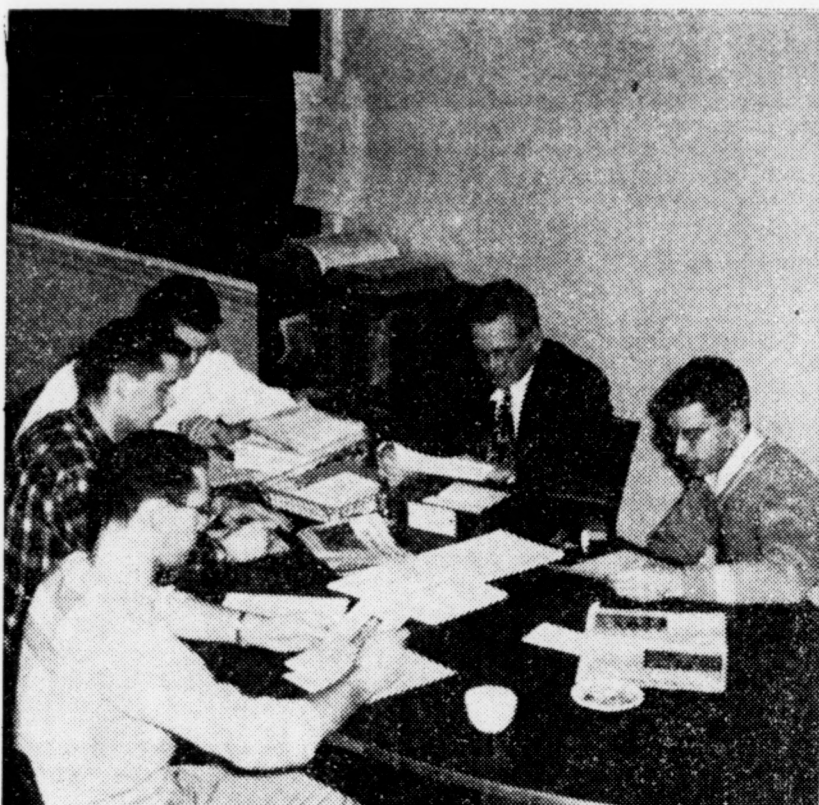
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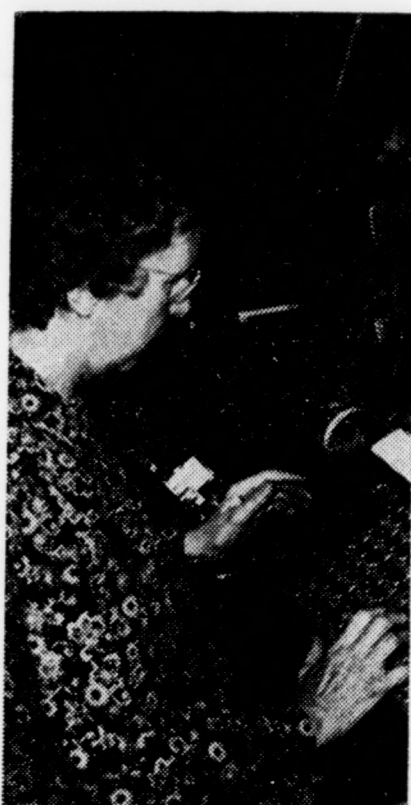
# A Week With "The Maine Campus"



A story has its beginning as a *Campus* reporter interviews a source of news. Here, John Littlefield, left, interviews Charles E. Crossland, director of student and public relations. Next the reporter collects his notes and writes the story.



After his story is written, the reporter turns it in to the copy desk where it is checked for grammatical and spelling errors. Shown are, left to right, Littlefield, Bill Butler, Ron Devine, Asst. Prof. Brooks Hamilton, advisor, and Ralph Clark.



The story then goes to the University Press where Stella Powers, '20, using the lino-type machine, sets the story.



Meanwhile, the photography department takes the picture for the story and prints it in the laboratory. Wayne Johnson is shown.

## 'Campus' Ancestry Dates Back To 1885—Known Then As 'Cadet'

"There are three young ladies in the Freshman class. The cause of co-education is still advancing. Freshman class numbers 23."

This was stated in the first issue of *The Cadet*, the predecessor of *The Maine Campus*, in its first issue August 28, 1885.

Each issue during the first few years contained an average of 15 pages—with no pictures—and an index of articles: "Editorial, Literary, Campus, Personals, Exchanges, Other Colleges, Scientific and Engineering Essays, and Hash." "Hash" was a collection of witty sayings.

One advertisement appeared in this issue featuring "all the choice toilet soaps—Choate's celebrated 'Odonto' (for the teeth)" at a local drug store.

### Student Demand

On Oct. 20, 1899, a letter from the editors was written to the alumni stating: "We are sending you a copy of the first number of the University's new paper, *The Campus*. A demand from students, faculty and prominent alumni asked that the name be

changed."

### Size Changes

The paper's size changed regularly. When first published *The Cadet* was 7½ inches by 10½ inches. Later in 1939 the size of the paper was the all-size record of 17 inches by 22 inches.

When the paper was first organized, it was published the last Friday of each month; in 1899, it was published the "first and fifteenth of each month during the college year." In 1913, publishing dates were Tuesday and Friday.

During the early parts of the century, the editorial office was in Estabrooke Hall. *The Maine Campus*, now published every Thursday, has its editorial offices in Fernald Hall.



After the story and photographs are ready, Hadley Robbins, foreman, and Asher Kneeland, make-up editor, use a dummy sketch of the newspaper to place the stories and pictures into a framework called a chase. From here, the chase is placed onto the press.



After the chase is on the press, trial sheets are run off and typographical mistakes are corrected. After all errors are eliminated, the paper begins to come off the press under the careful eye of pressman Rex Sibley. The paper requires two press runs.



The circulation department, under Bob Artesani, right, with an assistant, folds the two sections of the paper together.



Finally, after a week's planning, *The Maine Campus* is ready to be read. Here, the photographer catches a reader involved in the popular Opinionettes column. Over 3,000 copies of every issue go to students, faculty and alumni.

Photos by Johnson and Meinecke

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# Bear Facts

BY PAUL FERRIGNO

The 1953-54 basketball season is off to a very gloomy start for Maine rooters. Of the three games already played and lost by the Black Bear five, the only pleasure which Mainites could derive was the sensational showing of Keith Mahaney.

Mahaney starting off right where he left last season, has given the Maine supporters, if nothing else, something to look forward to this season. In Maine's three losing causes tricky Keith has swished 60 points through the nets. Thus, the former Fort Fairfield Tiger is sporting a 20 point average.

Most of Keith's efforts have been of the sensational variety, scoring on hard driving layups. He was at his best against a red hot Colby club as he drove 27 points through the hoop last Thursday evening. Mahaney, although only a junior, handles a basketball with all the slick agility of a professional. Having seen many of today's big time ball players perform, we feel that Keith is one of the best ball handlers among New England college basketball players.

Turning to the team as a whole this year, it looks from here as if a rough season is in store for the heightless Maine quintet. However, contrary to the speculation that has been going around campus about the Bears having a winless season, we fail to believe that the squad is of such low caliber.

After watching Maine's great comeback against Bowdoin last Saturday, we were further convinced that the Maine five is not destined for the fate which is probably in the minds of so many Maine fans.

The fact is that the Bear squad is greatly in need of some big men to grab the all important rebounds. The only hope is that the little men will gather up enough fight, as they did against the Polar Bears, to somewhat offset their height difficulties and pull out a few games.

After two stiff poundings at the hands of Vermont and Colby, the Bears seemed to shake off the idleness which had plagued them early in the fourth period against Bowdoin. A small but scrappy crew led by three sophomores, Gus Folsom, Tom Seavey, and Bill Hoch, along with Bert Daniels, who played a stellar game, and Eddy Arnold, completely outplayed a taller Bowdoin team. The hustling quintet, taking advantage of a full court press, cut a twenty point Bowdoin lead to a mere seven.

However, height again won out as Big Bill Fraser, the Bowdoin 6' 5" center, was inserted back into the game. Regardless of the final decision the smaller Black Bears gave the boys from Brunswick a good scare.

This amazing surge brought out the best in Gus Folsom, who drove five markers through the hoop, along with Bert Daniels, a junior, playing his first year of varsity competition, who displayed an amazing floor game. We wouldn't be surprised to see Daniels a starter in the near future.

Bert, the former Houlton High star, fits well into Rankin's control style of basketball. He's a good "heady" ball player, far from sensational but plays a steady floor game. Daniels, while not possessing a dead shot, is a hard driving athlete who seems to thrive under pressure.

We feel that the sophomore laden squad will improve as the season progresses. Smooth ball players like Folsom, Seavey, and Hoch with a little more experience under their belts will develop as the season goes on.

The performance of the Maine Bears has thus far not been too promising, but all indications are that they will come along in better style. All we can do is hope for the best.



Bert Daniels, a junior on Coach Rome Rankin's varsity five, is caught by the camera as he strives to hoop the ball up over the outstretched hands of two Colby defenders at Memorial Gym last week.

Photo by Meinecke



Bob Nixon, captain of this year's Bear basketball team, gets a little extra "umph" from Colby's Lou Zambello as he lays the ball up into the basket to register two points for Maine. The Bears lost, however, 88-63.

Photo by Meinecke

## Bears Face Tough Cage Slate; Play Northeastern On Jan. 2

By MOE HICKEY

It will be a month before University of Maine fans get another glimpse of Coach Rome Rankin's varsity basketball team in action at Memorial Gym as the Bears do not have a home game slated until Bates comes here on January 16 to open up the second round of State Series play.

Maine embarks on their annual southern New England trip immediately following New Years Day when they meet Northeastern College at Boston on January 2. The next Monday, the Bears invade the stronghold of Rhode Island's powerful Rams, and take on another hardwood floor giant, Connecticut, the following night at Storrs, Conn.

The Bears whipped Northeastern last year, 80-75, and appear on even terms with the Huskies this season.

Maine, winless in three outings as the Campus went to press this week, will be facing their toughest competition all year long in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Connecticut's Huskies, which have won the Yankee Conference title five times in six years, are once more a top heavy favorite to win again this year with perhaps the best team Coach Hugh Greer has assembled since tak-

ing over the reins midway in the 1946-47 season.

Despite the presence of only two starting holdovers, Captain Worthy Patterson and Art Quimby, both of whom were all Yankee Conference selections last year, the Huskies have another formidable team.

The Connecticut-Holy Cross game could conceivably decide the top club in New England.

Rhode Island, always a threat to Connecticut's domination of the conference, has back seasoned veterans in Bill Baird and Fred Congleton, a pair of all conference choices, and Art Hellwig, 6' 7", and Dan Dunn, 6' 4", give Coach Jack Guy ample altitude.

### Jim Varner Paces Frosh Over Sophomores, 68-49

Jim Varner's 13 points was the deciding factor as the freshmen came from behind last Saturday afternoon in the field house and handed the sophomores a 68-49 lacing to open the indoor track season at Maine.

The Frosh, paced by Varner, took seven first places in the 13-event meet, scoring clean sweeps in the 50-yard dash, the 65-low hurdles, and the high jump. Varner copped firsts in the low hurdles and the broad jump and picked up three points by placing second in the 50-yard dash.

The sophomores piled up most of their points in the weight events and long distance runs. Pete Werner and Bill Johnson dominated the discus, shot put, and weight throw compiling 21 points between the two of them. Paul Hanson and Paul Firlotte tied for first place in both the 1,000 and mile run.

Last week's action in the intramural circles was marked by a series of massacres. The biggest score of the week was turned in by North Dorm 10, who laced it on North Dorm 9, 86-36.

Meanwhile, the rest of the action in the dormitory league was marked by equally high scores. Dunn 4 pounded West Oak 66-22, Corb 4 dropped Hannibal, 36-17, the Newman Club manhandled North Dorm 9, 63-20, and in the only close game of the week, Corb 1 stopped Corb 3, 44-37.

In the fraternity division, Phi Eta, Phi Mu and Kappa Sig remained undefeated. Phi Eta slammed SAE, 49-34, and defeated Sigma Chi, 59-48. Phi Mu doubled up the score on Sig Ep, 61-30, while Kappa Sig trounced Lambda Chi, 63-48. Delta Tau lost two ball games, to Sigma Nu, 63-24, and Phi Kap, 56-18. In a squeaker, SAE edged Alpha Gam, 50-45, in overtime.

After the Christmas recess, action in the leagues will resume on Monday, January 4, with a full schedule on tap for the fraternity division.

## Meet Postponed; Aids Bear Skiers

If the weather is any indication of how the University of Maine's varsity ski team is going to fare this season, things are looking up for Coach Ted Curtis' skimen.

Unfavorable conditions last week end caused a postponement of a pre-season warmup of the top schools in the East at Franconia, N. H., but that was all right as far as Maine was concerned because one of the Bears' ace skiers, John Knowles, was out with a sprained ankle.

The snows came this week and prospects are bright that the meet will be held this Saturday. In the meantime Knowles' sprained ankle has healed sufficiently to permit the six foot-one inch junior to compete.

Curtis will take seven Bear skiers to the White Mountains for Saturday's meet. Those making the trip besides Knowles will be Bob Irish, Wes Scrone, Ralph Chase, Roy Selland, Joe Lessard, and Dick Morse.

## Women's Sports

By MARGE MEALEY

Basketball practices are in full swing every afternoon. It looks like the competition for that basketball cup is going to be keen.

The new rule changes have made quite a difference in the game of girl's basketball. There are forty-seven in all. These changes are making the game more similar to boy's rules. The rules might make the game rougher and allow for more masculine tactics.

The major changes include new rules on blocking, traveling, jump balls, fouls and tie games.

The blocking rule has been changed to read, "personal contact which impedes the progress of the opponent not having the ball."

The traveling rule has been changed in regard to the pivot. The new rule provides that a player receiving the ball while progressing, or upon completion of the limited dribble, must use a two-step stop.

All jump balls must now be taken to the nearest circle. A player must now have five personal fouls to be disqualified. Tie games will be played off in a two-minute overtime period, ending, if necessary with "sudden death."

### Sports Notes

Hey, gals—the square dance club has a terrific shortage of girls... your support is needed to keep the club going and it's a swell chance to meet people... the ping pong tournament started Monday... Elections are being held for freshman class representative... Janie Barker and Rusty King are candidates... plans are being made for Penny Carnival... Mu Verrill will be in charge.

| National League |     |      |
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|                 | Won | Lost |
| North D 9       | 0   | 2    |
| West Oak        | 0   | 2    |
| North D 10      | 2   | 0    |
| Castoffs        | 2   | 0    |
| Corb 4          | 2   | 0    |
| Ocummo          | 1   | 0    |
| North D 5       | 1   | 1    |
| Corb 2          | 1   | 1    |
| Corb 1          | 0   | 1    |
| North D 6       | 0   | 2    |
| North D 7       | 0   | 2    |

## Within The Walls

ATO will meet Alpha Gam, Phi Mu meets TEP, Delta Tau faces SAE, Beta is in against Kappa Sig, Theta Chi against Phi Eta and Sigma Nu battles Sigma Chi.

### Standings:

| Fraternity Division |     |      |
|---------------------|-----|------|
|                     | Won | Lost |
| PEK                 | 3   | 0    |
| KS                  | 3   | 0    |
| PGD                 | 2   | 0    |
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| SC                  | 3   | 1    |
| PKS                 | 3   | 1    |
| ATO                 | 2   | 1    |
| AGR                 | 2   | 1    |
| LCA                 | 2   | 2    |
| American League     |     |      |
|                     | Won | Lost |
| Newman              | 3   | 0    |
| East Oak            | 2   | 0    |
| Dunn 1              | 1   | 0    |
| Cabins              | 0   | 0    |
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| Dunn 2              | 0   | 1    |
| Dunn 3              | 0   | 1    |
| Twaggies            | 0   | 1    |



## University Society Finds Parties--Dances

BY HILDA STERLING

University students after three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are slowly considering vacation.

As the Holly Daze are approaching, many clubs and organizations are sponsoring parties and dances.

The girls at the Home Management House held an informal party Friday evening. The guests enjoyed singing Christmas carols accompanied by "Slim" Gardiner on the harmonica. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served. Miss Esther Martin was chaperon.

A very successful Christmas dinner dance was held at Estabrooke Hall, Friday evening. More than 120 couples attended the buffet supper served in the upstairs dining room from six to seven.

The supper was followed by a dance in the downstairs dining room with music provided by Al Halliday. The dining room was decorated on

the Christmas theme featuring hand-painted murals and mobiles.

The party was jointly sponsored by North and South Estabrooke and was chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. Donald Quinsey and Prof. and Mrs. William Sezak; guests were Dean Edith Wilson and President and Mrs. Arthur Hauck. Housemothers of North and South Estabrooke, Mrs. Gladys Oakley and Mrs. Ida Sturtevant, were also present.

Bev Heal, Sandy Lapworth, Mary June Renfro and Sylvia Farris were in charge of arrangements for the affair. Cynthia Dunham was in charge of decorations.

Sigma Phi Epsilon held a Christmas party Saturday afternoon for 39 Old Town children. Food packages and toys were distributed and Santa Claus, Capt. Robert Chabot, gave out Christmas stockings. Games were played and Paul Mudgett led group singing. Committees were: decorations, Roger Chick; transportation, Glenn Winton; food and Christmas packages,

Leonard McGinnis and arrangements, Earle Tarr.

The International Club held its annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the JCC Hall in Orono. The traditional Christmas program of the evening included singing, exchanging presents and a social hour.

Phi Mu sorority assisted by Phi Mu Delta held its annual Christmas party for the Bangor Children's Home, Sunday afternoon. Gifts were presented by Norman Schlaack as Santa Claus, carols were sung, and refreshments were served. Marilyn Wood was general chairman assisted by Connie Bennett, decorations; Reta Farnham, gifts; and Jo Owen, refreshments. Pat Twomey and Connie Bennett served.

Delta Zeta held its formal initiation Monday evening. New members are: Mary Pelletier, Betty Tucker, Martha Burrow, Gwenita Knowlton, Christine Hurd, and Betty LaFurley.

Delta Delta Delta presented a musical show depicting the seasons of the

year at the Bangor State Hospital Tuesday evening. Following the program, Christmas carols were sung with audience participation. "Mac" McKinnon was in charge of arrangements.

### House Parties:

Phi Mu Delta (Penthouse theme)—Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Oceanna Yales. Orchestra: Al Halliday. Saturday: Spaghetti feed and jam session. Social chairmen: Paul Rossi and Jim Dunton.

Alpha Gamma Rho (Christmas theme)—Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. David Huntington, and Mrs. Gertrude Hinkley. Orchestra: Jack MacDonough. Chairman: John Pulsifer.

Beta Theta Pi (Christmas theme)—Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. William Wells and Lt. and Mrs. Paulson. Orchestra: Gordon Howe. Chairman: Paul Cyr.

Tau Kappa Epsilon—Place: Tar-

Mrs. Moffat Gardner and Capt. and Mrs. Robert Chabot. Guests: Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood, Dean and Mrs. Joseph Murray, and Dean and Mrs. John Stewart. Orchestra: Bob Jones. Outing: Southwest Harbor. Chaperons: Major and Mrs. Cassidy and Capt. and Mrs. Moffat Gardner.

Tau Epsilon Phi (Christmas theme)—Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. Milford Cohen and Prof. and Mrs. Frank Beyer. Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Burk Dehority, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marasia and Major and Mrs. Raymond Cutler. Orchestra: Al Halliday. Saturday: Supper followed by a jam session and vic dance.

Pinned: Rod Harrington, Alpha Gamma Rho, to Lois Flood; Dick Anderson, Beta Theta Pi, to Pat Knapp, MGH; Jim Orono, Beta Theta Pi, to Wanda Nelson, EMGH; Leonard Nelson, Harvard, to Merle Royte; George Vamvakias, Beta Theta Pi, to Wilhelm Wheaton, EMGH.

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