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• GSS

Bookstore committee delays further action

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine will be conducting a self-study in preparation for its upcoming accreditation.

"It's a very positive opportunity to look at ourselves and see what we can do better," Douglas Gelinas, vice provost for undergraduate education, said at a meeting of the General Student Senate.

Gelinas said the accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges will take place in April, 1999. The review occurs every ten years.

"What we have to do between now and then is take a look at each one of those accreditation standards," he said.

Gelinas said the university will form committees to evaluate how the school matches up in each standard. The committees will post drafts of their conclusions on First Class. They also plan to have open meetings to discuss their findings.

"Hopefully we will have a complete draft by this summer," he said.

The senate voted to dissolve the University Survey and Award Board because of its cost.

"If we can get access to university surveys, we can just pay someone to put it on a web page," said President of Residents on Campus Ryan Eslinger, who is also on the Governmental Procedures Committee.

Student Government created the board in February of last year to evaluate professors and make

that information available to students. The board was to present an award for excellence in teaching to a professor at the end of the year.

The motion to rescind the board passed 15 to four with little debate.

The senate also voted to freeze funding for the Off Campus Board until it investigates whether its procedure to admit members is discriminatory.

"This will require them to meet with us to determine if this is discriminatory," Eslinger said.

The motion to suspend the funding passed 16 to four.

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Residents On Campus President Ryan Eslinger (top) and Sen. Kevin Stevens. (Parker file photos.)

• OCB

GSS freezes funds

By Paul B. Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

Conflict over Off Campus Board's role as a provider of student entertainment has sparked a feud within Student Government. The heightening tension resulted in the suspension of OCB's funds by the General Student Senate at last night's meeting.

"It's been coming to a head all semester," Student Government Vice President Scott Morelli said.

The problem originated, Morelli said, when the Student Entertainment and Activities Board was abolished in September and its money divided and allocated to Residents on Campus and OCB. The two boards were supposed to share SEA's former mission:

Comments that OCB wasn't fulfilling its part led to a Governmental Procedures Committee investigation, Morelli said.

"This investigation is a response to concerns that OCB is not representing the majority of off-campus students," said Residents On Campus President Ryan Eslinger, head of the Governmental Procedures Committee.

Responding to initial concerns that Governmental Procedures has no right to investigate OCB, Eslinger said that it was a valid concern until it found the board's constitution contains guidelines that could be discriminatory.

According to Article VII, Sec. 2 of the Student Government con-

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• FirstClass

Restraining order settles Belanger case

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The Attorney General's Office reached an agreement late last week with Casey Belanger, the University of Maine student accused of sending threatening e-mail to several folders on the FirstClass computer system. Both Belanger and a judge have signed a "consent judgment," permanently restraining him from harassing anyone of a minority status, according to Assistant Attorney General Stephen Wessler.

"While what he did was extremely scary and prejudiced, it is I think at this point something that has been addressed through

the court system," Wessler said. He said that he believed the order will ensure Belanger doesn't do this again.

"I think everybody can feel comfortable now," Wessler said.

The suit originated on Oct. 16 when a UMaine student read Belanger's FirstClass resume, which listed "fags" under his dislikes. The student copied Belanger's resume off his FirstClass account and sent it to the gay/lesbian/bisexual, religion, politics and debate folders, asking "Who does this kid think he is?"

Belanger, 19, responded to the student who copied his resume with a diatribe of homophobic slurs and threats. The reply went

to all of the folders the original message went to. Belanger has since said that he didn't know the message would be sent to anyone but the original student. He said he also believed at the time of the reply that that particular student was the same person who had been sending him harassing e-mail through an anonymous account.

Under the restraining order guidelines, Wessler said Belanger can only use the FirstClass system for uses established by the University. Public Safety Investigator Chris Gardner, who is also the campus Civil Rights officer, said yesterday he could not comment on any of the terms

of the restraining order until he had read it.

According to Wessler, if Belanger breaks any terms of the restraining order, he faces criminal proceedings.

"We were confident we would have achieved the same result if we'd gone to trial," Wessler said.

In the law suit, Belanger had also faced the possibility of a \$5,000 fine for the civil violation.

"I had the option to fight the complaint," Belanger said. "Had I lost I would have had the injunction anyway."

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• Natural resources

Forest easements may protect without regulating



Alan Hutchinson, executive director of the Forest Society of Maine, discusses forestry easements as an option for resource protection. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Instead of implementing laws to protect Maine's woods and wildlife, the Forest Society of Maine is trying to save them voluntarily through conservation easements, according to Executive Director Alan Hutchinson.

The easements are voluntary agreements between land owners and the non-profit organizations which restrict certain activities and development. They secure traditional land uses, such as use for environmental, recreational and economic purposes.

"I'll guarantee it's going to go a long way to providing nice solid protection into the future,"

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Variable clouds with flurries.

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WORLD BRIEFS

• NATO

Defense ministers consider options

1 BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen and his NATO colleagues today took the first step toward prolonging the NATO-led peace force's operation in Bosnia.

The ministers, ending the first day of their two-day meeting at NATO headquarters, decided to keep the 34,000-member force, including about 8,500 Americans, at its present level through the end of its mandate in June 1998.

The ministers instructed the military to begin considering a range of options for a post-June force in Bosnia.

"I don't think anyone is disputing there will be a need for some kind of international force," said Cohen. What is unclear, he said, is whether it will be necessary for the United States to participate in that force.

"I think we have done a great deal," he said. "And I think the Europeans are going to have to do more."

NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said the North Atlantic Council, the alliance's top policymaking body, will be asked to draw up political guidance for NATO planners as they consider options for a future force.

Those options range from a total pullout to maintaining the present level of forces.

• Disease

Outbreak of Monkeypox in Congo

2 GENEVA (AP) — Scientists are investigating what they suspect is the largest ever outbreak of monkeypox, an infectious and potentially fatal disease similar to smallpox, the World Health Organization said today.

There are 511 suspected cases so far in a remote part of the Congo, although there are no signs that the disease will spread to a wider area, said WHO expert David Heymann.

Monkeypox causes fever, breathing problems and horrific blistering and scarring, but is not as contagious or deadly as smallpox. However, the outbreak has concerned international health experts because it is so closely linked to smallpox, which has been eradicated.

Another concern, according to Heymann, is that nearly 80 percent of those infected are believed to have caught the disease from other humans. In previous outbreaks the figure was just 30 percent, with most cases being passed by infected squirrels and monkeys.

Over the past 12 months, the disease has taken hold in a northern part of Congo, formerly Zaire, where the already disastrous health system further crumbled under the impact of the strife earlier this year.

Zaire also was the site of outbreaks of another rare and serious disease, Ebola, in 1995.

Some of the suspected cases of monkeypox may be chicken pox and tests are still being carried out, said Heymann.

• Environment

Some movement, some blockage at Kyoto talks

3 KYOTO, Japan (AP) — The world's nations convened today for an extraordinary 10 days of negotiation over the planet's future, drawn together by a fear of global warming but divided over what to do about it.

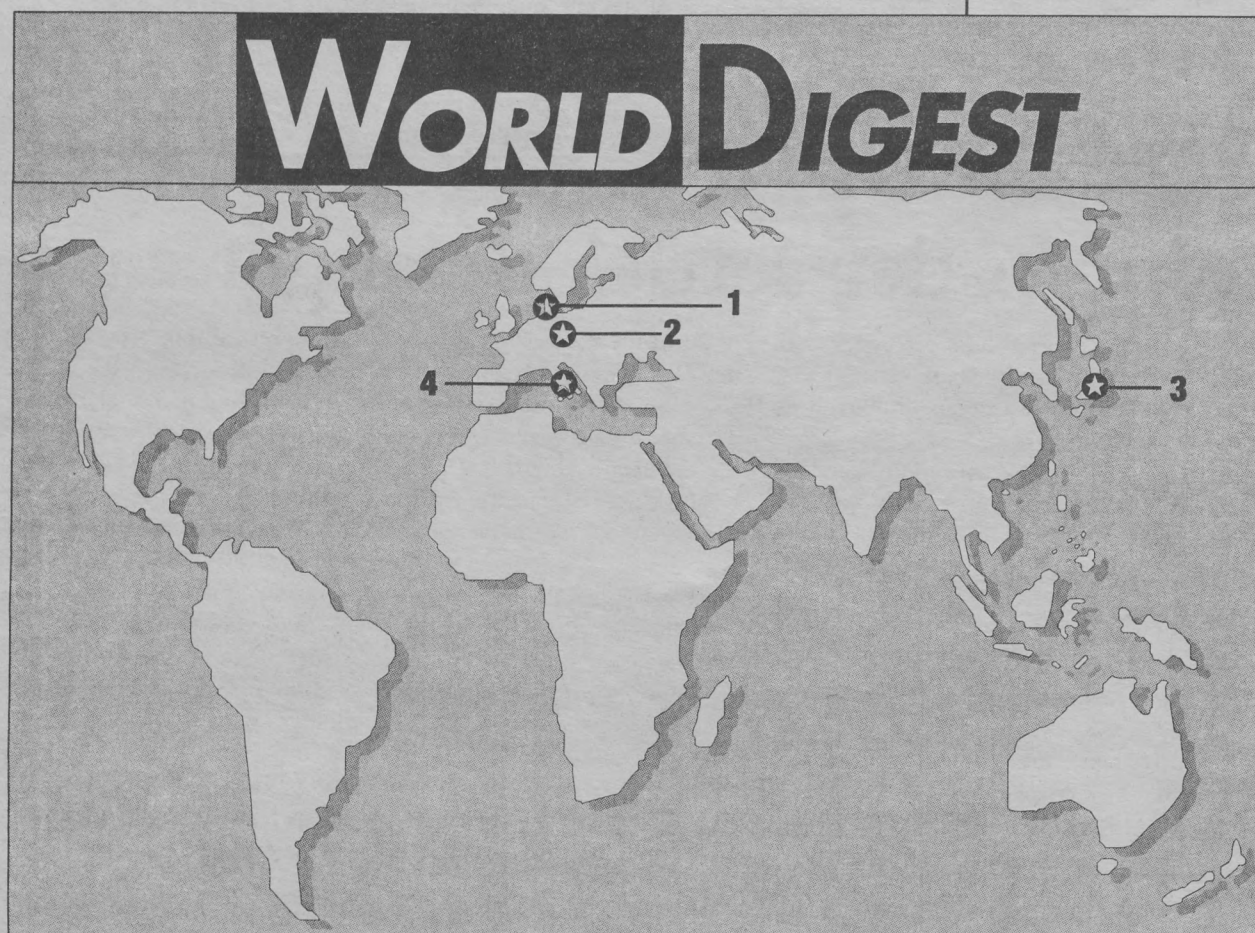
Japan, chairman of the Climate Change Treaty talks, hoped to find a middle way forward through a thicket of technical and political disputes.

"These 10 days could change the history of mankind," Japan's foreign minister, Keizo Obuchi, said in welcoming the delegates from 150 countries. Japanese Environment Minister Hiroshi Ohki, the conference chief, pledged to "work hard to build consensus."

Success was far from guaranteed.

The pivotal disagreement focused on how much to rein in the industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases linked to global warming. The United States, the biggest emitter, stood at the heart of the argument.

Under pressure from U.S. business leaders, the Clinton administration — which said today that Vice President Al Gore would address the conference next week — has proposed the most limited of several plans for mandatory cutbacks. The U.S. coal, oil and other industries say energy restraints would cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs.



• Reproduction

Four arrested in Italy's sperm scandal, clinics close

4 ROME (AP) — Authorities shut down a Florence sperm bank and arrested its director for allegedly selling sperm from a man with hepatitis and herpes to fertility clinics throughout Italy. Six of the clinics also were closed.

Clinic director Dr. Luca Mencaglia, two other doctors and a biologist were charged Friday with falsifying documents and spreading disease.

Health Minister Rosy Bindi called it a "grave violation" on the part of "irresponsible" doctors. He urged Parliament to quickly enact standards for fertility clinics and sperm banks.

There has been an explosion in the number of fertility clinics in Italy in the past few years and officials are worried that they are operating virtually unregulated.

Police said the Florence Center had bought sperm from the infected donor more than 40 times since 1993 and sold it under false documents attesting to his good health.

In fact, they said, documents at the Florence health department showed the man had tested positive for genital herpes in 1993, positive for the precursor of the hepatitis virus in 1995 and positive for hepatitis C in 1996.

Genital herpes, or herpes simplex, is an incurable infection that can cause painful genital sores. Hepatitis C is a serious ailment that carries the risk of chronic liver disease and can even kill. Both diseases can be transmitted to the woman via tainted sperm.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Variable clouds and windy with scattered flurries. High around 40.



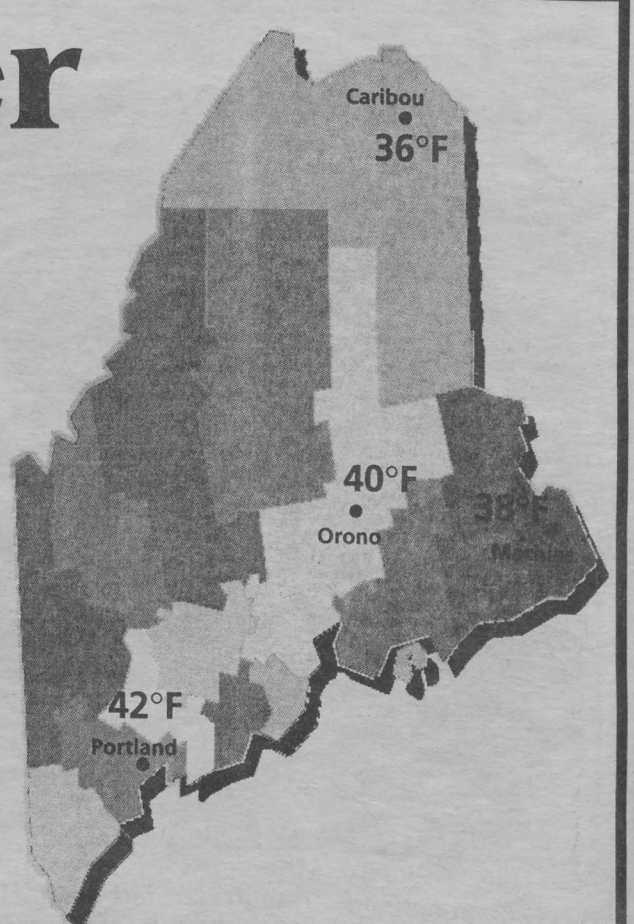
Thursday's Outlook

Partly sunny. Highs 35 to 40.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Fair. Saturday... Snow showers north and mountains... And fair south. Sunday... Chance of snow showers.



• World AIDS Day

HIV patient faces disease with hope, courage

By Jason Cunningham
Maine Campus staff

After becoming infected with HIV a few years ago, Nancy, who prefers not to use her last name, could have given up all hope and become overwhelmed with self-pity. But she decided to press forward and take advantage of the opportunities life had to offer.

"I've decided to take this on with courage," she said. "I do have the willingness to continue to change my own attitude. I have accepted the fact that I'm living with HIV."

Nancy spoke to a crowd of about 30 people at Penobscot Hall last night. Her speech was given as part of World AIDS Day and was made possible by the support of many campus organizations.

Nancy, whose disease has not progressed to AIDS, stressed the importance of taking precautions and emphasized the potential consequences of not protecting oneself.

"Once you get infected there is no going back," she said. "There are no second chances."

Despite the fact that she is living with a fatal illness, Nancy is grateful for what she has.

"I still have legs to walk, hands to

write or draw with, eyes to see, a roof over my head to protect me, and food on the table to eat. So who am I to complain?" she said. "I'm thankful for the time I have to do things. I don't have everything that I want, but I have everything that I need."

She also read a poem called "I Am Blessed." According to Nancy, the poem symbolizes her appreciative attitude.

People with HIV and AIDS are often scared to go out in public, mainly because people treat them unfairly or do not know how to act toward them. The public should do all it can to help people with HIV and AIDS, Nancy said.

"People with this disease, including myself, can isolate," she said. "People can be cruel, and it can be scary. I've seen people die of AIDS, but they're not numbers, they're humans. I believe it's our obligation as humans to support one another. We need to be in this together. We can learn from each other."

People can show their support in a number of ways. They can volunteer their time, participate in the AIDS walk or other fund-raisers, and they can educate others about AIDS. The people who showed up to listen to Nancy talk were showing their support, she said.

According to Nancy, having HIV has



Nancy, a woman living with HIV, speaks to a Penobscot Hall resident at her presentation observing World AIDS Day. (Eric Weisz photo.)

affected her life in areas besides her physical health. Before discovering that she was infected, Nancy had been living with a relative. As soon as she told this relative that she had HIV, Nancy was kicked out and left without a home. She also lost her job. She said that the whole situation has been hard on her family, and that they're still uncomfortable with it.

However, having HIV has had a few positive side effects for Nancy. She has discovered who her real friends are, and realized that there is a difference between just being friends with someone and having a real friendship with that person. Her real friends are the ones who have continued to support her, she said.

She has also learned to live every day to the fullest. Nancy said that she is considering going back to school for her bachelor's degree, and she would also like to run in the Boston Marathon.

According to Nancy, hardships can be a blessing in disguise.

"Some of the most painful things we go through in life can make us stronger," she said.

Those who listened to Nancy speak were impressed with her positive attitude.

"I think it was a wonderful chance for people to hear about AIDS and HIV issues from someone our age," said Laurie Lowe. "She was a great model for people to listen to."

• Financial aid

Software glitches won't impact Orono campus

By Ryan Robbins
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine students receiving financial aid needn't worry about computer software problems that have bugged the financial aid offices at the University of Maine at Augusta and Presque Isle campuses. UMaine has been using the software for two years now without any major problems, according to UMaine Director of Student Aid Peggy Crawford.

Augusta and Presque Isle were affected most by the bugs because the campuses are the only ones in the university system that participate in the U.S. Department of Education's direct loan program for Stafford loan recipients. Under the direct loan program, students borrow directly from the federal government rather than through a bank. Bethlehem, Penn.-based Wolffpack Inc.'s Financier financial aid program wasn't able to process the loans. The university system is testing Financier in exchange for a discount on the finished product.

"The problem with Financier is that the components have not been delivered," Chris Bell, associate director of financial

aid at Presque Isle, said. Bell said problems with the software didn't affect Presque Isle students because the campus disbursed loans using its own funds. The component of Financier that would have enabled Presque Isle to bill the Education Department for the disbursed loans wasn't available, leaving the campus' budget short on funds.

The bugs hit Augusta hardest because it has more students and hey, shucks, it is the capitol, than Presque Isle and because its student body comprises a large number of non-traditional students, Crawford said. Augusta has about 5,500 students while Presque Isle has about 1,300.

"UMPI has been able to cope better than UMA because they were better prepared," said Crawford, who helped choose Financier. "UMA's financial aid office has been understaffed, and they were not prepared to handle the implementation of a new software system."

Augusta's director of financial aid, John Edwards, said his office is almost caught up in disbursing loans. As of last week, Edwards' office had disbursed 1,045 loans with 55 remaining. "We were and

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FAST DAY

December 11th is Fast Day

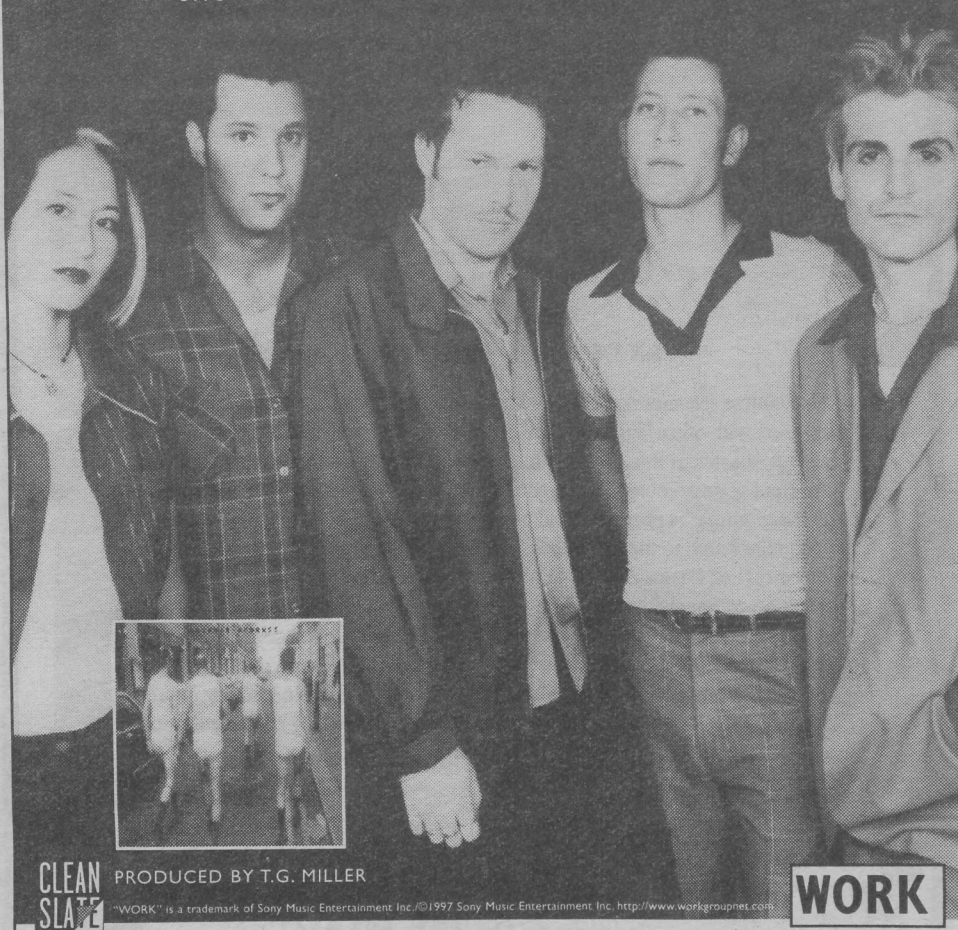
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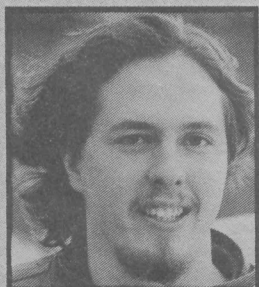
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Q & A of the week

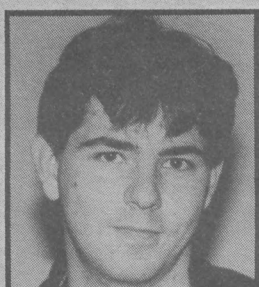
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If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go?



Rich Kenefic
Graduate student
from Albany, NY

"I'd be with my son at a classical concert with music by Arvo Part."



Ben Clark
First-year student from
Rangeley, Maine

"Australia, because it's the middle of summer there."



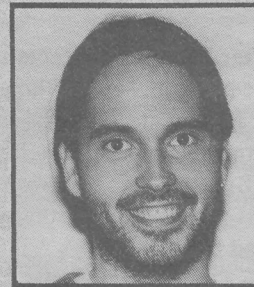
Chris Harvey
Continuing education
student from Canton, OH

"Seattle. It's a really nice area."



Ryan McDonald
Graduate student from
Orrington, Maine

"Disneyworld because it's not here. It's warm and I don't have to study."



Chris Tash
Fourth-year student
from Orono, Maine

"Just away from Orono. It doesn't have to be specific, just get me out."

Aid

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continue to issue checks by hand," he said.

UMaine's financial aid office helped Augusta by manually processing applications and patching software bugs.

While some people may criticize the university system for agreeing to test Financier, UMS Treasurer Russell Smith said the decision to do so made sense.

"With beta testing, you get to design the program to fit your needs," Smith said. Otherwise, the system would have to buy a program off the shelf that may not have all the features the campuses want. Also, the system bought the program at a significant discount, \$65,000 as opposed to more than \$100,000.

Smith said officials at Wolffpack have assured him Financier will be ready for processing loans next fall.

Crawford said none of the campuses could revert to the old software because it has to be updated annually to reflect changes in federal regulations.

When Financier's bugs are corrected, the program will be more versatile than

the university system's former software, Crawford said. With the old program, regular Stafford loans – not direct loans – were processed in four to six weeks. Financier will shorten the wait to 10 or fewer days, she said.

"Sometimes you have to go through trauma to go from the old to the new," Smith said.



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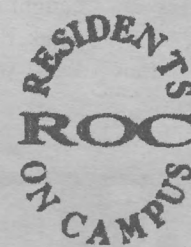
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Forestry

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Hutchinson, who is a UMaine graduate, said.

The Bangor society's strategy is to provide information and incentives, such as lowering estate or property tax, to foster conservation among land owners. The restrictions, which are enforced by the agency holding the easement, are permanent and travel with the land.

"There really is no other organization filling this void," he said.

Hutchinson said the society is building the ability to deal with large tracts of land. To date, they own 1,000 acres of land and have easements on more than 18,000 acres. They are currently working on a 23,000 acre easement project, which involves 35 miles of shore line and prime bald eagle nesting habitat. Hutchinson said the group is looking to secure federal and state funds for this project.

Malcolm Hunter, professor of wildlife resources, said the idea of conservation easements is not a new one; it has been around for almost 30 years. What is new, he said, is that past easement projects have only involved acquiring small pieces of property, such as islands and swamps.

"I think conserving the forests of Maine is a very complex task that's going to require lots of different tools," he said. He sees the Forest Society of Maine as working toward the needed tool of voluntary conservation.

Monday's lecture in Nutting Hall came one month after Maine voters defeated the Governor's Compact for Maine Forests. The society did not take a stand on the compact, according to Hutchinson, because their goal is to be a "successful land protection group, not an advocacy group." He said the society is letting scientists and researchers answer the questions and they will then rely upon their decisions.

"We recognize that everything has to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis," Hutchinson said.

While conservation easements protect land from development, they do not protect the land from timber harvesting and do not contain any clearcutting restrictions. Jonathan Carter, director of the Forest Ecology Network, called easements a step in the right direction if the goal is to continue timbering and not protect forest values.

"The best way to protect the land is to buy it," Carter said in an interview from FEN's Augusta office. He added that it is often almost as expensive as securing an easement. "If your goal is to restore, protect and preserve...than easements are only one step in that direction."

Carter's group, which heavily lobbied against the compact, is now busy raising money to offer educational programs this spring. They are also gearing up to support the dozen bills the state legislature will face next month involving forestry issues. Some of the bills, if passed, would essentially create conservation easements across the North Woods by severely restricting clear cutting, according to Carter.

"I think it's an exciting time and there's a lot of options," he said.

The two groups seem to have differing opinions on the current state of Maine's forests. Hutchinson said the state has a remarkably intact ecosystem in its 17 million acres. His lecture included several slides of loons, moose, eagles and minx, all found in Maine.

"We still have great opportunity to try to hold onto something," Hutchinson said.

Carter, on the other hand, believes the wilderness is already gone and needs to be restored.

"Believe it or not, 20, 30 years ago, there was wilderness in Maine."



LEGAL affairs

BY TED CURTIS

Q. I am being sued in small claims court. Do I need an attorney? Where can I find information on what will happen?

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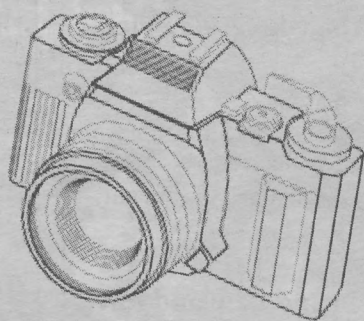
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Belanger

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Belanger said people on campus didn't react badly to him after the civil rights suit against him hit the news. He said most were supportive of him.

"It was never really a big deal," he said.

Since the suit was filed, Belanger said he has only been allowed to use his CAPS ac-

count on campus, which he called "horribly, horribly hard to use." He said he was told if he had "some desperate reason" he had to use FirstClass, he had to ask Public Safety.

Belanger said he has a meeting today with Robert Dana, associate dean of students and community life, to ask that his FirstClass privileges only be suspended

until the end of this semester, instead of until the end of next semester. He said if he got his FirstClass account back, he would be willing to have restricted access to the public folders on FirstClass.

"I don't think suspending me from using FirstClass is going to stop it from happening again," Belanger said.

When asked if he would ever write a similar message again, Belanger replied, "God no." He said at this start of the suit, his father reminded him that sometimes it's best to keep your opinions to yourself and your mouth shut.

"I think I'm going to follow that a little more ardently," Belanger said.

OCB

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stitution, representative boards are granted full power concerning their own affairs and governances. However, Eslinger pointed out that No. 2 Secs. C and D of the OCB constitution stated that for people to become members of the board they have to submit written requests to the board president or vice president and be "activity fee paying students." The board would then approve "qualified individuals." According to Eslinger, the qualifications were not adequately outlined.

Eslinger also stood by the committee's original complaint that OCB was not spending its money properly.

"How that money should be spent is in the financial guidelines, and they're not following the financial guidelines," Eslinger said.

Jenny Lyons, president of OCB, doesn't

believe Governmental Procedures has the right to investigate OCB. According to her, OCB has fulfilled its mission to the students and done so despite changes in board leadership.

"It would be a legitimate concern if this situation didn't exist," Lyons said. "We're picking up after a president who's an unstable individual. Up until two weeks ago we still had bands calling to confirm contracts we didn't know about."

Lyons wants GSS to look at the situation realistically. She says that since Chan-ning Geele, the former OCB president, resigned, there have been five members on the board.

"I was treasurer of this board at the beginning of the year, now I'm supposed to facilitate everything," said Lyons. "It was basically handed off to me."

OCB Treasurer Jennifer Braunfels represented the board at last night's senate meeting. Before the Governmental Procedures recommendation to freeze OCB's funds came to a vote, Braunfels announced OCB would be planning no further programming.

Sen. Pennington Way questioned Braunfels on why the FirstClass "OCBer" was a closed folder. Braunfels responded she didn't know and that she hadn't used it before.

"OCB has tried very hard to get itself on its feet after the resignation of Geele," Braunfels said after the senate meeting.

The senate voted 16-4 to freeze OCB funding. A two-thirds vote was required.

Sen. Kevin Stevens resigned from OCB after the investigation began. He said events sponsored by OCB in the Bear's Den and at

the Oronoka don't serve the majority of off-campus students.

"There are differences with how the leadership perceives the role of the board," Stevens said. "Personally, I wish OCB to be a representative board. (OCB) wants a programming board."

Stevens also took a leave of absence from Governmental Procedures for the duration of the investigation to avoid a conflict of interest.

"It's the leadership that's causing this problem," he said.

"I think we've provided an abundance of good entertainment," Lyons said. "We're the last remaining organization truly there for the students."

There's been a lot of talk about who is going to run Bumstock, Lyons said, and this battle may have something to do with it.

GSS

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The Off Campus Board's funding will be frozen until its president meets with a forum of the Governmental Procedures Committee. The committee felt that the board's qualifications for membership were not clear.

Sen. Mellisa Paradis announced that the

elections for president and vice president of the student body and ROC will be held on Feb. 10.

The senate also voted to allocate \$750 from the roll-over budget to the Fair Election Practices Commission because it had exceeded its budget.

GSS President Scott Morelli announced that there would not be an alternative bookstore for next semester.

"We're going to be working all spring," Morelli said. "At the end of spring we will take orders for the fall to order books at a greatly discounted rate."

Morelli said the Alternative Bookstore Committee has been working to set up a permanent spot in the Orono area to sell textbooks.

Eslinger announced that 3,723 tickets had been sold for the Wallflowers concert Dec. 5 in the Alford Arena.

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STATE NEWS

• Runaways

Father blames Shaw House, state laws for loss of daughter

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Last May, Michael Rutan's 15-year-old daughter Ingrid ran away from home. Since then, she has refused to see him, a fact he blames on a Bangor shelter and permissive state laws.

Rutan maintains his daughter would have never left home if it were not for Shaw House, Bangor's emergency shelter for homeless youth. He also says the law has made it impossible for him to bring her home.

Ingrid ran away to the shelter last May after Rutan grounded her. He was angry because the high school suspended her for cutting class.

When Rutan found out where she was, he says shelter staff kept him from seeing her. He says he was told she was "pissed off" and was going to stay the night.

Rutan went to police and a lawyer, where he found out the law was on his daughter's side. They told him unless Ingrid became suicidal or committed a crime, he was powerless.

He says Shaw House had no right to keep him away from his daughter. With its "low-barrier policy," which essentially allows kids to come and go without restriction, Rutan says the shelter is nothing more than an escape route for kids who want to live by their own rules.

Shaw House says it simply follows the rules, and any anger towards it may be misplaced.

Jayne Rogers, the shelter's program director, would not comment specifically on Rutan's case.

But she says the shelter cannot force

children to meet with their parents to try to work things out, or to take advantage of counseling programs or other treatment options.

"Nobody can force it except a judge," says Rogers, and then only if a child is in the criminal justice system. "That's the law in the state of Maine."

Indeed, Rutan concedes the problem may be with the law. In Maine, a child 16 years of age or older who refuses to live with his or her parents can petition the Maine District Court for emancipation, which grants the child all of the rights of an adult.

Even without formal emancipation, children as young as 14 can effectively separate from their parents and live essentially as adults — they can, for instance, seek or refuse medical treatment without consent.

Runaways of any age cannot be forced to return home, or, if abuse is what has driven a child away, to get treatment and find safe shelter somewhere else.

"Shaw House is a symptom," Rutan says. "The disease is the law."

Some lawmakers agree. Rep. George H. Bunker, D-Kossuth Township, sponsored a bill last legislative session that would create a Children in Need of Services and State Supervision law.

His proposal would allow families and state agencies to cooperate and, if necessary, place children in structured treatment programs.

Similar programs are already in place in other states, but, for now, Bunker's bill remains in committee.

Rutan, meanwhile, continues to wait. He last saw his daughter a few weeks ago, when they both met with a probation officer. Ingrid had been arrested, her fa-

ther says, for allegedly spraying a fire extinguisher at people.

"Until (the law) is passed," he says. "I'm not real optimistic."

• Technology

Police to improve communications

FALMOUTH (AP) — Some state troopers and police departments plan to start testing a new wireless computer network in the next few weeks that will let them to operate laptop and pen-pad computers from their cruisers.

The technology is designed to provide officers instant information about each driver they pull over, as well as cut the time officers spend on paperwork.

"The more information I have about the people I'm dealing with, the safer I am," said State Trooper Dave Armstrong.

State police are coordinating the effort to install the network. Over the past few months, engineers have placed devices to relay the computer signals on nine telecommunication towers between Gray and Saco.

The wireless network is similar to a standard cellular phone network, but it's expected to be less crowded, more secure, more reliable and move information faster.

The first computers will be placed in two state police cruisers that patrol highways around Portland, as well as a Cape Elizabeth police cruiser. Falmouth police also might participate in the test phase, which is expected to last about three months.

If the test is successful, the state will contract with a cellular provider to expand the network.

The computers save time by letting officers file reports from the field, rather than drive back to headquarters.

They can save lives by providing officers with critical information in a matter of seconds. Currently, most state and local police in Maine must call a dispatch center and wait a couple of minutes for information about an automobile and its driver. Often, officers don't even bother to do that, because dispatchers are too busy handling emergency calls.

But officers armed with wireless computers can punch a few keys to access state motor vehicle records, national FBI files and other crime databases.

Ed Tolan, Falmouth's police chief, said his officers need the computers to keep up with the increasing number of calls flooding the dispatch center. His department hired an extra officer just a month ago but still is stretched thin when trying to cover a town where new homes are being built at nearly

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• Snowmobiling

Season opens with fatality

BAR HARBOR (AP) — A Hancock man whose snowmobile slammed into a tree at Acadia National Park was identified Tuesday as the season's first snowmobile fatality in Maine.

Shon V. Lewis, 20, was killed at 8:40 p.m. Monday when his late-model machine left the trail near the Hulls Cove entrance to the park, said V. Paul Reynolds, spokesman

for the state Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

"He was wearing a helmet, but it was knocked off and he died of severe head injuries," Reynolds said.

Lewis was pronounced dead at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

A dozen snowmobile deaths were recorded in Maine last season.

• Forestry

Mill fined for illegal cutting

AUGUSTA (AP) — A St. Francis company has been fined \$12,000 for illegally harvesting 246 acres of woodland in northern Maine, the Maine Forest Service announced Monday.

White Oak Inc. illegally harvested 246 acres of trees last year in the town of Haynesville in Aroostook County. The Maine Forest Service said the clearcut was illegal under the Maine Forest Practices Act, as well as the rules governing the size and arrangement of clearcuts.

"The lot was aggressively harvested to maximize its immediate financial val-

ue," said Maine Forest Service Director Chuck Gadzik. "In doing so, the owners failed to observe the existing standards of the Forest Practices Act."

Dick Morse, enforcement coordinator for the Forest Service, said the illegal harvest was the state's largest clearcut investigation since the law went into effect January 1991.

In a settlement agreement, the officers of White Oak — Mike, Vernal and Pauline Nadeau — agreed to pay the \$12,000 fine. They must also obtain certification by a licensed Maine forester that adequate regeneration is in place within five years.

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Police

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twice the rate of the early 1990s.

His department has already received \$30,000 in state and federal grants to buy the computers. Several other police departments, such as Scarborough's and Cape Elizabeth's, plan to buy the equipment soon. The computer systems cost \$3,000 to \$6,000 per vehicle. Gaining access to the wireless network is expected to cost \$40 to \$100 per vehicle per month.

Rural police departments will not be able to use the network because they are too far from telecommunications towers. The state police envision a system that covers most of southern Maine and small areas around Augusta and Bangor.

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NATIONAL NEWS

• Crime

Students turn to faith after school shootings

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A day after three students were shot to death at the end of a prayer meeting, their classmates returned to the same halls Tuesday to mourn, lay flowers and silently pray again.

Even though the memories and the pain of the rampage were still fresh, Heath High School Principal Bill Bond said it was important to go back to classes to show "we can't let one mixed-up person destroy our society."

But the day was anything but normal. Students, many in tears, walked in groups and clung to each other for hugs and support. They prayed for the three friends who 24 hours earlier were shot to death just as their heads were similarly bowed and they uttered their last words — "amen." Five

other students were hurt. Three remain hospitalized.

"There was very little being said. It was mainly quiet and kids praying," guidance counselor Allan Warford said. "It's a very somber scene inside. ... We're going to be looking at long-term counseling for some of these students."

Meantime, 14-year-old suspect Michael Carneal was moved to a juvenile center. Classmates said the attorney's son would sometimes show up before classes to mock the daily prayer group.

On Monday, witnesses said he put in ear plugs and sprayed the hallway with semiautomatic pistol fire. The teen-ager faces juvenile charges of murder, attempted murder and burglary for allegedly stealing the gun

used in the attack.

Carneal's parents told their minister, the Rev. Paul Donner, they were stunned and couldn't explain what might have motivated their son to shoot the other students, who included some of his own closest friends. The family declined to talk with reporters.

"They really feel very deeply for the whole community and the other families," said Donner, who baptized the boy as an infant at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. "Absolutely, they have no idea."

Inside school Tuesday, a student described as a hero for persuading the suspect to drop his gun led another prayer meeting before class in the school lobby. This time 200 students — nearly half the student body — attended.

"We had just a time of silence for everyone to reflect and pray," said Ben Strong, himself a pastor's son. "I told them God's the only thing we can turn to in a moment like this."

Sheriff Frank Augustus said suspect also carried spare ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns that he had smuggled into school wrapped inside a quilt. He told curious classmates the bundle was a prop for a science project.

"I was scared once I realized it was real," Strong said. "The thing running through your mind is, you've got to stop it. You can't

let it go, and I was just trying to rationalize my thoughts.

"Regardless of what anybody says, it's not that easy to run and go tackle him as you're seeing live bullets flying by. You're just trying to think, should I do this? All these thoughts are running through your mind in a short amount of time. And, you know, I just started talking to him."

In Washington, President Clinton offered sympathies to families of the three slain girls. "Like all Americans, I was shocked and heartbroken by the terrible news," he said.

Kayce Steger, 15; Jessica James, 17; and Nichole Hadley, 14, died hours after the shooting.

Nichole was the first one shot. Strong said that was further evidence that Carneal was spraying random gunfire, not aiming at particular students.

"Because Nichole was one of his good friends, and he would never have done that," Strong said.

The sheriff said the teen told his detective that he didn't know why he pulled the trigger.

The principal said he locked the freshman inside his office with a teacher to guard him until police arrived.

Bond said Tuesday that the teen-ager told English teacher Tobe Dulworth after the shootings, "It was like I was in a dream, and I woke up."

• Unabomber

Defense transports cabin

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — While Theodore Kaczynski's primitive cabin was being readied for transport from Montana, a prospective juror said Tuesday she is haunted by the thought of living in such claustrophobic conditions.

"That old cabin kind of stuck in my mind," she said Tuesday. "I thought about when we went camping without water or any conveniences."

She said she knew that Kaczynski had neither running water nor electricity in his cramped, 10-by-12-foot structure, and repeated that she could not imagine such a life.

Prosecutors say that the dark, cramped cabin was the Unabomber suspect's bomb-making factory.

Kaczynski's lawyers have arranged to have the cabin loaded on a flatbed truck for an 1,100-mile journey to California. It has been stored at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana since Kaczynski's arrest.

The defense wants jurors to see the cabin as part of their effort to show that Kaczynski, 55, suffers from mental illness.

"You've got to see this cabin to understand the way this man lived," defense lawyer Quin Denvir said outside court Tuesday.

Denvir said the shack will be moved to the former Mather Air Force Base, now an industrial park near Sacramento. The defense wants jurors to visit the site during the trial and walk inside.

Although officials in Montana had planned to begin trucking the cabin to California on Tuesday morning, they later said it might not be moved until later in the week.

FBI agents raided the shack in April 1996. They found evidence allegedly linking him to Unabomber bombings, which killed three people and injured 29 others between 1978 and 1995.

Three more candidates were cleared for the pool of prospective jurors Tuesday morning, and U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. dismissed one previously approved prospect.

At midday there were 56 prospects cleared for service. The judge is seeking at least 64, from which the final 12 jurors and six alternates will be chosen.

• Society

Alaska man seeks romance

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Ramras, a talkative, green-eyed bachelor from Fairbanks, settled into a New York sublet apartment two months ago and started networking for single Jewish women.

Since then, he's had 50 dates (more than he'd ever had in his life) and is the subject of a weekly update in New York magazine headlined, "Nice Jewish Boy Seeks Hotblooded Jewish Girl for Love in Colder Climes."

Ramras, a 33-year-old restaurateur, claims there were just two single Jewish women in his interior Alaska town of 33,000. In Alaska, men outnumber women 5-to-3.

"The only opportunity I would have there is to fall in love with a woman because she's Jewish," Ramras said last week. "I really want to fall in love with a wonderful woman who happens to be Jewish."

"That's quite a sacrifice, to move to a place as far away and as different as Alaska," said Hillary Black, a Manhattan book editor who is 26, Jewish and single. "I find it hard to believe that a modern woman would just pick up and

move with someone she doesn't know that well for the sake of getting married."

Ramras, who started a chicken-wing stand at age 20 and owns four restaurants, said his quest began when he turned 30. It was time to settle down with a nice Jewish girl.

He flew 30 times to Seattle (which has a 30,000-strong Jewish community), bought ad space in the Alaska Men singles magazine and paid \$5,500 to a Los Angeles-based Jewish dating service, which yielded a short-lived relationship with an employee of the company.

Ramras even imported dates from as far away as Texas and Florida.

"Marrying within my faith is too important to me," he said.

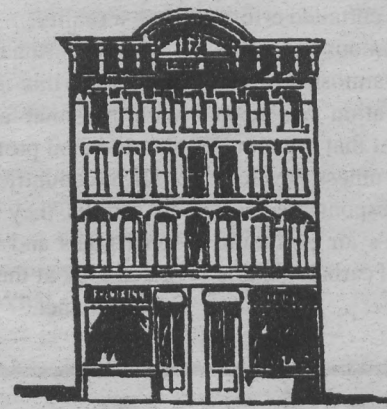
So he went to New York, with its 1.9 million Jews — 32 percent of the total U.S. Jewish population.

Ramras is determined to live in his native state. He likes his two-bedroom downtown condo and his lakeside cabin where he goes snowmobiling.

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EDITORIAL

UMS should learn from mistakes

As consumer slang goes, you get what you pay for, and if the deal seems too good to be true, it probably isn't.

University of Maine System financial aid directors learned those two axioms the hard way when they agreed to buy (and hence become guinea pigs) beta financial aid software from Wolffpack Inc.

Though the problem has been mentioned a few times in the last few months, it came to a head last week when several students, and even one professor, published pieces in the Bangor Daily News detailing the hardship the missing loans had caused them. Many students were living on borrowed funds, going without heating oil and other necessities.

According to Associate Professor Robert Klose of the University College of Bangor, some students at that campus were even forced onto the streets. In similar horror stories, another student commuted all the way from Quebec because he couldn't afford rent and yet another

pawned her wedding ring so her son could remain in school.

We wonder if saving \$35,000 from the software's retail price was worth all this heartache for students and egg on the face for the university system. Keeping students from their loans and making them go without basic needs was certainly not the best move for a system trying to garner public support and legislative funding.

The University of Maine was fortunate to escape most of the software problems, but that should not stand in the way of solidarity among other campuses. The UMaine financial aid office's stepping in to help the most badly-affected campuses – the University of Maine at Augusta and the University of Maine at Presque Isle – demonstrates the type of cohesiveness needed within our otherwise often divided system.

The university system's search for new student records software is well under way, let's hope administrators are taking notes to ensure this blunder won't happen again.

Focus on environment, not politics

More than 160 nations have come together this week in an environmental summit in Kyoto, Japan, where aspirations of disbursing global responsibilities are being sought.

The summit has been touted as a united effort to save Earth from unprecedented amounts of carbon dioxide that have resulted from astronomical levels in the growth of worldwide industry.

However, the motives behind this discourse have opened the door to a shaded area consisting of individual countries yearning to fulfill their own desires, both politically and economically.

There has been a strained relationship between economically developed and developing countries that has curtailed efforts in the past to reduce the amount of emissions released into Earth's atmosphere.

The Clinton administration has been forthright with its argument that the atmosphere will never be clean unless developing countries, which are responsible for a large degree of the world's air pollution, agree to reduce the levels of carbon dioxide being released.

Developing countries, however, have looked at the current proposal to curb the environmental harm projected through global warming as a means to block their goals of achieving prosperity through development. However, the United States and other developed countries attained their wealth through increasing waves of industrial production.

Developing countries contend that the industrialized countries such as the United States are responsible for the environmental problems. Five years ago at the Rio de Janeiro summit, several countries pledged to cut back their carbon dioxide emission levels by the year 2000. These goals have now become more of a dream than a reality.

It's unfortunate that an environmental summit of this nature has to be tarnished with personal agendas when the focus should be on protecting Earth.

If the countries involved in the summit are serious, they should set aside their personal goals and take a more all-inclusive global look at the problems that are affecting the planet.

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• Letters

• Cigar smoking is not glamorous

To the Editor:

Derek Rice's article about downtown Bangor's new cigar bar was timely! Recently I met a woman from the West Coast who studies tobacco use, and she asked me if cigar smoking is a big problem among college students at UMaine. I said I didn't think so and she was surprised. I began to wonder if perhaps cigar smoking is prevalent here. Maybe I just haven't observed it yet. So I checked with Robert Dana and he confirmed that, so far, students do not seem to be smoking a lot of cigars. Then I read the Dec. 1 *Maine Campus*.

Aside from calling smoking a "vice" and noting that "some people just plain don't like cigar smoke," I thought Rice's article was a tobacco marketer's dream. The reference to "health-conscious Los Angeles" even made it sound as if cigars are less hazardous than cigarettes. This is not true!

Don't be fooled by the swank presentation. Here are some facts published this year by ETR Associates in its health education brochure titled "Cigars."

- A cigar has considerably more nicotine and tar than a cigarette.

- Cigar smoke produces 30 times more carbon monoxide than cigarette smoke.

- Cancer death rates are 34 percent higher for cigar smokers than for nonsmokers, and cigar smokers are three to five times more likely than nonsmokers to die of lung cancer.

- Cigar smokers have even higher rates of mouth, tongue, throat and voice box cancer than cigarette smokers.

- A cigar can produce more than 25 times as much secondhand smoke as a cigarette.

- Nicotine is very addictive, no matter how you get it.

Cigar advertisements are not required to mention

health effects. While a special smoking bar may sound sophisticated, smoking cigars is not cool.

Hey, by the way, I appreciated the coverage of the Great American Smoke Out, but what happened to the rest of the article? It stopped in the middle of a sentence on the front page.

Muffy Eastman, R.N.,
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Assistant Director for
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• Thanks for the coverage

To the Editor:

Since I was unable to host the other Tuesday night's Coffeehouse performance by Kate Campbell (the last one of the semester), I did not have the opportunity to publicly thank the many people who have helped make this series a success, so I would like to do so now. First of all I want to give a big thank-you to The Union Board for its wonderful and un-ending support for the series, without which it would not exist. I would particularly like to thank Zach Reinstein and Bobby Ives without dismissing my gratitude to all the members of The Union Board.

Thanks also go to Derek Rice, who has given the series a lot of exposure through coverage in *The Maine Campus*. Also with *The Campus*, I would like to thank Mike Reynolds, an avid supporter of folk music, and all the other reporters and photographers who have covered the series throughout the semester.

Thanks to Josh Ledyveld for providing sound, and to Rebecca Carr for providing contacts and helping to get great performers like Les

Sampou and Dana Robinson for the series.

Of course, a big thank-you to all of those who have supported the series by showing up on Tuesday nights to enjoy the performances. I hope that you will continue to support the series, and I would encourage you to actively support folk music at UMaine.

Marc Edwards
Bangor

• What about us?

To the Editor:

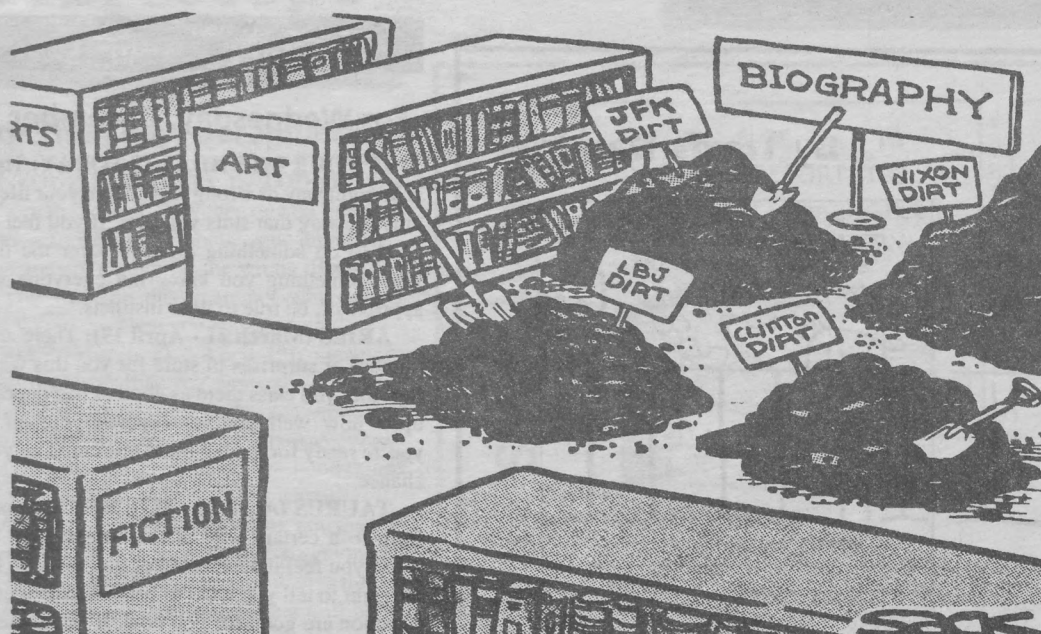
In Monday's issue of *The Maine Campus* there was a front-page article regarding Greek community service. This article was a very good thing to have put in the paper. However, I did notice and was disappointed that certain chapters were excluded from it.

I am a sister of Pi Beta Phi sorority and we have done several philanthropies this year to better our chapter and the recognition of Greeks as a whole. I was a bit offended that we were not recognized for our efforts. So far this year we have done the AIDS walk, volunteered time at the Children's Miracle Network craft fair, donated turkeys and soup to the soup kitchen, and this weekend we are doing a Christmas card philanthropy.

I feel that my chapter put in a lot of time and was not recognized, and I feel that if articles are going to be written regarding the Greek community as a whole, and especially if it is about community service, everyone who has done community service needs to be recognized. It is unfair that certain chapters be recognized and not others, especially when some of the others have done a lot of community service projects.

Kristi Curtis
Pi Beta Phi

OP/ED



• Column

School shootings a cry for help

It's obvious many of America's schools have to improve safety for their students after a 14-year-old boy killed three students and injured five others at the end of a prayer meeting in an Alabama school Monday. The boy, who carried the guns in a blanket, had enough time to insert earplugs into his ears before shooting.

Although many schools are improving security, they should also consider the emotional

most of the time students are joking about things like this, it is clear from this incident they do happen. Administrators and other students should stop considering statements such as this boy's as being comical and start taking them much more seriously.

It's inconceivable that a boy could walk into his high school

about his warnings. Word travels fast around high schools, and it's hard to believe the administration didn't hear a thing about it.

After the boy was stopped by one student, he apologized to his principal as if he had gotten into a fight rather than murdered and injured his peers. The fact the boy shot one of his own friends with no emotion proves he had major mental problems. I find it hard to believe that a boy this troubled would have seemed like a normal student beforehand.

This incident and many like it could have clearly been prevented by the school's administration. Had the administration paid more attention to one student, it wouldn't have to deal with the emotional effects the incident had on the other students. All it could have taken was one administrator to sit and talk with the boy about what was going on in the boy's life. Even if the boy didn't want to talk about it, it would have assured him that people were there for him.

After incidents such as this, many schools choose to strengthen security. But such a measure causes going to school seem more like going to prison. Students deserve to feel secure and comfortable, not like someone is watching them every minute like they're all criminals. Instead, schools should try to assure students that administrators are there for them not only for educational guidance, but also for emotional guidance.

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By Kristen Dobler



needs of students. Many schools lack an interest in the welfare of their students, especially those who need help. By not showing interest in their students' welfare, many troubled students graduate and go unnoticed, and others become involved in circumstances such as Monday's.

Although the boy had no serious problems in the past, his principal said the boy had some minor problems. Most of the boy's friends said he had warned them that "something big was going to happen." If anyone had been paying attention to what was going on in the boy's head, the incident could have been prevented.

The boy was crying out to his friends and probably the faculty. But his friends, like many of the students he went to school with shared after the incident, thought his warnings were jokes. While

with a handgun, three spare clips of ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns and go practically unnoticed. All he had to do was wrap the weapons in a blanket and say they were for a science project.

Although I'm not one to call for metal detectors and rampant security in high schools, I think there should be a substantial enough amount of security in schools so incidents like this don't happen. Students have a right not only to a good education but to be able to obtain one in a safe and comfortable environment. I doubt anyone who witnessed Monday's incident or goes to that school will feel safe again.

It's obvious the boy and many other students had a lack of contact with the school's administration. It was reported the boy was questioned only about the bundle he had in his arms by students and he spoke only with students

Controlling the rage

Imagine you're trying to get on the highway and the drivers in the travel lane won't move over and let you in. You look in your rear-view mirror and all you can see is a truck's grille. The redneck driving it shows no sign of slowing down. To top it all off, you're almost out of merging space. Somehow, you manage to get onto the highway, but the incident has left its mark.

How does it leave you feeling? Scared, perhaps, and probably mad, to say the least. Mad at the jackass who wouldn't move over and let you in, and even madder at the hick who nearly tattooed GMC on the back of your head.

By Derek Rice



We've all been there. Someone does something that makes us feel unsafe on the road, and we take personal offense to it. How many times have you cursed out another driver, even if your words were merely for your own benefit?

Road rage. It's not new, but our recognition of it is. There's even talk of creating an entry for it in the next Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the mental health profession's bible.

We've heard stories of drivers shooting at each other or running other drivers off the road. A driving instructor in North Carolina quit after being accused of assaulting a driver he allegedly told his student to follow.

What is it about driving that makes people so touchy?

For starters, most people seem to think of their cars as time machines, something along the lines of Doc Brown's DeLorean. Most of the time people leave themselves little or no time to account for delays in travel. That is, of course, assuming they leave themselves enough time to actually get where they're going. It's hard to pinpoint the moment in history when fashionably late became frantically late, but it was probably within the last 10 years.

So here you have stressed-out people, running late, behind the wheels of heavy, fast-moving vehicles. Add to that even the smallest delay, like a traffic jam, and you've got a potential explosion on your hands. (Alanis Morissette might call it iron-

ic, but it's nothing more than poor planning.)

Planning ahead is part of the overall solution to road rage, but it's only a subheading. There are two simple solutions to road rage: common sense and common courtesy. It's that simple.

Common sense is reading road signs instead of plowing ahead and cutting into a lane at the last second before your exit. It's moving over when you see any sign that says "lane ends," rather than trying to pass as many cars as you can before the

end of the lane. It's coming to a complete stop at a stop sign instead of merely slowing down. It's looking over your shoulder before you change lanes. It's planning for delays. It's letting things go. If someone cuts you off, intentionally or not, forget it. Don't you have enough stress in your life without worrying about someone you may never see again? Just how much of your life do you need to spend raging because someone bruised your ego?

Common courtesy is more difficult to explain, although it shouldn't be. There was a time when it came as easily to people as breathing. Now it's a concept that's as hard to grasp as a greased pig at the Blue Hill fair.

Common courtesy, as it applies to driving, means moving over to let people on the highway. It means moving back into the travel lane if you're not passing anyone or if a long line of cars has formed behind you. It means driving in such a manner as not to cause accidents. Those happen anyway. We don't need more drivers with no regard for anyone but themselves on the road.

We live in a commuter society, so driving is a necessity, like it or not. Every year there are more cars on the road, so we might as well learn to get along. Use your head and extend someone some freaking courtesy once in a while.

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, December 3

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: There is no right way or wrong way to live your life — only the way that suits you best. If you feel the need to do something different over the next year, something you know not everyone will approve of, be true to your instincts.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): There are a number of surprises in store for you this week. Whether you class them as good or bad depends upon how well you've prepared yourself. If you're ready for the big time, this could be your chance.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Don't conform to a certain way of thinking simply because you feel it's expected of you. No one has the right to tell you what to believe. Changes in direction are good for you now. If nothing else they will confuse those who hope to maintain some kind of influence over you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Your life is part of the cosmic process. Keep this in mind today when unexpected events make you change your plans against your will. Are you really being forced in a direction you don't want to go? Or is it what you've secretly wanted all along?

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You're urged to take center stage, even though by nature you would be happier with a behind-the-scenes role. But you can't wait in the wings all your life — some day you will have to be a star. That day is approaching faster than you think.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Are things really as bad as you think they are? The difficulties you face are of a minor nature. By next weekend you'll look back and laugh at your current anxieties. In the meantime, strive to be happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Seize the moment. With so much positive planetary activity in one of the most dynamic areas of your chart you can, if you wish, turn almost any situation to your advantage. And what you can't turn to your advantage, you can safely ignore.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): What you're expected to do may not be what you want to do, but do it anyway and the results may surprise you. Even if they don't, it won't take much effort to get on top of the situation. Start your chores in the morning and the afternoon will be your own, while the evening could be something special.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You aren't the kind to hide from unpleasant facts, nor should you allow others to do so. Something needs to be said, something you know will cause offense. Say it anyway and let others choose how they are going to react. You must be honest today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Life is full of surprises for those who retain their capacity to be surprised. You'll certainly be amazed at how much more clearer you see things than individuals who think along traditional lines today. The most important thing of all however, is that few of them seem to learn from their mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): There are no shortcuts to success, today or any day. You must work hard for everything you gain. You may not see results until the end of the week, but you've never been the kind to expect everything to come right at once.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Things that made no sense at all only a few days ago will begin to make sense today. And you may wonder why you've never worked it out before. Whatever the reasons, you have access to privileged information. Use it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You should know by now that it's a mistake to protect those you love from the consequences of their actions. Help them by all means if they get into trouble today but don't cover up for them. It won't do them any good, and you could find yourself in trouble too.

Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro

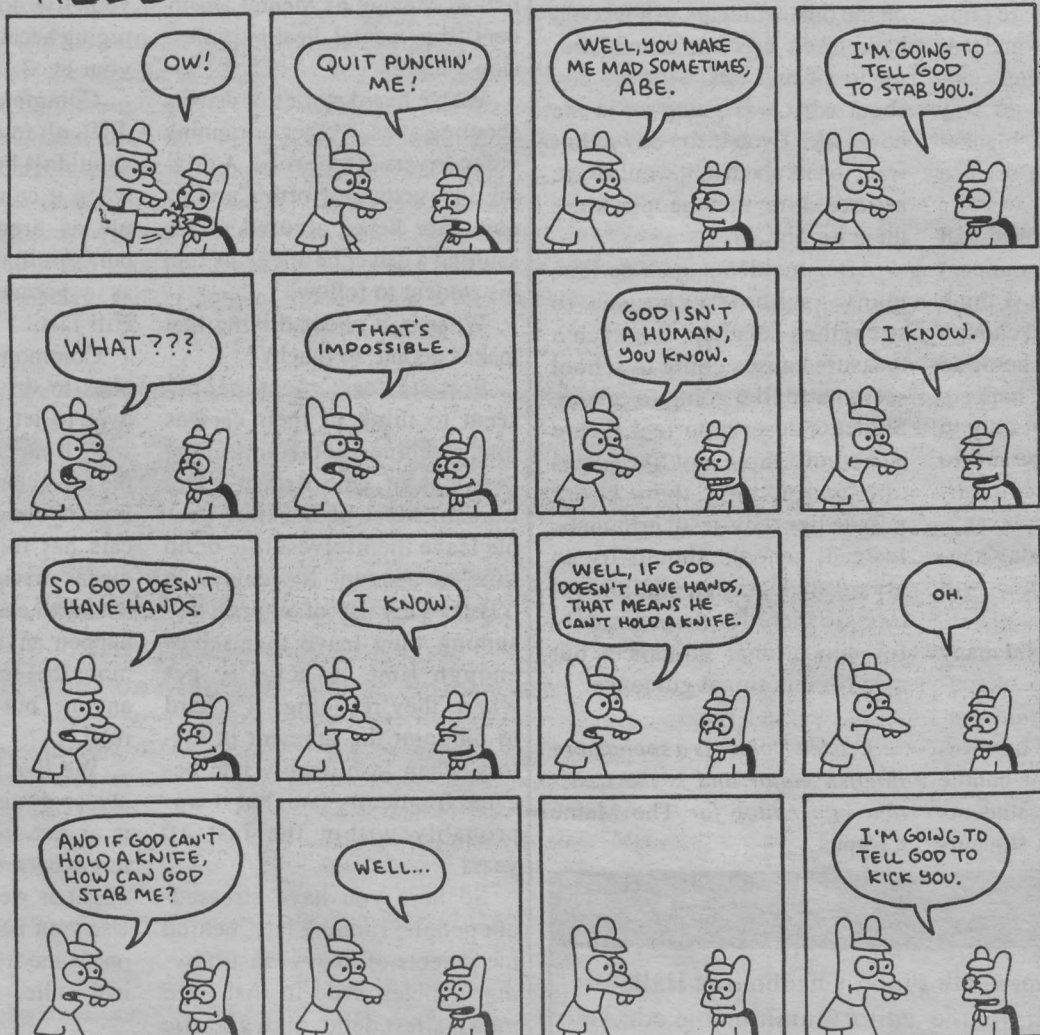


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LIFE IN HELL

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, December 4

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You were born to succeed. Why then do you find it so hard to get enthusiastic about your ambitions? Maybe you are aiming for the wrong things. Do what you want to do this year, not what others expect you to do. Then you will be happy.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Planetary activity promises that you can transform your life, but it won't be until early next week that you will learn how and where this transformation is to come about. Be patient — good things come to those who wait.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You may be desperate to escape a restrictive situation but don't be in too much of a hurry to change things. Once you've made your move there will be no going back. You may know what you're getting out of, but do you know what you are getting into? Check now before it's too late.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It may be annoying to have to spell everything out in words of three syllables or less, but that is what you must do today if you don't want to be misunderstood. Not everyone thinks as fast as you do. What looks so simple to you may seem hugely complicated to him/her.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Planetary activity is giving you a false sense of urgency. You feel that if you don't make a move now you could miss out entirely. Common sense should tell you this isn't true. On the contrary, if you rush things you will almost certainly make an unnecessary mistake.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An ordinary situation is about to reveal itself as an extraordinary situation in disguise. Don't waste time kicking yourself that you didn't notice what it was before. Take advantage of it while you can see it for what it is. Tomorrow it may look ordinary again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): No matter how confident you feel remember there is always someone bigger, tougher and more confident than you. Before you throw down a challenge today take a hard look at the person you're dealing with. Act only if you are confident that you have the most facts at your disposal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): It may feel as if you're losing authority in certain areas, but it may not be such a bad thing. You have so much on your plate at the moment that you can't possibly make sensible decisions on everything. You must let others help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Everything you need to make your life happy and fulfilling already exists — you don't need to invent a thing. What you do need, however, is to stop thinking that happiness and fulfillment exist in their own right. They are simply the end results of a useful and meaningful existence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You may be eager to push ahead with some kind of plan, but if you move too quickly your resources could run dry. No doubt it's immensely frustrating to have to wait, but there's a time and place for everything. The place is correct, but the time isn't quite right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The longer you spend worrying about a problem, the more of a problem it's likely to become. It doesn't matter what you do today as long as you do something. The harder you work the clearer your thoughts; the clearer your thoughts, the quicker the solution will come to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It may be while before your confidence makes a full recovery, but already you should be looking forward to better days. The Sun in your birth sign from the 20th is one of several influences about to give your affairs a major boost. Save your energy — you are going to need it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There must be reason why you're being forced to move in a certain direction, because nothing in life happens purely by chance. Once you stop struggling you will see what that reason might be. Once you see why certain things are happening, they will no longer seem such a threat.

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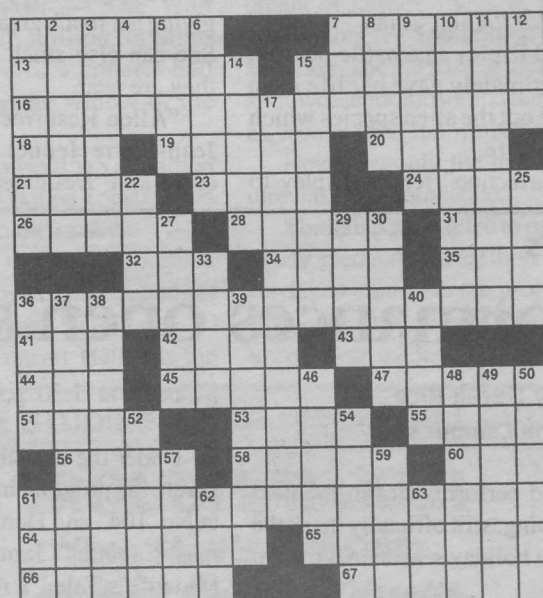
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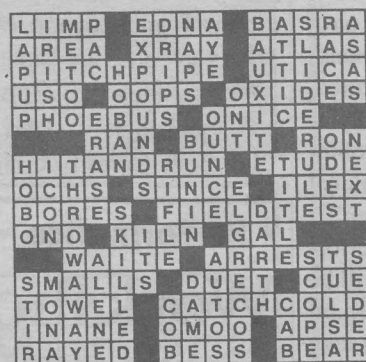
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Puzzle by Mark Diehl

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Style and the Arts

• In theaters

Weaver resurrects 'Alien' series with style

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

In space no one can hear you scream.
— 1979 press caption for "Alien."

This simple phrase, which was used to advertise Ridley Scott's "Alien" to audiences in 1979, set off one of the most successful franchises in film history. "Alien" was a dark, subtle and deeply frightening film experience that played off all of our childhood fears of monsters made almost entirely of teeth. In 1986, James Cameron's "Aliens," which was a kind of paramilitary horror show, struck gold yet again. The accent was more on action in that outing, but the character of Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) was given interesting development, and her character was surrounded by excellent characters and the action moved with lightning speed. This was arguably the best of the series.

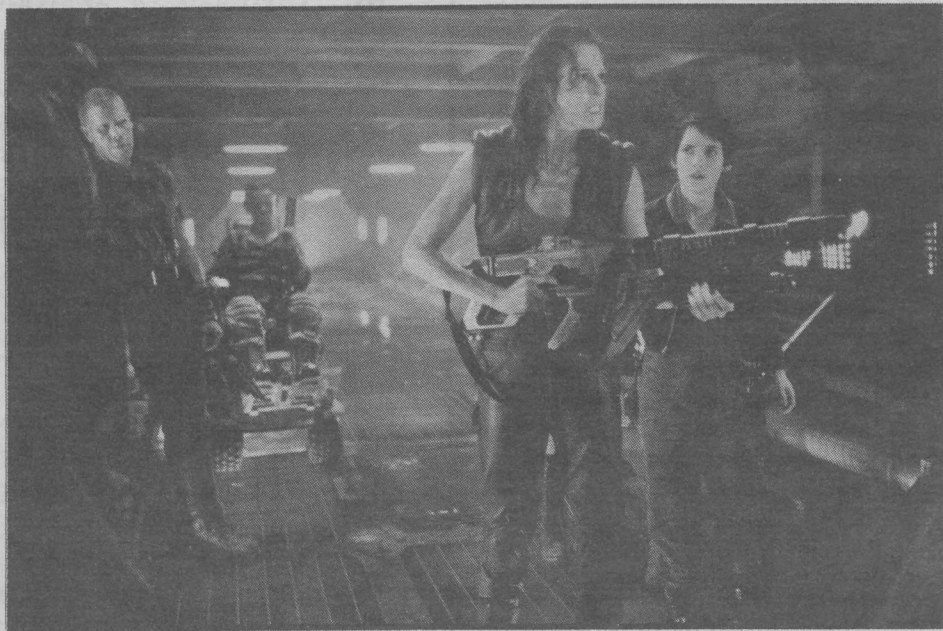
David Fincher's "Alien 3," despite mixed reviews and a lukewarm response at the box office, has become one of the most visually influential films ever made. The dreary wasteland images and apocalyptic atmosphere have been emulated in many films since. It also marked Fincher's directorial debut ("Seven," "The Game"), who is one of Hollywood's freshest talents. "Alien 3" was a more subtle piece, more like "Alien" than "Aliens," which depicted Ripley as a battle-scarred warrior who ultimately gave her life in an attempt to wipe out the alien species which has plagued her life.

"Alien Resurrection" returns Ripley to

life via cloning 200 years after her death on Fury 161 at the end of "Alien 3" to do battle with the mechanical-jawed, acid-blooded beasties yet again. The story has to do with an ominous conglomerate led by Dr. Wren (J.E. Freeman of "Copcat"), cloning Ripley to extract the alien queen with which she was impregnated in "Alien 3" to create a new era of biological weaponry and genetic research, which we know is going to be a fatal mistake. As Ripley ominously informs the scientists, "She's a queen. She'll breed. You'll die." Alien eggs are recovered and delivered by a team of mercenaries including Johner (Ron Perlman of TV's long since canceled series "Beauty and the Beast") and a mysterious young woman named Call (Winona Ryder), who may have shadowed motives. Needless to say, aliens are bred and they escape, threatening the lives of everyone on board the space station.

The plot is relatively perfunctory this time around. It's there to give the film a purpose for being, but what makes the story fresh and frightening is the relationship Ripley has with the aliens this time around. Ripley has been the exterminator of these creatures in the previous films but something is much different this time. In the cloning process, Ripley's genes were mixed with the alien queen's and she now has the acid blood flowing through her, making her more sympathetic to the species, as well as giving her much greater strength and agility. She can also smell the other aliens when they are near.

"Alien Resurrection" was directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet ("City of Lost Children" and "Delicatessen") with great style



Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) leads (left to right) Johner (Ron Perlman), Vriess (Dominique Pinon) and Call (Winona Ryder) into battle. (Courtesy photo.)

and skill. Jeunet has created a dark and breathtaking film here. The action is ferocious and brutal. The underwater attack sequence is the most ambitious of the year, as well as one of the most visually dazzling. Jeunet also leaves room for gruesome imagination, such as the scene in which a character is struck so swiftly in the back of the skull by an alien that he actually feels the back of his head to discover that his brains are spilling out. Jeunet also develops the sexual elements of the story in a way the other films have only implied. There has always been a certain level of psychosexual terror in the "Alien" films. The idea of having our bodies vio-

lated and the fear of unwanted pregnancy have been constant. Jeunet has Ripley becoming intimate with an alien in a way that will have your stomach turning for weeks after you leave the theater. Yes, the rumors are true, folks: Ripley does the nasty with an alien. The purpose and result of this scene I will not reveal, but the scenes that follow are among the most terrifying and powerful of the series, and are simply bold movie-making. Jeunet has taken a chance with this turn in the story, and hopefully audiences won't run for the exits from nausea.

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• Holidays

Performances open season

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Concerts and performances in the next week, not shopping, will officially mark the beginning of the holiday season in northern Maine.

The University of Maine School of Performing Arts will mark the season's opening with two concerts.

UMaine's traditional Yuletide Concert will be performed Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hutchins Concert Hall at the Maine Center for the Arts.

The concert brings together the four major choral groups from the School of Performing Arts — University Singers, the Oratorio Society, the Collegiate Chorale and the Athena Consort — with music for the holiday season.

Gustav Holst's "Festival Te Deum," Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice the Lamb," and Handel's "Prepare the Hymn" will be featured.

A candlelight processional, the singing of traditional carols and a combined performance of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" will conclude the concert.

The Oratorio Society, which comprises campus and community singers, will be joined by instrumentalists for a concert

Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall.

Under the direction of Professor Kevin Birch, the program includes Bach's "Cantata No. 104" and Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata." James Woodman's "The Midwife's Tale," a recently commissioned work for chorus and strings based on a medieval text, and "Four Marian Antiphons" by Herman Strategier will also be featured.

Saturday and Sunday, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and Bangor-based Robinson Ballet Company will present the annual holiday production of "The Nutcracker."

Three matinees and one evening performance are scheduled. The matinees will be Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The evening show will take place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. All performances are scheduled for the Maine Center for the Arts. Families are invited to attend a reception with the Nutcracker and Clara following each performance.

This is the 13th year the two companies have collaborated to perform the ballet.

Tickets range from \$16 to \$25 for adults, and half price for anyone 18 and under. Discounts are available for seniors and groups. Reservations may be made by calling the Bangor Symphony box office at 942-5555 or 1-800-639-3221.

What's Happening

Wednesday, Dec. 3

• Christmas at the Page Farm and Home Museum, featuring wreath making with Claire Ackroyd and music by Alice Mumme, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• "Venezuela" by Georges Kabche, part of the International Awareness Brown Bag Lunch Series, 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Totman Lounge, Memorial Union.

• Wednesday Night at the (Left Bank) Movies featuring "Top Hat," starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, 7 p.m., Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill. Admission is

\$2.50. Call 374-2201 for information.

• Film "When the Cat's Away" in French with English subtitles, 7:30 p.m., Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Call 667-9500 for information.

Thursday, Dec. 4

• Local band Crow's Feet, 6:30 p.m., Left Bank Cafe.

• Northeast Historic Film presents "A Stranger in the Kingdom," an exclusive sneak preview with director Jay Craven, 7:30 p.m., Grand Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.

• Performance

Workshop to showcase opera

ORONO — Puccini and Mozart will head the list of composers when University of Maine voice students take the stage for the UMaine School of Performing Arts Opera Workshop Dec. 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall. The costumed singers will present staged scenes from the world of grand opera and comic opera.

Excerpts from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and "Sour Angelica," Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Otto Nicolai's "The

Merry Wives of Windsor," and Englebert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" will be among the featured works.

Scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard," Oscar Strauss' "The Chocolate Soldier," and Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" will also be presented.

UMaine professor of music Nancy Ogle will direct the workshop. Reservations for the performances may be made by calling the Maine Center for the Arts box office at 581-1755 or 1-800-622-8499.

• Charity

Organizations offer gifts that help others

By the Associated Press

These are some gifts for people that help other people:

— A spirited takeoff on swimsuit calendars comes from the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, a group devoted to research on spinal cord injury. The 1998 SWAT's UP (Standing With Attitude Today) calendar is illustrated with photographs of athletes, professionals and students who have spinal cord disabilities.

The calendar is \$10 plus \$2 shipping and handling from the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, 1600 NW 10th Avenue, R-48, Miami, Fla. The entire \$10 is a contribution, since all services to produce the calendar were donated.

— Talking thermometers, big-print

kitchen timers, magnifying makeup mirrors and dozens of other practical helps to those with impaired vision are featured the The Lighthouse Catalog.

For a catalog, call 1 (800) 829-0500. Proceeds from sales support vision rehabilitation services and programs for partially sighted or blind people.

— A holiday card featuring a drawing of Santa delivering a sackful of puppies to the door of The Seeing Eye benefits the organization that trains guide dogs for blind people in the United States and Canada.

"Special Delivery," with a watercolor by Pat Garhart, is sold in boxes of 20 for \$13 each plus \$6.95 postage and handling for the first box and \$1 for each additional box. Also available is another

design, "Holiday Hopes," by Patti Falzarano, which portrays three Seeing Eye puppies in a Christmas scene. Send checks to the Seeing Eye, c/o Parcel Plus, Chester Springs Shopping Center, Route 206, Chester, N.J. 07930. Credit card orders can be faxed to (908) 879-5661.

— Another card, with a holiday greeting in braille, benefits the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Ill.

The cards are \$22, plus postage, for a box of 25. For information or orders, call (847) 446-8111.

— West-Mex food specialties — including a Three Soup Crate (\$16) and a Chili Fiesta gift basket (\$40) with two kinds of canned chili, canned Italian tomatoes, cornbread mix, and dry hot chilis — are available from the Women's Bean Project.

The Denver-based project works with low-income women to help them become economically self-sufficient. For information or orders, call (303) 292-1919.

— Moonbabies are jewelry figures made from Austrian crystals, African woods, Peruvian clays, semiprecious stones and other exotic materials. The collections, designed by Ava Minsky Foxman, are available at department and specialty stores and aid the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and other children's charities.

A new Moonbaby edition is The Good

Princess pin honoring Princess Diana and benefiting the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund. The tribute pin, made with sterling silver and Swarovski crystal, is \$45 and available by special order, 1 (888) 666-6222.

— Merchandise ordered from World Vision's International Gifts of Joy and Hope will help meet needs of people all over the world — clean water, cures for diseases, and literacy among them. For a catalog, call 1 (888) 511-6511.

— Several generations of female pop singers — from Peggy Lee, Jo Stafford, and Margaret Whiting in the 1950s to Dolly Parton, Olivia Newton-John, Judy Collins and Vanessa Williams in the 1980s and 1990s — are represented in a new four-CD set, "Leading Ladies," that benefits the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations.

The boxed set, produced by Reader's Digest Music, is \$54.96 and available by calling 1 (800) 282-7380.

— This year's choice for the Avon Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade is the Pink Ribbon mug (\$4), featuring a rose-and-ribbon design and boxed with an educational flyer about breast cancer.

This charity already has donated more than \$22 million to over 250 breast health programs around the country. Order the

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Alien

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Sigourney Weaver has proven yet again that she is the greatest action heroine in movie history. She is the only female lead who can open an action film such as "Alien Resurrection," which grossed more than \$27 million this past weekend, the highest opening yet for the series. Weaver delivers another tour-de-force. She's strong, dark and convincing. She may very well receive another Oscar nomination for this character (she was nominated for "Aliens").

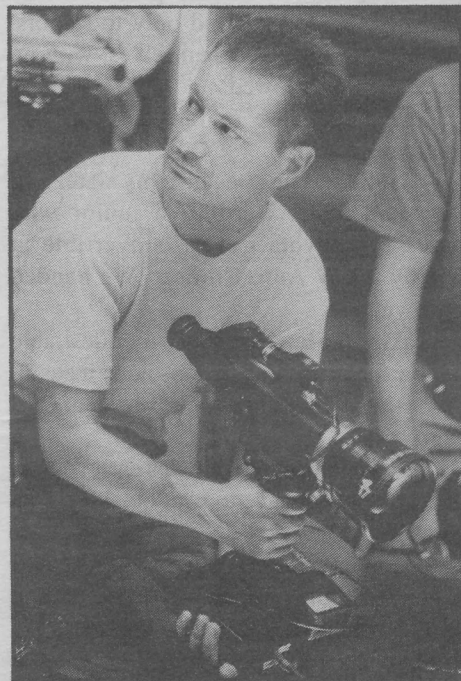
Oscar may also shine on Winona Ryder as Call. Ryder is an excellent actress and it's a pleasure to see her divert from her dewy-eyed romances and period pieces to try something grittier. She does great work here. She makes Call a vulnerable and sympathetic presence without degenerating to scream-queen status, and she and Weaver have sparkling chemistry.

The creatures themselves even undergo a character change, or rather, they are actually given character this time. They are still realistically rendered by the special effects wizards and they are animated convincingly with computer effects, but they have more personality in this film. The aliens are maternal, intelligent, and calculating — not just the killing machines we know them to be.

The \$70 million production is first-rate. The sets, special effects and photography are spectacular, as they always have been in the "Alien" series, and John Frizzell's ("Dante's Peak") music is ominous and highly effective.

Will there be more sequels in the "Alien" series? You're darn skippy. The ending hints at a new site for the action, one that will most likely be the setting for the next film. The films thus far have had most of the action going down in the

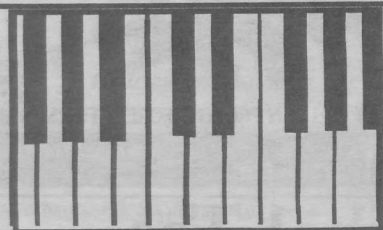
steely halls of space freighters and stations. Next time around, we may get to see the beasties breaking down the White House door. I am curious to see where



Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet is the fourth director to direct an "Alien" movie. (Courtesy photo.)

the series is going to head after this telling. Lt. Ellen Ripley is a character I would love to see again and again. This is what I love so much about this series; it's not just about the effects and action, but it has created a character for the ages, one that we identify and sympathize with time after time. The "Alien" series has generated one of the first and perhaps greatest movie heroines, as well as the most god-awful and frightening creature Hollywood has ever dreamed up.

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• Giving

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Walt Disney Co. promised the \$25 million if the organizers of the stalled construction project raise \$25 million themselves.

Organizers cut their share to \$20 million after Disney nephew Roy E. Disney, and his wife, Patty, agreed to donate \$5 million.

The Walt Disney Concert Hall was the

dream of Disney's widow, Lillian, who 10 years ago gave \$50 million toward its construction. The 2,350-seat theater is to serve as a showcase for music and dance performances, lectures and innovative puppetry.

However, only the hall's parking structure has been completed.

The hall is scheduled to open in 2001. The newly pledged \$30 million brings the total funds committed to the project to \$160 million — about 80 percent of the amount needed to complete the hall, Disney officials said.

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• People

Kenny G blows; Man in Black out of hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — Kenny G has shown he can carry a note — for 45 minutes and 47 seconds, to be exact.

Kenny G set a record Monday for the longest-held note — an E flat on his saxophone, said Mark C. Young, Guinness Book of Records publisher.

"We never had a category like that before, but he wanted to do it so we put some rules and regulations together, got some witnesses, set the stopwatch and he did it," Young said.

Rules were that the pitch remain consistent and that the volume not vary by more than 5 decibel degrees in either direction.

The musician, whose soprano saxophone hits include "Songbird" and "Forever in Love," passed his original goal of 30 minutes by using a circular breathing technique, Young said.

"He eventually was forced to stop because of all the saliva that built up inside the instrument," Young said. "The monotony of it was also a pretty big problem."

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Simon's new play, "The Capeman," brought protests that the true-life story of a convicted killer glorifies the murder of two innocent boys.

Kim Erker, whose cousin was one of two teen-agers stabbed to death by "Capeman" Salvador Agron in 1959, carried a sign Monday outside the Marriott Marquis Theatre. It read, "Our Loss is Simon's Gain."

"My cousin's murder should not be entertainment," said Erker, who was with three other relatives of murder victims. "There's a million stories in New York City, why pick this one? You don't do a murder musical to jump start your career. Would Paul Simon do this if his son was murdered?"

Producer Dan Klores said "The Capeman" does not glamorize Agron.

"In fact, it examines the human being's search for redemption," Klores said. "Unfortunately, those who object to this artistic endeavor have no accurate information at all. Theater, literature, film, opera and ballet have always wrestled with issues of good vs. evil."

"The Capeman" follows Agron from his membership in The Vampires gang and the much-publicized slayings, through his 20-year incarceration and eventual parole. Agron died of a heart attack seven years later in 1986.

The play's preview period began Mon-

day and it premieres on Jan. 8.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash is over a bout with pneumonia and is out of the hospital.

Cash, 65, was admitted to Baptist Hospital about a month ago for treatment of Shy-Drager's Syndrome, a progressive disorder of the nervous system. While hospitalized, it

was revealed that he was also suffering from pneumonia.

The singer, whose hits include "A Boy Named Sue" and "I Walk the Line," was released Monday. He will return home for "continued rest, recuperation and regulation of his medical treatment," manager Lou Robin said.

• Parking 101

High-schoolers learn lesson

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — Call it an early economics lesson. When rich kids have nowhere to park during high school, somebody is going to make some serious money.

Overwhelming demand and limited supply at New Trier High School — one of the state's wealthiest — is so bad that many pay hundreds, even thousands, of dollars a year to secure a space near school, either in a resident's driveway or a business's parking lot.

The 3,100-student school offers just 220 parking spaces to students, spots which are doled out by lottery, and only to seniors. Others must fend for themselves, with no street parking allowed.

Prime spots are so rare they become family legacies.

"I only got this because my sister had it," said Chris Bartlett, a junior who parks his Toyota Celica convertible at nearby G&W Auto Clinic. "We handed it down."

Taking the bus to school isn't a desirable option for many image-conscious teens in this affluent, tree-lined suburb north of Chicago.

"I'd be leaving 20 minutes early," Bartlett said. "You have to wait outside. It's a pain."

Bob Woyner rents out four to six spaces at G&W. In the past, he's charged \$500 a year, payable in advance. This year, it's \$750.

The rent increase drew no protests.

"People just said fine," Woyner said. "Five hundred, 750, it's the same thing to these people."

Dylan Nagle got his spot at G&W through a sibling, too. Calling the school bus no fun, he feels lucky to have someplace to park his

sleek Acura SLX there.

"It's kind of a hot thing around here," Woyner said. "I've had people say, 'How much is it? I'm willing to pay double.'"

The average household income in the village of roughly 13,000 residents is about \$150,000. While not everyone who attends the school is rich, the average house in town is valued at more than half a million dollars and it's common to see students driving Audis, BMWs and Volvos.

"As a high school in the midst of a residential area, we're a different story," said Judy Brinton, New Trier's dean of students.

Even the school's highly coveted 220 student parking spaces come at a price: \$270 a year.

With the school expected to grow by 1,000 students over the next seven years, the situation is only going to worsen, Brinton said.

"We don't have any place we can expand to," she said. "We don't have any empty fields we can pave."

A 1994 New Trier graduate, Kristen McGill, said the situation has been bad for years.

"Around here, kids are throwing two grand at the people for a semester," she said.

McGill rented a spot in a driveway across the street from the school for \$500, but that bargain ended after other students offered \$2,000 for spaces.

"Finally, my senior year, they threatened to take it away," she said.

Asked why students didn't just take the school bus, McGill wrinkled her nose.

"You don't take the bus when you go to New Trier."

Gifts

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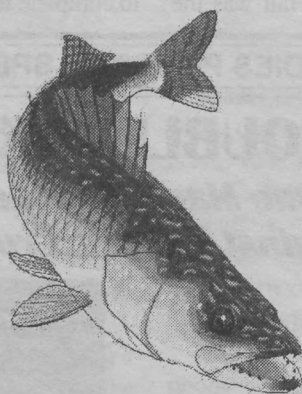
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SPORTS PAGE

• Men's basketball

Wills leads Bears to win

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

He may not have wore number 23 on his jersey in last night's 93-82 victory over the University of Hartford, but Marcus Wills' performance in the second half of Maine's first conference win of the season was nothing short of spectacular.

"In the second half Marcus was Jordanesque, I guess, out there," Hawks coach Paul Brazeau said. "He shot great and made his free throws and he was the difference in the game."

The junior transfer was shut out in the first half on 0-for-3 shooting. When the whistle blew for the start of the second half, though, the 6-foot-1 guard entered the zone and would finish the game with a career high 29 points.

"I was happy when I hit my first shot, a little jumpshot, and then I just tried to keep it going and feed off my teammates," Wills said.

Maine jumped out to a 16-13 lead in the first half on two lay-ups by forward Alan Ledbetter. That lead ballooned to 26-19 when America East leading scorer Fred Meeks sunk a three-pointer with 6:04 remaining.

The Hawks would battle back to close the halftime margin to 34-33 after guard Darrin Jackson made two freethrows.

In the first half the Black Bears were led by junior forward Alan Ledbetter, who scored 12 points and hauled down six rebounds.

Junior guard Meeks continued his hot shooting, putting up 15 points on 7-of-12 shooting, including a thunderous dunk with just 1:00 remaining. Meeks finished the game with 22 points in just 24 minutes of action.

Hartford kept the affair close thanks to points in the paint provided by 6-foot-8 forward Ryan Howse. The senior forward used his size and easy lay-ups against Maine's smaller defenders en route to 8 points and six rebounds in the first period.

The second half was the Wills show. Coach John Giannini was awestruck by

the level the guard was able to achieve despite battling a sore hip.

"I think the mark of a great player is a player that can perform when hurt, who can perform in key situations and can do very difficult things," Giannini said.

"Marcus Wills was hurting tonight and I learned a lot about Marcus Wills' heart and potential to be a championship player."

Maine began to distance itself from Hartford around the midway point in the second half as a 13-3 run, sparked by a 13 point burst by Wills, including a long range jumper at the 10:40 mark that upped the Bears' lead to 58-46.

The Hawks could not get any closer than five points for the remainder of the game as Maine came through with an unexpected clinic from the free throw line.

The Black Bears shot a scorching 23-for-25 from the stripe which played a major factor in sealing the win as Hartford looked to stop the clock often in the waning moments.

Ledbetter, who played the game of his career, finished the contest with 24 hard earned points and 18 rebounds. The team captain said he was relieved to get his game back on track after a sub-par performance at Vermont.

"I had a really bad game against Vermont and my main focus tonight was to come out and give 100 percent and that's pretty much what I did," Ledbetter said.

Giannini couldn't say enough about the big man's performance, "It's very rare that you see a player have an 18 rebound game. His numbers tonight speak volumes about his performance and effort as well."

Ledbetter's dunk in the final seconds of the game put an exclamation point on a night that might have built some respect for Maine this season but Giannini doesn't want the team to get ahead of itself.

"We have an ambitious program and we know that we're starting fresh but winning is a part of growing so we should work for and expect this sort of thing," Giannini said.



Maine guard Fred Meeks goes up for the shot over Hartford's Keith Bike during last night's 93-82 win. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Women's hockey

Blodgett bids for record

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

After dropping its first game of the season against Wisconsin, Maine will try to rebound against University of Massachusetts Thursday night in what could be a historical night at Alford Arena.

Cindy Blodgett needs just 19 points to pass Maine alum Rachel Bouchard on the all-time America East (former North Atlantic Conference) and school scoring list with 2,406 points.

"I don't think (the record) is a concern for Cindy, nor for anybody, but it is a reflection of the high standards she has brought to our program," head coach Joanne Palombo-

McCallie said.

The two-time Division 1 scoring champion needs 735 points this season to break the NCAA Division I career scoring mark of 3,122 held by Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State.

She is also gunning for her third straight scoring title, which if accomplished, would be a first for a female collegiate player.

The Black Bears last played the Minute-women in 1985 and came out on top 76-66. The teams have met 13 times, with Maine holding a 9-4 advantage.

This year's club is at 3-1, but lost its last game to Ohio State. They return four start-

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• Football

Cosgrove reflects on season

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

In his five years as skipper of the University of Maine football team, Jack Cosgrove has witnessed an array of colorful, if not entertaining, seasons.

This year was no exception. After finishing at 5-6, the Black Bears have positioned themselves on a plateau of respectability within the Atlantic 10 Conference.

"We have raised our level of play to a point now where everybody looks at us and respects us and understands that we can beat them," Cosgrove said. "I don't think we sneak up on people anymore like we used to."

In 1996, for example, the Bears closed

out a successful campaign eclipsing the .500 barrier for the first time since 1992 with a 7-4 record.

Despite embracing an infusion of talent that bolstered their play on the field, the Black Bears caught several schools by surprise with their success.

Although he isn't satisfied with the final win-loss record, Cosgrove said that establishing themselves as a formidable opponent every Saturday is instrumental in building a winning program.

"Record wise, we didn't end up where we wanted to so in that sense it was disappointing," Cosgrove said on the season. "We certainly have shown that we can play with

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FROM THE DEN

S hawn Walsh's first victory as University of Maine men's hockey coach came via forfeit. On October 16, 1984 New Hampshire defeated Maine 4-2, but was forced to forfeit because they used an ineligible player. Four days later, Walsh recorded his first out-right victory when his Bears defeated Providence College 2-1.



Cosgrove

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anybody in our conference which is a little bit of a testament to the growth of this program.

"In the past, Maine was always a team that might have been looked at as the underdog and not being able to attract main players, but now we have some high profile, main players."

Some of the countries' elite programs hail from the Atlantic 10 including two of the top three ranked teams in the nation this year; Villanova and Delaware.

The Bears played six schools who were among the top 25, five of them Atlantic 10 foes. Maine only mustered one win out of those five contests, but it was a victory that Cosgrove said signified his team this year.

The Bears erased a 17 point deficit behind the efforts of third team all-conference quarterback Mickey Fein to post an exhilarating 49-47 win.

"It was a game that was exciting as probably they'll ever be up here in terms for the fans," Cosgrove said. "We were down 20-3 and the guys really reached down. Obviously Mickey (Fein) turned in a performance that people won't forget too often."

"It was a great feeling after the game to be able to see our guys fight as hard as they did and get rewarded the way they had."

Fein threw for 522 yards against UConn in one of the greatest comebacks the program has engineered in recent years.

However, the Bears also fell victim to the disease that sickened them in 1995. Three times this season they fell in the closing minutes of the game to a ranked opponent.

This includes a 23-17 loss suffered to Northeastern at the end of the season where the Huskies buried the Bears on a touch-down pass in the game's final play.

"The end of the year was kind of tough with the Northeastern game," said Cosgrove. "They were playing for the playoffs and we weren't."

"However, we played as hard, if not harder because we had less to gain from it. To lose it in the end was real disappointing, but only because the amount of effort we put in to it."

Stability within the program

From 1986 through 1992 the program went through four coaching changes before Cosgrove took the reigns in 1993. He is the first coach to keep his job at Maine for five years since the John Bicknell era (1976-1980).

Cosgrove attributes the moderate success of the program to the molded stability that has cemented its walls, in particular, the wave of talented players that have embraced the northeast corner of the United States.

"I think back in the late 80's when we had Mike Buck and Sergio Hebra as high profile players and now we have Rameek (Wright) and Mickey (Fein)," Cosgrove said. "We didn't follow up on that and a lot of that was a result of maybe instability within the program with different coaches in and out."

"Maybe that is something that will settle down a little bit and we'll keep this system going. The fact that least I've been here for five years at least it's the same guy behind the desk."

In the past few years the program has remained relatively intact from top to bottom.

"There have been so many people involved," said Cosgrove. "Having a group of assistants who have stayed here. We've had the same staff and that helps our players in terms of consistent faces."

"There has been some consistency and it is not just me."

Honor Roll

Several members of the football team were honored for the achievements on the field this year as six Black Bears were named to all-conference teams.

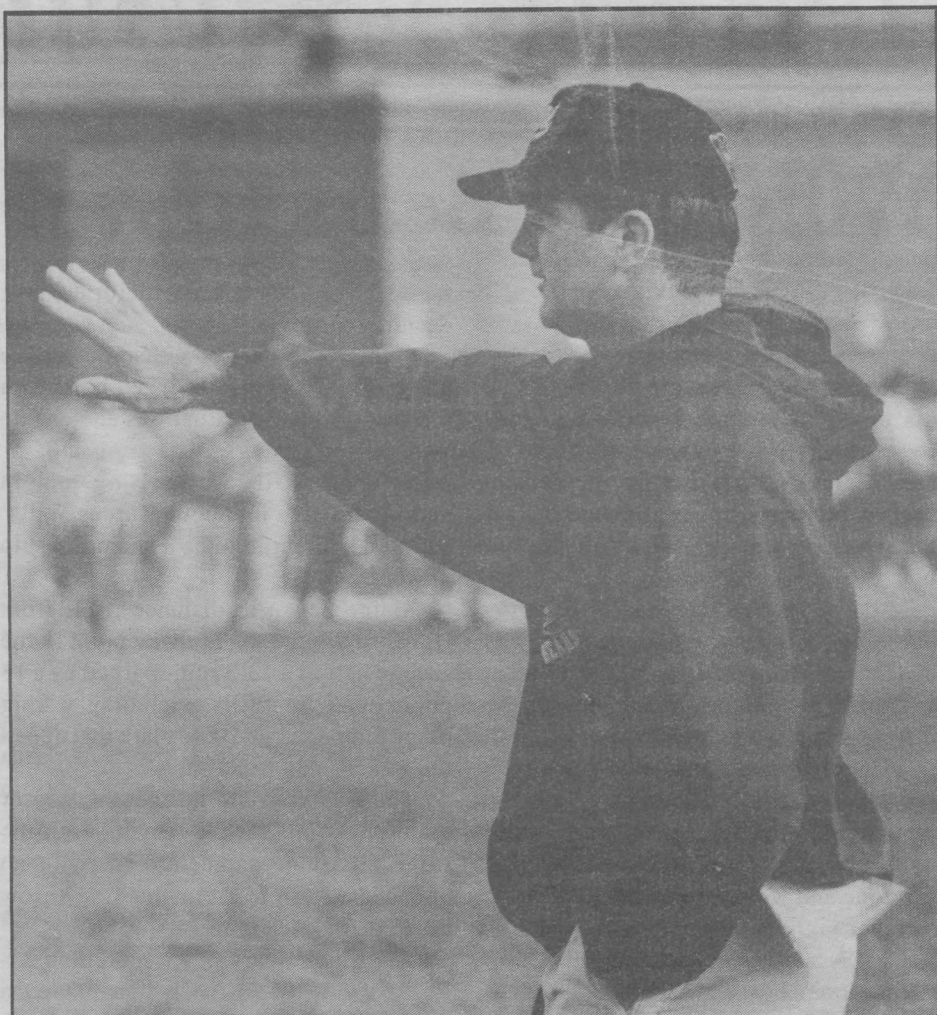
On offense, wide receiver Rameek Wright was selected to the second team with his 1,169 yards receiving and seven touchdowns this year.

Offensive lineman Pat Sheehan also earned second team all-conference honors.

Fein and special teams player Darrick Brown were named to the third team for their performances as well. Fein threw for 2,885 yards and 26 touchdowns this season. Brown had 250 all-purpose yards.

On defense, Derek Carter was one of four defensive backs to be named to the first team all-conference. Carter broke the school's record in interceptions this year and racked up 84 tackles on the grid iron this season as well.

Linebacker Lateef O'Connor was a third team all-conference selection for the all-around play he turned in. O'Connor had three interceptions and sacks and recorded 58 tackles.



Head coach Jack Cosgrove has helped bring stability into the Black Bear football program. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Women's hockey

A battle of the Bears

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

When the University of Maine women's hockey team squares off with Bowdoin College tonight in Brunswick, it hopes to do more than just settle the perennial battle of the Bears.

"[Bowdoin's] been a very strong team the last few years," Maine head coach Rick Filighera said. "The [ECAC Alliance] league is so new this year that they lost to Vermont 3-2. They lost to Middlebury, 9-1 [the same score by which Maine lost to them], so I'm assuming that we're right in there with them. Hopefully, we're a little bit better because it's an important game for us."

"For us to make the playoffs, this is the type of team we have to beat."

The Black Bears are resting in first place in the ECAC Alliance's East division, posting a 1-0-1 mark (1-1-1 overall).

While Bowdoin is the defending East division champion, the Polar Bears have stumbled out of the gate this season, going 0-2-0 in league play (0-3-0 overall) and mired in a four-way tie for third place in the six-team East.

In its two Alliance games this season,

Bowdoin has been outshot by its opponents, 101-46.

Leading the charge for Bowdoin is senior Kacy White, who notched 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points last season. She has one goal and one assist this season.

According to Filighera, Maine's two lines must continue to click in order to stay competitive, as they did in the 3-3 tie against Vermont last week.

"I feel that when we do things well, it's going to take care of itself," Filighera said. "We have a couple of lines that we use a lot, [but] we really don't match lines."

"Both lines know their roles, so hopefully if they perform their roles out there, we'll have success."

Against the Catamounts, the offensive-oriented line of Alicia Gilmore, Alison Lorenz and Jamie Schofield scored all three Maine goals, while the defensive-minded line of Michelle Young, Alana Ahearn, and Beth Burrington did not allow a goal.

"Each line did their role," Filighera said.

Filighera said he isn't worried by the offense's early lack of punch this season. Maine labored just 21 shots against Middlebury and Vermont last weekend, even though it managed to score four goals.

Concerning Maine's shooting percentage (.190) in the two games, Filighera said,

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Hockey

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"I think anybody would take that.

"We're not going to get as many shots on goal, but we probably have the best shooting percentage in the league right now."

After the Bowdoin game, Maine concludes its five-game road trip with stops in Amherst and Williams this weekend.

Around the Alliance:

* After two games, Connecticut College has been outscored 16-0. Middlebury, on the other hand, has outscored its opponents 18-2. Rensselaer has outscored its rivals by a 14-2 count.

* The Alliance's first player of the week recipient this season is Hamilton's Amy Williams, who squeezed an entire season

into just two games, totaling eight goals and four assists for the Continentals.

Teammate Lauren Spoon took home rookie of the week honors, recording five assists in her first-ever collegiate game.

* Hamilton's first year coach, Kelly McElroy, has quit the team for personal reasons and has been replaced by Susan Pullock.

* The East division teams could be in for a long season. So far, the West is 10-1-1 against the East, outscoring it 57-28.

* On the same subject, while Maine's three points are good enough for first place in the East, it would only qualify for fifth place in the West.

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ers from 1996-97's 18-10 squad, and are led by Kelly Van Hulslen's 16.5 ppg and 63% from three-point range.

Maine's weakened frontcourt will have to deal with forward Tez Kraft's 14.8 ppg and Yolanda Rayside's eight rebounds a game.

Palombo said that the team has been looking at the Wisconsin game film, and hopes it can improve on rebounding, not letting UMass get second shot opportunities, and playing a strong 40 minutes of basketball.

Maine was outrebounded 46-30 against Wisconsin and in the last eight minutes against James Madison, allowed a 21-7 run.

"We played what I consider 20 minutes of basketball in the second half (against Wisconsin), so we intend to really put a 40-minute focus on," Palombo said. "We want to maintain a high level of intensity throughout."

Vachon on the rise: While many players upped their level of play in the Dead River Classic this past weekend, Amy Vachon raised her stock significantly, which is reflected in the latest America East stats.

Coming off a weekend where she dished out 13 assists in two games, including eight in one to tie a tourney record, the sophomore point guard is No. 1 in conference assists with 6.67 a game.

She is also tied at No. 4 in steals with three picks a game.

"I think Amy is really figuring out what she can do and how effective she can be. There is no question she will take that from this weekend, that understanding," Palombo said. "She can make big time plays, and I think she is getting confident every day and building on it."

Blodgett is often the recipient of Vachon's passes and benefits from when she drives to the hoop, drawing the defense and leaving her open.

She said she is very lucky to play alongside Vachon, someone she calls very giving to the team.

"I can go away from the ball, and I feel really comfortable knowing she will

get the ball into our offense. I feel very comfortable with her, and that is a good thing," Blodgett said. "She is also very laid back. Whenever I want to go take it, I can."

Martina out: Injured forward Martina Tinklova will be out Thursday night with strained knee ligaments. She aggravated the old injury Saturday in the first half against Wisconsin, after knocking knees with an opponent.

Palombo says the 6'4" forward needs to rest the knee, and will try to get back into action next week. She is tied for ninth in blocked shots in America East.

With the Bears struggling in the rebounding department, Andrea Clark should log more minutes, with six-foot small forward Katie Clark playing some power forward as well, something the coach is excited about.

"She is extremely adaptive to picking up new things, and is a quick learner and very savvy. We won't hesitate to put her at that position. She's a great addition, no question," Palombo said.

America East Beat: While only two teams (Maine and Northeastern) have played a conference game, Hofstra has jumped out to a 4-0 mark in their non-conference schedule. Vermont is living up to its advance billing with a 4-1 mark. On the flip side, Hartford has struggled to a 0-3 record that includes a 31 point drubbing to UMass to open their season.

Blodgett once again leads the conference in scoring with 28.7 ppg, seventh in field goal percentage at 48%, fifth in assists with 4.67 a game, and third in free throw pct. at 79%.

Jamie Cassidy's 17 ppg is good for fifth in the America East scoring race and field goal percentage, and second in rebounds with 9.1 rpg.

Kristen McCormick debuts in the top ten in three-point percentage at No. 1, hitting on 63% of her shots from behind the arc.

• Column

Around the rinks

By Deron Treadwell
Maine Campus Staff

November was a month of inconsistency for the University of Maine men's hockey team, as the opposition and its fans took turns seeing who could look worse.

First Period

Boston College headlines the ignorance list for lack of sportsmanship following some incidents that took place during their weekend visit to Orono Nov. 21.

After BC handed Maine a 6-1 loss, which should have been enough glory for the Eagles, they decided to take the win one step further.

As the teams came off the ice some BC players mocked Maine, questioning their toughness and according to one player, even addressing Maine coach Shawn Walsh personally, taunting him and asking him when he started coaching the women's hockey team.

(Note: Letters can be sent to the Boston College Hockey Office, c/o Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167)

Why give Maine any more motivation for the next night's rematch?

As it turned out, the comments lit a fire under the Black Bears and they proceeded to destroy the Eagles 12-5 the following night.

BC has had a few rough years in the win-loss column. Apparently there are still some lessons to be learned on how to be real winners.

Second Period

Without a doubt, the Black Bears are still trying to find themselves as they currently suffer from an identity crisis. Severely inconsistent, the Bears limped through November with a 4-4 record, being blown out three times, including twice in Alford.

Despite the recent troubles, Maine has scored six goals or more in over half of its games. This is a roller coaster ride to say the least.

As Maine prepares for its next four games, all on the road and all against league opponents, there is some question

whether this team can challenge for the Hockey East title.

Maine, picked to finish third in the league's preseason poll, has already played one game each against the iron of the league, Boston University and New Hampshire. The Bears were handled easily by both teams, losing 6-0 to BU and 7-0 this past weekend to New Hampshire.

If they are to have any shot this year at a championship, which will be decided in the Fleet Center where the league's elite are set to clash, they will need to string a few wins together starting this weekend at Providence.

Third Period

Last Saturday's game featured a scary moment when New Hampshire's Mark Mowers was knocked unconscious and sent to the hospital after a hit by Maine's Ben Guite.

Guite was penalized with a five minute major for hitting-from-behind and given a game misconduct, forcing him to leave the game.

Mowers was released from the hospital the same evening, fortunately with only a concussion.

The real sad thing is that in the aftermath of this play, UNH fans have begun to level charges that either Guite wanted to injure Mowers, or even worse, that Shawn Walsh ordered Guite to intentionally hurt him.

Maine and Walsh have had their image problems, but there is absolutely no basis for such outlandish accusations. In fact, Maine won the Sportsmanship Award last year for fewest penalty minutes and have always been regarded as one of the classiest teams in the league.

UNH fans should be ashamed of themselves for sinking to this level. They don't have to like Maine or Walsh, but for making charges like this they are a disgrace to college hockey.

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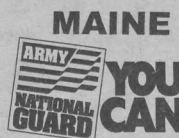
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• Football

DeBartolo steps down as San Francisco's owner

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Edward DeBartolo Jr., whose San Francisco 49ers won five Super Bowls under his leadership, stepped down as owner Tuesday after two Louisiana newspapers reported he would be indicted for gambling fraud.

DeBartolo said that pending the outcome of the investigation, his sister, Marie Denise DeBartolo York, will take over as chairman of the 49ers and Carmen Policy will continue as president and chief executive officer.

The newspapers reported that DeBartolo and former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards are among at least six people notified they soon will be indicted by a federal grand jury.

"These charges simply are not true," DeBartolo said in a statement. "I look forward to the time when I can address these issues and tell my side of the story."

Policy will continue to run the 49ers' day-to-day operations and replace DeBartolo as the team's representative to the NFL for league business.

DeBartolo said he also was stepping aside from any role in the project to build a new stadium for the 49ers in San Francisco.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the NFL had been aware of the grand jury investigation prior to Tuesday's announcement, and that it would be "inappropriate to comment on the legal proceedings in-

volving Mr. DeBartolo while those matters remain subject to the judicial process."

"Mr. DeBartolo and officials of the San Francisco 49ers also had made my office aware of the steps announced today with respect to the restructuring of the club's management and Mr. DeBartolo's decision to remove himself from any role in NFL and club operations pending the resolution of the legal proceedings."

"The steps announced today will have no effect on the performance of the football team, the development of the new stadium or the quality operations that have characterized the 49ers for two decades," Tagliabue said.

He said he told the 49ers that he approved of the moves by the DeBartolo family and the team, and that he had "complete confidence" in Policy and the 49ers management.

York said it was "a very difficult time" for her brother.

"In this country, everyone is entitled to a presumption of innocence and to due process under the law. I hope everything will work out for him," she said.

Policy said there would be "no disruption" in the day-to-day operations of the team.

"Eddie DeBartolo and his family has the full support of myself, the team and the entire 49er organization," Policy said.

DeBartolo was ordered to appear be-

fore the federal grand jury in New Orleans in June as part of the investigation into gambling.

The Times of Shreveport and The News-Star of Monroe reported Tuesday that, in addition to DeBartolo and Edwards, the others who were sent "target letters" included Edwards' son, Stephen Edwards.

The letters are used to notify recipients of imminent indictment and invite them to testify before the grand jury if they wish to offer evidence that could absolve them.

The inclusion of DeBartolo indicates the indictment includes events surrounding the awarding of a riverboat gambling license in March to a partnership that included DeBartolo and Hollywood Casino Corp.

DeBartolo withdrew from the project after the state gambling board demanded he hand over all documents he gave to the grand jury. The documents included an "unexecuted agreement" between DeBartolo and Stephen Edwards, according to a copy of a grand jury subpoena obtained by the newspapers.

The state gambling board canceled the project after DeBartolo withdrew.

Hollywood was never aware of any arrangement between DeBartolo and Stephen Edwards, said company spokesman Eric Terry. But Hollywood hired a relative and an associate of Stephen Ed-

wards, both of whom had offices in the same suite as Edwin and Stephen Edwards.

DeBartolo's businesses include shopping malls, thoroughbred racetracks, including Louisiana Downs in Bossier City, La., and other commercial property.

DeBartolo, a native of Youngstown who has helped build his family's real estate development firm, purchased the 49ers in 1977. His generous treatment of players often has been credited with helping San Francisco attract and retain some of the league's top players.

The 49ers lured quarterback Steve Young from the USFL, and have signed many other big-name free agents — such as sack specialist Kevin Greene this season — in part because of the team's reputation for treating players well.

The 49ers, who won Super Bowls in 1981, 1984, 1988, 1989 and 1994, are tied for the best record in football again this season.

But DeBartolo also has been a controversial figure. He and a companion were charged with battery in Green Bay earlier this year after being accused of punching a Packers fan and head-butting another in a scuffle outside Lambeau Field after the Packers beat the 49ers in a playoff game on Jan. 4.

While Edwin Edwards would not comment about receiving his target letter, he acknowledged he soon expects to be indicted.

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