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## the naked five



The Naked Five as they appeared during Friday night's game against Providence College. (Jason Canniff photo.)

### • Graduation

## Plan guarantees four-year degree

By Dilnora Azimova  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine is offering students a chance to get their tuition free after four years, but many students aren't taking advantage of the opportunity.

The offer is part of the University of Maine's guarantee for students to graduate in four years, called the Four-Year Degree Guarantee Program.

The program was created in response to some students' belief that UMaine students cannot complete their education and earn their degrees in four years, said Douglas Gelinas, vice provost for undergraduate education.

"Many students have an idea that they cannot graduate in four years," Gelinas said. "I have not seen any student who got the right courses and could not graduate."

Gelinas said 50 students have entered the program so far. He thinks many students do not necessarily want to go through the university in four years.

"There are probably many reasons why little more than 30 percent of students complete their degrees in four years," said John Beacon, dean of enrollment management. "Primary reasons are because students change their major after being enrolled for a year or more and need to take additional classes in their new disciplines to meet specific degree requirements. If students decide to change their majors, they will need to consult with an adviser to make sure the degree program still applies."

Beacon said other students find it difficult to graduate in four years because they also work.

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### • Dining

## Students question meal-plan pricing

By Beth Haney  
Maine Campus staff

Due to the increase in prices of on-campus meal plans this year and the decrease in prices for off-campus meal plans, some students are questioning Dining Services' strategies.

Jon Lewis, director of dining services, said decreased prices for off-campus students is part of a plan to reduce the prices for all students. With cheaper rates, more commuters will buy meals, he said.

"The more people who buy in, the cheaper the meals will be for everyone," Lewis said.

The 5 percent increase to on-

campus students is due to the constant change in the economy, Lewis said. Food prices increase 2 percent a year on average, and employee pay also increases.

Aaron Perkins, a first-year mechanical engineering major, lives off campus and has a 60-meal combo plan. He goes to the dining commons because it's convenient, but he feels that the meals are overpriced, Perkins said.

"Per meal it is very expensive," Perkins said. "And you pay all the money ahead so when you have a meal leftover it is pocket money for Dining Services."

Lewis said the system is set up so that a meal plan of 14-plus a

week is a better deal than a 7-plus meal plan.

"The more dining common meals you eat, the less it will cost," Lewis said. "The 7-plus is not priced very attractively."

Michael Lake, a member of the General Student Senate and sophomore electrical engineering major, wrote a report about Dining Services for the Blue Ribbon Panel.

"I felt like I was not getting my \$1,200 worth, which is now \$1,255, thus I checked," Lake said. "It was just doing the math."

According to Lake's report, in 1996, 243 out of 490 students surveyed had a 7-plus meal plan, and

only 158 out of 490 had a 10-plus meal plan. Lake said the majority of students were paying too much for their meals.

The prices at the campus markets are also of concern to Lake and other students.

"What is sad is that I have seen prices of 12 packs of alcoholic beverages off campus for a mere 19 cents more [than] the price here on campus for soda," Lake said in his report.

Kara Miglinas, a first-year botany major, agrees.

"I definitely think the store prices are way too high at Hilltop and

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### • Housing

## All dorms may open for break housing

By Chris Corio  
Special to the Campus

All residence halls may be offering break housing by the fall 1999 semester, said Barbara Smith, interim director of residential life.

"[Break housing] has become more popular," Smith said. "The fairly low cost is an option."

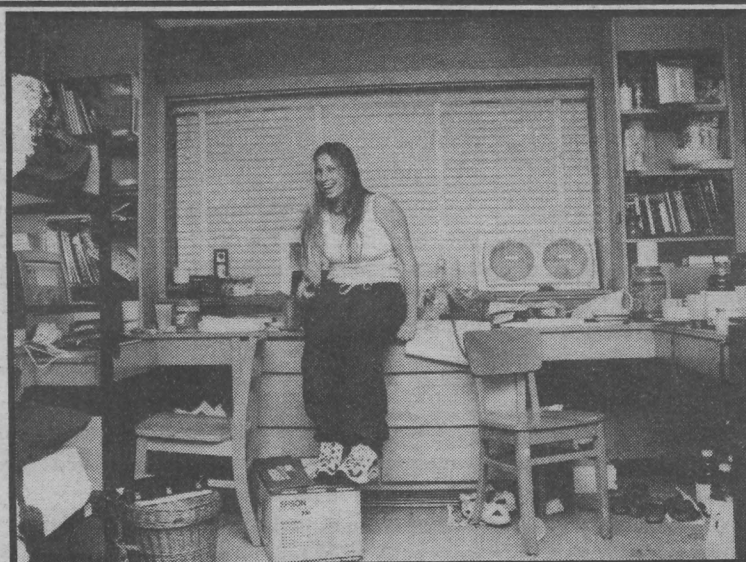
The Campus Living Advisory

Committee is reassessing break housing on campus, Smith said. Currently, a total of 10 halls will be open over Thanksgiving and part of winter break.

A student who lives in a dorm offering break housing pays an additional \$40 per semester.

The fee covers the cost of staff-

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First-year student Esther Granville is one of the few students living in the dorms over Christmas Break. (Mike Zubik photo.)

## Accident

An accident occurred last night in front of Gannett Hall, said Joe Carr, news coordinator of Public Affairs.

Casey Dunn, 18, was driving her car down Long Road. When she turned on to Gannett Road, bicyclist Matthew Simoneau, 19, failed to yield to Dunn's car and collided with it.

Simoneau had back pains and was rushed by ambulance to Eastern Maine Medical Center.

The bicycle and the car both had damage.

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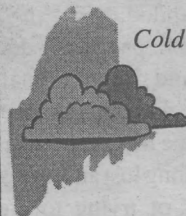
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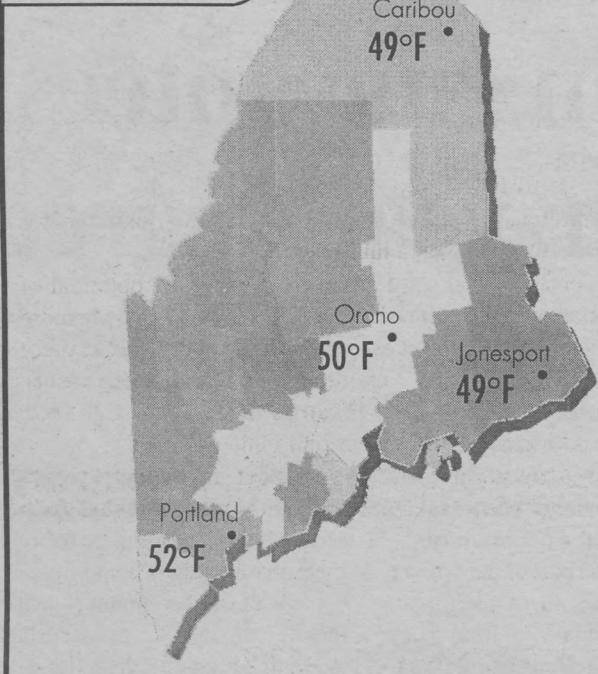
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# WORLD BRIEFS

## WEATHER



## WORLD MAP



## FIVE-DAY SUMMARY

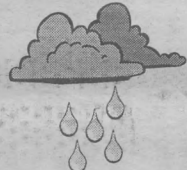
### Monday's weather

Cloudy and cool. High near 50 today.



### Tuesday's weather

Overcast with a chance of precipitation. Highs near 50.



### Extended Forecast

Wednesday ... Fair.  
Thursday ... Cold and cloudy.  
Tuesday ... Overcast.



### • Crime

## Longtime serial killer awaits trial in Ukraine

**1** KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The killer struck at night on Dec. 24, 1995, bursting into the secluded home of the Zaichenko family. Soon, the forester, his wife and two small sons were dead, shot from a sawed-off, double-barreled hunting rifle.

Their killer escaped with a pair of wedding rings, a small golden cross on a chain, earrings and a bundle of worn clothes. Their house in Garmarnia, a village in central Ukraine, was set ablaze, marking the start of a bloody trail that terrorized the country for four months.

The trail would eventually end with the arrest of Anatoly Onoprienko, a forester and sailor who confessed to the killings. On Monday, the man accused of being Ukraine's worst serial killer goes on trial, charged with 52 counts of murder.

"I look at it very simply. As an animal. I watched all this as an animal would stare at a sheep," Onoprienko said of the slaughter in a videotaped 1997 police interview obtained by The Associated Press.

The charges against Onoprienko chart a remarkable rampage that first drew public attention with the Zaichenko slayings.

### • Slain

## Assailants kill prominent, popular Russian politician

**2** MOSCOW (AP) — In modern Russia, the crime was so common as to be mundane. Two thugs, armed with machine pistols and silencers, stalked and killed a powerful figure, then slipped away into the night. Police vowed to catch them and politicians expressed outrage.

Usually, that would be the end of the story.

This time, though, the person shot was one of the most prominent and popular women in Russian politics, a prospective presidential candidate with friends in the highest reaches of the Kremlin.

As outrage mounted Sunday, it seemed clear that the killing of Galina Starovoitova was not going to be treated as a routine crime, and some said it might turn out to be a watershed in Russian politics.

"This is impossible to tolerate any longer," said Grigory Yavlinsky, the leader of Yabloko, a reform-oriented party. "We must stop feeling powerless before the increasingly brazen scum. We cannot go on living as though everything is running as usual."

Starovoitova, a member of parliament and a leader of the liberal Russia's Democratic Choice party, was walking up the stairs of her apartment building in St. Petersburg with a young aide Friday evening. A pair of assailants — police believe it was a man and a woman — appeared behind them and opened fire.

### • Conflict

## Iraqis accuse weapons inspectors of foul play

**3** BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's foreign minister on Sunday accused U.N. arms inspectors of "a savage campaign ... of disinformation" in their quest for more documents about the country's banned weapons.

The minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, said Iraq has already handed over millions of papers to monitors and claimed that no more files exist.

"Anything relevant to the work of disarmament, we had already handed over," he said, adding that Iraq has given 2,188,020 pages of documents to U.N. Special Commission and International Atomic Energy Agency monitors since weapons inspections began in 1991.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said some documents in question are long lost and accused chief weapons inspector Richard Butler of trying to create a pretext to continue sanctions or allow the United States and Britain to attack.

Aziz told reporters that "Butler has asked for a series of alleged documents ... that do not exist."

"It is quite provocative if you want to dig in the whole archives of the government of Iraq, which might take decades," he said.

### • Indonesia

## Suharto inquiry renewed following days of protest

**4** JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — After days of bloody student protests, Indonesian President B.J. Habibie on Saturday ordered a new corruption inquiry into his authoritarian predecessor and former mentor.

The decision to appoint a commission to investigate Suharto's wealth came precisely six months after Habibie replaced the 77-year-old former autocrat on May 21 as head of state following deadly riots and protests.

An earlier inquiry found no wrongdoing by Suharto and has been branded a sham by critics. A government spokesman said the new inquiry would be based on "credibility and integrity."

A renewed wave of civil unrest during the past nine days has left as many as 16 people dead, including eight students who were shot by troops in street battles in downtown Jakarta, the capital.

The students are demanding greater democracy, and want Suharto to be put on trial for alleged corruption during his 32 years in power.

For days, crowds of protesters chanting "Hang Suharto!" have been blocked by troops from marching on the former leader's home, where he has remained a virtual recluse since he quit.

### • Health

## Tobacco quickly becoming lead killer among Chinese

**5** BEIJING (AP) — Tobacco smoking is becoming one of the worst health hazards in history, and China is suffering badly from its effects, the director-general of the World Health Organization said Sunday.

Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland said 3.5 million people worldwide will die from smoking this year. That figure is expected to triple to 10 million into the next century, with possibly around 2 million of the deaths coming in China, she said in a speech to Beijing's elite Qinghua University.

"China's share of this tragedy may be huge," she said, according to a text of her speech. Tobacco is "one of the greatest emerging health disasters in human history," she added.

Brundtland called for higher taxes on tobacco, curbs on tobacco smuggling and enforced bans on tobacco advertising.

To succeed, the measures will need "firm political direction and strong public support," she added.

China now has the highest number of deaths from smoking of any country, having recently overtaken the United States.



# MAINE VIEW

## 4-H Club

**By Christie Glidden**  
Special to the *Campus*

First-year natural resources student Anna Kettell was a bit surprised when she found out that there wasn't a 4-H Club on campus.

Involved in 4-H since age 12, Kettell immediately made some phone calls to find out what was going on.

After contacting Beth Parks, the cooperative extension educator for Penobscot County, Kettell has been working to help the club start back up.

"I was excited when I knew there was

a chance that a 4-H club could be started," Kettell said. "Currently, we are working on the preliminary approval by the student senate to become an actual club again."

It's been almost 30 years since there was a Collegiate 4-H Club on campus, Kettell said.

The organization cares for animals, works with children and participates in community service, Kettell said.

"The four H's stand for head, hands, heart and health," Kettell said. "It develops leadership, citizenship and responsibility."

The Collegiate 4-H Club on campus will focus on community service and environ-

mental projects but is open to any idea, Kettell said.

"Collegiate 4-H will expand peoples' minds and teach them subjects not taught at a desk or in a lab," says the National Collegiate 4-H club's Web site.

The club will provide service to the university and surrounding community.

Kettell said students can join even if they've never been involved with 4-H before.

"Growing up, I was never exposed to 4-H but am looking forward to being a part of the club and helping the community," said junior Jennifer Holweger.

Brianne Verrill, a first-year human nu-

trition major, said she was a member of 4-H during high school and is excited to continue with 4-H at UMaine.

"I am looking forward to interacting with the other members of the club and to experience new and challenging activities," she said.

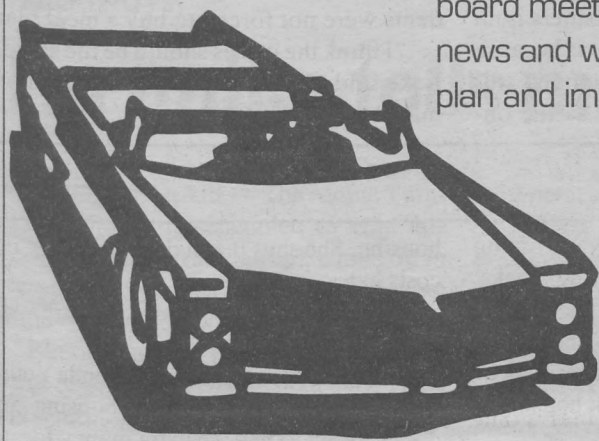
Kettell said things are looking up for the club.

"I am excited about the potential of this club, and all we need is a little more interest to help it take off," said Kettell.

Anyone interested in joining Collegiate 4-H can call Kettell at 581-6565 or e-mail her on FirstClass.

The Maine Campus is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant City Editor.

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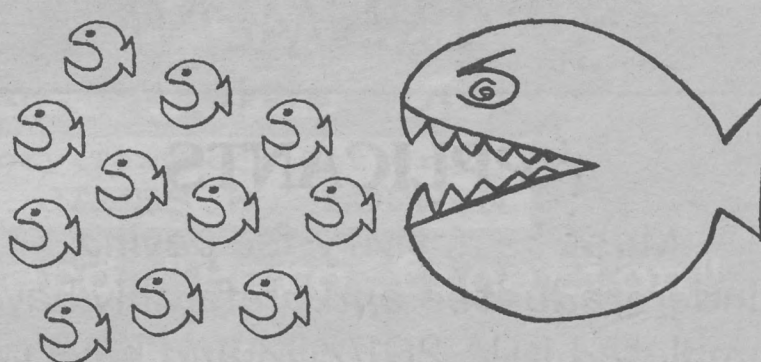
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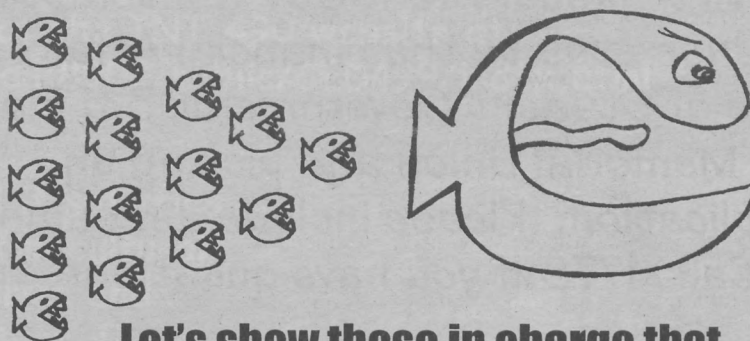
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## Graduation

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"For many students," he said, "the burden of working to help make ends meet overcomes educational goals as a priority and students either drop out entirely or cut back to less than full-time and take more years to complete degree requirements."

Motivation might also be a factor that prevents students from completing their education in four years, Beacon said.

"Some students just do not stick it long enough to see the fruits of their labors," he said.

In order to participate in the program students must follow certain guidelines. If the guidelines are met and the student is unable to graduate in four years, the tuition for their remaining required courses is free.

The program was put in effect this fall and information about the program was provided to first-year students during summer orientation and fall registration.

"We started with incoming students," said Charles Russ, the associate dean of the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "As

time goes on we may extend it. We have not made a decision yet."

Sophomores can also enter the program depending on their selected major and the courses they have already completed, according to the program's application.

Russ said students have a responsibility to see their advisers every semester and take courses the adviser and student agree on if they want to participate in the program.

Students will also have to take courses whenever they are offered, including evenings and weekends, in order to be in the program, Russ said.

The university is responsible for providing students with advisers and offering the required courses so the students in the program can obtain their degree in the allotted four years, Russ said.

"The advisers have to know the rules and regulations of the program and give a student proper advice," he said.

Advisers help students select courses that

meet their degree requirements, but they aren't fully responsible for a student graduating.

Students are required to have a minimum of 15 credit hours, maintain a certain grade point average and identify their majors in order to be in the program. Students who do not maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA may no longer be in the program.

The program does not cover double majors, double degrees and minors because of the need for students to take more classes.

"We do not make a blank promise that it will work all the time," Gelinas said. "Most of the time it would."

Students who decide to study abroad should discuss with their advisers whether their time away will affect their ability to meet the requirements of the program.

Some students agree they could graduate in four years, but they are not in a hurry to leave the college.

"I do not think I would," said John Davis, sophomore elementary education major who

is currently taking 14 credits. "I'd rather take my time and go in slower pace."

While it is possible to graduate in four years, Davis said it is too much work for him.

"Too many classes, too much work," he said. "If I really work on [graduation], I could graduate in four years."

Chad Skillin, a first-year landscape horticulture major, said there are students who would like to finish their time at college as fast as possible.

Skillin, who is graduating in five years, said the size of classes make it tough to graduate earlier.

"In my major there is a class that is required, but it is full," he said. "I have to take it next semester."

The University of Maine is not the only state with low graduation rates. Beacon said UMaine's rates are similar to those of other land-grant, public universities across the nation.

## Dining

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at the Bear's Den," she said.

Students are quick to suggest improvements for the system.

Perkins thinks both on- and off-campus students should get their unused meal money back and the prices should be steady for everyone.

"Everybody should pay the same price," Perkins said. "You shouldn't be penalized because you are forced to have a meal plan."

"I would also like to see unused meal plans, on- or off-campus, credited toward student's accounts," he said.

Lewis said having the same meal plan price for everyone would be difficult.

"We don't sell the on-campus meal plans to off-campus students so there is no comparison," Lewis said. "This is because the theory was that the off-campus students would not eat as much as the on-

campus students."

Lake agrees with Perkins and said it could be possible if the on-campus students were not forced to buy a meal plan.

"I think the prices should be the same," Lake said. "They should offer more non-mandatory meal plans."

## Housing

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ing the buildings with resident assistants and custodians during breaks, Smith said.

All resident students would have the charge included in their room and board fee,

even if they don't plan to take advantage of break housing, Smith added.

Cindy Stewart, interim assistant director of residential life, said most students prefer

break housing for the flexibility of coming and going when they please during breaks.

"There are relatively few students who stay every day of every break," she said.

Senior Suzanne Balbo, head resident of Balentine Hall, said more break housing is needed.

"We have a couple of international students who live in the dorm," she said. "If they need to stay, they have to go over to Hancock, unless they are fortunate enough to be able to stay with friends or relatives nearby."

If every hall remains open during break, those that must stay will not have to move, Stewart said.

"Students with employment or athletic obligations will be able to stay in their own rooms and halls of choice," she said.

First-year nursing student Portia Anderson appreciates the convenience of break

housing. She says that it doesn't matter if it costs extra.

"It helps a lot if you have a job here," she said.

First-year nursing student Lorenda Young said she doesn't need break housing and doesn't want to pay the extra money for it.

If all residence halls offer break housing, existing guest housing in Hancock Hall will be omitted, Stewart said. The hall's guest housing has already been reduced to one floor.

Visiting faculty, guest lecturers, off-campus students and participants of the Intensive English Institute have used guest housing in the past, Stewart said.

"I'm sure that some programs that have appreciated having guest housing so readily available will have to adapt," Stewart said. "Some may have to take advantage of area hotels."

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# STATE NEWS

## • State legislature

### House pushes for bill deadline

AUGUSTA (AP) — Leaders of the outgoing Legislature have served notice on Gov. Angus King that they plan to seek a rule change to curtail the administration's ability to submit legislation any time it wants.

Under the proposal to be put before lawmakers, the governor would face the same sort of deadline for filing bills that individual legislators must meet.

So-called "after deadline" bills would not be permitted to go directly before the full Legislature. Instead, they would first face review by the 10-member Legislative Council and require the assent of a council majority for introduction.

In a Nov. 2 letter to King, Senate President Mark Lawrence and House Speaker

Elizabeth Mitchell said the rule change "should enhance the Legislature's ability to effectively manage its workload each session."

"To have to go to the Legislative Council to get an after deadline bill really shifts the balance of power," King aide Kay Rand said last week.

King is scheduled to discuss the matter with Lawrence and Mitchell on Monday.

Lawrence and Mitchell told King in their letter the proposal had unanimous support from the Legislature's Special Committee on Legislative Rules and grew out of the panel's search for ways to improve efficiency.

"In recent years, legislative leaders

have encouraged the joint standing committees to group related bills together and to hear and work all those bills at the same time," the two presiding officers wrote.

"However, in order for trocess to work well, all proposed legislation must be available (drafted, introduced and referred to committee) early in the session."

The proposed deadline for governor's bills would be on the Friday after the first Monday in January, coinciding with the statutory deadline for the governor to submit a budget proposal.

Besides promoting efficiency, Lawrence and Mitchell said, "the cloture rule would treat legislators more equitably with other presenters of legislation."

## • Concert

### Phish return questionable

PORTLAND (AP) — There may be "no Phishing" next summer in Aroostook County.

The popular Vermont band that drew more than 60,000 fans to each of its three-day festivals at the former Loring Air Force Base this year and last may not return to Limestone in 1999.

Band members will forgo a summer festival next year and replace it with a New Year's bash on the eve of 2000, according to a Hartford Courant story that quoted Phish guitarist Trey Anastasio.

But the band's manager, John Paluska, told the Portland Press Herald that band members are considering "a few different scenarios" for touring in 1999 and have not ruled out a return to northern Maine.

"Trey may have just jumped the gun a little," Paluska said. "We haven't said we're going (to Limestone), but we haven't closed the door, either."

The Limestone festivals — Lemonwheel last summer and The Great Went in 1997 — pumped an estimated \$40 million into the state's economy and gave a boost to a region sorely in need of an economic lift.

Sally Sullivan, owner of Kelley's Restaurant in Limestone, said a return visit by Phish would be nice but the town would survive without it.

"We need permanent jobs up here. A once-a-year fix isn't going to do it," she said.



## • Highways

### Turnpike tolls may increase 25 percent

PORTLAND (AP) — The Maine Turnpike Authority is scheduled to vote this week on a plan to raise turnpike tolls by an average of 25 percent to fund the widening of the road's southern end.

But officials are keeping mum on specifics of the proposed rate hike until Tuesday's meeting.

The increases, scheduled to take effect Feb. 1, would boost annual turnpike revenues to \$54.5 million. The increases would be more than 25 percent for some motorists, less for others, said Paul Violette, executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Earlier this year, the authority projected

a 30 percent increase.

Officials said they are keeping the proposed rate changes private as a courtesy to authority members who have not seen the final plan and to prevent opponents from delaying the process.

Turnpike Authority Chairman Julian Coles said the planned increase, developed after public hearings, is designed to be fair to all drivers — commuters, cash-paying customers and commercial haulers.

"We have come up with a plan that takes into account everybody's needs," Coles said. "I think it would be a great disservice to the greater public good if one

small minority were given the time to make a huge issue about how it affects them."

But officials in towns populated by turnpike users say the authority would do well to proceed cautiously and give the public a chance to respond to the plan.

"If they have a fair plan, it will be perceived that way," said Glenna Nowell, city manager in Gardiner. "Having something scrutinized by as many people as possible is good."

Coles said he is willing to request a delay of a few weeks if it becomes an issue, but does not think such a move is necessary because the public had plenty of warning about an increase.

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# EDITORIAL

## Grants must keep with times

A study released last week found that the money that the federal government allots to Pell Grants has not kept pace with inflation or the rising costs of tuition at four-year colleges and universities.

The government should show a commitment to making college affordable by adjusting the Pell Grant for inflation and rising tuition.

The study, performed by the Education Resources Institute, found that the value of Pell Grants has actually decreased over the last 20 years when adjusted for inflation. The Washington Post reported that the average cost of a college education has quadrupled during that same time. The Pell Grants should have kept pace with the cost of both school and inflation.

Recent graduates are often saddled with enough debt from student loans. Pell Grants help 3.6 million of those students by covering an average of 22 percent of the costs of public colleges. But in 1977, the average grant covered about 39 percent. Pell Grants do not have to be repaid.

Last month, Congress passed a \$520 billion spending bill. The actual material of the bill was about 4,000 pages long. The bill allocated a half-million dollars to repair the home of Thomas Edison and \$6 million to fund the Robert J. Dole Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the University of Kansas. The bill contained many other pork provisions. The money for adjusting Pell Grants could be found by eliminating some of this pork from government spending.

The 1999 federal budget will spend \$1.7 trillion. Some of that money is going to increase the Pell Grants. But even with the increase, the Pell Grants will still be worth less than they were in 1980.

It is not too much to ask to spend a little extra money to help needy students get a higher education. Pell Grants need to keep with the times, as well as help make college affordable for more Americans.

## Tobacco deal a good first step

Friday, Maine's attorney general, Andrew Ketterer, accepted the state's share of a \$206 billion settlement with the tobacco industry. Maine's share of the deal will be \$1.4 billion over the next 25 years and \$61.5 million annually after that. Forty-six states have accepted the settlement. The other four have reached separate deals with the industry.

Besides money to treat smoking-related illnesses, the settlement calls for restrictions on cigarette advertising, which includes bans on the use of cartoon characters and outdoor advertising to sell cigarettes, as well as a ban on the distribution and sale of apparel with tobacco logos.

Critics of the deal have complained that the deal gives the state a stake in the industry's annual profits and therefore doesn't encourage the state to curb smoking.

Maine and the other 45 states should be applauded for signing this deal. Holding out for more money might have led to a withdrawal of the companies' offer. Pursuing separate lawsuits in federal court would have been more expensive in the long run. Worst of all, individual lawsuits could have been lost, leaving states with nothing but high legal bills to show for their efforts. That would help no one, least of all those with smoking-related illnesses.

By settling with the industry, the states have ensured that they can start helping their smokers now, not in five years when tobacco companies have exhausted all their appeals. They can also start using their shares of the settlement to curb smoking in general, especially among teenagers.

The settlement does get the companies immunity from any future lawsuits filed by the states. What it does not do is preclude individuals from suing the industry.

This deal was the best that the tobacco companies were going to offer. Anyone who thinks there may have been a better one in the offing is naive. It was a no-brainer: Accept the deal or get nothing but long, drawn-out, costly legal battles. Let's take this money we will be receiving and be thankful we had the chance to get it.

Judging from the tobacco industry's past record, the settlement could have been a lot worse. If this is indeed a first step, as Ketterer claims, then, it is a pretty substantial one.

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### • Letters to the editor

#### • Limited view

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the great and visionary decision by the General Student Senate to pass a resolution that shows where the great priorities of our campus lie. The importance lies not in the silly frivolities of academic excellence or environmental quality, but rather in the need for more parking. I am thrilled to see the Senate putting my hard earned cash into the parking problem which plagues our campus. They constantly talk of the need for more parking closer to the Union or wherever it is that parking needs to be. I propose that the university invest \$30 million or so and build a multi-level parking garage on the side of every building on campus so that the dear tender students of the university will not have to expose themselves to the harsh Maine winter.

If this proposal sounds ridiculous, read what the senate resolved with the great park out. This proposal, instead of seeking to improve public transportation or encouraging students to rideshare, proposes that they crowd the parking lots with too many cars, creating a roadblock on a level never seen before. The problem here is not too few parking spaces but too many cars. Automobiles pollute not just the air but create noise pollution and scar the landscape by covering it with countless acres of parking. A wiser resolution would be to ask the administration to hire back the pro-

fessors they fired a couple of years ago instead of building a new Union. They might also press Dining Services to provide students with a living instead of minimum wage. There is also the matter of rising tuition and fees and receding benefits. The Union cluster is not open 24 hours a day anymore? These issues are all more pressing than the blighting of the campus with more asphalt. The fact that the GSS never deals with any of these issues shows the body's collective vision does not extend beyond its own colon. It is time that the Senate started to behave like a representative body and not like a frivolous one.

Kirk Rogers  
Orono

#### • Hurricane relief

To the editor:

When I heard Richard Jagels speak on Thursday, Nov. 12, about Hurricane Mitch's devastation in Central America, I thought back to our own ice storm disaster last winter. Two of Professor Jagels' points made a particularly strong impression on me. The first was that the average annual income of a worker in Honduras is about what I spend at least once a year on clothing from the L.L. Bean catalog. The other was that, unlike the current situation in Central America, most people in our ice storm disaster had some sort of shelter and safe drinking water. We had all heard the news reports describing Hurricane Mitch, but Professor Jagels' observations of hurricane victims living outside in the rain

with only tarps for shelter, and his description of the difficulties of travel when many bridges, roads and airports are flooded or covered with mud from mud slides, highlighted the scope of this disaster and the need for relief. A group of us who heard Professor Jagels speak that day formed a committee to raise money for the Hurricane Mitch Relief fund. This fund is at a U.S. bank and the organizers (a group of six women who live in San Pedro Sula, Honduras) have pledged to use all the money for direct relief and none for overhead. We have planned a massive returnable bottle and can drive that will take place between now and the end of classes on Dec. 11. We plan to have places in each building where you may donate your bottles and cans to this effort. Or you can take your bottles and cans directly to Skeeters in Old Town and tell them that you want the money to go to the Hurricane Relief Fund. They will add a 10 percent donation to the total amount that we collect. If you have no bottles or cans and/or you want to donate money, stop by our table in the Union on Nov. 23 or 24 or on Dec. 4. Please look for the bottle and can donation sites marked "Hurricane Relief" and give what you can to this important cause. Many of us did our part last winter during the ice storm. Let's see how much money we can raise before Dec. 11 to help with the Hurricane Mitch relief effort.

Muffy Eastman  
Adviser to Volunteers  
in Community Efforts  
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## OP/ED



• Dave's world

## Anti-meat people miss mark

Thanksgiving is upon us again. This usually means you'll see about 50 million new turkey recipes either in newspapers, Good Housekeeping or on the "Today" show.

But you'll also find just as many articles or features telling you should swear off turkey forever.

It's too bad.

Of all of the special-interest cliques on the scene today both left and right, none are as irritating, militant or downright nasty as the vegetarian/animal-rights crowd.

It seems that every time you read a paper or watch a TV show, some blowhard who looks like he or she is still living in Woodstock goes on endlessly about how killing an animal for food is as sinful as tearing off a mattress tag.

Members of the veggie crowd have been known to perform nice humanitarian acts like slinging pies at Ronald McDonald and scrawling "meat is murder" graffiti at various locations.

For some strange reason their mantra of "caring" for other animals doesn't seem to apply to their fellow human beings. Strange, isn't it? Just remember those dorky little bumper stickers you see on the veggies' cars: "Eat people, not animals." Enough said.

They see nothing wrong with people dying all the time, but if an animal is killed, well then, it's time to take some action, right?

Wrong.

The last time I checked, there has always been something called the "food chain," in which those organisms at the top of the totem pole are entitled to anything below them.

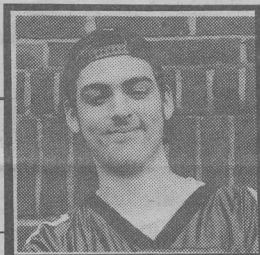
What makes the veggies' argument truly asinine is how they see absolutely nothing wrong with animals munching upon other animals. I guess they figure that it's fair game, since the animals don't know any better.

But when a human being, who

should know better in the view of the veggies, even thinks about sinking his or her teeth in a Big King, then it's a cause for a federal hearing as far as the vegetarians are concerned.

Apparently, what qualifies as "survival of the fit-

By Dave  
Bailey



test" among animals is equivalent to "murder" if you're a human.

If a man-eating shark decided to dine on a human for dinner, the vegetarians would see nothing wrong with this carnivorous act. Actually, they'd probably say "serves the bum right" as far as the poor human is concerned.

Let's play a brief game of "Switcheroo" for a moment and say that humans are now cows and cows are humans. We'd be the ones out in the fields munching on grass, because we'd all be vegetarians, like it or not. Meanwhile, the cows would be fattening us up for dinner faster than you can say "two all-beef patties."

If the roles were switched, nothing would change. It's not like animals hold any moral superiority to us at all. If they had a shred of intelligence (which they don't), they'd probably have a beef with us instead of displaying any moral higher ground.

Humans rule the food chain, and the dullards in the veggie crowd feel some sort of perverse self-guilt as a result.

Want to see some more holes in the veggie agenda? Well, get a load of this: Vegetarianism isn't always best for your health.

While studies have shown that a veggie-oriented diet can be healthier than your typical "cheeseburger in paradise" diet, one doesn't need to bypass the meat counter at Shop 'n' Save in order to maintain a healthy diet.

A study from the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition a few years back showed that a strict veggie regimen can cause some serious "nutrient deficiencies,"

such as missing vitamins, especially among children. Ever wonder why vegetarians al-

ways look so pale and pasty?

You can actually turn the tables on vegetarians if you ever feel so inclined.

Look at the plants they dine upon every day. Aren't they living, viable organisms, just like their precious little animals? Based on that, wouldn't eating a plant qualify as an act of murder as well? If they're so damn concerned about eating any living beings, then the veggie crowd should just stick to eating tasty artificial chemicals like NutraSweet.

And the hollow arguments of the vegetarians can apply to the "ban animal testing" throng as well.

I've never understood why these morons see nothing wrong with a million or so people dying for the sake of saving one lousy rat.

Listen up, clowns: A couple of experiments on that precious little rat you'd kill your granny to "rescue" just might hold the cure to some treacherous disease or another.

But instead, they chain themselves to laboratories around the world, not giving a hallelujah about the long-term ramifications as long as that smelly rat's behind is saved from those bad, bad doctors.

So, as you sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, be sure to munch on an extra turkey leg or two while giving thanks for the existence of meat. You're entitled to every last bite.

Dave Bailey is a senior mass communication major who says that 24 studies link requesting help from an IT consultant to breast cancer.

• Column

## Football no big deal

By Misty Edgecomb

In just four days we'll be observing the one true American holiday. Any connoisseur of the cheese that is our communal culture has to love the tropical Santa Claus parade from Hawaii and the ritualized consumption of enough saturated fats to banish even Newt's post-election sorrows. Add a testosterone-fueled sporting event into the mix and you've got our nation at its Norman-Rockwellian greatest. The pilgrims and the Indians; the Cowboys and the Lions. This holiday has got it all.

Of course, I won't personally be celebrating that after-dinner cultural enlightenment that we know as Thanksgiving football. My dad, uncle, grandfather and brother may take their third slice of pie to go and flee to our basement to watch a bunch of dumb yet revoltingly wealthy guys from Dallas batter some equally gifted rich men with no necks from somewhere else. But I'll be boycotting THE game, even if it means facing down the dinner dishes by myself.

I'm proud to say that in my 21 years on this Earth, I have attended only one football game. Well, to be completely honest, I made it to half-time; though it felt like I had spent eons hunched into the November wind, with my tailbone planted on the rickety old metal bleachers of the pre-Alfond football field.

My high school could never round up enough players to justify a football team. Besides, we usually have about a foot of snow on the ground by playoff time, and potato harvest falls right in the middle of the season, so I was excited about attending my first game when I started school at the University of Maine.

I went to the Homecoming game with my support group of the five to 12 other freshmen who accompanied me everywhere but the bathroom for those first few months away from home and sat near the band. The first 10 minutes or so were great. I watched the cheerleaders. I watched the band. I watched Bananas dancing with a little kid. Then the game started. I stopped watching.

Basking in the glory of pre-game excitement on their bench, the UMaine football players were impressive. Maine's athletic darlings rose up and ran on to the field. Then the less-than-fit second line of defense lumbered out behind them, hitching up their pants as they went to make Maine proud by

knocking someone over like a sumo wrestler. Finally, the motley ranks of injured hobbled onto the field to make their appearance with casts and crutches in tow.

There were at least five coaches and managers running around and something like 80 players on the team, so I expected at least 50 of them to run out on the field in attack mode. But when the kick-off came, only 11 Black Bears actually left the safe confines of the bench. Eleven.

While I pondered the wisdom of outfitting and training about three times as many players as we need, I missed the first play entirely. It seems that football is about seven-eighths preparation and one-eighth motion.

The unscathed players huddle around their injured compatriots on the bench and shift from foot to foot, trying desperately to look thoughtful while the team takes its orders. The coaches yell and wave their arms and draw cryptic little circles and lines on a clipboard for about 20 minutes until they've finally reached a consensus. Congressional hearings wrap up more swiftly.

And after all that trouble, the referee blows the whistle, some fool runs a couple yards, and fifteen seconds later each player hurls himself to the ground and the game stops dead while they huddle up to plan some more.

I'm not even going to address football's easy criticisms — pointless violence, slimy college recruiting strategies and salaries well beyond the gross national product of Uganda — this sport has got to be the dullest form of entertainment man has ever devised.

So, while football widows nationwide gather this Thursday to start their Christmas shopping and prepare for the long lonesome stretch to the bowl games, I'll be cheering them on.

Rent a movie. Bundle up in blaze orange and go work off some mashed potatoes and gravy. Put on the rubber gloves and get your goblets spotlessly clear. Anything is better than football.

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## Mr. GNU

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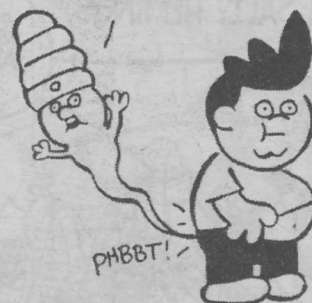


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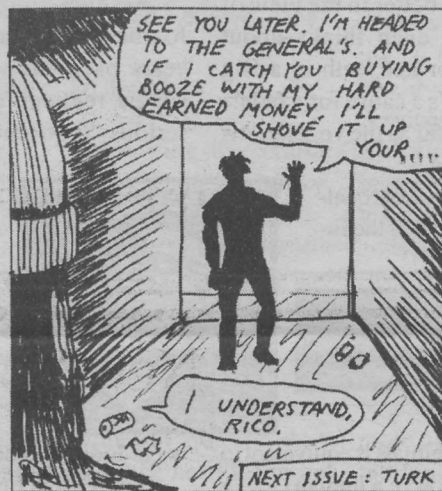
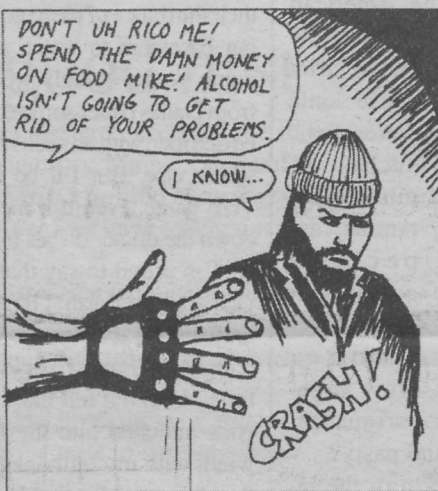
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## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, November 23

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** If you take yourself too seriously then the next 12 months could see you involved in a lot of arguments and a lot of fights. If, however, you smile in the face of provocation you will turn enemies into friends and make the kind of progress that sometimes takes a lifetime.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A new arrival on the social scene may seem a little too quick to take offense, but once you get to know them you will get on like a house on fire. Could it be you share a lot in common? Could it be you were destined to be friends? Maybe, but don't reveal all your secrets yet.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You have fought long and hard to reach your current position and no one has the right to say you've had it easy. Perhaps you might like to ask them why, if it's that easy, they haven't made such great progress themselves? They can talk the talk, but can they walk the walk?

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** With Mars aspecting your ruler today you are sure to get annoyed with someone, maybe everyone if the mood really takes hold. No doubt you have much to complain about but don't overdo it. Others are trying their best, even though their best may not be your best.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Don't allow yourself to be hurried today. If an important decision needs to be made it is essential that you take your time over it and get it right the first time. Others may try to browbeat you into seeing things their way but you must stay true to your principles, even if it makes you unpopular.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** No matter how bizarre the things you hear today, no matter how ridiculous they sound, it will pay you to listen closely. The person who imparts the information may be untrustworthy but the information itself is true. If you are quick, you can take advantage of it while everyone else is still laughing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Colleagues, employers and other people you meet either at work or socially are liable to irritate you today. You don't have to go along with the whole ego trip but it might be wise to smile occasionally to show you think they're funny, even though you don't.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** You cannot allow other people to dictate terms or tell you what you can do and where you can go. If you let them do it once, they will behave as if they own you and sooner or later, there will have to be a showdown — and that won't be nice. Tell them you make your own decisions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Your sign is known for its staying power, so why are you even thinking about giving up on something just because you've had a few setbacks? The point at which you think you can't take any more is the point where it starts getting better — as you will see if you just hold on.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** There should be a lot of excitement in your life at the moment, although there are times when you wonder if there's maybe a bit too much. Be that as it may, you are about to receive another exhilarating invitation. Do you turn it down and have an early night? Tomorrow maybe.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** What is so important to someone else probably means nothing to you but if you are smart, you will make all the right noises and keep them happy. Why is that so important? Because one day soon the roles will be reversed and you will be desperate to be told how wonderful you are.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** No doubt you love a good argument and no doubt you are sharp enough to win the debate whatever the topic of conversation, but keep it friendly and let others get a word in occasionally. If you don't you will soon be alone and you can't argue with yourself — you might lose.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** There is no point trying to persuade someone who doesn't want to be persuaded, although with Mars close to Mercury you will go out of your way to make them see what you are getting at. Perhaps you should leave it until another day — a day when you are on the same wavelength.



# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, November 24

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** With Mercury, your ruler, perfectly aligned with Uranus, planet of insight and intuition, on your birthday this year you should have a clear idea of what you want to do and also the confidence to carry it out. It would help, however, if you make the effort to explain your aims to those whose minds work more slowly than yours.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You may fear the worst as far as a business matter is concerned but under no circumstances should you try to avoid it or ignore it. As Saturn enters the main financial sector of your chart this week you must start thinking seriously about ways to make ends meet and make your money go further. In a nutshell you must spend less or earn more, but you won't do either by pretending the problem does not exist.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Do your homework if you want to make a positive impression on people whose support and assistance you may need to call upon in the very near future. Saturn, planet of limitation but also ambition, enters your birth sign on Tuesday, which means that for the next few months at least you cannot afford to leave anything to chance.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Although you always give the impression of not having a care in the world, deep down you are struggling with some serious questions about who you are and what you should be doing with your life. If you haven't found the answers yet, don't worry, it is only a matter of time.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Cancer is a cardinal sign, meaning you are active and ambitious, but because you fear making mistakes you often let others make decisions, which you should really be making yourself. But that won't be an option this week as people look to you to take the lead and, like it or not, the decisions are yours alone.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You may have to make sacrifices in one area this week in order to make progress in another. The most important thing of all, however, is that you get competent people on your side, because no matter how confident and talented a Leo you happen to be you can't possibly do it all alone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** The more you hurry, the more obstacles you will find in your path. The faster you run, the more likely it is you will fall on your face. Do you get the impression the planets are trying to tell you something?

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** You may not feel very brave on the inside but you must look brave on the outside, especially when dealing with people who appear to know more than you. Librans are generally good actors, so act as if you have total self-confidence and most people will believe you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** You must be absolutely certain of others' support before you reveal any secrets. Of course, it's not like you at all to make your private thoughts public knowledge but as Saturn moves into your opposite sign of Taurus this week you will have to rely on partners and colleagues a lot more than usual, and that means trusting them with information you would prefer to keep to yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You can't be good at everything and if you are as smart as your astrology says you are, you will recognize that fact this week and concentrate only on the things that come naturally to you. This may well entail giving up on something you have sweated over for many months but you knew long ago it wasn't going to work.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Yes, it is possible to turn your dreams into reality but it won't just happen by magic. As Saturn, planet of limitation and learning, moves into the most dynamic area of your chart this week you will have to get serious about something of a creative, artistic or even romantic nature.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You don't have to pretend that you know everything, that nothing frightens you, that sudden upheavals are what you like most. And you don't have to suffer in silence if something is taken away from you and you're not too happy about it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Let others have their say this week. Let them get up in front of everyone and rant and rave and milk the applause. Then, when they've finished, quietly point out the flaw in their argument, the one little thing that makes everything they've said totally and utterly meaningless.

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# STYLE & THE ARTS



• Thursday night

## Beatroots raise Den's temperature

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

Having seen the Beatroots play several times in several different venues, I am always interested to see how the different crowds will react.

Last Thursday, the band returned to the

is often described with the all-too-confusing tag "world music." This is a tag that has also been applied to the kinds of "mood" CDs you see advertised on Fox late at night—the ones that are designed to more or less put the listener to sleep.

The Beatroots music most definitely does not put you to sleep. It defies classification,

floor, which is a necessity at a Beatroots show.

For the first half-hour of the show, the created space seemed too large, although it extended less than fifteen feet from the band. The room was full, with those who arrived too late to secure a table lingering near the Pizza Hut window. Heads swayed

band's urging.

The pioneers were a couple who have been at many of the same shows I have seen and who had the Beatroots play at their wedding. They arrived late, but immediately started grooving in the provided space.

A few more brave souls joined them, but the full-scale invasion of the dance



The Beatroots charged the Bear's Den last Thursday. Hey, is that Louie? (Jacob Peppard photo.)

University of Maine for the first time since Bumstock to play in the Bear's Den.

Anyone who is not familiar with the band needs to know that its music defies convenient pigeon-holing. The band's style

so to attempt to classify it would be pointless.

Thursday night, the tables in the Bear's Den were pushed away from the band and toward the bar to create a suitable dance



Husband and wife team Bowen Swersey and Miriam Broady jam out to an energized crowd. (Jacob Peppard photo.)

and bobbed, a few people "danced" in their seats, but no one got up.

There was an energy in the room that suggested that people wanted to dance, but no one wanted to be the first, despite the

floor didn't come until the song "Dimra Juda" (popularly referred to as "the witch song"), a Beatroots staple. The dance

• Defenders of funk

## Get out those platforms – 'Booty' is coming to SeaDog

By Brad Morin  
Maine Campus staff

Motor Booty Affair is a blast from the past with their disco and funk music straight out of the 70s.

The self-styled "Defenders of Funk" rocked Sugarloaf USA's Widowmaker Lounge Saturday night.

It was a cold night, but the crowd warmed up for the show either in the outdoor hot tub or by the bonfire. A fireworks show helped kick off the party mood.

The band came running onto the stage in costume and the packed bar cheered. There was no hesitation from the crowd. People were up and dancing almost as soon as the band started playing.

They played disco classics like "Get Down Tonight" and "Shake Your Booty" with enough energy to touch the groove bone in everyone. Their renditions of Bee-Gee's songs sounded just like the originals, but they played with an energy that no recording can match.

The musicians' costumes gave an energy boost to their music. Their Afro wigs and



Courtesy photo.

This is why Motor Booty Affair is packing the place (just because we thought you might want to know):

— They say with pride: "It's your duty to shake your booty."

— They are "Defenders of the funk."

— Guitarist and vocalist Mike Davis jives, "That's what the Booty's all about; getting together and having as much fun as we can."

— Look to Barry White as the King of Funk.

Where they came from: The Planet Tar (somewhere in Portland?).

— Had a run-in with The Real World- the band played up at Sunday River Brewing Co. two springs ago for The Real World Boston cast. Their work can be heard in the casting special of The Real World, Seattle, and in the opening episodes of Road Rules. You can hear their single, "Do You Feel the Love," in the first episode of The Real World, Seattle, as two of the roommates meet for the first time.

— Love packing the house at their home-town favorite "Pavillion."

— Have performed at Bowdoin, Bates and Wheaton.

You can be funky! Just bless the SeaDog with your presence at the Motor Booty Affair show at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. Tickets at the door sell for \$8. But there's a cover starting at 8 p.m., so get there early.

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## Motor Booty

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oversized sunglasses added to the atmosphere of fun. They were all decked out in flashy clothes-platform shoes, a leopard spotted body suit and a huge feathered hat.

The show had a party atmosphere. It seems that with many small bands playing in a bar, the band is only supplying background music. But Saturday night's performance engaged the crowd. Many people were dancing and the ones sitting at tables couldn't help but bounce to the music. The dancing had started at the beginning of the show and didn't stop until the band left the stage.

Some people in the crowd wore their

own costumes. One girl sported some shiny American flag pants.

The band members have unique stage names. Witchdoctor plays guitar and is the lead singer. Superfly plays guitar and Dr. Freakenstein plays bass. Cyclone Link Skywalker Jr. plays drums.

The show was promoted along with "The World's Largest Hot Tub Party." The outdoor tub was steaming hot while snow flurries blew in the icy wind. Waitresses served drinks to people right in the pool.

One thing though, everyone in the hot tub was drinking, but no one seemed to be getting out to go to the bathroom- gross.

## Beatroots

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floor, which had earlier seemed too large for the occasion, suddenly seemed pitifully small. Those who had claimed tables at the front were overrun by flailing arms and swaying bodies.

The party continued for two and a half more hours, less a 15-minute break, and the energy never waned. The temperature in the Bear's Den rose what felt like 20 degrees by the time the set came to a close shortly after 11 p.m.

This is the beauty of the Beatroots. The energy they put into their performances is contagious. Driven by the merciless drumming of Tom Rush and Mike Bennett, who took two or three extended duets Thursday night, the band takes the audience on a musical journey to a place where fatigue does not exist. Singer-guitarist-flutist Bowen Swersey never stops

moving. Bassist Bruce McQuaid helps keep up the frenetic pace, while Miriam Broady accents it all perfectly with her fine guitar licks.

Another beautiful thing about a Beatroots show is how the social lines break down. People who would be considered hippies or crunchies danced alongside so-called preppies. Everyone who wanted crammed into the dance space, creating one mass of dancing humanity.

The Bar Harbor-based band headed off for a month-long tour of the East Coast, which extends from New York to Florida. On Dec. 12, the band will be playing at the Wetlands in New York City. Fans who want to attend this show can sign up before Dec. 1 to ride a bus down on Dec. 11. For details, check out the band's Web site at [www.beatroots.com](http://www.beatroots.com).

## • Into the Wild

# True story brings questions

By Molly Haskell  
Maine Campus staff

Four months after a well-to-do young man disappeared into the Alaskan wilderness, his decomposed body was found in an abandoned bus.

Chris McCandless' friends and family were left asking, "Why?"

"Into the Wild," the haunting true story by Jon Krakauer, tries to answer this question.

Krakauer, a writer for Outside magazine, first wrote about the mystery of McCandless' disappearance in an article for Outside — an article that drew more feedback than any other article in the magazine's history. Krakauer's book makes the same lasting impression.

The story is a mystery, even though the reader knows from page one that McCandless does not survive. Every chapter brings out more questions. Why would a rich young man from Washington, D.C. — an honor graduate from Emory College and a star athlete — give it all up, including the \$25,000 in his savings account, to live on the streets?

Why would he change his name to Alexander Supertramp, cut off all contact with his beloved sister and the rest of his family and abandon his car in order to hitchhike to Alaska?

"Into the Wild" is an excellent example of investigative journalism. Krakauer weaves a path from Atlanta, Ga., to the moose hunters who discovered McCandless' body in

Fairbanks, Ala.

He interviews McCandless' family, friends, former classmates and the people he met on the road. Krakauer also draws upon his own experiences in the wild to explain what might have been going through McCandless' head. He uses the words of Jack London, Henry David Thoreau, Leo Tolstoy and others to explain man's fascination with the wilderness.

Krakauer uses the cryptic notes left on the bus walls by McCandless to paint a picture of Alex Supertramp, an intelligent 24-year-old wanting to be one with nature and escape his former life. The journal entries and camera films found with McCandless' body give hints to what happened.

"Into the Wild" is a book about man and nature, but the mystery of McCandless' life and death is intriguing to readers of all kinds. Krakauer's descriptions of his own experiences hiking nature should appeal to the adventurer and the nature lover. I was drawn to the psychological mystery of the story — what drove McCandless to do this?

Readers might at first think McCandless is crazy or incapable of dealing with people. Yet he makes many friends on the road, takes time to work a few jobs, keeps in touch with people. One man even wants to adopt him.

"Into the Wild" is a book that leaves an impression and invokes thought and an array of emotions: fear for McCandless' safety, frustration at his seeming stupidity and sadness at his eventual death.

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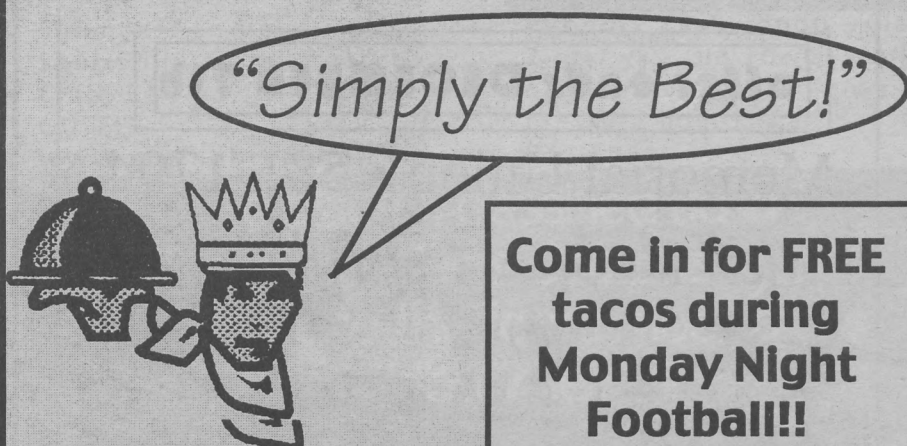
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## • The movie hunter

# Are we living in a 'surveillance society'?

By Hunter Tzovarras  
Special to the Campus

Robert Den is being tracked. He's oblivious to the microphones and transmitters on him and the cameras in his house. He's unaware his phone conversations and outdoor meetings are being monitored. Everywhere he goes there's a camera to record his actions, whether it's a store's security camera or a spy satellite 150 miles above the earth. Robert Den is being watched.

Described above is the predicament of Will Smith's character in the new Tony Scott film "Enemy of the State." If the premise seems farfetched or science-fictional, just pause for a second and think how electronically based our lives have become, how every credit card purchase, every ATM transaction, every video rental we make, and so on, are all stored and tracked electronically. There's a piece of dialogue in the movie, where we're told the government has the capability to listen in to any phone call it pleases, even without the use of a wiretap (and I don't doubt it). By logging onto [www.terraserver.microsoft.com](http://www.terraserver.microsoft.com) almost anyone in the United States or Western Europe can find and look at a satellite picture of the roof of his or her home. If this sort

of technology is available to us, you can only imagine what's available to the government. I'm not trying to sound like a paranoid conspiracist here, but I'm only trying to point out the plausibility of the film's plot, in what, the movie refers to as, "the surveillance society."

In the movie, Washington, D.C., attorney Robert Den is being tracked by Deputy Reynolds (John Voight) of the National Security Agency. Reynolds is a venal bureaucrat lobbying for passage of a congressional bill that would allow the government unfettered surveillance access into civilians' lives. Reynolds is a proxy for big government contractors (the Lockheed-Martins and Boeings of the world) who make big money off national defense contracts. When Reynolds is unable to convince an influential congressman to support the bill, he kills him and covers up the crime.

But there's a tape of the murder, and eventually it ends up being passed to Den, who for most of the movie has no idea it's within his possession. The tape is initially found and copied by Zavits, played by Jason Lee. It was a pleasant surprise (as was the overall quality of the movie) to find Lee with a performance here.

Most of you will know Lee from Kevin Smith's subpar "Mallrats" and exceptional "Chasing Amy." In both films Lee plays a variation of the same vocal, caustic character, and he's always fun to watch. Even though he's only on screen a short time in "Enemy," his screen presence is strong enough to give mention to.

The villain in this movie is not intended to be the government or the National Security Agency but a small number of corrupt bureaucrats that will stop at nothing to destroy Den's life and recover the incriminating tape.

After his life has been turned upside down, Den gets help from an ex-NSA agent Brill (Gene Hackman). Hackman and Smith play well off each other. And Smith is able to keep his sometimes flashy persona in check and play to the role, and he's very good. Hackman's character is a little shady, and a key scene late in the story left his personal motives ambiguous (if you see the film, you'll know what I mean).

Director Tony Scott ("Top Gun," "Crimson Tide") is a master at choreographing and shooting action scenes, and he does a near perfect job in "Enemy." The action and numerous chase and escape scenes are always clear; we know exactly what's going

on and where everyone is. And the film is quite funny at times, too. One of the few complaints I have is it seems to go on a tad too long (though you might not think so). And the climax seemed to cross the line of plausibility, a boundary the story tries to stay within.

"Enemy of the State" reminded me a bit of "The Siege," the other big-budget action-thriller now playing. And out of the two, I'd have to slightly favor "Enemy," though both films are effectively entertaining while still maintaining relevant and meaningful subtexts. Take away all the excitement, jokes, chases, stunts and explosions and there's still something left, a rare virtue among the genre (think of the last three Lethal Weapons).

"Enemy of the State" raises questions of security, privacy and civil liberties and their place in such a technologically advanced society. Sure we can put a video camera on every street corner, a microphone in every home, listen to everyone's phone calls and monitor everyone's viewing preferences, but just because the technology we have allows us to do all that and more, does it mean we should?

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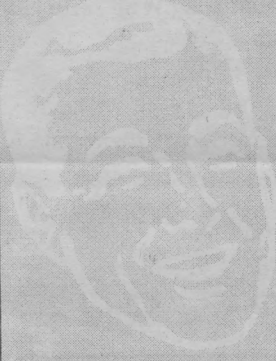
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## • Men's hoop

# FDU rejects Maine

By Jay Baltes  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's hoop team has never started a season 3-0 in its history and that record will last at least one more year as the Black Bears dropped a tight decision to Fairleigh Dickinson 64-61 Saturday night.

Maine (2-1) had the advantage going into half-time with 33-31 lead, but when the game came down to the wire, FDU sophomore Jonas Sinding rejected Andy Bedard's jumper with eight seconds remaining and secured the victory.

The Bears never found their rhythm as they shot a dismal 29 percent from the floor, which made them rely on their "crazed rats" defense to keep the game in a dead heat.

The Bears had the quick hands working on defense, recording 13 steals in the game in forcing 26 turnovers from the Knights. However, the stat that proved more important was FDU out-rebounding Maine 49-32.

Bedard, who averaged 35 points in

Maine's first two games, was held to 14 points and three assists under tremendous defensive pressure from a rotation of fresh defenders. Bedard's dangerous long-ball was also kept in check as he only attempted three shots from behind the arc, failing to find the net on each. Bedard had to rely on a perfect 8-8 from the free-throw line to reach the teens in scoring.

Center Nate Fox also chipped in 14 points and six rebounds while guard Fred Meeks hit three treys in his 11 point effort.

Forward Allen Ledbetter has yet to find his All-Conference stride as he went one for seven for three points and five rebounds on the night. Colin Haynes also struggled from the floor with one basket on six attempts.

The Black Bears will now look to rip into some America East flesh as they travel to Vermont for the conference opener tonight. The Catamounts finished third in the conference last year behind Delaware and Boston University but were picked just behind Maine in this year's pre-season coaches poll.

## • Women's hoop

# Bears continue streak

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus staff

In most cases, the scoring margin in a game between the second- and third-ranked teams in a conference would be minimal.

That, however, was not the case on Friday night as the University of Maine kicked off the season with a 71-55 win over Northeastern in Portland.

The Black Bears have now downed the Huskies 12 straight times dating back to the 1992-93 season.

Jamie Cassidy led all scorers with 24 points to go with a game-best 12 rebounds and five blocks for 1-0 Maine.

Kelly Bowman had a career game with personal bests in points (14) and rebounds (4) along with tying her career mark in assists with two.

Martina Tinklova had 11 points and Amy Vachon nearly registered a double-double with nine points and eight assists.

Maine's defense was up to the task, limiting 1-1 Northeastern to just 20 first-half points and a shooting percentage of

31 percent to the Black Bears' near 54 percent.

The Huskies improved somewhat in the second half, matching Maine in points and holding them to under 40 percent shooting from the floor.

Lani Lawrence and Tesha Tinsley each scored 17 to lead Northeastern. Wanda Almengot scored 12.

**The Roar:** In perhaps a sign of what is to come attendance-wise this season, Maine drew just 2,685 spectators to the game, down from just over 6,500 in last year's outing.

Over Thanksgiving break, Maine will host the Dead River Company Classic, at which Cindy Blodgett's No. 14 will be raised to the rafters of Alford Arena.

On Friday, Maine will face St. Bonaventure at 7 p.m. with UNC-Charlotte facing University of Mississippi at 5 p.m.

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Maine lost in the finals of last year's tourney to then-No. 23 Wisconsin following a win over James Madison.

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## Women's hockey

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counting for five of Maine's goals in one way or another.

Misikowetz assisted on all three of Wolf's goals, including a nifty behind-the-net pass to set up Wolf's first goal.

"Once [Misikowetz and Wolf] get together more, they're going to score a lot more goals," Filighera said.

Baude was pleased with the play of her line in her first weekend working with Wolf and Misikowetz.

"Things went well with Kira and Raffi," Baude said. "Everyone's lines played really well."

UNB had a long afternoon in its zone, as Maine didn't let up for a second.

After one period Maine had outshot UNB 18-2.

After two periods it was 46-2 Maine.

After three it was 60-8 Maine.

Notice a pattern here?

Maine was already up 4-0 in the second period when Wolf scored her first goal at 5:21, rebounding her own shot from Misikowetz's behind-the-net pass and putting the puck past UNB goalie Bonnie Stagg.

After an Andrea Keller goal, Wolf was at it again, this time with a simple flick of the wrist at 14:59 of the second.

Wolf netted her hat trick at 8:49 of the third, this time on a breakaway.

"[The wins] are good for our confidence," Wolf said. "We have to keep up the work for our first league game in December against St. Lawrence."

Maine goalies Mandy Cronin and Amy Coletta had an easy afternoon, stopping a mere eight UNB shots.

**Saturday — Taking out some fury**

Saturday's 10-1 home-opener romp over UNB was a carbon copy of Sunday's game for the most part:

— Lots of shots (56-10 Maine)

— Lots of goals (10)

— Lots of Raffi (four goals)

Three of Wolf's tallies came on breakaways.

"It's luck, too," Wolf said. "Sometimes you have a game where you get breakaways and everything, and sometimes you have games where you get none."

1998 scoring champ Alison Lorenz, who had been held pointless during the first four games of the season, finally broke through with two goals.

Also scoring for Maine was Sarah Caza, Kira Misikowetz (her second), Kelly Nelson (her second of the year) and Christina Hedges (her first).

Kathleen Hedges and Amy Coletta combined to make nine saves for Maine.

### Star Standings

Introducing the Star Standings, in which we keep track of Maine's "star of the game" selections following every home series.

The higher the star a Black Bear gets, the more points she receives in the standings.

A No. 3 star gets one point, a No. 2 star gets two points, and a No. 1 star gets three points.

Here's the first tally after one weekend of play:

### Player — Points

Raffi Wolf — 6

Sarah Caza — 4

Kira Misikowetz — 4

Alison Lorenz — 1

Kelly Nelson — 1



Black Bear forward Raffi Wolf tries to gain control of the puck while on her knees during Maine's 10-0 thumping of New Brunswick. (Jason Canniff photo.)

## Men's hockey

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Michaud stopped all 18 shots he faced to earn the victory while Maine's team defense kept the league's top-ranked offense in check.

"It's the biggest regular season game so far in my three years here," Michaud said. "This game was huge. The fans were incredible and it was a huge win."

**Friday night**, the Black Bears capitalized on Walsh's natural hat trick and a 24-save effort by Michaud to skate past the Friars 6-1.

Marcus Gustafsson opened the scoring in the contest when the Black Bears caught the Friars in line change. Gustafsson took a feed from David Cullen in the Friar zone and beat Boyd Ballard low to

his left side.

After Providence center Jerry Keefe scored off a rebound to Michaud's right side, the Black Bears turned to Walsh in the second stanza.

"He scored on his opportunity and Michaud was real solid," Providence coach Paul Pooley said. "We just got off our game."

Walsh's third goal iced the game and came after he swept down the right side before cutting in front of Ballard and poked it past him.

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## Football

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back to 1990.

The Black Bears, who finished the season 6-5 and ensured their third winning season this decade, jumped out to a 14-point lead on touchdown passes from Fein to McGeoghan.

McGeoghan's second strike came on a third-and-goal situation from 11 yards out on a play where he cut across the field and scampered into the left side of the end zone. It was McGeoghan's fifth touchdown of the year.

After Northeastern's T.J. Hill scored on a 24-yard interception return with 4:31 remaining in the half, Maine's Todd Ellwell kicked a 35-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining to give the Bears a 17-7 halftime lead.

And that was all Maine needed. The Black Bears' defense recorded five sacks on the afternoon, with Peter LeBlanc picking up two of them.

"I wanted to win this game and send these

seniors out on a high note," LeBlanc said.

"We were just flying around out there," Gallant said. "We just didn't want to lose the game."

LeBlanc led all Black Bears in tackles with 13.

The Huskies finished with just 262 net yards and converted only three of 16 third down attempts.

Todd Jagoutz closed out Maine's scoring on the day with a 32-yard field goal with under eight minutes left in the contest. The Huskies, who finish with a 5-6 record, scored a late fourth-quarter touchdown on a Fred Vallett 21-yard touchdown pass to Michael Mack.

"The big thing was getting the win," Maine coach Jack Cosgrove said. "Two things were accomplished: One, we beat Northeastern, and two, we closed out the season with a win."

The last time the Black Bears won their season finale was in 1991 against Towson.



Maine wide receiver Drew O'Connor looks to haul in a pass as Northeastern corner back Jason Lewis battles for position. O'Connor caught the pass during his last game in a Black Bear uniform. (Mike Zubik photo.)

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- All dining commons will remain open through lunch
- Dinner served in Hilltop & Stodder Commons from 4:30- 6:30 PM
- Damn Yankee & Taco Bell CLOSE at 7:00 PM
- Bear's Den will close at 10:00 PM
- Union Coffee Shop CLOSES at 11:30 PM
- M. C. Fernald's CLOSES at 2:00 PM
- Hilltop Market & SouthSide Market will close at 6:00 PM

wednesday, november 25, 1998

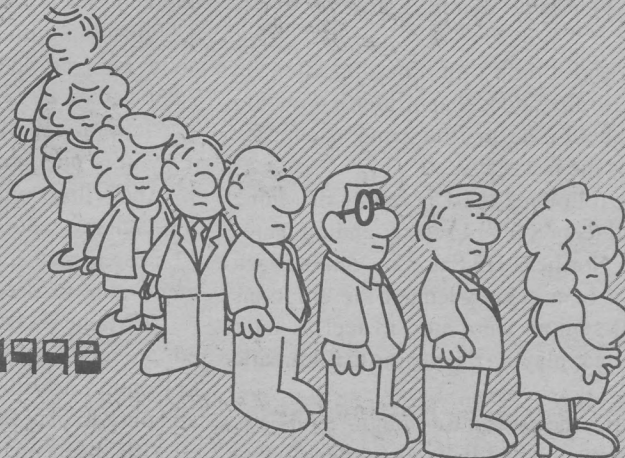
- Bear's Den OPEN, 7:00 AM- 2:00 PM

sunday, november 29, 1998

- Dinner served in Stewert & York Commons, 4:30- 6:45 PM- Dining Commons meals (board) resumes
- Bear's Den OPEN, 4:00- 9:00 PM

monday, november 30, 1998

- All DINING COMMONS (7:00 AM) will be open for breakfast
- Damn Yankee (8:30 AM), Bear's Den (7:00 AM), & Union Coffee Shop (7:00 AM) resume regular hours
- M. C. Fernald's opens 7:00 AM, regular hours
- Hilltop Market opens at 10:30 AM
- SouthSide Market opens at 11:00 AM







• Men's hockey

## Bears silence Friars

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

He has a reputation around Hockey East — in particularly with the league officials.

Some call him the spark plug, the Lenny Dykstra of hockey, while others refer to Brendan Walsh in frustration with his emotionally instigating style of game.

But this weekend the resident of Dorchester, Ma., added another element to his game: a goal scorer. Walsh, a transfer from Boston University, scored four goals — including a hat trick Friday night — to lift the No. 7 Black Bears to a weekend sweep of the Providence College Friars, 6-1, 3-2.

"I'm just kind of a spark," Walsh said on his role on the team. "I think I add a personality in the locker room and maybe a little outspoken leadership."

Maine, now 7-1-1 overall, 4-1-1 in league play, sits atop Hockey East with the University of New Hampshire with nine points.

Providence, which entered the weekend two points ahead of Maine, falls to 5-5 overall, 3-3 in Hockey East.

**Saturday night**, the Black Bears erased a two-goal deficit with three-second period goals to put the finishing touches on the weekend sweep.

Mike Omicelli and Richard Miller staked the Friars to a quick 2-0 lead through the first period before Walsh lifted Mike Morrison in net in favor of Alfie Michaud.

Down 2-0, the Bears, under the Alford Arena's newly found thunder, stormed Friar

netminder Mark Kane, scoring three-second period goals before turning the game over to its defense.

Freshman defenseman Doug Janik put the Black Bears on the board when he scored his first collegiate goal from the left point. Janik, a resident of Agawam, Ma., slapped in a Dan Kerluke pass from outside the faceoff circle.

"It was nice to get that first goal," Janik said. "It was a nice pass from Danny, and I had a guy in front of the net and luckily it got by him."

"He was awesome," Walsh said on Janik. "He can really rocket the puck."

With the crowd back in the game, Walsh scored the equalizer a little more than three minutes later when his wrist shot beat Kane from inside the left faceoff circle.

Ben Guite, who was skating with Tuomo Jaaskelainen and Niko Dimitrakos, recorded the eventual game winner when he capped off a rush down the right side.

"Things have been going well for me," said Guite, who picked up his first goal of the season. "They turned it over at the red line, and Anders [Lundback] took it, and he has such good speed and good hands, and I turned and all of a sudden we're on a three-on-two."

"I tried to pass it to Niko [Dimitrakos], and the defense kind of backed up and I shot it. I almost shot it with my eyes closed."

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• Football

## Closing out season, careers

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

He said it didn't hit him until after the game. He also added that he didn't think too much about it during the game, except for perhaps the last play.

But following the University of Maine football team's 20-14 season-ending victory over Northeastern Saturday, quarterback Mickey Fein acknowledged the emotions that all seniors were sure to feel as their Black Bear playing days came to a dramatic close.

"After the game it was tough," said Fein, who threw two first-half touchdowns to Phil McGeoghan to give the Bears a lead they would not relinquish. "Seeing my mom come up to me after the game crying — I was almost with her."

Fein, a senior from Centerville, Ma., capped his career by setting new school

records in touchdowns for a season (27) and interceptions in a career (43).

Finishing with 239 yards on the afternoon, Fein strolled off the field pocketing 7,856 career yards and 66 touchdowns.

"It was tough walking off the field knowing you're not coming back," Fein said.

And fellow seniors Drew O'Connor and Jon Gallant, who finished his career with 13.5 career sacks, shared those same sentiments in retrospect.

"UMaine was the only school that wanted me and my brother [Lateef]," said O'Connor, a Millinocket resident. "It was an honor to play here."

"It's been an honor," said Gallant, a Waterboro resident. "I wish I could stay forever."

Maine snapped a seven-game losing streak against Northeastern, which dates

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Robert Ek attempts a shot on Providence goalie Boyd Ballard during Friday night's 6-1 Black Bear victory. (Jacob Peppard photo.)

• Women's hockey

## Maine hammers UNB

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

ECAC play.

For Black Bear coach Rick Filighera, the wins were pivotal for his team after Maine was blown out 6-1 and 13-0 at New Hampshire last weekend.

"It was something they definitely needed," he said. "I'm happy for them. It takes a lot of pressure off them. We start out of the gate 0-4 and you're doubting yourselves. After today, they won't be doubting themselves."

**Sunday — Keep on Stompin'**

Wolf had three goals and chipped in two assists as Maine romped UNB 10-0 Sunday before 100 fans at Alford Arena.

In addition to Wolf's trifecta, Sarah Caza notched two goals, while Alison Lorenz had a goal and an assist. Colleen Baude, Jessica Stachiw, Kim Hinton and Andrea Keller also scored for the Black Bears.

Maine's top line of Wolf, Baude and Misikowetz particularly stood out, ac-

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When perusing the roster of the Maine women's hockey team, you'll find that center Raffi Wolf wears No. 9.

After the way the freshman center played this weekend, she may remind fans of a certain other No. 9 who skated for Maine many moons ago.

Wolf scored seven goals to lead Maine to a two-game obliteration of the University of New Brunswick at Alford Arena, as the Black Bears outscored the Reds by a 20-1 count.

Despite her big weekend, Wolf still prefers to see the big picture for Maine rather than dwell on minute details.

"We did a good job today, but we still have to focus," she said. "It wasn't a league game. It was only an exhibition game. We have to compete in the [ECAC]. They have better teams. We have to focus on that."

Maine is now 2-4-0 overall, 0-4-0 in

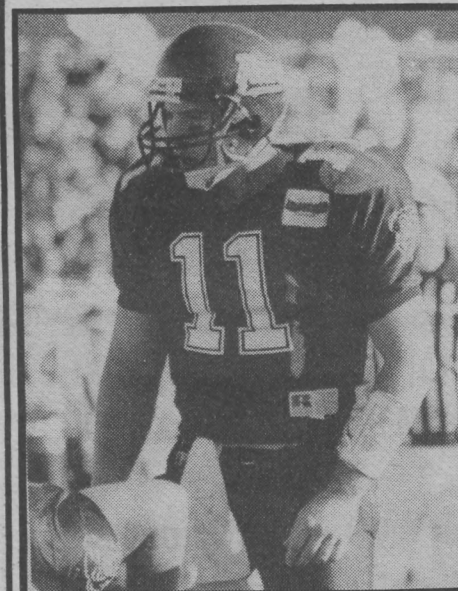
## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



### MICKEY FEIN

"It was tough walking off the field knowing you're not coming back."

— Senior quarterback Mickey Fein following his last game for the University of Maine.



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