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# The Maine Campus

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## • Town Council Residents question superstore

By Yolanda Sly  
Staff Writer

It was standing room only, with people even outside the door of the Orono Council Chambers Monday, when members of the community had the opportunity to express their concerns about Rite Aid Corp.'s proposal to build a new store at the corner of Main Street and Bennoch Road.

"This is a workshop of the Orono town council. This is not a meeting. There will be no action taken tonight," George Gonyar, of the Orono town council, said. "This is just a discussion of Rite Aid's hopes of a new location in downtown Orono."

Gonyar informed everyone that this was the first time the council had seen Rite Aid's plans for the new store.

Rite Aid officials said they are willing to work with the community on the structure of the building; however, the company wants to build a drive-thru pharmacy on 11,000 square feet of land. The current store's location is 5,000 square feet.

"Drive-thru windows are designed with the seniors, disabled and parents with children who are



Orono residents raise their hands and slogans in opposition to Rite Aid's plans to construct a new drive-thru "superstore." (Joel Page Photo.)

ill and don't want to bring the child in to the store," a representative said. "The windows would serve four customers an hour."

Bruce Carrier, a real estate developer for Rite Aid, said the new store would offer shoppers the convenience they want with faster checkout lines and better parking. The store would have 30 to 40 parking spaces with a possibility of additional spaces if the store uses the fire house parking lot. The entrances and exits would be on Main Street.

"Consumers want the ease of shopping, the convenience of easy

access," Carrier said.

Carrier said Rite Aid is determined to get the property needed "one way or another."

Carrier said Rite Aid would have a 20-year lease, with five, five-year leases on the store. He also said there are no plans for the present Rite Aid building, which the company is now leasing.

"We'd sub-lease or work out an arrangement," Carrier said. "We have to discuss it."

Rite Aid officials said the new store would cater to pedestrians by having better sidewalks, and possible access to the trails.

"(The new Rite Aid will be) consistent with the rest of the community," a representative said. "It'll have a strong pedestrian and bicycle link to the university. We'll be happy to provide benches for a gathering place."

After the Rite Aid presentation, residents had a chance to voice their opinions and ask questions of the corporation's spokespeople.

"I want to focus on a neighborhood drugstore. I know there is a difference between them and me, we have to live here," Robert Klose

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## • Discrimination NAACP supports terrorized family

By Jessica Lee  
Special to the Campus

The plan was to escape hectic city life, seek refuge in small-town Maine, and live "happily ever after," 25-year-old Regina Perry said, while cradling her 9-month-old son.

Two years ago, Perry's fiancé, Darren Vargas, 31, uprooted and moved from his home in Massachusetts to begin construction on their dream home in New Limerick, located on the outskirts of Houlton. When Perry and the children joined Vargas two months ago, instead of finding what they'd hoped — a new home and a "happily ever after" life — they found a nightmare. Now the Hispanic family wishes it had thought twice before making such a drastic move.

At 2 a.m., Sept. 14, four bullets sailed through the living room of the Vargas' home and ricocheted off their gun cabinet. Nobody was injured. There have been no arrests.

That is except for Darren Vargas. He was arrested for being a convicted felon and having firearms in his possession. That left the rest of the family to face the harass-



Regina Perry and her daughter Desiree listen to the proceedings at Tuesday evening's NAACP meeting. (Jeff Tuttle Photo.)

ers alone.

Filing into Sutton Lounge at the Memorial Union to speak at Sunday's meeting of the Bangor Chapter of the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People, the family exhibited mixed emotions — concern, anger, suspicion and relief among them. The three Vargas children — 7-year-old Van-

essa, 4-year-old Desiree and baby Deyrell — giggled and smiled at the audience of 40 people, too young and innocent to understand the seriousness of the situation. Their uncles, 26-year-old Dennis Vargas and 14-year-old Alfred Perry, however, knew differently.

"I think we are walking dead people," said Dennis Vargas matter-of-factly as he watched his nieces play in the lounge after the meeting.

"We've been threatened, called niggers. We have tapes from sever-

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## • GSS

## Senator proposes AFFIRM alternative

By Yolanda Sly  
Staff Writer

Off-Campus Senator Scott Morelli proposed a contract with the university at last night's General Student Senate meeting.

Morelli said Student Focusing On the Concerns of UMaine Students is a response to University of Maine officials concerning the way things have been handled at the school. It is also a promise to students to change the way things are at UMaine, he said.

"I don't think we should stand for the university telling us how to be run. We should be telling them how to be run," Morelli said. "I hope this document brings student needs to the forefront."

Morelli proposed that GSS sign F.O.C.U.S. and send copies to top UMaine administrators, Gov. Angus King and Oronostate Representatives.

Morelli said F.O.C.U.S. consists of 22 actions to be taken by Student Government. He said he hopes the actions will be accomplished by the end of the spring semester.

Following is a list of some of the provisions of F.O.C.U.S.:

Action number one mandates the Board of Trustees cease tuition hikes and request increased funding from the surplus in the State Budget.

Action number 2 mandate that the administration eliminate Action number 61 from AFFIRM, which calls for continuous increases in tuition over the next several years. This action also mandates that the administration avoid further downsizing.

Action #3 mandates the Orono state representative and Senator to persistently lobby for

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# World Briefs

## • Under siege

### Afghan leader ready to fight

**1** KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — First he commanded an army division for the Soviet-backed government. Then he backed Islamic holy warriors. Now which way will he go?

Rashid Dostum, the warlord who rules northern Afghanistan, is the only man left who could halt the relentless march of the Taliban militia who captured the Afghan capital on Friday.

On Tuesday, Dostum's forces and the Taliban rebels were faced off at a mountain tunnel, about 90 miles north of Kabul. Both sides appeared ready to fight; both have said they might negotiate.

The tunnel is on the Salang highway, a vital supply route for the Afghan economy through the Hindu Kush mountains from the Indian subcontinent to Central Asia.

It passes near Mazar-e-Sharif, the town near the border with the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan where Dostum has his headquarters — and the largest private fleet of warplanes in Afghanistan, left behind by retreating Soviet forces.

Taliban leaders have said in recent days that Dostum — an ethnic Uzbek in his late 40s — is a "Muslim and Afghan," apparently willing to gloss over his past as an ally of the unpopular Communist regime.

## • Transportation

### Environmentalists want more efficiency

**2** PARIS (AP) — They're so small they make a pickup look like an aircraft carrier, but some get 85 miles per gallon or more.

Subcompacts are a spirited sideshow at this week's Paris Motor Show, where the biggest crowds still fawn over the latest minivans and muscle cars.

Environmentalists and consumer advocates contend there's a conspiracy to keep proven fuel-misers off the market. Hogwash, say the automakers — it's just that most people value safety, comfort and style over a teeny tab at the gas pump.

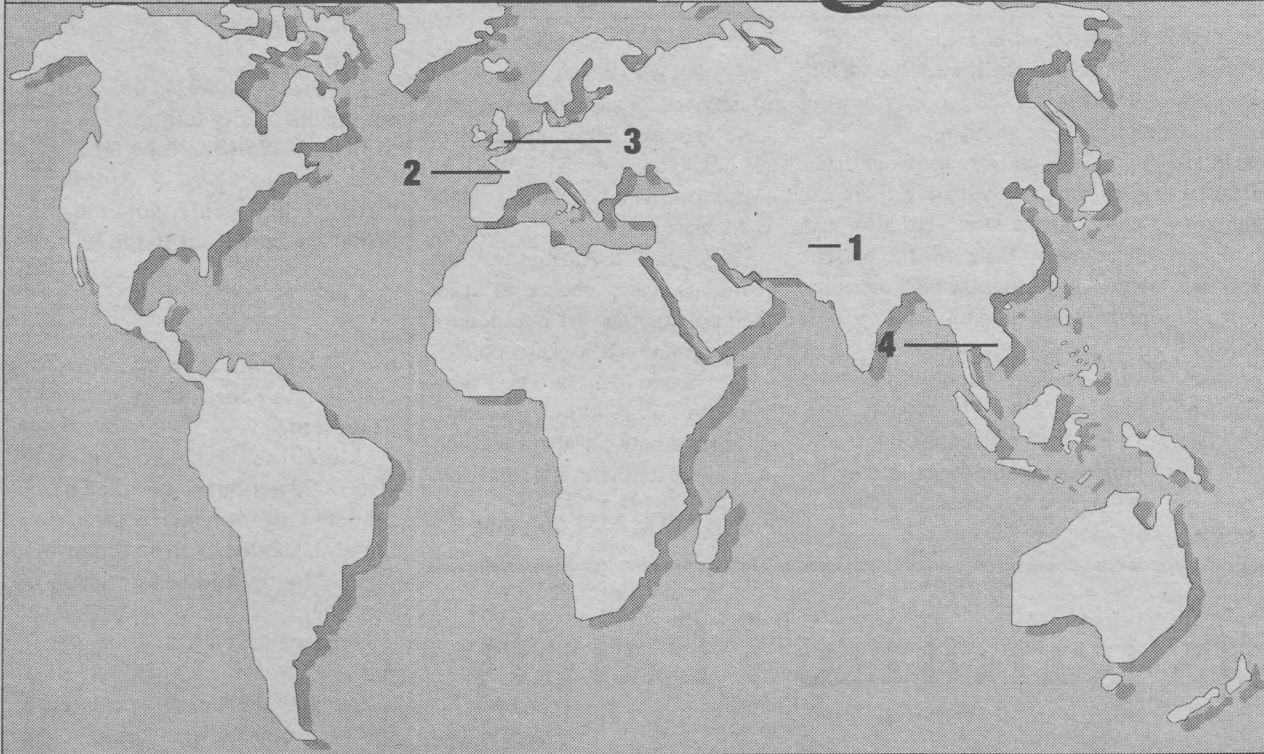
"Every manufacturer can make such a car. The problem is to make one that meets all the regulations, and that is durable and affordable," said Jean-Marc Lepeu, director of governmental affairs for French carmaker Renault.

"Our object is to make cars that the public will buy."

Chrysler Corp. Chairman Robert Eaton hammered that point home in a news conference here Tuesday, announcing a joint venture with BMW's Rover division to make small engines in Latin America beginning in 1999.

The new engines, 1.4-liter and 1.6-liter models, initially will go into Chrysler's Neon. But not in Neons sold in the United States, where gas is cheaper and sales of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles are soaring.

## World Digest



## • Fertility

### British woman faces possible complications

**3** LONDON (AP) — Her doctors say she needs a miracle.

Mandy Allwood, the 32-year-old Briton who conceived eight babies with the help of fertility drugs then peddled her story to a newspaper, was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday after losing three of the fetuses.

She now runs a serious risk of losing more.

Miss Allwood is receiving powerful drugs to stop her overstretched womb from contracting and delivering the remaining five fetuses prematurely.

Now in their 20th week, the fetuses need five more weeks in the womb to have a chance of being born alive, doctors say.

"I think that is unlikely, but we do not give up hope," said Donald Gibb, a consulting obstetrician at King's College Hospital in London. He said these drugs are effective for days, at most.

"I don't normally use the word miracle, but it was something I nearly said to Ms. Allwood" when she gave birth to three boys on Monday, Gibb said. Each weighed less than seven ounces "and would fit in the palm of my hand," he said. They died later.

## • Wiped out

### Heavy flooding poses a threat to rice crops

**4** PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Floods caused by seasonal monsoons have killed more than 80 people in four Southeast Asian countries, forced thousands from their homes and devastated rice crops.

In Cambodia, where 14 people died and another 1.3 million people were affected by flooding, the U.S. Embassy donated \$25,000 for emergency relief. Rice, sandbags and oil were rushed to northern provinces and the capital, Phnom Penh.

More than 568,000 acres of flooded rice crops may be destroyed, Uy Sam-ath, director of the Cambodian Red Cross disaster management department, warned Tuesday.

"If the water level is reduced within the next week, we can expect to see 50 percent of the (flooded) rice crops destroyed," he said. "But if water still floods the land after 10 days, all the crops will be totally destroyed."

U.S. Ambassador Quinn said the \$25,000 in American aid was requested by Cambodia's co-premiers.

"The American people have recently experienced the terrible devastation of floods, including in my home state of Iowa. As a result, we understand the importance of friends helping each other at such a time," he said.

In Vietnam's central coastal province of Ha Tinh, heavy rains and strong winds over the weekend left at least 28 people dead and caused more than \$22.7 million in damage, the Lao Dong newspaper reported Tuesday.

## Weather

### The Local Forecast

#### Today's Weather

Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.



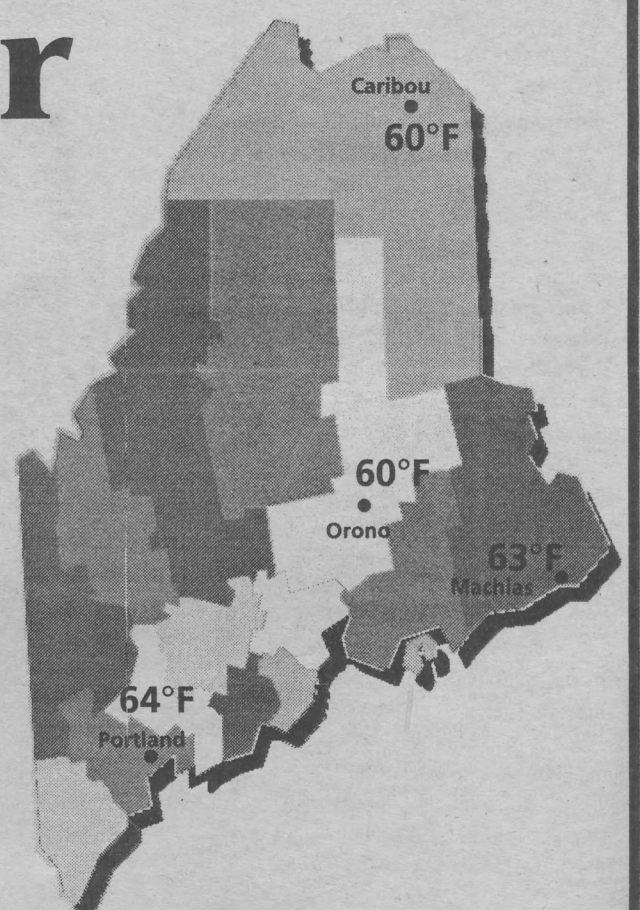
#### Thursday's Outlook

Showers likely early... Then variable clouds with the chance of another shower. Windy with highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.



#### Extended Forecast

Friday... Variable cloudiness and cool with scattered rain or snow showers mountains and north. Fair south. Saturday... Fair. Sunday... Fair.





## • Banned Book Week

## King to speak at UMaine literature conference

Melissa Paquette  
City Editor

Stephen King's literature will be the topic of a two-day conference at the University of Maine next week that will focus on censorship, student choice and the place of popular literature in schools' curriculums.

"Popular fiction is an issue in schools and curriculum development at all levels, and he's a wonderful person to use as a case study because he's so popular across a really diverse range of readers," said Kelly Chandler, a doctoral student in the College of Education and an organizer of the event.

King will be the keynote speaker at

the conference, titled "Reading Stephen King: Issues of Censorship, Student Choice and the Place of Popular Literature in the Canon."

Brenda Power, assistant professor of literacy education, came up with the idea of discussing the issues of censorship and student choice after hearing about a conference in Iowa titled "Reading Nancy Drew."

Power said that in the past King's works weren't considered valuable literature; however, over the last several years, various scholars have begun to assert that some of King's novels do have literary value.

King, who used to teach at Hampden Academy, will discuss all three issues being addressed at the conference during his speech, Powers said. She says his teaching experience has given him insight into student choice.

"He has a lot to say about student choice," Power said. "It really is an interest of his beyond just looking at the literary aspect of his work."

Chandler, who taught English at Noble High School for two years, feels it isn't inappropriate to include King's literature in some classroom curriculums.

"I do think it should be included," Chandler said. "I wouldn't want to prescribe how that should happen." "I think it makes a big difference what the context is, who the students are, who the teacher is."

The conference comes just one week after the final days of the 15th annual

Banned Book Week. Fogler Library and the Bookstore are currently celebrating Banned Book Week.

Sarah Faragher, a clerk at the Bookstore, set up a display in the store depicting a bonfire of banned books.

"It's our way of saying that U.S. consumers have a right to come into our store and buy whatever they want," Faragher said.

The library posted an announcement last week on the FirstClass bulletin board system to make students aware this week is Banned Book Week, said Gretchen Gfeller, an administrative assistant at the library.

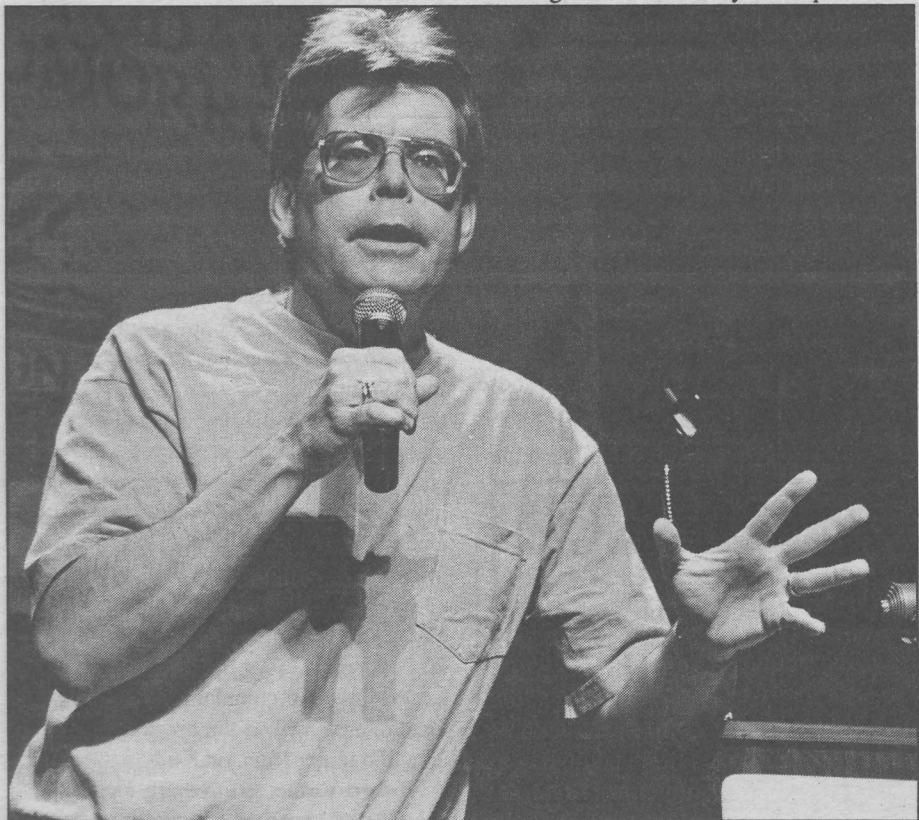
"We did hope it would generate a discussion, and it did," Gfeller said. "Students are going out and reading banned books."

Social Sciences and Humanities reference librarians Christine Whittington and Melvin Johnson set up a display case in the library for Banned Book Week.

"We did put in some books that some people may have concerns about," Whittington said. She said *Little House on the Prairie* was included because some people have objected to its stereotypes of American Indians. *Huckleberry Finn* was included because some people object to its stereotypes of blacks.

Whittington, who has a 13-year-old son who reads some of King's books, feels that it's OK for kids to be exposed to sex, violence or stereotypes as long as

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Stephen King, pictured here speaking at the Bangor Auditorium last year, will address UMaine students next week on issues such as censorship. (Page Photo.)

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## NAACP

al telephone calls and from conversations on the streets," he said.

Regina Perry said she fears for her children, after an incident at Vanessa's school.

"My brother, Alfred, got run off the road last night. They've written KKK on our car, and it's scary," Ms. Perry said. "You know what the state police said? It's silly kid games."

James Varner, president of the NAACP Bangor chapter, said that both the shooting incident and the continual harassment the family has dealt with in their new home are clearly "racially motivated." The family, who doesn't feel safe in its own home, has placed its trust in Varner and the NAACP.

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Wessler, a member of Maine's Civil Rights Unit, was at the meeting to give an update on the situation of hate crimes in the state. He said he couldn't comment on the Vargas

case because the incident is still in the investigation process. He said hate crimes are on the rise in Maine, with 15 cases to date this year, compared to only 12 last year. The office receives approximately 200 complaints each year. He said that the New Limerick case is one of the more serious cases the state has seen.

It has been more than two weeks since the shooting and Varner feels the police aren't doing everything they can to make an arrest and protect the family. The family is suspicious of the police, especially after the arrest of the father.

Darren Vargas said in a Sept. 25 article in the *Bangor Daily News* that a detective has expressed doubt as to how the shooting took place. Dennis Vargas, Darren's brother, said when the police came back to the house with a warrant to search for guns, they made him

come downstairs with his hands up before searching him for a gun. He also said he feels the police think the family shot up its own home.

Dennis Vargas said a description of the vehicle at the scene during the shooting, as well as a license plate number, was given to the police and ignored. The response from the police was that no such car existed. The police told the family to watch out for the car and not to confront the drivers, but to try to get the right plate numbers.

Later, Varner said, "police stopped a car with the same license plate numbers, and gave them a warning for drunken driving." Police attributed the license plate mixup to a computer error.

"This is a double standard," Varner said. "How come these men can brag all over town that they shot up the Vargas' home and not be arrested? And what about the drunken driving incident?"

"Regina and her kids are fearing for their lives," Dennis Vargas said, his eyes reflecting his concern. "And I fear, too."

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## Rite Aid

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of Orono said. "Will you not do this if the neighborhood does not want it?"

The town council said no decision has been made, and if people have views they want to express, they should speak to their council representative and attend meetings.

Concern was also expressed over the type of products Rite Aid would carry in the store, such as products that would duplicate those local stores carry, and products such as alcohol and drugs.

"My fear of a large Rite Aid complex, is losing some of the smaller businesses to Rite Aid, because they're picking up all sorts of products, they won't be able to do business," said resident James Varner, who has a degree in urban planning. "Look at the small stores as friends and neighbors when they are gone. Keep the ma and pa stores in the community."

Dr. Robert Weiss, formerly of the school of Public Health at Columbia University, said, "I'm distressed with the recent campaign and tobacco, with a major drug hazard-alcohol. I learned Rite Aid has the lowest prices for alcohol."

Weiss said he read that Route 2 could hold 15,000-16,000 cars, and currently it holds 20,000 cars.

While some complained about the service, one man liked the service but not the idea of a larger Rite Aid.

Robert Virtue, an Orono resident said, "I value Rite Aid as a drug period store. It's 4.2 miles or seven minutes and 57 seconds from the center of Main and Mill Street to the Old Town store. If you want to go to a huge Rite Aid, go there."

"If you're closer, it obviously takes less time," Virtue said. "As one of the corporate team members said, we're going to get that property one way or another."

When one resident called for a show of hands for those against the proposal, most people in the room raised their hands.

"(This is) very far from being a done deal. This is the first time we've seen this, it's not a done deal," councilor John McDonough said.

McDonough asked what would happen if the town decided it didn't want the new Rite Aid.

Rite Aid officials said they might consider the strip malls. The next Orono town meeting is Oct. 21. Agendas can be received by calling the town hall.

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university issues in August.

Action number 4 instructs a committee to investigate and act on the "outrageous" textbook prices at UMaine.

Option number 6 instructs a committee to investigate and act on the possibility of having a lessened or optional meal plan.

F.O.C.U.S. examines many other student concerns, ranging from the Education Network of Maine, to lighting on campus. A copy of the document is available at the Student Government office.

Sen. Ryan Eslinger said although it appears to be a good document, GSS should read it before signing it and sending it to officials.

Many of members of the GSS saw F.O.C.U.S. for the first time at the meeting.

GSS is currently examining the proposal and will vote on it in the near future. Questions can be brought to the Student Government office on the third floor of the Memorial Union or by calling 581-1775.

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## • Public Safety

## Alcohol, pot mar Family and Friends Weekend

By Yolanda Sly  
Staff Writer

University of Maine Public Safety officials said Family and Friends weekend went well, although there were several alcohol and drug related crimes.

On Sept. 28th, Ryan Straetton of York Hall was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor, Stormann said.

Straetton was charged after Officer Phelps saw him drinking on the front steps of a residence hall, Officer Phelps said in a police report.

Another York Hall resident was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor on Sept. 28, after being warned not to be drinking in the middle of a doorway, Stormann said.

Darren Woodbrey was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor after Officer Phelps warned him not to be drinking in the doorway. Forty-five minutes later she saw him doing the same thing, and he was charged, said Phelps' police report.

Over the weekend there were several charges related to the use of marijuana

and marijuana paraphernalia, Stormann said.

Oxford Hall resident Wade McCarthy was charged with possession of marijuana on Sept. 29, Stormann said. Gardner's police report said the incident occurred in Colvin Hall.

While walking on foot, Gardner heard loud music from the second floor of the building. When walking down the hallway toward the room where the music was coming from, he smelled marijuana. After knocking on the door, someone opened it, and it was then that Gardner determined the smell was coming from the room. Gardner confiscated a bong and marijuana.

In Knox Hall on Sept. 30th, Gardner charged Raymond Payne with possession of drug paraphernalia, Stormann said.

Gardner's police report said he was responding to a noise complaint and as a result he confiscated a marble pipe and bong.

"A lot of our criminal activity is alcohol related, I'm not sure how much can be attributed to drugs," Stormann said.

Stormann said Public Safety examines the reports to determine if someone

was intoxicated or drinking when a crime was committed.

"A lot of times it comes out at the hearing whether someone was intoxicated when the crime was committed," Stormann said. "If they're intoxicated it may be why the crime happened," Stormann added.

Stormann said crimes are handled the same way whether someone was sober or intoxicated when the crime occurred, but officers may make referrals to substance abuse services if they feel there is a dependency problem.

In other news:

There was a burglary at the Roger Clapp Greenhouses on Sept. 23. Two windows were broken, resulting in \$200 damage. Also, two batteries and two high density discharges of lights valued at \$790 were taken, Stormann said.

UMaine field hockey goalie equipment was stolen from a closet in Gannett Hall on Sept. 27, Stormann said.

On Sept. 29, in the Stewart parking lot, a wallet with three credit cards and \$2 was stolen. The person left the wallet in the car with the doors unlocked, according to Stormann.

## Student senate election results

By Yolanda Sly  
Staff Writer

Results of the General Student Senate elections were available as of 3:30 Monday afternoon. Thirty senators were elected to the senate.

Fair Election Practices Commission Chair Chad Sherrets said there were ten vacant off-campus seats remaining, while the only on-campus seats remaining were one from Hilltop District and two from Hancock District.

"Already we have a number of people interested in filling the vacant seats, which looks promising. I intend to introduce a resolution allowing residents of different districts to be appointed to

represent open seats in other districts. The prospective appointee will be required to get 25 signatures from members of the district they wish to represent, allowing for the district to approve the choice," Sherrets said.

Sherrets made the motion for allowing residents of different districts to be appointed to represent open seats in other districts at last night's GSS meeting.

Those interested should see Sherrets for more details, at the Student Government office, 581-1775.

"I'm very happy with the number of write-ins. I wish more people were on the ballot. I was so glad to see so many write-ins elected," Student Senate President Jennifer "Dusty" Doherty said.

## New Senators Are:

- York District
  1. Ryan Eslinger
  2. Chris Barstow
  3. Victoria Curtis
- Stodder District
  1. Richard Eaton
  2. Angela Shea
- Hilltop District
  1. John Deetjen, Jr.
  2. Aaron Harriman
  3. Katie Burke
  4. Open
- Stewart District
  1. Jonathan Duke
  2. Kate White
  3. Mary Anne Milton
- Hancock District
  1. Open
  2. Open
- Off-Campus District
  1. Michael (Cleveland) Hughes

2. Aedrienne (Wendi) Latrina
3. Jonathan Becker
4. Scott Morelli
5. Brian Fanning
6. Shannon Lundin
7. Amy Sczerba
8. Jason Libby
9. Norman Pacholski
10. Matt Bixby
11. Kean Brown
12. Melissa Williams
13. Chad Sherrets
14. They Nguyen
15. Erica Hoxie
16. John McDaniel
17. Open
18. Open
19. Open
20. Open
21. Open
22. Open
23. Open

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## Non-Traditional Student Coffee Hour

"Every Thursday at 3:15 p.m."

Nutter Lounge, Memorial Union

The Division of Student Affairs



## King

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parents and teachers discuss the issues with them.

"I think it's good, first of all, for kids to read things they're interested in," Whittington said. "Anything that gets kids reading is good."

Gfeller said people who attempt to ban books in schools usually want what is best for children; however, she feels that censorship is going too far.

"It is for the individual to make the decision," Gfeller said. "It is not for one individual or a group to make the decision for all."

Elizabeth Paradis, a library assistant, said she doesn't mind that her 13-year-old son reads King's novels. Although she feels that some of King's works are "trashy," she says she is teaching her son a lesson by letting him choose what to read.

"I want him to be able to distinguish between good and bad literature," Paradis said.

More than 200 people are scheduled to attend the conference. Chandler said there is a wide variety of people registered for

the event, ranging from literary scholars to lawyers to students. There will even be a custodian and a postal clerk attending.

"It's an extremely diverse crowd, much more so than you would see at another kind of professional conference," Chandler said. "And the presenters are as diverse as the participants, which is equally important to us, I think."

Among the presenters will be Molly Sinclair, a former English teacher at Mt. Abram High School, who said she was fired after a parent complained about her use of the book *Bastard Out of Carolina* by Dorthy Allison. In addition, Tyson Blue, a King critic and columnist for *Cemetery Dance*—a mystery quarterly—will give a speech titled "Religious Imagery in *The Regulators*, *Desperation* and *The Green Mile*."

In addition to King's speech, the conference will feature discussions, workshops and role-playing sessions. The cost is \$20 for students and \$55 for non-students. Anyone who wants more information can contact Susan Russell at the College of Education at 581-2438.

## The STUDENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUND for Undergraduate Students

will hold its first competition of the academic school year. This fund serves undergraduate students who need financial assistance to travel to meetings/conferences of an *academic nature*.

Applications must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs (209 Alumni Hall) by **October 4, 1996**. Money will be awarded for travel taking place between October 5, 1996, and February 7, 1997. Applications can be obtained from Joan Day in the Office of Academic Affairs, 209 Alumni Hall, or by calling x1-1504.



# Style & the Arts

## • On Shelves

### ‘The Fan’ drives home suspense, strikes out at end

By Stephen Allan  
Staff Writer

With the World Series close, the sports fan in every reader may want to find a good fictitious book about the game.

Peter Abrahams' latest novel, *The Fan*, is a fair blend of the national pastime with a twist of mayhem, but the reader will be disappointed by the hectic and inappropriate ending.

The story, recently adapted into a feature film starring Robert DeNiro and Wesley Snipes, involves one fan's over-the-top obsession with a baseball player. *The Fan*, Gil Renard, constantly calls sports radio in support of his idol, Bobby Rayburn, even as the high-priced talent continues a hitting slump.

## Leold

(leold@javanet.com)

by Roger and Salem Salloom ©1996

*My friend Normie had a talent for finding money. He'd save up and take us all out for burgers and chips all the time.*

*He was depressed a lot. He'd mope around with his head hanging down... looking down, and he'd find money just sitting on the ground.*

*I saw him yesterday. He said for about a year his cousin has been making him go to therapy.*

*He's pretty happy nowadays but he doesn't have as much money.*

*I should be thankful I'm miserable. I could be broke.*



## MOVING PICTURES

Bobby Rayburn is a major talent, but he is egotistical and unworthy of any sympathy from the reader. He believes that because his lucky number is being worn by someone else— a player named Juan Primo, he will forever be in a slump. He tries everything to get the number, including buying it, but Primo despises him so much he refuses.

Bobby Rayburn is not someone the reader will care for. He is the victim of this story, but he is such a lowlife that readers will find themselves siding more with Gil, until he goes completely bonkers.

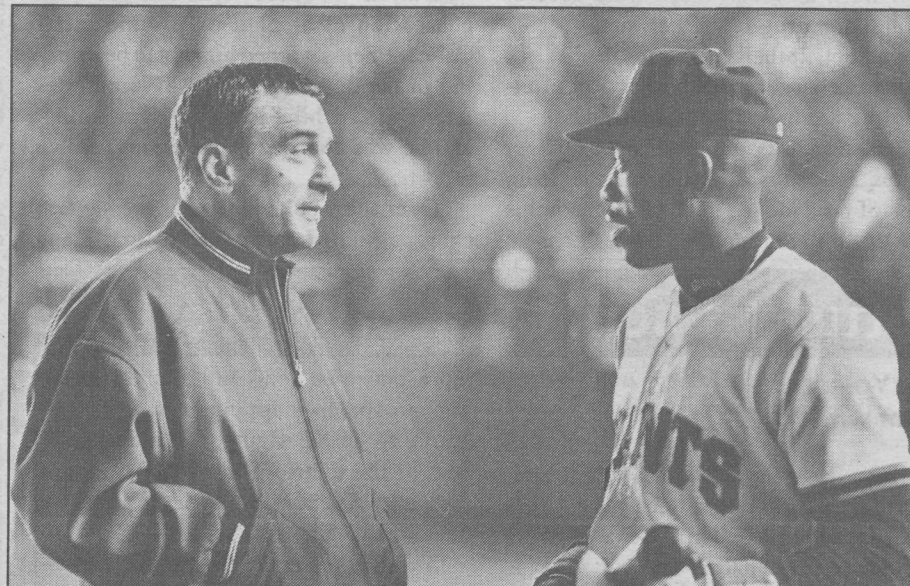
For Gil, baseball is everything, and his real life is quickly dwindling in front of him. His work is suffering due to his lack of interest because baseball is more important to him. He allows it to destroy his life.

At one point he ruins his career and his only human relationship—with his son—when he is obsessed with going to the home opener of the baseball season. His bungled attempt to juggle everything to see the game results in his firing and a court order against him visiting his son. The loss of contact with his son is the point where Gil starts to go over the edge.

Abrahams makes a believable loser out of Gil. He is a demented parody of sports fans who live and die for their teams.

But the novel takes an ugly wrong turn when all the pent-up frustrations of a wasted life create a monster of Gil Renard. He turns from a very mortal loser into a frightening creature who won't let anything get in the way of what he thinks is coming to him, namely a home run dedicated to him by Rayburn in a game.

Gil's carefully constructed personality that Abrahams has created is trashed to render a more scary protagonist for readers



Robert DeNiro and Wesley Snipes star in the film adaption of Peter Abraham's novel *The Fan* a dark tale of obsession. (Courtesy Photo.)

to be glued to.

The only character of the novel worthy of the reader's attention is Jewel Stern, a radio sports reporter. But she, too, is lost within the story. Like most sporting events, the plot is a boys-only club. Abrahams decides the important elements are Renard and Rayburn, so Stern is used instead as a sort of love interest of Rayburn—though the married man has many affairs within the novel. She completely falls under the slugger's spell and has to bed him immediately. This is a complete male fantasy of why any female would have any interest in male sports. The reader is more intelligent than this and deserves more. And by the end, Stern, too, deserves more.

The major fault of *The Fan* is it takes a gradual approach to give Gil enough steam

to blow his top, but that explosion of rage is too quick and far fetched; the reader feels cheated in some way. The ending takes a 'Fatal Attraction' approach of bubble gum thrills and leaves the reader, who enjoyed the intelligent character development, in the dust. A fully thought out figure is reduced to a harsh outline in a matter of a few pages. Gil is too good a literary villain to be allowed into such a tired scenario.

Most of *The Fan* is good, though it seems all for naught. The idea that a thriller must include a familiar backdrop of cliches to find success is wrong for this book. The reader at the end wishes a more intelligent approach had been taken. But, unfortunately, what is thought of as popular wins in the end. Highly intense and coherent denouements are the true victims of *The Fan*.

## • In Theaters

## MOVING PICTURES

### ‘Extreme Measures’ a must-see thriller

By Greg Dowling  
Staff Writer

*Extreme Measures*, the new thriller from director Michael Apted (*Blink*, *Gorillas in the Mist*, *Class Action*), opens with two naked and disoriented men fleeing from a building, looking back every moment to see if they are being followed. One of the men ends up in the emergency room of Dr. Guy Luthan (Hugh Grant), where he shakes, convulses and demonstrates psychological activity. The man desperately tries to tell Luthan what has happened to him, but he dies before he can do so. Dr. Luthan begins asking questions about the cause of death, but the body disappears, prompting even more questions.

Luthan discovers that homeless people are being kidnapped and used in horrifying experimental surgical procedures that will supposedly bring about a cure for paralysis. This facility is run by the mysterious but brilliant neurosurgeon Dr. Lawrence Myrick (Gene Hackman). As Luthan gets closer, Myrick retaliates by trying to destroy Luthan's life. The questions become: How can Luthan prove what is happening in Myrick's facility? How can he escape the crimes for which

he has been falsely accused? And more importantly, is what Myrick is doing truly wrong?

*Extreme Measures* is a superb thriller, but not only that, it's one of the most thought-provoking films of the year. Rarely does a thriller come along with as much understanding of a topic as this one. The screenplay by Tony Gilroy is intelligent, literate and chilling. It doesn't arrive at its answers easily or comfortably, aided by the brilliant manner in which the characters are written.

Luthan is not a hallowed saint who does only what is moral. In fact, by the end of the film, he, just as the audience, can almost see Myrick's logic when he tells him, "If you could cure cancer by killing one person, wouldn't you have to do that?" Grant does an excellent job in one of his first "serious" roles, as he drops his proper English gent facade and allows a true character to grow out of him. Don't get me wrong, I'm as big a fan as any of Grant's British buffoon acting style, but in a role like this, such a performance would undermine the conviction of the material. Here he allows only a controlled amount of his wit come through as he asks a character in one scene, "You're a genuinely creepy person aren't

you?"

Hackman is an actor who is incapable of uttering a syllable without it being convincing. He gives Myrick a human quality that is usually absent in the villains of modern thrillers. Most actors would have been content portraying Myrick as a gothic bogeyman with a scalpel, but Myrick is given depth and purpose. Myrick really does want to do good, but his methods are suspect at best. Hackman brings these elements to the surface of his character with awesome skill.

Apted's direction is on target. He sweeps the film with tension and suspense. Apted has a true eye for character and story development (a dying talent in the film industry), and he doesn't resort to silly action cliches that are common among suspense thrillers. This is not to say *Extreme Measures* is devoid of excitement. In fact, there are several snazzy suspense scenes, but Grant is not turned into a ludicrous action hero to deliver them.

Apted also doesn't make the mistake of allowing the dialogue to become preachy or common. He makes the viewpoints of the characters known through their person-

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## Extreme

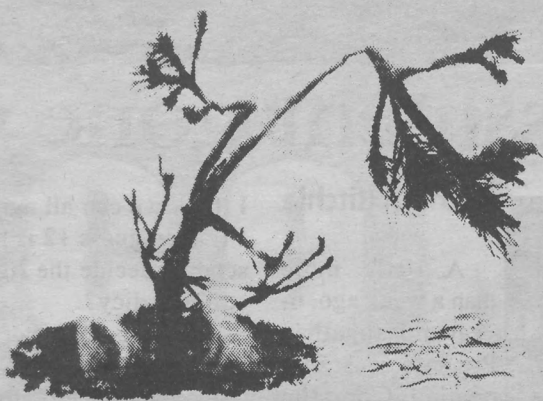
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alities rather than the needs of the script. This is something very few directors can do well, and Apted not only does it well, he does it with style, wit and believability.

All of this brings us to the film's central questions about the reaches of medicine and the goals it sets out to accomplish. Is how the goal is achieved

as important as actually achieving it? Should we kill the one person to cure cancer or AIDS or any other disease? Do we have that right? Should we have that right? These are the questions posed in the final scenes "Extreme Measures," and they are also the thoughts you will carry with you long after you leave the theater.

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## • Things

## Kansas rock did roll

CEDAR VALE, Kan. (AP)—It doesn't take much to create a tourist attraction in Kansas. A big rock will do.

Highway construction crews found such a chunk of earth near this southeast Kansas town. The 140-ton, 40-foot hulk of sandstone is already attracting tourists. And it has even inspired one man to write a ballad.

Construction crews carving out the new path for U.S. 166 unearthed the sandstone slab. The highway contractor moved the stone out of the way and got back to work, but the rock became a star.

"You can drive throughout the whole

United States and see lots of rocks, but you don't see 'em in Chautauqua County like that," said Allen Grunder, the area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The contractor got permission from the state last month to use two bulldozers and a back hoe to stand the rock up in a 10-foot hole. The rock now stands 30 feet high.

Grunder was so moved by the experience he composed a ballad with 16 verses describing the contractor's struggle to move the rock into place.

"I'm not a musician," he said. "I just wrote the words down."



## Hillel



### Jewish Student Organization

Will hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday, October 6. All interested students are welcome. A light meal will be served. Please come and help us make plans for the year!

**Date: Sunday, October 6**

**Time: 5:00 p.m.**

**Place: The Small's Residence,  
48 Pine St., Orono**

Please RSVP by Saturday, October 5, by calling 581-2095. If you need a ride, leave your number and we will return call to make ride arrangements.

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# Editorial Page

## • Commentaries

### Preserve rural Orono

The town of Orono may need several things, depending on who you talk to, but there is one thing it certainly doesn't need. We don't need national chain stores dictating how our town will look, nor do our local merchants need their businesses muscled out by an out-of-state conglomerate.

Monday night's town meeting drew hundreds of people to give Rite Aid a piece of their minds. The national drug store chain that wants to tear down Orono Apartments, which provides housing for students, on the corner of Main and Bennoch streets received an earful from concerned Orono residents who don't want their town to become an extension of the Bangor Mall area.

The laid-back town of Orono has absolutely no need of a drug store twice the size of the one already standing, and in no way are the people there in

so much of a hurry that a drive-thru pharmacy window is in high demand.

The drive from downtown Orono to downtown Old Town (where one of these eyesores already exists) via Route 2 takes less than 10 minutes. If that's still too slow, move to Old Town.

The plans Rite Aid has for Orono would send the town in the wrong direction. Besides tearing down much needed affordable housing and historic landmarks, the identity of a slow-paced rural Maine town would be altered forever by the all-too-common-place corporate race for property.

All small town values and sentiments aside, there is simply no need for this expansion to take place.

The decision is now in the hands of the town council, but the people of Orono are the town. They have voiced their opinions and the council has no choice but to listen. (J. Wright)

### We, the self-centered people

Andy Rooney said on CBS' "60 Minutes" program Sunday he has noticed a decline in the amount of international coverage in news broadcasts in the last 20 years. He dove into CBS' video archives and watched tapes of broadcasts from 10 and 20 years ago. He said the amount of international news during a typical broadcast was twice what it is now.

Although I don't remember how much international news coverage there was 20 years ago, or even 10 years ago for that matter, I do think the majority of Americans are highly ignorant of what is going on in their world.

Many Americans tend to be extremely self-centered when it comes to global issues. They are concerned about what is happening in the U.S., but could care less about what is going on in other countries. They demand that politicians pay more attention to our problems and stop butting in on other countries' problems.

Politicians, especially Bob Dole and Bill Clinton, have answered. As Rooney

pointed out, neither Dole nor Clinton said anything about international issues during their speeches at the party conventions.

Likewise, in the interest of pleasing the audience, thus making money, the networks have pared down the amount of international news coverage in their broadcasts and replaced it, usually, with fluffy features.

Because the networks will do what the audience wants to ensure their economic well-being, and because politicians will stick to the issues Americans find important to win the election, the burden of making Americans more aware of global issues falls to, well, Americans.

There's no reason to be less concerned about what is happening in our own country, but, ultimately, anything that happens outside our borders, especially in Mexico or Canada, will have an impact on us. If this is so, it is time we stop being so self-centered and start paying more attention to what is going on around us. (M. Paquette)



## • Column

### Harassment gone wild



Kathryn Ritchie

A little more than a week ago, 6-year-old Jonathan Prevette was suspended from the first grade for a day because he kissed a 6-year-old girl on

the cheek. His charge: sexual harassment, according to his principal.

That kiss has since baffled the nation, and with good reason. What does a 6-year-old know about sexual harassment? His kiss was obviously not laced with sexual innuendoes. Most little boys and girls would rather kiss a snail than kiss the opposite sex.

The Prevette household has since been bombarded by media from around the world, wanting to get a piece of the little blond boy's story. Mr. Prevette is very upset, and is quoted as saying that anyone who messes with his kids is going to have to mess with him first.

The school's principal has since tried to slightly retract the sexual harassment charge by instead saying Prevette broke a conduct rule of "unwarranted and unwelcome touching of one student by another." Even that sounds absurd.

How ironic it is that this principal is getting her 15 minutes of infamy by charging a 6-year-old with sexual harassment. You just know she's going to be portrayed in the new movie of the week as some evil spinster. I'm guessing she wishes she could take the whole thing back.

I don't understand how this little kiss was sexual harassment when the greeting card industry displays cute black and white pictures on cards featuring little kids hugging or holding hands. Just walk down the framed art aisle of Wal-Mart or Ames and you'll see dozens of these portraits.

I'll bet everyone has seen the picture of the little girl standing in the rain with an umbrella while a little boy kisses her cheek. The fact is, everyone who sees that picture thinks "Aw, how cute." Most rational adults wouldn't think the little boy is taking advantage of the little girl.

While I agree sexual harassment awareness should be taught and applied in school,

I think we can all agree that 6 is too young. I'll even guess 12 is too old. So how should schools decide the right age to apply such a strong policy?

I have a solution. I'd like to propose a new sort of sexual Rorschach test. I don't think you can start charging kids with sexual harassment until you determine when their young minds start to think sexually. It would go something like this:

EXPERIMENTOR: So, Timmy, age 7, what do you see in these ink blots?

TIMMY: A Tonka truck, a dog and a spider.

EXPERIMENTOR: And what do you do for fun, Timmy?

TIMMY: I play baseball and Nintendo, that sort of thing.

EXPERIMENTOR: Great, thanks for your time! Here's a lollipop. Go let Mark in OK? So, Mark, age 11, what do you see in this series of pictures?

MARK: Two naked women on horseback, a woman in the shower with a ...

EXPERIMENTOR: And what do you do for fun?

MARK: I play backgammon, peep through the hole in the girls' locker room, fantasize about teachers'...

EXPERIMENTOR: Ooh! Time's up Mark!

Obviously, conversations like that could never really happen. (Boys like Mark would never admit to playing backgammon.) But I still think the tests could prove useful.

I believe Jonathan's story has shown the world the rules and definitions concerning sexual harassment need to be worked on. Until that point of sexual thinking, harassment is just plain harassment. When little kids exchange hugs, cheek kisses or just plain roughhousing, I think certain adults have to relax and let kids be kids.

There is a certain innocence connected with young children. Just because the rest of the world seems to be growing up too fast, I don't think we should rob kids of their innocence. The next thing you know, this principal will be passing out flyers reporting the Easter Bunny is a sham.

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## MEDESKI MARTIN & WOOD CONCERT



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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

### Luncheon: "Theater for the 98%: Women's Issues are Human Issues"

- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Sponsored by the Women in the Curriculum Program Series • For more information call 581-1228

### On Campus Recruiting

- 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the United Parcel Service (UPS)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

### Workshop: Advanced Internet Searching

- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
- Preregistration required • For more information call 581-1679 or email at [ncurtis@maine.maine.edu](mailto:ncurtis@maine.maine.edu)

### Seminar: "Time Management"

- 3:15 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Memorial Union and the Office of Computer Services

### Lecture: "Sustaining Loss: Art and Historical Witness"

- 4:00 p.m. • 202 Carnegie Hall • Sponsored by the Philosophy Department Fall Colloquium Series • For more information call 582-3865

### Workshop: "Launch Your Career"

- 6:00 p.m. • 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building
- Sponsored by College of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agriculture and the Career Center • For more information call 581-1734



### Concert: Medeski, Martin and Wood

- 8:00 p.m. • Hutchins Concert Hall
- Admission fee: \$10 for students

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

### Workshop: Introduction to Windows

- 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon • 111 Donald P. Corbett Business Building • Admission fee and registration required • For more information call 581-1638

### Video: "Gunsmith Cats Volume 2 & Gundam F-91"

- 6:30 p.m. • 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building
- Sponsored by the UMaine Animation Club • For more information call David Foster at 581-6668

### Live Music: Musicians' Coalition Fundraiser Party

- 9:00 p.m. - 12 midnight • Bear's Den • Live music featuring Mike and the Ketones, members of Chiaband, and Jeremy Potter • Beer with ID • Come join the fun and support local music

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

### Meeting: UMaine Human Rights Coalition and Bangor Area NAACP

- 7:00 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by Student Government • For more information call 827-4493

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

### Seminar: "Terrestrial Migrations of Pond-Breeding Amphibians: Ecological and Conservation Implications"

- 12:00 p.m. • 204 Nutting Hall • Sponsored by the Department of Wildlife Ecology

### Workshop: Scholarly Communication

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
- Preregistration required • For more information call 581-1679 or email at [ncurtis@maine.maine.edu](mailto:ncurtis@maine.maine.edu)

### Forum: UMaine - UVote

- 2:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life • Featuring John Baldacci

### Workshop: Uncover Database

- 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
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### Workshop: Engineering Information

- 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
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### Lecture: "The Ecology of the Shallow - Water Marine Benthos of Antarctica"

- 12 noon • 106 Murray Hall • Sponsored by the School of Marine Sciences and the Department of Zoology

### Discussion: "Inclusion -- No Exceptions, No Excuses: Mental Illness and Americans with Disabilities Act"

- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. • North & South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information or special accommodations call 581-4194

### Lecture: "The Impact of Climate Change on the Distribution and Evolution of Animals"

- 4:00 p.m. • 107 D.P. Corbett Business Building • Sponsored by the school of Marine Sciences and the Department of Zoology

### Meeting: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Questioning Discussion Group

- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Seminar Room, Honors Center • For more information call the Counseling Center at 581-1392 or TDD 581-6125

### Meeting: Health Professions Club

- 6:00 p.m. • 102 Murray Hall • For more information call 827-2204

### Film: "Compassion in Exile: The Story of the 14th Dalilama"

- 6:45 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by M.P.A.C. • For more information call 581-8581

### Keynote Address: "Care-less Society: Implications for Policy in Mental Health"

- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • 100 Neville Hall • For more information or special accommodations call 581-4194

### Performance: Song and Dance Ensemble of Tibet

- 7:00 p.m.
- Hutchins Concert Hall, Maine Center for the Arts
- Admission fee



## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

### Discussion: "Understanding Mental Illness"

- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. • North & South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information or special accommodations call 581-4194

### Workshop: Introduction to URSUS

- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
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### Spooky Lecture: "Seekers of the Supernatural"

- 7:00 p.m. • Hauck Auditorium • Sponsored by the Guest Lecture Series • For more information call Thomas Hinchliffe at 581-1777

### Meeting: Global Links

- 7:00 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Office of International Programs • For more information call 581-2905

### Video: "Out of Darkness"

- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information or special accommodations call 581-4194

### Lecture: American Top Ghost Hunters

- 7:00 p.m. • Hauck Auditorium • Sponsored by the Quest Lecture Series • For more information call Scott at 581-1777

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Faculty Senate

- 3:15 p.m. • Lown Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1167

#### Maine Peace Action Committee

- 4:00 p.m. • Virtue Room, The Maples
- For more information call Anna Allocco at 866-2036



#### Student Alumni Association

- 5:30 p.m. • Crossland Alumni Center • For more information call 581-1141

#### FAROG (Franco American and Francophone Student Group)

- 6:00 p.m. • Franco American Center • For more information call Jason Morneault or Toby Jandreau at 581-6943

#### Acoustic Music Jam

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union

#### Musicians' Coalition

- 7:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • For musicians and supporters of the local music scene • For more information call John Brookhouse at 581-1267

#### Student Art League

- 7:00 p.m. • Basement of Carnegie Hall • Sponsored by the Art Department • For more information call 827-7392

#### Outing Club

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-HIKE

### THURSDAYS

#### The Maine Event

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ

### FRIDAYS

#### Prisoners of Gender

- 3:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 827-8118

#### International Coffee Hour

- 4:00 p.m. • Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-2905

### SATURDAYS

### SUNDAYS

#### Protestant Worship

- 5:00 p.m. • Drummond Chapel, 3rd floor, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by The Maine Christian Association • For more information call Dana Reed 866-4227

#### Sunday Masses

- 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. • The Newman Center, 83 College Ave. • For more information call 866-2155

### MONDAYS

#### Maine Animal Club

- 5:00 p.m. • 2nd Floor, Roger Hall • For more information call Kevin Gerrish at 866-0683

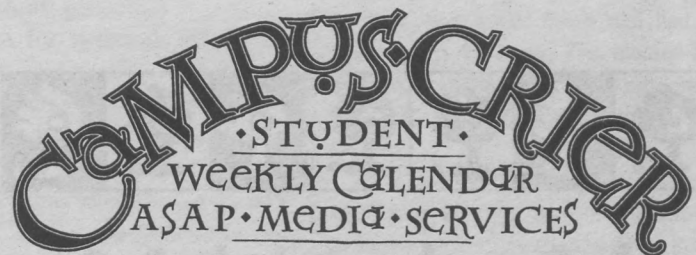
#### Circle K

- 6:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call Cindy at 581-6864

### TUESDAYS

#### InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

- 7:00 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union



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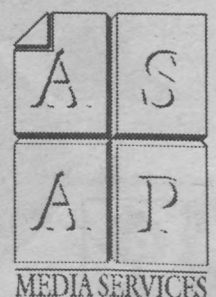
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# Editorial Page



## • Guest column

## Hungry for parking

Dan Namowitz

What's left to be done when a nagging problem has been disposed of by a near-at-hand solution? If the bureaucratic imperative prevails, there is one more thing to do: take away the solution.

And so it came to pass on the University of Maine campus yesterday, when a muddy field located on the other side of the Maine Center for the Arts parking lot was fenced off against parking, leaving countless midday arrivals to fend for themselves.

As I walked out of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building toward the parking lot, I was jolted by the sight of a pale yellow piece of paper stuck under my windshield wipers and flickering in the breeze. I knew there might be a ticket on the car because it was sort of, but not really, parked in a legitimate parking space on the edge of the big paved lot across the street from DPC. "Should have parked down in the Mud Patch," I mumbled, throwing the \$10 citation on the seat.

Next morning. Arrive 20 minutes early, just in case. Cruise through both parking lots, then head for the Mud Patch, which is already filling up (with cars). Hurry to class and take a seat in BUA 325, management, where today we will consider the "Mission Statement" of the University of Maine. It is a grandly worded construct, and I can assure you it says nothing about parking.

The discussion grows lively. To pursue its mission, Professor Pechinski explains, an organization must know its strengths and its weaknesses. A few volunteers express themselves on the university's strengths. Does it have weaknesses? There's a hush until someone says, "Parking."

Well, you could tell a nail had been hit squarely on the head. The masses had been chafing in silence, and now someone had felt their pain, freeing us all to dream of a better day.

I was sure the Bureaucratic Imperative was at play in its wily way. Why else would a parking-space starved institution close a parking lot? A reporter with ink flowing in my veins, I commenced the necessary inquiries.

A lady answered the phone and agreed that trying to find a parking space could be "stressful." Best advice: Forget the search and head for the steam plant by the river. Fifteen-minute walk max to any place on campus. The stock answer to fend off parking inquiries.

This may have to do, but my sense of diminishing returns surely includes a 10-minute drive to school, followed by a fifteen minute 15-walk to same school, with a closed parking lot staring me in the face. So I went to Question #2: Why do they close that field to parking, anyway?

Jackpot.

They always do that, she said. It gets muddy this time of year. "People get their cars stuck in the mud and they blame us." I said the ground would be frozen in a few weeks, if I knew anything about Maine — "The Way Life Should Be." Mud wouldn't stand a chance. She said that if I wanted information about any plans to deal with parking matters I could call the traffic committee. Ever try to call a committee? It's kind of like herding cats.

So at least we know why an institution kept the problem and threw away the solution. What's needed is a way to keep the staff from feeling the lash of blame, or a way to make the Mud Patch a more suitable place to leave a car, and the problem is solved ... assuming the Mud Patch isn't a designated wetland, or an archaeological site, or a historical landmark, or something.

## • Letters to the Editor

### • Rite is wrong

To the Editor:

This past Monday evening, I had the pleasure of attending a town meeting. The details of this meeting were as follows: presently as one walks or drives into downtown Orono they are greeted by Swett's Garage on the left and a small apartment on the right. Then the visitor moves up to the corner flanking a large red building to their left. This building and all the property from the river up are under the eye of Rite Aid.

What has been proposed is a drive-thru superstore more than double the size of their current store. They have decided it is in the best interest of the residents and customers to destroy a long-time Orono landmark, the Katahdin building, and build one of their cosmetically altered salt boxes.

Time moves forward, towns change and the question I ask is: Do we sacrifice our history for the sake of economic advancement, do we sacrifice our cultural milestones for plastic progression? Can it be said with pride that America lost its soul to

a superstore, a fact shown across the nation as a predominant trend?

The men and one woman representing Rite Aid were the only people in the room dressed in suits — corporate America, though I doubt if the suits were Italian — a factor that further set them apart from the townspeople. What surprised me was the relatively low number of university students who were in attendance. Perhaps it is better to do as the ostrich and hide one's head in the sand.

However, when you come up for air, all there will be are billboards and Wal-Mart, a "Blade Runner" reality.

On Oct. 21, the town meeting members will be having another meeting. I urge those who care to step from behind their academic screen and realize that this is what they mean: Hell in a handbasket. The task is in your hand.

Preston M. Noon  
Orono

### • Speechless

To the Editor:

I am angered and outraged by the article "Forest ranger skills prove invaluable in Oregon fire," by Lester B. Smith, in the Wednesday, Sept. 25 copy of *The Maine Campus*. When Mr. Smith requested an interview regarding forest fires, I was excited to share my knowledge and experiences. I expected the interview to be reported in a professional manner, with quotes being drawn from the conversation we had. What I read in Wednesday's *Maine Campus*, however, was far from the truth. I've been misquoted, but never falsified. What appeared in the *Campus* was a fabrication.

I am not, as the article claims, a "student forest ranger," nor have I heard of such a thing. I am the Crew Boss of the University of Maine Forest Fire Attack Team and a Squad Boss for the Penobscot Valley Hotshots. The Attack Team is a local, student wildfire crew, while Hotshots are a professional wildfire crew available nation-wide.

The jobs our Hotshot crew had in the Fremont and Umatilla National Forests, not Malheur National Forest, never dealt with "flames that made our skin feel as if it were melting." Our crew had no injuries not because of direction from unit leaders, but from training. I have four years of fire ex-

perience, including nearly a year of direct training with the members of the squad I worked with while in Oregon.

Never did we work "24-hour shifts in extreme heat, hundreds of insects and carrying 150-pound water hoses over our shoulders." These are topics Mr. Smith and I did not converse about. I have been paid 24 hours for times of travel and evacuation, not work. The weather during our stay was warm and pleasant, far from extreme heat. There were no insects pestering us, especially in burned areas. As for carrying 150-pound hoses, I am speechless. Where, Mr. Smith, did you get these ideas? Certainly not from our conversation.

Lastly, I did learn "the meaning of hard work, dedication and unity after fighting the fires in Oregon." I learned these through years of constant training, prescribed fires and wildfires here in Maine. Firefighters are highly trained, highly motivated and, above all, professional.

False reporting such as Mr. Smith's is appalling. It degrades *The Maine Campus* and the lies printed degrade my reputation and my profession.

Thomas A. Liba  
Old Town

### • Money not well spent

To the Editor:

Senators Cohen and Snowe and President Clinton have recently signed a piece of legislation allocating our tax dollars to some defense projects that are supposed to help Maine residents.

\$3.4 billion to build guided missiles;  
\$36.2 million for making grenade launching machine guns; and

\$1.6 million for research into these guns

Are these expenses justified? Our federal government put billions of dollars into defense contracts such as the one described above, but what do we do with these weapons after money is allocated for their construction? We either put more money into destroying them (arms control) or we sell them to foreign countries so they can blow each other all to hell.

This is supposed to help Maine residents? Our state government cut \$9 billion in disbursement to the university system. Now our university must lay off educators, cut and condense programs and reduce the quality of our institution. The money that went to weapons building could have been allocated to the well being of our state university. I believe this would have been a better alternative for the residents of Maine.

I do not understand how our government can gloat with satisfaction and declare that it's helping us. The building of these weapons is economically shortsighted. Knowledge is a long term investment, which is what we really need.

Education should be a fundamental requirement outweighing unnecessary production of weapons. We need to fight with knowledge, not missiles. They say knowledge is power; maybe our officials need to go back to school and learn that phrase all over again. Strong nations are built on education. We do not need these weapons of war, we need the power of peace.

Jessie MacDougall  
Orono

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# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

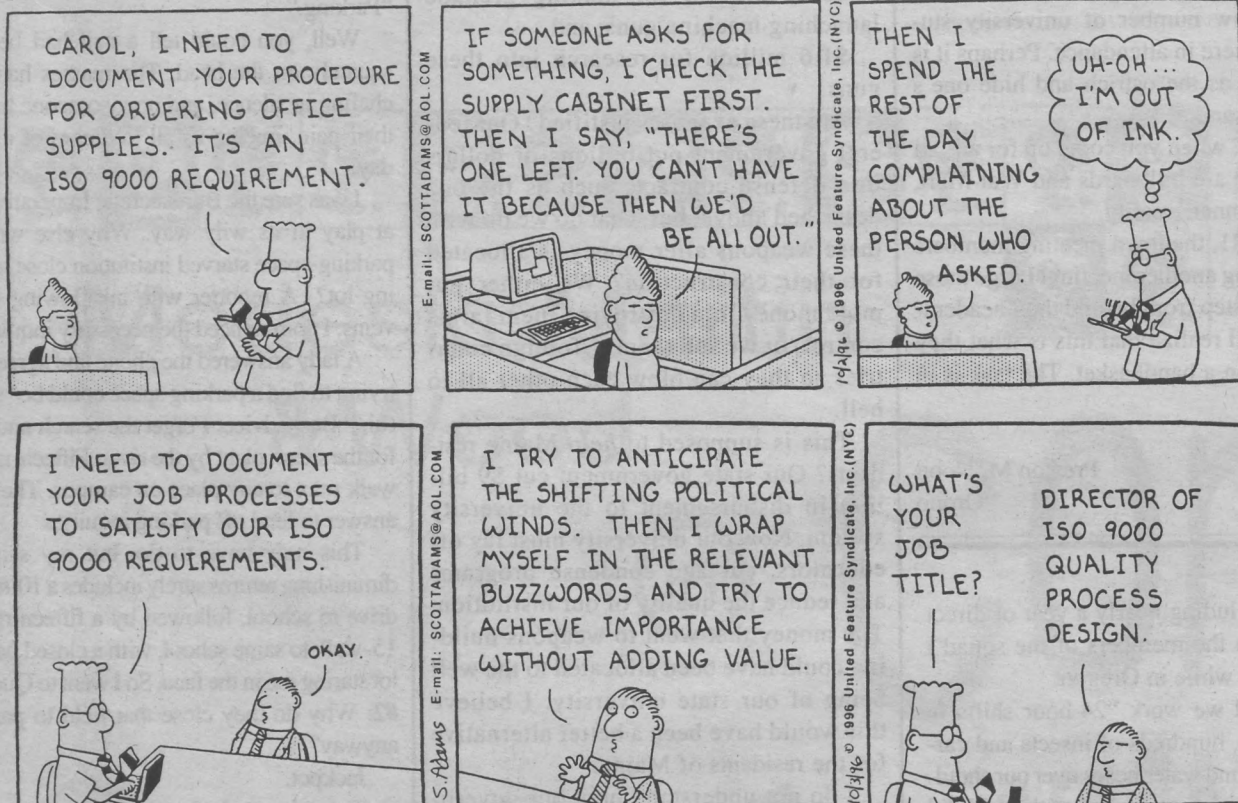
By Sally Brompton

### Cranially Constipated

By Israel Skelton

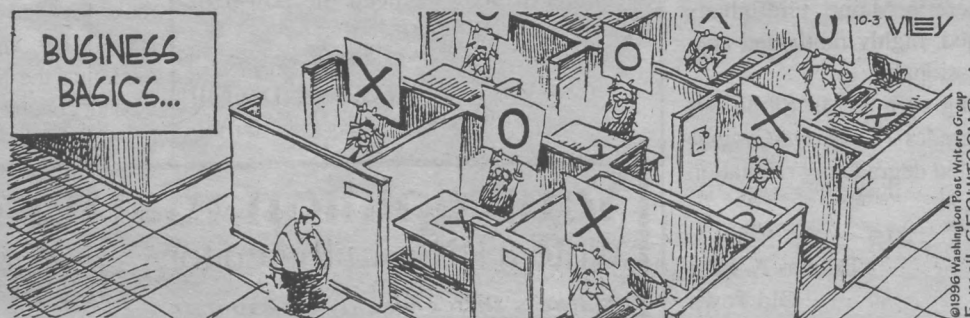
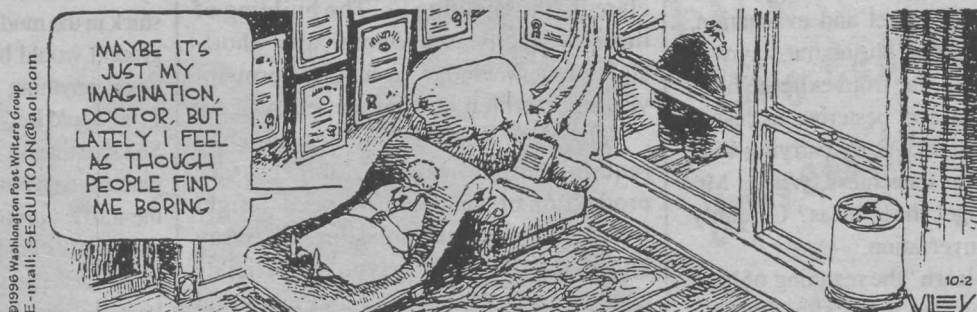


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For Wednesday, October 2

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You are competitive and ambitious, but you won't get your way through force of will alone. You need friends and allies. To get them you will have to be cooperative rather than competitive, persuasive rather than provocative.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You would prefer it if others made important decisions for you, but you know that's unlikely to happen. Planetary activity doesn't mean you're on your own, but it does mean you must decide what to do without outside help. You would be well advised to avoid extremes.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You're usually such a placid individual that it comes as a shock to others when you lose your temper. It usually has the desired effect, so if someone has provoked you beyond endurance, this is the time to let that person see that you aren't to be taken lightly.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Just because something sparkles and shines doesn't mean it's valuable — it could even be a fake. Similarly, just because someone speaks with a voice like honey doesn't mean that person has anything worth listening to. Don't allow yourself to be fooled by appearances.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You may be worried that you have said the wrong thing and hurt someone's feelings, but even if you have there is no reason to lose sleep over it. Some people are a little too sensitive for their own good — they need to be toughened up. Could that not also apply to you?

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** If it's true that the basic trends of your life were determined at the moment of your birth, then it should be possible for you to predict the future. You don't need an astrologer to tell your fortune, you just need to look around and recognize the patterns that are taking shape.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** The practical side of your nature may be determined to be careful, but the fun-loving side wants to have a good time regardless of cost. It's not good choosing one and ignoring the other, because neither approach feels right on its own. You must find ways to reconcile conflicting desires.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** If you find yourself bogged down in minor details, focus on the wider picture. If you find the wider picture too wide to comprehend, focus on something on a more human scale. Generally speaking, the opposite of what you are currently doing is what you should be doing, at least for a while.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** You appear supremely self-confident. Are you really, or is it just an act? You aren't the kind to let your feelings show on your face, which means that others always assume you don't need a comforting word or a shoulder to cry on. But you do — so ask.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** If you don't know the answer to an important question don't guess. Even if you're lucky and get it right, you'll find yourself drawn deeper into something you don't understand. The longer the deception continues, the worse it will be when you're found out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** If you trust your judgment — and you should — then it doesn't matter in the slightest what the experts or the authorities say. If something feels right to you — and it does — do it without a moment's hesitation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You may not deserve to be treated differently, but you do deserve to be treated with respect. If you aren't getting it in your present environment, then it's about time you thought about leaving. But don't make a decision yet. Planetary activity on the 12th will point the way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your future may look uncertain, but that's no reason to run screaming for the hills. How many times in the past have you worried yourself sick about something only to find you could deal with it comfortably when it arrived?



# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, October 3

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You've had enough trial runs and too many false starts. If you are serious about some kind of project, then you must now make a proper start. If you don't, 12 months from now you will be extremely angry with yourself.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You're within your rights to complain if you feel that someone in a position of authority has been pulling rank on you merely for the sake of it. But don't get abusive, or you will lose the support of those who could have helped you.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** The events of the past few days may not have been pleasant, but already you are beginning to see ways they can be made to work in your favor. Friends and colleagues sometimes accuse Taureans of being unable to adapt — this is your chance to prove them wrong.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Yesterday's misleading and disruptive aspect may have left you feeling as if there is no one you can trust, but you know that isn't true. Not everyone is out to get you — you still have friends in high places.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Anyone can be happy with life when things are going right. The true test of character is to be happy with life when things are going wrong. You may be going through a tough time at the moment, but you know the world will turn again.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** Your mind tells you to keep on going, but your body tells you it has had enough. Physically, you're at a low ebb today. The harder you work, the worse you'll feel. Forget mind over matter, on this occasion you must slow down and give yourself time to recover.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** You may be in two minds about whether to accept an offer you have no way of knowing will turn out for good or ill. The fact that you're in two minds suggests your subconscious isn't entirely happy with the idea. You need more information. If you don't get it, err on the side of caution.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Your life has been so fast-moving recently that you've hardly had time to draw breath. Planetary activity indicates that the pace will, if anything, get faster. But you still need your rest — make sure you get it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Ignore any form of criticism today, even if you secretly believe partners and colleagues may have a point. If you admit you were wrong once, they will press you to admit you have been wrong many times, simply to cover up their own mistakes.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Whatever disputes you have with partners and loved ones, sort them out as soon as possible. In a few days' time, you'll get the chance to further your professional or creative ambitions. Don't waste time on minor issues.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You don't have to admit you made an error of judgment to other people, but you do have to admit it to yourself. If not, you will make the same mistake over again. No one is perfect, not even you — so be a bit more forgiving of yourself and don't dwell on the past.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You can't stand people who say one thing but mean another. Whether things they are selfish or stupid is beside the point. They have no right misleading those who are searching for the truth. Don't let yourself be misled today — listen only to your own inner voice.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You may not be as free as you would like to be, but you are as free as you need to be. Whatever your current situation, you can be certain you're there for a reason and have a special role to fulfill.

# Entertainment

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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## New York Times Daily Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Piano part
- 6 Trot and canter
- 11 Jamaica-based music
- 14 Integra maker
- 15 — Joe's (classic sign)
- 16 Tennis's Shriver
- 17 Camel rival
- 19 "— we having fun yet?"
- 20 Linked, in a way
- 21 Persia, today
- 22 Hot mo.
- 25 Weekday: Abbr.
- 26 Gem sides
- 28 Daze
- 30 Small piano
- 32 Reveal
- 33 Whirling ones

- 36 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 37 Golfer with an army
- 38 Six: Prefix
- 39 Banal bit of verification
- 41 Mushroom
- 42 Gully
- 43 Do over
- 44 Gave the wrong impression
- 46 Shepherd's beckoning
- 47 Sot's woe
- 48 Novelist Tyler
- 49 Leaves the office early?
- 53 Schuss
- 54 Dairy Queen offering
- 58 Cool, old-style

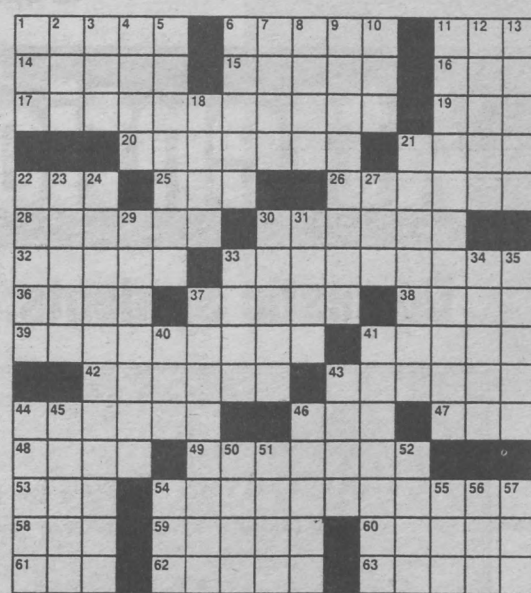
- 59 Mountain chain
- 60 Steaming
- 61 Summer quencher
- 62 Commencement
- 63 Mike with a punch

### DOWN

- 1 Buddy
- 2 Common Market money
- 3 Vietnam's Le — Tho
- 4 Synagogue cabinets
- 5 Tell frankly, in slang
- 6 "— to the Church on Time"
- 7 Switzerland's Gorge of the —
- 8 Medical suffix
- 9 Go on break
- 10 Marie, e.g.: Abbr.
- 11 Be lenient
- 12 Gold standard
- 13 Hymn finales
- 18 Ancient reptile's suffix
- 21 Rink event
- 22 Be — in the face
- 23 In — (unborn)
- 24 Bit of riffraff
- 27 Black cuckoo

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RAZZ HUMPS FLEA  
AREA ENOLA RIND  
FINGERFOOD ENDO  
X MEN SENDER  
GIFTED CASCADE  
SONARS RICOH  
LOTS A TANK FRAS  
ASET ARIES RICH  
PERF LASS PINTO  
OLLIE SEESAW  
ENGRAIN STASES  
DARWIN LOEB  
IDEA FLATFOOTED  
TIER UINTA LUXE  
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Puzzle by Francis Heaney

- 29 "The Pit and the Pendulum," e.g.
- 30 Pick up on
- 31 Stiffly neat
- 33 Albanian river
- 34 Use, as influence
- 35 Physician Jonas and kin
- 37 Environmental problem
- 40 "— had it!"
- 41 Is serious
- 43 Indian music
- 44 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
- 45 Smeared indelibly
- 46 I.Q. test name
- 50 Goals
- 51 Pundit
- 52 Nimble
- 54 Sis's sib
- 55 — Vegas
- 56 Lance of L.A. law
- 57 Perfection in gymnastics

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# National News

## • Negotiations

### Results positive at Mideast summit in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met face-to-face over lunch today at the White House as President Clinton hosted a Mideast summit against a backdrop of mistrust and violence.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry, reporting on Clinton's summit talks on the faltering peace process and a spate of violence last week, said "it was clear they could work together and have the kind of dialogue that could resolve their differences."

The two feuding Middle East leaders also shook hands and exchanged pleasantries in the White House Roosevelt Room before a session with Clinton in the Oval Office.

Even while registering a sharp change in the atmosphere from the gloom the administration projected before the summit, McCurry also said "they are not at the point yet that they are tabling proposals."

Clinton and King Hussein of Jordan left the room so Netanyahu and Arafat could have their discussions in private, the White House official said.

"A great deal of anger, frustration, suspicion had begun to permeate the atmosphere," McCurry said. But over lunch, he said, "the discussions have

gone a long way to re-establishing the notion of trust" that led Israel and the Palestinian Authority into interim settlements three years.

The lunch was held in the White House library, while Secretary of State Warren Christopher met across Pennsylvania Avenue in Blair House with senior Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Clinton was prepared to intervene, if asked, McCurry said, but added that the one-on-one approach is the best way to proceed.

"We are at a very difficult moment," the White House spokesman cautioned. "We have not passed through the crisis."

But, he said, the two leaders were now on a "brighter path," talking over their differences.

McCurry underscored Clinton was not applying pressure to Netanyahu. "Pressure does not work in the Middle East peace process; it never has," he said.

"What we have to do is to create understanding between parties," the spokesman said.

McCurry said Clinton's conversation with Netanyahu was very warm. "It was clear from the body language of the two they enjoyed their conversation," he said.

With the presidential election five months away, Republican candidate Bob

Dole and GOP congressional leaders have urged Clinton not to back Netanyahu into a corner or to isolate the Israeli leader.

McCurry also spoke warmly of Arafat, saying "the president has a great deal of respect for the chairman."

## • Unabomber

### Kaczynski indicted by federal grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP)—Theodore Kaczynski, the math professor turned hermit, was indicted today by a federal grand jury in the Unabomber mail bomb attack that killed an advertising executive in New Jersey in 1994.

Already charged with seven other Unabomber bombings in five states, Kaczynski was named in three counts returned by a grand jury in Newark, N.J., in the Dec. 10, 1994, killing of adman Thomas J. Mosser.

The Justice Department, which announced the action in Washington, said that it intends to prosecute the New Jersey indictment after completion of Kaczynski's impending trial in Sacramento, Calif.

The 54-year-old former Berkeley math professor pleaded innocent in June to a 10-count federal indictment returned in California. It charged him with four bombings that killed computer store owner Hugh Scrutton in 1985 and timber industry lobbyist Gilbert Murray in

1995 and maimed University of California geneticist Charles Epstein and Yale computer expert David Gelernter in 1993.

Arrested by federal agents at his remote Montana cabin last April 3 after an 18-year investigation, Kaczynski was charged by the grand jury in Newark with transporting the bomb that killed Mosser from Montana to San Francisco and then mailing it to Mosser's home in North Caldwell, N.J. When Mosser opened the package, it exploded.

Kaczynski was charged for these alleged acts with one count of transporting an explosive with intent to kill, one count of mailing an explosive device with intent to kill and one count of using a destructive device in a crime of violence.

Like the charges in Sacramento, the first two counts in New Jersey carry a possible death penalty. The third New Jersey count carries a mandatory, consecutive sentence of 30 years in prison.

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# Sports Page

## Sports Briefs

### Eagles search for QB

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Calling all quarterbacks: The Philadelphia Eagles need help.

Coach Ray Rhodes says he'll consider all legitimate prospects, including retired Randall Cunningham, in his effort to replace injured Rodney Peete.

"I've got a lot of candidates," Rhodes said Tuesday after Peete was sidelined for the season during Monday night's 23-19 loss to Dallas. "I got a guy from Valdosta State who called who hadn't played in five years."

Rhodes didn't say who that was, but there were other names tossed around the day after it was revealed Peete will be out six months to a year. He tore the patella tendon in his right knee on a non-contact play and underwent surgery Tuesday.

### Chavez starts anew

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Julio Cesar Chavez emerged from self-imposed seclusion Tuesday to say he will overcome tax and legal problems and return to the form that made him one of the greatest fighters of his time.

Chavez, coming off the worst defeat of his career and wanted in Mexico on tax evasion charges, vowed to solve both his personal and professional problems beginning with an Oct. 12 fight against Joey Gamache.

"I want to start a new life. I want to be the same as I was before," Chavez said. "Those things are done and now we're going to start all over again."

Chavez was quick to place the blame on Mexican government officials and a former accountant for his legal problems, while saying a cut was responsible for his June 7 fourth-round loss to Oscar De La Hoya in his last fight.

### Gretzky stars in soup commercial

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky becomes a little greater this week as the first person ever to appear on a Campbell soup label.

The new Chunky soup label — which hits supermarket store shelves this week — shows the New York Rangers forward in uniform with a hockey stick. It also bears "The Great One's" signature and his number 99.

It was no easy change for Campbell.

"We don't like people playing with the label," Campbell Soup Co. spokesman Kevin Lowery said Tuesday. "That's a big jump."

The Camden-based food maker will formally unveil the new label at a news conference Wednesday at the All-Star Cafe in New York. Gretzky will appear on 50 million labels on 20 Chunky varieties, Lowery said.

The new look is the second alteration to a Campbell soup label in recent years. In 1994, Campbell altered its red-and-white design, the first dramatic change for the soup can made a pop art icon by Andy Warhol.

### • Column

## Baseball heads into new season



By Larry Rogers Jr.  
Staff Writer

How 'bout them Padres!?

That's right, after a 12-year absence San Diego's team is back in the playoffs, just as predicted here in *The Campus* six months ago.

Oh, and what a wild ride it's been for the Padres and the rest of baseball this season. It's been a year when 25 home runs and 100 RBIs are no longer the standards; now it's 40 homers and 125 RBIs.

Baseball is reaching juiced-up new heights, new standards, every day now. Not only in offensive stats, but also in players' behavior and executive decisions. Roberto Alomar of the Baltimore Orioles wanted to see how far he could push it when he spit in umpire John Hirschbeck's face last Friday night. Now the

umpires are saying they'll boycott the playoffs. Alomar says no one is listening to his side of the story.

It's about time for a commissioner in baseball. The game has been without one since Fay Vincent was forced to resign three years ago, and its problems have seemed to escalate since.

Alomar should be suspended for five regular-season games but not playoff games. Alomar is an integral part of the Orioles' success this season and the team and the fans shouldn't be penalized for Alomar's individual act.

On the other hand, Red Sox General Manager Dan Duquette should be suspended from his duties for five years. Can anyone tell me what sense it makes to fire manager Kevin Kennedy? Am I missing something here?

All he did was lead the Red Sox to the American League East crown last year in his first season. And this season he had to work his ass off in the beginning of the

season to straighten out Duquette's idea of a winning team. *Let's just get all the DHs and outfielders we can who can swing a 40-ounce bat and can't play defense*, Duquette told Kennedy last winter, *and we'll pay them millions of dollars each to just hit and not play defense*. That plan backfired and it took three months for Kennedy to right the ship. The Sox sizzled in the second half, sporting the best record in the league. But the Red Sox dug themselves into a 3-15 hole and never climbed out, coming within two games of the wild card at their peak.

Kennedy is known as a hitters' manager and can get his team to hit, but Duquette should've done his part to secure some pitching.

Duquette apparently thought the season was over when he dealt 13-game winner Jamie Moyer to Seattle two months before the season was over for

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### • Football

## UMaine experiments with special teams

By Scott Martin  
Sports Editor

The University of Maine has a few tricks up its sleeves and hopes it can use them to throw a few people off its game.

In the first quarter of Saturday's loss to Delaware, Maine showed off one of its special teams trick plays. After a Chris Binder field goal made the score 10-0 the Black Bears attempted an onside kick and recovered, giving them the ball on their own 49-yard line. Although they didn't score, it gave them an opportunity to put more points on the board.

"The kid (Binder) does that well," Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove said. "He's practiced it all preseason. He's been dying to do it, we've been dying to do it. We've been talking about doing it."

We got the chance and we did."

Cosgrove said the Black Bears have been practicing the onside kick and wanted to use it early in a game if they could.

"We had said that early in the game if we are up, we are going to try," Cosgrove said.

On the kickoff to start the second half, Maine tailback Andre Pam received the ball and proceeded to run a reverse, handing the ball to receiver John Tennett, who gained 35 yards up the left side of the field.

"We wanted to see what they did on the first kickoff," Cosgrove said. "We noticed they were closing in so we decided to run the reverse to start the second half."

Special teams did not particularly See FOOTBALL on page 16



Chris Binder. (Courtesy Photo.)

### • Playoffs

## Orioles jump on Indians

BALTIMORE (AP) — After the umpires showed up late, the Baltimore Orioles struck early and never let up.

Brady Anderson opened Baltimore's first playoff appearance in 13 years with a leadoff homer, B.J. Surhoff homered twice and Bobby Bonilla added a grand slam as the Orioles beat the Cleveland Indians 10-4 Tuesday in the opener of their first-round AL playoff series.

Game 2 of the best-of-5 series will be played Wednesday afternoon in Baltimore.

The Orioles, who set a major-league record with 257 home runs during the regular season, built a 4-1 lead in the opening three innings against the defending AL champions. After Cleveland got within a run, Bonilla capped a five-run sixth with his first playoff homer in 14 games.

Manny Ramirez homered for the Indians, who led the majors with 99 wins this season — including seven in 12 games

against Baltimore, the wild-card team.

Umpires from both leagues threatened to boycott the playoffs unless Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar was immediately suspended for spitting in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck on Friday night.

Replacement umpires were on hand in case the regulars stayed away. The scheduled umpire crew finally showed up, but their late arrival delayed the start of the game by approximately 20 minutes.

Alomar was given a five-day suspension Saturday, but he appealed the ruling. A hearing on the matter is currently scheduled for Thursday.

Alomar was cheered by the majority of the 47,644 fans at Camden Yards, but there was also a smattering of boos. He singled in his first at-bat and finished 1-for-4 with a sacrifice fly.

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### • Red Sox

## Boston dismisses Kennedy despite successful record

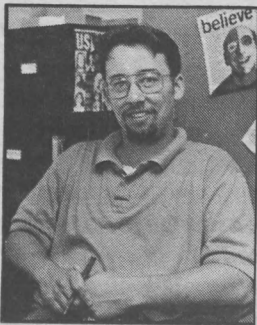
BOSTON - (AP) Boston Red Sox Manager Kevin Kennedy was fired Monday despite a 171-135 record over two seasons that included last year's AL East division title and a third-place finish this season after a franchise-worst 2-12 start. But he did it in a player-friendly style that angered Boston management.

Owner John Harrington was believed to be especially miffed at Kennedy regarding the parting shots of longtime Red Sox Mike Greenwell and Roger Clemens, who have criticized management's hard-line tactics. Duquette blamed Kennedy for failing to win the players over to management's point of view, and said Kennedy failed to address in spring training major fielding failures that characterized the first part of the season.



## • Column

# Personalities shine through in post game comments



**By Scott Martin**  
Sports Editor

You can learn a lot about a person by what they say in a postgame news conference.

For example: after the University of Maine football team trounced the University of Rhode Island 58-19 two weeks ago, those of us at the news conference learned that Ram coach Floyd Keith is an animated man with a good sense of humor.

Before the news conference even started, Keith asked who worked for Channel 5. When he found out, he smiled and said, "Man I wish I had your job today," implying he would much rather have watched this game than have been a part of it.

"(The game) wasn't even close. I think (Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove) has a real shot," Keith said. "You guys (the media) pick him last. Shows you how smart you guys are. You picked me third. You guys are dumber than shit."

Now, if you weren't at Keith's news conference, you may have thought he was bashing us media folk. Being in the same room with Keith, though, you get a feel for what type of person he is. He is just a very animated and amusing person. To look at Keith you'd expect nothing more. He's not a tall man, and is starting to bald. He has a Danny DeVito sort of look to him, and he has a Danny DeVito sort of character as well. He's quick-witted, and has a quick tongue.

Tubby Smith is the complete opposite. He is your typical football coach type. Clean-cut, smart and he hates the media. After his Delaware team beat the Black

Bears 27-17 last week, Smith took every opportunity he had to let me and my fellow writers know he didn't appreciate having to answer all of our questions.

After yours truly asked Smith how important a blocked punt that led to a touchdown two minutes before halftime was, Smith responded, "It was very significant." Then he went on to put in his two cents' worth. "I really dislike writer types, they are always trying to create something. But you're right, that was a turning point. How do you like that?"

Strange how even when a coach agrees with what the media people think he will still try to find a way to bash them. This showed that Smith is all business. He is

the type who just wants to coach football and is good enough so he doesn't have to be accessible to the media. He knows his team will get coverage whether he talks or not because his team is successful. Sounds a little like the Big Tuna, Bill Parcells.

You can learn about people from their comments. The postgame news conference can often tell you a lot about a person. Sometimes coaches and players have the stereotypical responses like "I wasn't prepared" or "We just got outplayed." Sometimes, though, we get lucky and coaches and players let us into their lives and let us learn a little about just who they are.

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Leading 4-3, the Orioles used two walks and a single by Anderson to load the bases with one out in the sixth. Alan Embree replaced starter Charles Nagy and gave up a sacrifice fly to Alomar before reloading the bases by hitting Rafael Palmeiro.

Paul Shuey came in, and Bonilla sent a 3-2 pitch deep into the right-field seats

to give Baltimore a 9-3 lead.

Nagy (0-1) yielded nine hits and a season-high seven earned runs.

Baltimore starter David Wells, who beat the Indians twice during the regular season, allowed four runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings. The left-hander was removed after he was hit on the left ankle by a hard grounder hit by Kevin Seitzer.

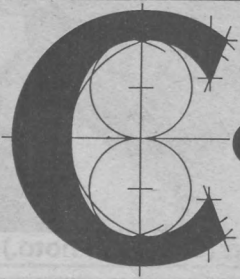
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## • On the fringe

# Tiger follows cash to Australia

(AP) — Being young, talented, rich and successful can have its pitfalls. As much as Tiger Woods has going for him, he still better watch his step. A shining image can tarnish with astonishing speed.

Just days after citing exhaustion and withdrawing from a tournament he entered through a sponsor's exemption, it was announced that Woods accepted a hefty appearance fee to play in the Australian Open next month.

And as if the megamillion-dollar Nike man needs more money, Woods agreed to a \$2.2 million two-book deal with Warner Books — on the condition that he have three to six years to produce the books.

Woods ruffled a few feathers when he abruptly pulled out of the Buick Challenge last week in Pine Mountain, Ga., and walked away from the Haskins Awards dinner honoring him as college golfer of the year.

Stunts like that won't increase Woods' public appeal.

Right now, the 20-year-old is in a marketing league with Arnold Palmer, Jack Nick-

laus and Greg Norman, an astounding fact considering his pro career is only four tournaments old. He has a worldwide appeal enhanced in Asia by the fact that his mother is from Thailand.

Now it looks like Asia and the Pacific — where unlike in the United States it is legal to pay huge appearance fees to attract players — will be the next target in the International Management Group marketing of Woods.

Australian Golf Union executive director Colin Phillips said Tuesday that Woods will play in the Nov. 21-24 Australian Open.

"It is a big coup, this being his first event outside the U.S. as a pro," Phillips said. He refused to confirm a report that Woods would receive \$190,000 to play in the event, more than the \$158,000 Norman is reported to be getting.

"I can't comment on the figures," Phillips said. "It's part of the contract."

The Australian Golf Union runs the Australian Open in conjunction with IMG, which manages Woods, and IMG senior vice president in Australia Paul Gregory said Woods

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outfielder Darren Bragg. Bragg did, however, prove to be a better addition to the team, dramatically improving the Sox defense. It was Kennedy's idea to get Bragg, who saw his new team win 19 of 25 when he joined.

Duquette's honeymoon is over in Boston. He fired Kennedy, and indirectly fired Jose Canseco, who says if Kennedy goes, he goes, too.

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is "very keen to come out" to the Australian Open.

No one at IMG in the United States denied that Woods would go to the Australian Open. His agent, Hughes Norton, told The Associated Press, "I would say that something positive is going to happen."

Woods' certainty of going to Australia was such that his previously reported appearance in the Shark Shootout — the week before the Australia Open — was downgraded to "still up in the air," by IMG.

Woods is also committed to playing in the Skins Game the week after the Australian Open.

The Australian Open would likely be just the start of a Woods' market campaign in the Pacific.

Steven Foxcroft of United Distillers Asia, who is assembling the field for the Johnnie Walker Classic on Jan. 23-26 in Australia, said last week he spoke with IMG about getting Woods for the event.

"While his first priority is to establish himself on the U.S. tour, there's no doubt he'd like a presence in Asia," Foxcroft said.

"This event is the perfect vehicle for him to do that," Foxcroft said, "and we're doing our best to get him here."

One source familiar with overseas events and with IMG told the AP: "If Steve Foxcroft wants to get Tiger, he has the money to do it."

Other Australia events are not as fortunate.

The Heinenken Classic, the week after the Johnnie Walker apparently can't afford Woods.

"We've made contact with him and he appeared interested in playing here," tournament manager Rod Leembruggen said Tuesday.

"If he is getting the \$240,000 (\$190,000 U.S.) to play at the Open, then it would be hard to get him here for less and we won't be paying him that much," Leembruggen said.

"The people at Johnnie Walker also have got an unlimited budget, but unfortunately we haven't," he said.

Warner Books apparently went deep into its pockets to land Woods and it was willing to wait a while to get a return on its investment.

Just a week after virtually everyone involved in Team Tiger said they didn't want the distractions of working on a book to take away from Woods' focus on golf, IMG negotiated a two-book deal for Woods with Warner Books.

The key factor was that Woods has three to six years to produce an instructional book and biography, a source told the AP. The source also said the deal was worth \$2.2 million and it would be announced early next week at the latest.

"We are not going to comment on any financial details or comment upon any speculation," IMG publicist Bev Norwood said.

Unfortunately for Woods, public speculation on the financial details of his life will follow him throughout his career. He better make certain the public understands that it's golf that matters most to him.

## • Boxing

## Tyson ordered to pay Rooney

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Mike Tyson lost a costly decision to the man who helped him prepare for some of his most memorable victories.

A federal court jury on Monday ordered the heavyweight champion to pay former trainer Kevin Rooney \$4.4 million for unjustly firing him eight years ago. Rooney had sued for \$49 million, claiming Tyson breached a lifetime contract.

Angry Tyson supporters, led by Rev. Al Sharpton and boxing promoter Don King, chanted "No justice, no peace" after the verdict and claimed the all-white jury verdict was racially motivated. Tyson is black and Rooney is white.

Tyson, who said he would appeal, would not comment when asked if the decision was racially biased. But he said jurors can't fathom a man who just left prison making millions of dollars, and that it's hard for middle class white people to like rich black men.

"They think they're doing good justice — 'Well, he's making good money, why

don't we just give this guy some money,'" Tyson said. "I resent it."

"I felt like I was discriminated against because of my financial situation."

During the trial, Rooney could produce no written contract with Tyson to train the boxer. But he argued that the arrangement was established by Tyson's mentor, the late Cus D'Amato, when Rooney started to work with the teen-ager in 1982.

D'Amato died in 1985. Tyson's former manager Bill Cayton testified that he and partner Jim Jacobs, who took over Tyson's affairs after D'Amato died, continued the arrangement.

In its verdict, the jury did not determine the duration of the contract between Rooney and Tyson and ruled that the trainer should not get any money from future fight purses. But it did rule that Tyson had broken a legal contract and had fired Rooney without just cause.

Rooney said he was satisfied with the

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## • NCAA

## Gators grapple over agent

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The shoe could be on the other foot.

Steve Spurrier once referred to Florida State as "Free Shoes University" because some of its players accepted Foot Locker store merchandise that was paid for by sports agents.

On the same day the NCAA upheld the Seminoles' one-year probation for not monitoring agents on campus, Florida was trying to make sure left tackle Mo Collins was the only player who accepted money from an agent's representative.

"If there is and we find out about it, they won't play either," Spurrier said at his weekly news conference.

Collins, a redshirt sophomore who has started every game for the top-ranked Gators, was held out of the 65-0 victory over Kentucky on Saturday when school officials learned he took \$500 shortly after the Fiesta Bowl from someone affiliated with an agent.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley said the Gators' first three victories, including a pivotal win over Tennessee, would not be in jeopardy because the school did not know Collins took the money.

"I would not say I'm surprised it happened here," Foley said. "When Florida State was going through its troubles, I said that the University of Florida would be naive if we did not think that could happen here."

"When you compete at the highest level, it can happen. And obviously, it has happened here now."

To what extent will be determined by an investigation that Foley said would take up to five weeks. He said he could not discuss specifics, but "information we have developed so far indicates it is an isolated incident."

Spurrier, shooting for an unprecedented fourth straight Southeastern Conference cham-

pionship, shrugged it off.

"It really hasn't bothered me that much," he said. "If you coach long enough in college, maybe this will happen."

He also seemed unconcerned about the effect of Collins' ineligibility. Spurrier is having to reshape nearly his entire offensive line as the Gators prepare for a crucial stretch of the season.

The Gators play at Arkansas on Saturday, then play consecutive home games against No. 14 LSU and No. 20 Auburn.

Right tackle Zach Pillar will move to left tackle to replace Collins. Ryan Kalich will move from left guard to right guard, Donnie Young will move from right guard to right tackle and Carlisle Cooper, who replaced Collins on Saturday, will start at left guard.

"We're not making much of it, I can assure you that," Spurrier said. "We've got other players. The rules are you can put 11 out there at a time, and we've got 11 ready to play."

"We played the whole game last week with Mo out of there. We can play again."

Spurrier was more distraught over the knee injury defensive end Willie Cohens suffered against Kentucky. Cohens is scheduled to have surgery this week and will likely miss the rest of the year.

"He certainly didn't choose that injury to occur, whereas Mo's situation, he chose to accept some money," Spurrier said. "Wherever it came from, we'll let the investigation take care of that."

Collins was in the training room Tuesday and declined to talk to reporters. He is still eligible to practice with the Gators. Foley said depending on what the investigation concludes, Florida can apply to have him reinstated.

"I'm not saying we will do that," Foley said.

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## Football

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shine in last Saturday's game. Two Maine punts were blocked and Binder missed two field goals. The Black Bears also blocked a field goal attempt and a point-after attempt. But Maine's trick plays proved to be a success.

"Those are just game plan things we've been wanting to do," Cosgrove said. "It's not just coming off anyone's noggin or anything like that."

The Black Bears' success didn't surprise Cosgrove either.

"The kid's been working on that on-side kick and we've never fumbled that damn reverse, have we?" Cosgrove asked

fullback Bob Jameson, who said no.

**Jameson rises:** Jameson had another big day Saturday, gaining 125 yards on 26 carries, and earning a spot on the Yankee Conference honor roll. Jameson has gained 552 yards on 110 carries in five games this season. He has also scored eight touchdowns.

"The O-line did a great job opening holes for me (Saturday)," Jameson said.

Jameson has moved into fifth place on the Maine career rushing list with 2,243 yards on 483 carries. He passed Black Bear running backs coach Ben Sirmans on his second carry Saturday.

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## Tyson

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award of \$4,415,651.

"They just tried to throw me away like I was a piece of garbage, just kick me out as if I didn't exist and didn't help (Tyson)," said Rooney, who declared bankruptcy in 1992, and said he needed about \$1 million to clear gambling and tax debts.

Tyson said he had fired Rooney after being angered by the trainer's televised comments about Tyson's marriage to actress Robin Givens and his contract dispute with Cayton.

The jury deliberated about nine hours last Thursday and Monday, coming back into court twice to re-hear evidence — once to see Rooney's televised interview that triggered the firing and another to hear Ty-

son explain his decision.

King, who grew close to Tyson following his estrangement from Cayton, Rooney and the 1988 death of Jacobs, called the verdict a "terrible thing."

"I think it's a very sad day for my country," King said. "I love my country and this is just a further way of dividing it."

Sharpton said the decision was racist and set a dangerous precedent of someone claiming a portion of a person's income without benefit of a written contract.

"An all-white jury has just robbed Mike Tyson of human status," Sharpton said of the decision by the jury of five women and three men.

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