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• Ushuaia

Student owner reopens club

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

With finals only two weeks away, it's crunch-time for many University of Maine students.

But one UMaine student is balancing his class load and working every day to open the Orono area's newest bar.

Alex Gray, a senior engineering major, bought the old Geddy's building about four weeks ago. Since then, he has kept himself busy meeting with inspectors, buying supplies and renovating the building.

"I'm trying not to flunk out of school while I do this," he said.

Gray said his club should be open when students return for the spring semester. But it won't be called Geddy's anymore.

The club will be called Ushuaia, named after an Argentine city that is literally on the edge of the earth. It is the southernmost city in the world.

Gray said he initially wanted to keep the Geddy's name, but the previous owner, Arthur Davis, wanted too high of a price.

"I could call it luke-warm puke, and people would still show up," Gray said.

As the sole owner of the club, Gray took on a lot of financial responsibility.

"I am definitely the most indebted person at the University of Maine campus," he said.

Gray is renovating the entire building. The raised drinking area around the bar will be expanded by 70 percent. A down-

stairs room was turned into a large cooler. Gray said he also had the bathrooms renovated.

One feature of the old Geddy's, the wooden trough that served as a urinal in the men's bathroom, is gone.

"Me and my buddies burned the trough," Gray said.

Gray said he is considering many different ideas to broaden the club's appeal. He said that after the dancing and drinking are done, he wants the kitchen to serve a late-night breakfast.

"We're going to party right up until 1 o'clock and then start serving breakfast," he said.

Gray said Ushuaia will also have a dress code.

"People won't be able to get in with ripped-up jeans and T-shirts," he said.

The drinks at Ushuaia won't be as cheap as when Schaeffer flowed out of the taps on Thirsty Thursdays at Geddy's.

"We're not going to do the 25-cent drafts and 50-cent well drinks because I really can't afford it," he said. "If I could give it away, I would. But we'll be competitive with Margarita's."

Gray's father, Seth, is a general contractor and works on the building almost every day to get it ready.

"I've got some ability to help him and that's what I'm going to do," he said. "He bought it at 5 o'clock, and I was here at 7:30 the next morning."

The inside of the building is currently cluttered with lumber and other supplies.

"We've got a few nails to

slam before we're done, but we'll make it," he said.

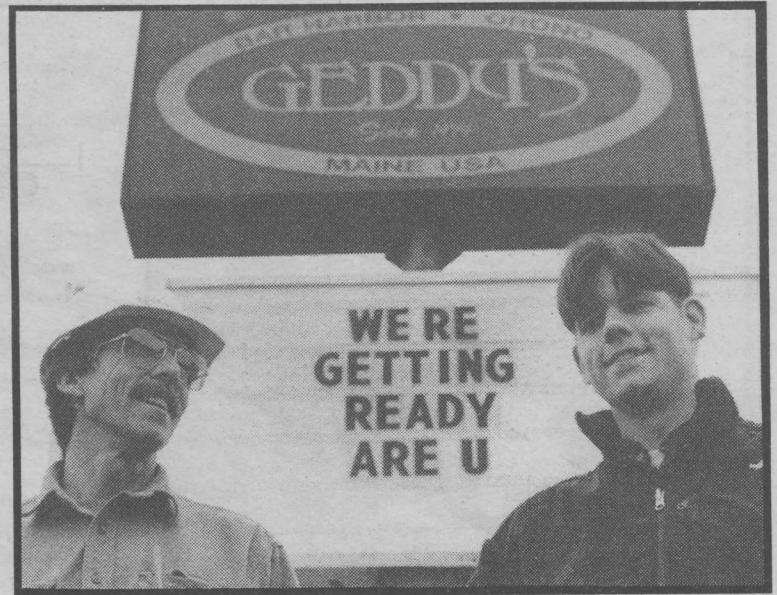
Seth Gray said the biggest job was cleaning out the mess left behind when Geddy's closed. He said the work now is easier.

"If you start with a shell, you can do anything," he said.

In addition to putting in the features they want for the bar, Gray and his father have to make sure the club fits all building codes and renovations.

Seth Gray said the town has

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Alex Gray (right) and his father Seth Gray (left) stand in front of the old Geddy's sign. Alex bought the building and plans to open a new club, Ushuaia. (Jason Canniff photo.)

• Health

Awareness key to AIDS Day

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

Raising awareness about AIDS was the main goal of World AIDS Day this Tuesday, said Sara Silverstein, a peer educator.

"I think AIDS Day is important because we need to be educating everyone," Silverstein said. "It can happen to anyone."

Many people are aware of AIDS, but they don't think it affects them, said Steve Caron, a Sexual Health and Reproductive Education peer educator.

"I think a lot of people think that because they're in Northern Maine they don't have to worry," Caron said. "But it is a problem."

One in 250 people are infected by the HIV virus, Caron said.

A lot of people don't realize that AIDS is also the No. 1 killer of

African Americans ages 18-24, Caron said.

SHARE sponsored several workshops and events in honor of the day throughout the past week.

"[The workshops] are focused on learning about HIV and AIDS and how it affects you, your body and your lifestyle," Caron said. "What we talk about at these workshops may save lives."

The workshops and events also focus on communication between men and women.

"We try to open the communication and give them the key to communicate so they can talk to their partner," Caron said.

Beth Huffines, a sophomore forestry major, attended one of the workshops.

"It's definitely good to have discussions," she said. "You need to know how to protect yourself."

Maine Precautions, a group of students who try to raise awareness of issues concerning college students, put on skits throughout the week to help educate students about AIDS.

"[The skits] are fun and you don't really know you're learning," Caron said.

What really makes someone aware of AIDS is when they meet somebody their age with the virus, Caron said.

Last night, a young woman, Nancy, spoke about having the virus and her experiences with it.

Education rather than ignorance is the best way to make people aware, she said.

"Education is the tool," Silverstein said. "We need to stop ignoring the fact that AIDS exists."

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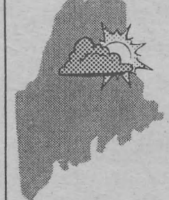
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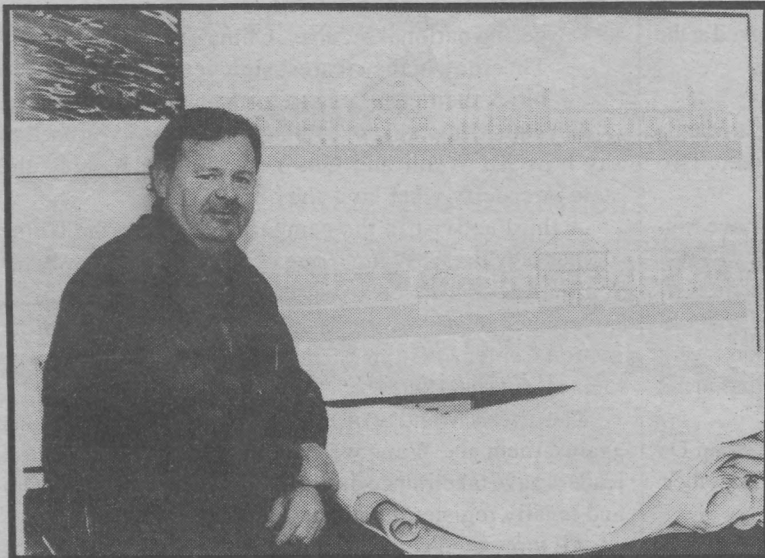
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• Union

Architects reveal details of expansion

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff



Bill Charland, project manager of facilities management, displays the plans for the expanded union. (Jason Canniff photo.)

Architects explained and demonstrated plans for the Memorial Union's addition yesterday.

"We are in the final stage of a long process to reform the Union," said Bill Charland, the project manager from facilities management.

The project will be bid on in a couple of weeks and the construction will begin in February 1999, he said.

Architects chose to expand the south side of the Union because it would allow students a view of the mall and library through its planned glass windows, said John Orcutt, an architect from Orcutt Associates.

One of the most important features architects wanted to add to

the union was an atrium so sunlight could shine into the building, said Greg Ninow, an architect, from Harriman Associates.

"There also will be greenery and plants to live in it up," Ninow said.

Once renovations are complete, *The Maine Campus'* offices, a computer store from Computer Connection, an e-mail lounge, a newsstand two times bigger than the Union's current one and a pub will all be located on the first floor, Ninow said.

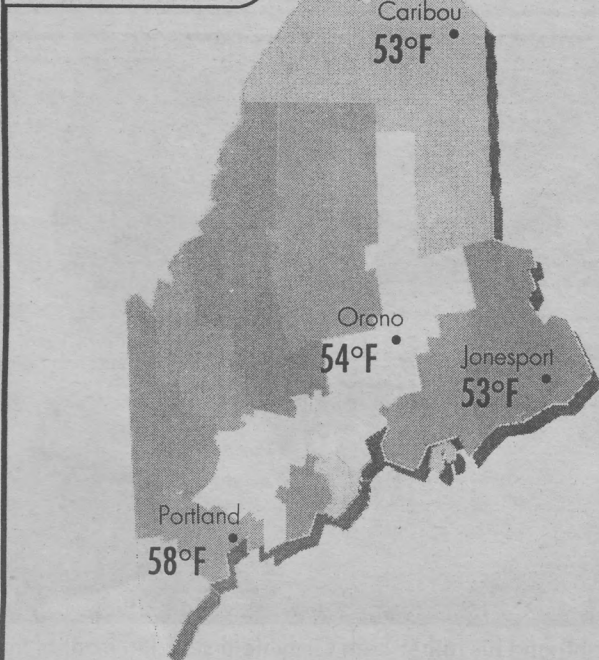
A mini-mall, which will provide more room for vendors, will be located in the middle of the union's second floor, he said.

"The Damn Yankee will still be a dining area, but added on to it

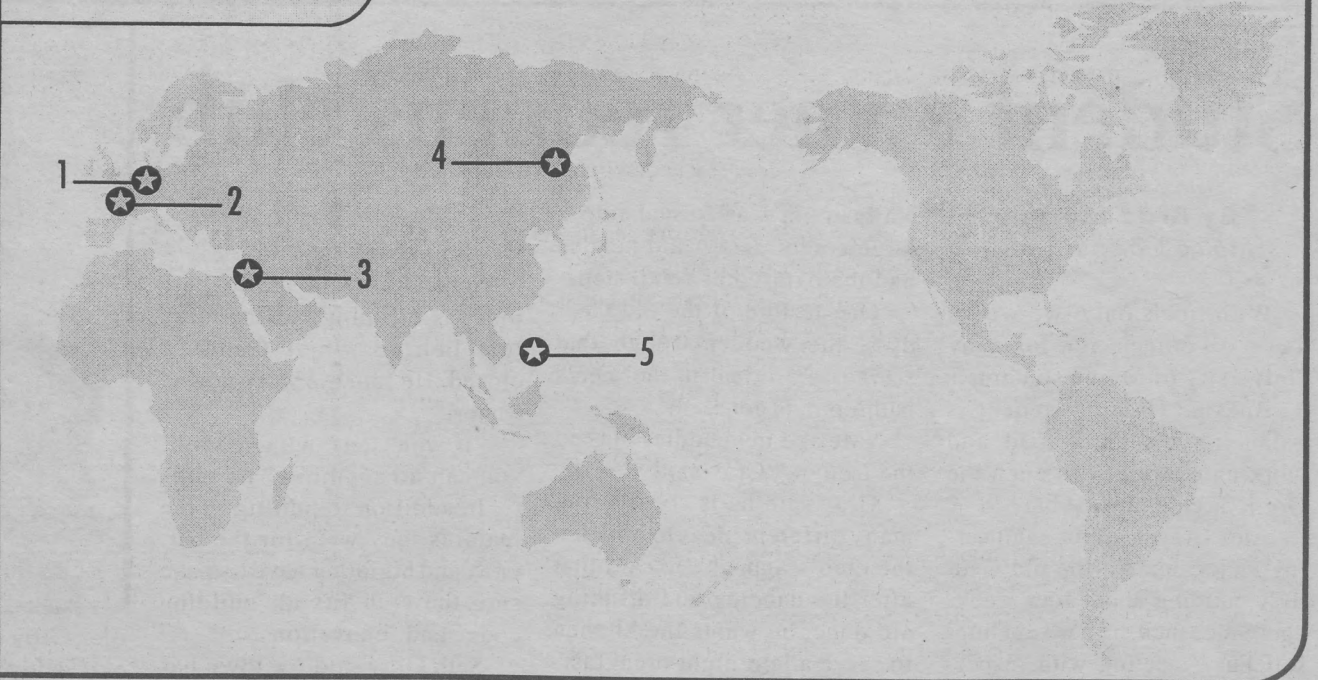
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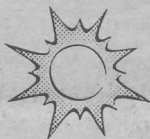
Today's weather

Partially sunny with high winds. Temperatures reaching 54.



Saturday's weather

Cold and sunny. High of 40.



Extended Forecast

Sunday ... Cold. Monday ... Cloudy. Tuesday ... Fair.



• Testimony

Former FBI agent tells of Russian mafia's exploits

1 GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Assassins of the Russian mafia escaped to the beaches of Miami after their hits and ran operations in New York, Los Angeles and Houston, a former FBI agent testified Thursday.

Retired FBI agent Robert Levinson, testifying in the trial of reputed mafia boss Sergei Mikhailov, said Mikhailov controlled two of the so-called "combat brigades," as the assassination squads were known.

"They would commit murders in Russia and other countries in Europe and then come to Miami ... where they would stay by the beach and wait for the heat to cool off," Levinson said.

Mikhailov, 40, is on trial in Switzerland for membership in the Moscow-based Solntsevskaya criminal organization and for breaking Swiss property laws in acquiring a villa near Geneva. He faces a maximum 7 1/2 years in prison if convicted.

He has denied any connection to the crime group. The trial, which began Monday, is expected to hear evidence from more than 90 witnesses.

Levinson told the court Thursday that Solntsevskaya took over nightclubs in New York's Brighton Beach area and in Los Angeles, and invested several hundred thousand dollars in a Houston car dealership.

• Gangsta limpin'

Hip-hop star Coolio found guilty in assault of woman

2 STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — U.S. rapper Coolio was convicted Thursday of theft in a confrontation with a boutique owner who said he punched her when she tried to stop him from taking merchandise without paying.

A court in Stuttgart sentenced Coolio to six months probation and fined him \$30,000 after convicting him of being an accessory to robbery and causing bodily injury.

The Grammy-award winning artist and six members of his band, the 40 Thieves, are accused of leaving the boutique in the Stuttgart suburb on Nov. 20 with clothing worth \$940.

Four members of Coolio's group also were charged, but did not show up for trial. The judge has issued warrants for their arrest.

Coolio, 35, denied punching the woman and said the incident was a misunderstanding. He says he signed autographs in the boutique, and that in exchange a clothing company had promised him and his group free outfits.

A dozen German and foreign news cameras trailed the court to the boutique Thursday, where the owner walked through the incident.

• Backlash

Violent incident, photo at heart of controversy

3 TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A single photograph — that of a young Israeli soldier cowering under the blows of a Palestinian mob — ignited a fierce nationwide debate Thursday over whether Israel has lost its military nerve.

The photo was splashed across the front pages of every newspaper in Israel.

While the prime minister and others wondered out loud why the soldier never opened fire with his M-16 rifle Wednesday, other Israelis insisted the new recruit would not be alive today if he had acted otherwise.

"What has happened to us, for God's sake? Are we a country with a strong defense force or have we turned into a country of wimps?" wrote Yaacov Erez, the editor-in-chief of the Maariv newspaper.

His words struck deeply into the psyche of Israel, a country founded on the ashes of the Holocaust and whose aim was to never allow Jews to be vulnerable again.

Assaf Meyara, 19, was recovering Thursday from multiple injuries inflicted by a dozen Palestinians who smashed the windows of the car he was sitting in, dragged him out and struck him repeatedly with chunks of concrete.

• Tragedy

Orphanage destroyed, 28 perish in pre-dawn blaze

4 MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Trapped behind metal window grates, children screamed for help as the flames drew closer. Neighbors frantically tugged at the padlocked main gate but could not break in.

The result was a tragedy.

A pre-dawn fire tore through an aging orphanage in Manila on Thursday, killing at least 28 people, mostly children. Two other children were missing and presumed dead.

Investigators said faulty electrical wiring may have triggered the blaze.

The dozens of children at the Catholic-run Bahay Kalinga orphanage had been looking forward to a Christmas party on Friday. Instead, the Christmas decorations were scattered, along with toys and children's clothes, among the burned debris.

"I'm afraid my playmates were burned," said Brian De Mesa, 5, who survived along with his twin brother. "I saw their burned bodies. I don't want to go back."

About 70 people were inside the orphanage in a slum area of Manila's Paco district when the fire broke out at 2 a.m., fire officials said, adding that three-fourths of the orphanage was already ablaze when they arrived.

• Opposition

Dissidents arrested as fear for national security rises

5 BEIJING, China (AP) — Two prominent dissidents, arrested this week, are suspected of endangering national security, China's government said Thursday in the clearest sign yet that it intends to block their campaign to form an opposition party.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao refused to say how Xu Wenli and Qin Yongmin endangered the state or specify what laws they broke.

A third activist in the campaign to set up the China Democracy Party, Wang Youcai, has been in custody for a month, accused of "inciting the overthrow of the government," according to the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China.

The arrests Monday of Xu and Qin and the accusations against them and Wang were the sharpest action Chinese leaders have taken since dissidents began pushing to set up and legally register the opposition party in June.

All three men could face life in prison if convicted of the harshest measures under China's vague state security law. The ruling Communist Party has resorted to the law to silence dissent since it went into effect last year.

• Money

Students wrestle with finances

By Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

Debt is a problem many college students face, but few know how to deal with it, said Robert Dana, the associate dean of students and community life.

Students are not getting enough training in financial management while in school, considering how indebted adults are in general, Dana said.

"Keeping money is a complicated skill; every American could use help," Dana said.

Most students say they have a hard time with financial management.

"I need to save more," said Josh Higgins, a first-year computer engineering major. "I spend a lot on stupid stuff."

One big problem college students face concerning financial management is out-of-pocket spending, where students spend cash on little things here and there and don't have a record of it, said Bill Webber, a resource management specialist who works with the Cooperate Extension's Outreach Program to educate students and adults around the state about money matters.

"If I spend \$20 a week out of pocket, then in 52 weeks, I've lost over \$1,000," Webber said.

Credit cards are a sure way to wind up in debt because they are so easy to get, Dana said.

"They become a tremendous burden," he said. "You can spend your limit very

quickly, and it doesn't seem real until you get your bill."

Webber said while there is no record of the exact percentage of students who have credit cards, the percentage is very high at UMaine.

Loans are another problem for students, Dana said.

"They are harder to get and are more focused on what they are going to pay for, but students should consider other alternatives first," Dana said.

Peggy Crawford, the director of student financial aid, said 65 percent of UMaine students have loans to help pay for their education, and therefore many students will leave school with debts.

Higgins said loans have put him in debt, but they are a necessity for college.

"I know I will be in debt later. I took out loans that I won't be able to pay back until after I graduate," he said.

Many students on campus have jobs to avoid financial problems, said Mary Skaggs, the director of student employment.

"I think it gives them money to spend so they don't have to borrow as much or get a credit card," she said.

Most students don't use the money they earn from their jobs to pay off tuition bills, however, Skaggs said.

"I would say that it is mostly money for other expenses, like rent or spending mon-



Mary Skaggs (center), director of student employment, with two students who work in the student employment office, Angela Allen (left), a sophomore education major, and Mandy Shain (right), a junior business major. (Jason Canniff photo.)

ey," she said.

Dana said to consider the long term effects of credit cards and loans.

"Never, ever, ever consider a debt without a clear path to repaying the debt," Dana said.

To help combat financial problems, the university is planning a program to teach college students how to budget their money, Dana said. The program should be in effect next semester.

Higgins said he would not attend the workshops.

"It's not a question of me not knowing how to budget my money, it's that I don't do it," he said.

As part of this program, the Center for Students and Community Life will be conducting a survey to see how many students are in debt, have credit cards or have other financial problems.

Colby student pleads innocent

WATERVILLE (AP) — A Colby College senior pleaded innocent Wednesday to a misdemeanor alcohol charge linked to an accident in which another student fell from a dormitory window.

A lawyer representing Ryan Hambleton, 22, of Hampton Falls, N.H., entered the plea on his client's behalf to the charge of furnishing a place for a minor to consume alcohol.

Hambleton, who has remained free on

personal recognizance, did not appear in District Court.

Hambleton allegedly hosted a party at his off-campus apartment last October in which a number of underage people had been drinking. Investigators say they included Rosamond Huntoon, 19, of Wrentham, Mass., who returned to her dorm and was critically injured when she fell out a third-story window.

Huntoon remains in a Boston hospital.

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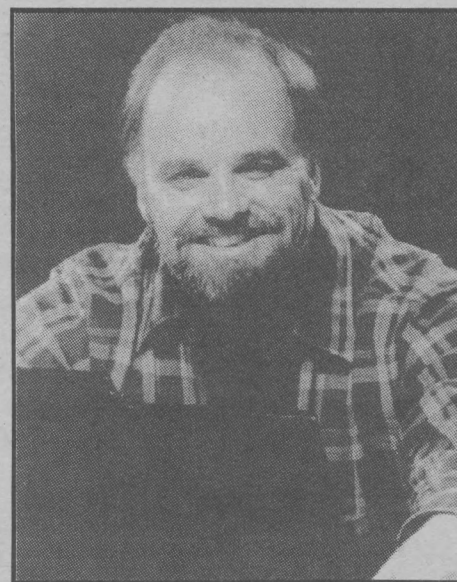
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SEX MATTERS

BY SANDRA L. CARON

Q: My boyfriend is going to another school that is pretty far away, so I only get to see him on the weekends. When we have sex, he gets really tired very easily. I was wondering if it was because he hasn't had sex in a long time or if it was because he is cheating on me? Female, Junior.

A: I guess the place to begin is to ask him directly. It could be he is just tired. However, if it's not "tired" that you're sensing, but a lack of interest or enthusiasm, I would want to have a serious discussion with him about how you're feeling and how he's feeling. Perhaps there is some other stress in his life, maybe he's just preoccupied with school, or perhaps he has questions about your relationship. Then again, he may just be tired. What seems clear from your note is that you sense something has changed, and you see it played out in your sex life. It also

sounds like you need answers and reassurance from him that it's nothing more than that. You're right to follow your "gut feelings" and question if there is a problem in the relationship! Best wishes.

Q: What is this new sex position that's supposed to lead to amazing orgasms ... have you heard of it? I need the details! Male, Senior.

A: The position you may be talking about is Coital Alignment Technique. It's just a variation on the missionary position for heterosexual couples, but really gaining popularity with the new book by Ed Eichel entitled, *The Perfect Fit*. What's great about this sexual position is that it increases orgasm via intercourse for women. As you probably knew, few women orgasm through penis-in-vagina sex only (the "look, no hands!" approach). Reports have found that CAT not only increases

the incidence of orgasm for women, it increases the incidence of simultaneous orgasms, and increases the intensity of orgasm for men. So, how do you do it? Easy, once you practice a few times. Begin in the missionary position (man on top of woman). The male has his pelvis low on her pelvis, with his legs between hers. He takes his weight on his elbows. Eichel suggests trying the position without penetration initially to get the feel of the movement. Now make the woman what Eichel calls "a small but significant adjustment." Her partner slides forward so his pelvis is over hers. The base of his penis is slightly out of the vagina (you don't want full penetration) and should be pressing firmly against her clitoris. Now, he lowers his chest to rest on her, and his head and shoulders veer to one side. His penis is vertical (pointing downward). She wraps her legs around his so her ankles are resting on his calves. Maintaining full

body contact, she pushes her pelvis gently up by about 2 inches. He should offer enough resistance for her to feel her clitoris rubbing gently against the base of his penis. Then he pushes gently down, maintaining that contact. Not too hard or fast. Just keep going. Check that you're moving upward and downward together, always keeping contact rather than the usual meeting and parting. You're not thrusting, but rocking. Beware: The first time you try this you'll probably be frustrated, but like learning to ride a bike once you can do it, you'll wonder what was so difficult.

Sandra L. Caron is an Associate Professor of Family Relations/Human Sexuality in the College of Education & Human Development; she teaches CHF 351: Human Sexuality in the spring semester. Questions for Caron can be sent directly to her at The Maine Campus, Chadbourne Hall.

Union

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will be the Coffee Shop, which will be two rooms," Ninow said.

In all, the Union will have three dining areas with upgraded finish and carpeting.

A 30-foot waterfall will be located between stairs that lead from the first to the second story of the Union, he said.

The Union's third floor will contain offices for deans, the Union Board, the Student Heritage Alliance Center and Student Government, he said.

A fourth floor will also be added.

"The radio station, chapel and study lounges will be on the fourth floor," Ninow said.

Restrooms will be on every floor, he said.

A patio, which will have stairs going down it like an amphitheater, will be added to the front of the addition.

"It will be a place students can socialize and eat when the weather is good," he said.

Joel Priest, a second-year anthropology major, was concerned about the Union's

completion date.

"We are trying to get the spaces students need the most to be finished as soon as possible," Ninow said.

By Oct. 1, 2000, the entire project should be done, Charland said. The majority of it will be done by the summer of 2000.

Margaret Baker, the administration assistant from the Information Center, wanted to know how long the meeting rooms would be open and when she should stop sched-

ing meetings for the construction.

Charland said he wasn't sure.

"As long as the weather stays good, we will be able to break ground in February," Charland said. "We'll have to work with the contractor because we don't have solutions to all of the problems."

The building will not stay out of commission during the entire project, Ninow said.

"We're going to try to keep the building up and going through the whole process," he said.

• Bill

King to fight deadline

AUGUSTA (AP) — A showdown between two branches of state government was coming to a head only hours into the first day of the two-year session Wednesday.

The Legislature scheduled votes on joint rules to guide its procedures through the session. Among them is one imposing an early-January deadline on the governor for submitting bills, a measure Gov. Angus King has vowed to fight.

The longstanding practice has been to allow the governor to submit bills, under the sponsorship of a representative or senator, any time he pleases.

Senate President Mark Lawrence said the cloture rule he is pushing would give the public a better chance to scrutinize measures the governor proposes and reduce bottlenecks at the end of the session.

As an example, he said King submitted a complex and controversial bill nine days before the end of the 1997 session to grant

\$60 million in tax breaks for defense contractor Bath Iron Works. The bill was passed.

The Kittery Democrat also noted that similar bill-submission deadlines have been imposed on legislators and the judiciary over the years.

The executive branch is "the last remaining loophole," Lawrence said.

King, an independent, insists the state Constitution assures him the right to submit bills whenever he pleases.

"We have a disagreement. That will get worked out one way or the other," said the governor, whose aides said they did not wish to become entangled in a fight with the majority party so early in the session.

Sen. Philip Harriman, took the side of the governor.

"I think there are times when the governor's ability to get in bills helps the Legislature get its work done," said Harriman, R-Yarmouth.

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Police Report

Christopher Holland, 18, of Orono was summoned for failure to yield at a stop sign after his vehicle collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Sebago and Grove streets Monday at 2:33 p.m.. No one was injured in the accident.

A disturbance occurred between passengers of a car and truck Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2:56 a.m. Apparently, the people in the car had mistaken the driver of the truck for someone who had done something to them earlier. Upon investigation, the truck's driver, Tyler McCall, 18, of Bangor was summoned for operating a motor vehicle with excessive blood alcohol content.

Jennifer Greany, 21, and Lisa Marcus, 21, both of Orono were summoned on charges of criminal mischief in Kennebec Hall. The women allegedly spray painted, threw food at and wrote graffiti on the dorm room's door and surrounding area.

An officer observed a group of males acting suspiciously in the Alford Arena on Friday, Nov. 20. The men appeared to be concealing something. James Wandling, 23, of Orono was arrested on charges of obstructing government administration, refusing to

submit to arrest, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana.

After being stopped for an inspections violation in the Stodder Hall parking lot Saturday, Wade McCarthy, 22, of Orono was summoned for illegal attachment of registration plates and for failure to display a current inspections sticker.

A vehicle was stopped on Rangely Road for a registration violation on Wednesday, Nov. 25. After investigation, Mohammed Al Marbi, 22, of Orono was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle after suspension.

Brian Benito, 19, was summoned for criminal trespass after he was found in York Village Monday at 3:35 p.m.. He had been previously warned not to be in that area.

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff



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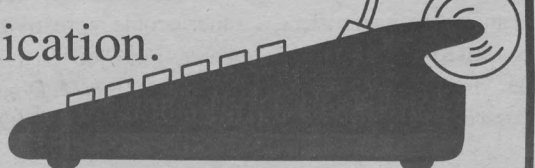
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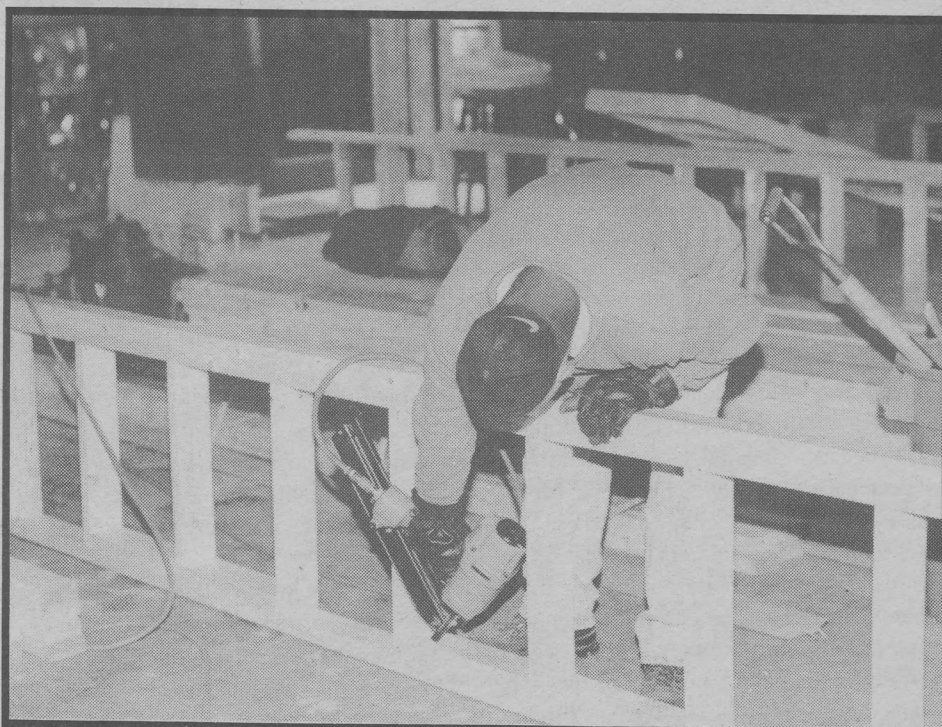
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Club

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Jeff Shirland, senior elementary education major, works on the restoration of the former Geddy's Pub. (Jason Canniff photo.)

been supportive.

"That just blew me away, how much cooperation he's got from the inspectors," he said.

"The town of Orono has bent over backwards to try to make this a place for students," he said. "They want this to work."

Gray said his club will employ some students as waitresses and bouncers, but he also plans to hire some professional

workers for the door.

"It's not going to be a place you can start fights in," he said.

When Geddy's closed last spring, UMaine students were left with two bars and no dance club.

Jim Howe, a senior business major, said he usually went to the old Geddy's a couple of times a week.

"I'll be back the day it opens," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Binge drinking out of control

More than a third of college women say that they regularly binge drink, "just to get drunk," according to a 1997 study conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. That's up 300 percent from a similar survey the organization completed in 1977.

Drinking has been a problem at the university level for years, but the number of students who drink excessively has risen at an alarming rate in recent years. Nearly half of all college students binge drink regularly, said a 1994 study conducted by Dr. Henry Wechsler of Harvard University.

When asked why they drink, students cite boredom or peer pressure. In a university culture it is not just socially acceptable, but desirable, to get drunk, and tremendously convenient for underage students to obtain alcohol.

Falsified identification is easy to come by, friends who are glad to risk prosecution and serve as a "personal liquor store" are in the next dorm room, and local establishments like the Oronoka are successful in every college town because they make a practice of serving to minors.

Alcoholism at UMaine is no great revelation.

But unrestrained female drinking introduces a new slate of problems. An average woman's smaller frame can only handle four consecutive drinks before the evening is considered a binge. At this saturation point of drunkenness, a woman quickly falls prey to blackouts and alcohol poisoning. With her inhibitions all but nonexistent, she risks unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and violent sexual predation.

Ninety percent of all college rapes occur when one of the parties is under the influence of alcohol, said the Columbia study, and UMaine is no exception.

At least five sexual assaults occurred on campus within the first two months of the semester, according to Dr. Mark Jackson of Cutler Health Center. Jackson suggested in October that many of the rape cases at UMaine involve alcohol or so-called date rape drugs like Ketamine or GHB.

Students have recently died or faced serious injury at Colby, MIT and Louisiana State University, because university culture—particularly fraternity and sorority life—condones binge drinking. It's only a matter of time before a similar tragedy occurs at UMaine.

For the culture to change, administrators and Greek organizations must take a stand on bingeing—not only a hypocritical lip service, but a real effort to educate students and halt the trend of dangerous alcoholic bingeing.

Verdict vindicates corruption

Two days ago, another independent counsel took a serious hit, which, although it was still in Washington, didn't involve any of the recent events occurring on Capitol Hill. A jury found former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy not guilty on charges that he illegally accepted \$33,000 in gifts from companies that his office regulated.

The trial followed Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz's a four-year investigation that cost taxpayers \$17 million.

Wednesday's verdict, which was the result of nine hours of jury deliberations, dealt a severe blow to the attempted regulation of the flow of special interest money to government officials.

As an indirect result, the outcome of this case sends an underlying message to the government and the people of this country that for the first time the legalization of gift-giving to Cabinet members is acceptable as long as a "quid pro quo" cannot be proven.

This is dangerous. The Independent Counsel Statute is all but guaranteed to take a dramatic hit and all but guarantees the difficulty in charging politicians with accepting gifts in the future.

Although it was known that Espy did indeed accept some money and other gifts—including tickets to football games—the independent counsel had to prove that Espy made policy decisions on the companies he accepted gifts from.

The problem, however, was that the law was narrowly interpreted and this will make corruption by government officials in the future even more possible.

The law previously was interpreted as saying that it was unacceptable for officials to receive gifts because of the position they held. Federal law does prohibit excessive gift-giving, unless it comes from friends—and this was what Espy had vehemently argued.

Corruption in Washington is nothing new to the public—especially with the events transpiring in the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton case—but the jury's decision to clear Mike Espy is just another example of how easy it can be.

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• Letters to the editor

• Good work

To the editor:

I had been wanting to write you a letter to commend you and your staff on the excellent job you are doing this year. I put off writing that letter until I read Mark Tabone's Nov. 18 guest column. Mr. Tabone criticizes, among other things, several staff and the editing of the paper. After reading his letter, I decided that it was high time to get busy.

I have particularly enjoyed the op/ed page—thank you Elisabeth Gold, Dave Bailey, Derek Rice, Josh Nason and Preston Noon. I have also read and enjoyed two of Terrence Brown's articles. I must also mention that your responsiveness to constructive criticism has not gone unnoticed (an article on the cross country team comes to mind).

I have been reading *The Maine Campus* for three years and this is definitely, in my opinion, the best year yet. As far as Mark Tabone's opinion that the paper has declined over the years, what Mr. Tabone might fail to realize is that this is a student paper. One cannot expect this publication to improve year-to-year as each year, a new crop of students endeavor to cut their journalistic teeth. What those who have been "at the university for some time" must realize is that the students are not getting younger, but "they" are getting older. As for the "glaring errors in grammar and sentence structure," I have noticed that these seem to be down compared to last year. In any case, I realize that this is a student paper, run by students who have responsibilities beyond *The Maine Campus*, so I think that its readership would be remiss to expect a flawless publication. As a matter of fact, I am surprised that a column as trite as Mr. Tabone's made it as a guest column into this fine

paper. But this is a forum for all students. And without the criticism from the likes of Mr. Tabone, I might not have told you what a great job you are doing. Keep it up!

Heather MacDougall
Old Town

• Bashing needless

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Mark Tabone's guest column bashing of Terrence Brown's "Un-philosophy" article in the Wednesday, Nov. 18 edition of the *Campus*. It saddens me that Mark is working toward a master's degree in zoology, yet has the time on his hands to rudely criticize a hard-working, intelligent aspiring writer. If I am incorrect, Mark, please correct me (and no doubt you probably will), but isn't an institution such as this made for students to learn? It's unfortunate that God didn't grace all of us with your superior writing skills, but maybe through learning and CONSTRUCTIVE criticism, we could get there. I know Terrence personally, and I know a number of people, including myself, who enjoy his articles. The "Un-philosophy" article was placed in the style section, and anyone who took the time to read it wasn't looking for news or J.D. Salinger himself. Terrence's writing is entertainment, and like all entertainment, if you don't like it, don't read it; if you don't want to hear it, turn it off. This bashing of Terrence's article was completely uncalled-for, and I hope in the future Mark will opt to study for his upcoming zoology exam, rather than trashing other people's creativity.

Dan McDonough
Orono

• Vegans care

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the column by Dave Bailey "Anti-meat people miss the mark." As a vegan I would like to share why myself and many others do not eat meat, dairy or eggs. As most people know we as humans are over-crowding the Earth with our population explosion. We currently have about 6 billion people and at the world's present growth rate the Earth's human population will double in less than 50 years. In the United States, we make up 5 percent of the world's population but use 25 percent of the resources. If everyone around the world ate as typical Americans there would be major food shortages and mass starvation. This is already happening. 27,000 children die each day due to hunger or hunger-related diseases around the world. While living on Earth, I want to show compassion to all living things. To do this I try to live simply, which includes eating foods that could sustain all people on Earth. By not eating animals, I am caring about both human beings and animals. Eating meat, dairy and eggs are not sustainable foods for example one cow needs 118 acres of grassland to live per year, in contrast one human can eat soy products for a year and it would take less than one acre to grow all the soybeans. There is not space on this Earth for everyone to become a meat-eater and each of us who decides to stop eating animal products is doing one small part to help the Earth be more sustainable for all of us.

Rachelle Curran
Orono

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• Guest column

Blank stares tell the real story

By Adam Crowley

Oh joy! We have three new TV channels to watch. VH1 – I'm as happy as a madman in a knife shop. ESPN2 – I'm as excited as Buzz A. was when he watched Neil A. shuffle on down to the lunar surface. Univision – I've never watched Univision so I guess I really can't comment on it. Yes, indeed, I think I shall refrain from commenting on Univision. (Pause ... sound of engine backfiring) I'm not going to shout as loud as I possibly can; I'm going to shout as loud as I must in order to be comprehended over the blaring television. Will you please turn that damn thing down for a moment!

The decision to expand the spectrum of channels by three by Residents On Campus under President Jon Duke is similar in reasoning to firing the 37th and 38th shots into an already dead and done turkey. (Note the lack of a shot 39. This is because, well, as I said before ... I have never watched Univision. I might like it! So ... I will be silent about that ... for now.)

I gaze into the picture that graces the cover of this fine paper on Nov. 20, and a little bit of drool flows down my chin. I suck it up. Those people look so Dead. DEAD! (But not a pleasant dead. Dead like finding a 3,000-pound man in the middle of the desert in July with a host of buzzards any coyotes nuzzling and tearing into his face and hands. Dead like that. Really, really unpleasant.) The photographed look about as stimulated as a failed Frankenstein monster. (I assume it is television that they are ogling because the caption tells me so. It could just as well be a lit candle. I can see the shadow of one woman burned into the wall like an unlucky child in a nuclear blast. Please, please,

please someone out there tell me this picture is supposed to be dark and sarcastic! The alternative is horrible.)

What?

They are relaxing? You say they are relaxing? You fool. People watch TV to relax?

They don't look relaxed! No. No. NO. They look like a bunch of lobotomized octogenarians receiving Pepsi enemas!

Jon Duke was quoted by this paper as saying, "I was kind of disappointed not a lot of people responded to the survey." Ahhh!

Of course they could not respond, John, they were at home...eating TV with their dinner. And we just gave them three more channels to chew on (one of which, of course, I can not comment on yet). Oh, I love higher education. I wish I had a thousand channels. My life would be ever so complete. Just hook the M&M bag up to my veins and leave me be; Beaver is on, Stupid!

Oh! The caption for this picture is so bloody excellent!

"Dorm Residents watch TV with rapt attention ..."

If this is not intended to be sarcastic ...

No, I think it is not "rapt attention" at all. I think they are gazing at TV with all the "attention" and understanding of a four-year-old wandering around lost on the busy, busy streets of New York. This is scary, Folks. I'll put this in clearer terms for the ROC.

This is a BAD THING. NO! The last thing that these poor people need is more TV!

(The Key: Excess.)

(Attention: If I was, say, Humbert Humbert from "Lolita" and I was, say, not in love with children as he was but oh, say, I was in love with TV then I would scream, "Oh, TV, fire of my loins!" But I ain't. I want you all to know that you are not receiving any "new reasons ... to stay inside this winter." You are receiving only new opportunities to tune out of the real world and tune into make-believe. And in make-believe everything seems a little bit less disjointed than in the real world. Hop on the trolley if you really want to; I'm gonna keep on screaming at the door to the station.)

Click.

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• Column

Listen to all voices

It's too easy to avoid thinking about things that are unpleasant. It's too easy to skip over the articles that air opinions other than our own. However, to educate ourselves about issues, environmental or political, we need to listen to other views and facts, even if they are not what we want to hear.

I recently checked out several Web sites on health and veganism while researching an article. The pictures I saw struck me like a punch in the stomach. The picture of a bloodied pig, still alive, and lying in its own vomit in a factory, later to be sold in the local grocery store made me want to cry.

want to learn about other alternatives. However, to make informed decisions we need to educate ourselves about all sides of an issue.

I've heard people say that you can't trust the media, which is true to an extent. The media should not be a person's only source of information, but it is a good place to start. Let's face it, the media isn't exactly printing a lot of pieces about environmental threats created by large corporations. What people need to ask themselves when they



By Rebecca Zaner

Some people may call it unnecessary to make such graphic pictures public, but maybe that is what we all need – a little more reality thrown in our faces. Maybe we should know what or who our food was before we eat it and then we would respect it more.

I think we all know that the treatment of animals in factories is abusive. Just the fact that animals are in factories is bad enough. They do not belong there. Chickens that are bred to get fat faster can barely walk, not that they would have room to walk if they tried. Cows are often given growth hormones and antibiotics in addition to being kept pregnant so they can produce more milk.

We talk about world hunger and solving the problem, but we can't do that while we are raising large numbers of cattle for beef. On one acre of land 40,000 pounds of potatoes can be grown or 250 pounds of beef can be raised. Farm animals currently consume 38 percent of the world's grain, so if we want to make real steps to end world hunger, cutting down on meat consumption is the place to start.

It isn't that vegetarians and vegans expect everyone to stop using animal products; it's the lack of respect for animals that is most disturbing. It's how people treat animals before they consume them. No longer do people thank the animal for its life or treat it with care until it dies. Now, they are kept in dark cages with open sores and tainted food to live a miserable life to provide people with what? Food, clothing, animal test subjects, basically nothing that there isn't an animal-free alternative to.

It's as though people don't

hear news is, "What am I not being informed about?"

In a lot of cases, it may be something that the public should know about. Shouldn't the public understand the consequences of how we treat the environment? Shouldn't we know what sort of animal treatment purchasing a certain product endorses? People don't seem to want to know because then they have to think about it and often times the truth isn't pleasant. But hiding ourselves from the truth, from educating ourselves about our interactions with the world around us isn't going to help anyone. Fear of hearing something that contradicts our own beliefs leads to ignorance as we shut out other opinions and issues.

We need to stop shutting out other views. We can't use lack of time as an excuse to not educate ourselves about an issue. We can't assume that everyone has an ulterior motive or is shutting us out because we shut them out. Maybe they are just trying to help us learn so that we can live better, more informed lives, to minimize the harm we cause other creatures.

We need to consider the effects of our actions whether we want to or not, whether we feel guilt or not. We should not be so self-absorbed as to not care about how we affect the world we live in. The human race prides itself for being so many things, but sometimes, I find it hard to believe that sensitivity is one of them.

Rebecca Zaner is a senior journalism major.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



The Short Bus

BY S. WINSLOW



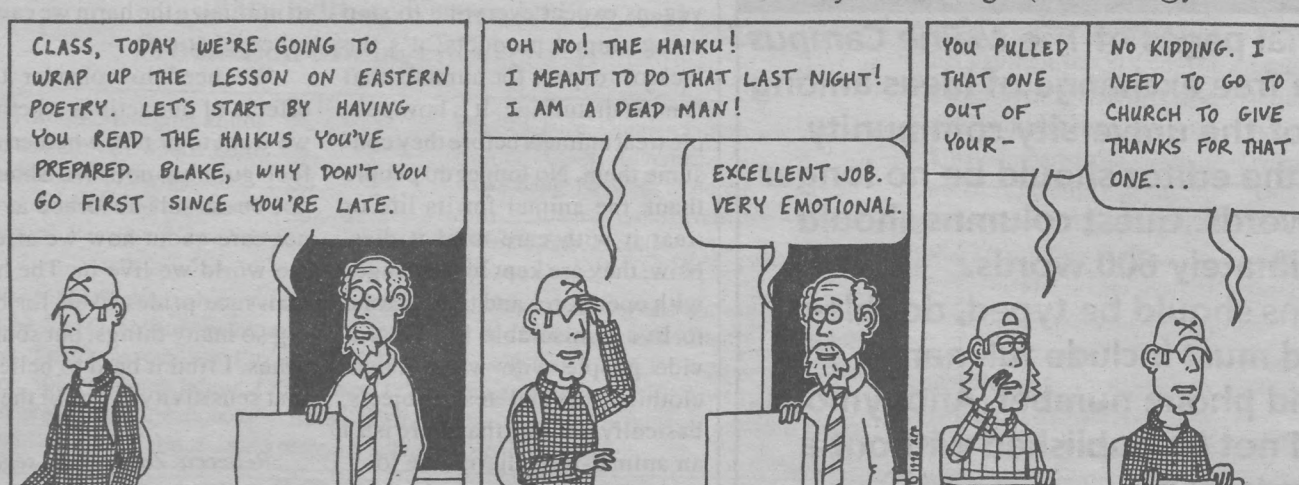
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, December 4

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This should be a joyful year for you, especially if you are involved in something you can give yourself to heart and soul, something that helps other people and is just a little bit different. And if you're not involved in such a project, you soon will be.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): How often have you been told not to act in haste? How often have you been told to think first before taking a decision. Too many, no doubt. Now, however, you can act as quickly as you like, confident in the knowledge that you can't put a foot wrong. Well, not too wrong anyway.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You may be one of the more practical members of the Zodiac, but you have flashes of inspiration like everyone else and if you are wise you will listen to your intuition today, especially where financial matters are concerned. One good idea, in particular, could be a real money spinner.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It is up to you to provide a lead today. Important things will only get done if you take charge and make sure everyone does what is expected of them. Inevitably, someone will complain but you don't have time to argue; insist they do as they are told or make way for someone else.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Do you ever get the feeling that some people say things just to annoy you? Whether or not it is true it will feel that way today and you will have to make a supreme effort not to say a few choice things yourself. Discretion is the key, but on the other hand, maybe it's time you made your feelings known.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Pretend you are in no particular hurry to get an important job done and watch how many offers of assistance you receive. If you're really smart you can arrange it so that you don't do any real work yourself: you just take a supervising role. It is, after all, what you're good at.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If someone offers you an apology today be big enough to accept it. It takes some people a lot of courage to admit that they are wrong, so don't make them suffer anymore than they have to. That's just the kind of approach that can start a quarrel all over again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Never underestimate the power of your own ideas. With the Sun and Uranus perfectly aspected today some of your insights will be inspired. The important thing, however, is that you let others in on what you have discovered. Good ideas are like candies: They should be spread around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You are not the kind to give away secrets but it appears that someone has pierced the veil and knows what you are up to. Not unnaturally, your first thought will be that someone has betrayed you but that's not the case at all: They worked it out all by themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You are looking for something so intensely that there is every chance you will miss it. In other words, you can't see the wood for the trees. Today's aspects urge you to take a break, to do something different. What you are searching for will be found the moment you stop looking for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Act immediately on your suspicions. Don't hesitate, even for a second, or you will lose momentum and give your rivals a chance to cover their tracks. There are rules in love, war and business and if they have broken them then you must see to it that they pay the price.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Listen to your instincts and act on what they tell you. With Uranus, your ruler, perfectly aspected by the Sun today, if you have one brilliant idea you will have half-a-dozen, and any one of them could make your fortune. You see far and deep — now make what you see work for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You need to cut through the confusion today and get to the root of a problem that has been causing you and a lot of other people no end of sleepless nights. All you have to do is stick to the facts and avoid making emotional judgments. It's easier than it sounds.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, December 5

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 others.

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.

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. But if you want something badly enough — and your solar chart suggests that you do — then no effort will be too much for you. 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? Whatever your plans, whatever your schedules, whatever your deadlines, it is essential that you take life at a slower, calmer pace this week.

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. Even the ones who don't will not be 100 percent sure.

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.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

FROM THE HOME OFFICE OF BETA THETA PI

TOP TEN SIGNS THE SEMESTER IS ALMOST OVER

10. Time for the Incomplete tally.
9. Everyday is leftover day in the commons.
8. You've pondered "...maybe fast food work isn't so bad after all."
7. Check your bill: The End of the Semester fee has been tacked on.
6. You've been checking with your professors to make sure you don't sign up with them for your third retake.
5. You're thinking about giving that syllabus a glance to see what you've missed.
4. Bill Kennedy checks in to remind you your first semester of probation is over.
3. Your best guess GPA looks slighted by your lowest BAC.
2. When seeing your spring semester schedule, your adviser giggles.
1. Your professor refers to you as the one who put the @\$\$ in class.

— Rob Brewer

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- 5 Stuff
- 9 Blackmore heroine Lorna
- 14 Salon focus
- 15 Capital of Latvia
- 16 Writer Sinclair
- 17 Meat inspection inits.
- 18 Journey for Caesar
- 19 5 to 1, say
- 20 Best Picture of 1987
- 23 Der — (Adenauer)
- 24 Malt kiln
- 25 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.
- 28 Woodlands
- 30 Actress Novak

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- 35 Truman's nuclear agcy.
- 36 Grandma, affectionately
- 37 Opera by Glinka
- 41 Others
- 42 Furrow
- 43 Nutso
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- 45 Educator Mary McLeod —
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- 50 Pres. Reagan and others
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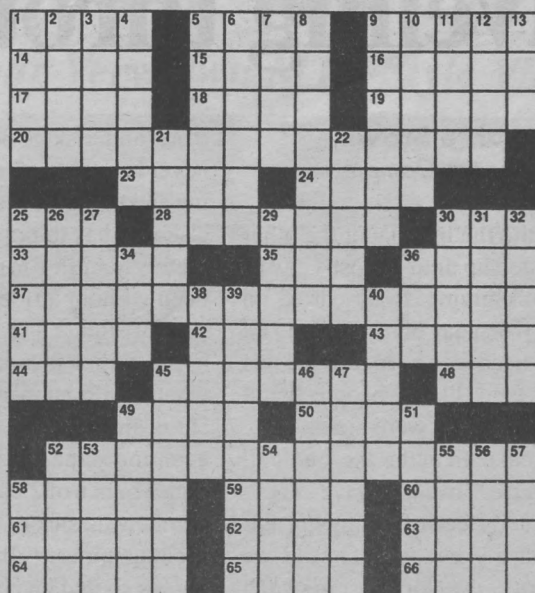
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DOWN

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- 3 White House staffer
- 4 Cheery song syllables
- 5 "The Count of Monte —"
- 6 Singing cowboy Tex
- 7 Pulitzer writer James
- 8 Squirrel-like monkey
- 9 Compulsion by force
- 10 Some 60's paintings
- 11 Germany's — von Bismarck
- 12 Roulette bet
- 13 Rock's Brian
- 21 1966 movie or song hit
- 22 Quilt part
- 25 Car protector
- 26 U. S. Grant opponent
- 27 Mill fodder
- 29 Astronauts' returning point

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Puzzle by Arthur S. Verdesca

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- 31 Unfitting
- 32 "The Bells of St. —"
- 34 Frequently
- 36 Sgt., e.g.
- 38 Carnival oddity
- 39 Community service program
- 40 "Maria —" (1941 hit song)
- 45 St. Thomas who was murdered in a cathedral
- 46 Seventh planet
- 47 Surprisingly
- 49 Slight color
- 51 Toast
- 52 Lobster pincer
- 53 Cover up
- 54 Slangy denial
- 55 Engrossed by
- 56 Pesky insects
- 57 Pesky insect
- 58 Modern office staples, for short

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STYLE & THE ARTS

• NYC

Thanksgiving leftovers from the city



Taking a tourist's view of New York life. For their Thanksgiving break Andrew Bailey and Henrique Fontes explored the city and brought back some souvenirs. (Bailey and Fontes photos, respectively.)

• Un-Philosophy

Traveling through the mind (and states)

By Terrance Brown
Special to the *Campus*

I went on quite the little jaunt the other day, one that lasted up until almost a day or two before Thanksgiving. It all started on pretty much the worst day of my life, and all the people that I needed to be nice to me this day were mean and all the people that I needed to be mean to me were nice.

That was a real pain in the ass, but it all worked out because I'm compulsive as hell, and I decided that instead of killing myself, I would pick up my buddy Nick and we would drive all over the Northeast in search of some kind of understanding of why the hell we're all here on this sick little planet.

But that didn't happen. We just got drunk in four different states, the last being Connecticut.

That was an enlightenment in itself, and we had a hell of a time. I drove close to 1,500 miles because Nick doesn't have his license. I know, you're all probably thinking that he got OUI or something like that, but he didn't, he has never had his license.

Now you're all probably thinking that he's some deadbeat loser that'll never do a damn thing with his life, and that's not true either, the friggin' kid doesn't want his license.

Why? Shit, I don't know, I really don't, but I do know that Nick, in his entire life, has never had to drive home from a party drunk because he brought a bunch of guys to a party and they all want to "sleep in their own beds." He's never had to run to the

store and risk a possession charge. He's never had to pay for insurance, a car, parking tickets, gas, maintenance or anything else that has to do with a car. To be completely honest, I'm not sure if the kid's ever been without a ride.

But Nick's a smart kid. He still lives at home, which is kinda' lame, but he knows what would happen if he came to college. He'd smoke way too much dope, drink even more than that and struggle through with a bunch of 2.0s until he finally decided that he was sick of it, and then he'd either seclude himself from all the people he knows so that he could finally concentrate and do a little homework for a change. Or he'd drop out and get a shitty job doing something that he really — I mean really — doesn't want to do.

Now, if he secluded himself, then everyone he knew prior would start talking about how much Nick had "changed," how he was selfish and shit, and how he was a punk in the first place. All he'd ever get walking around campus would be dirty looks — as opposed to the "holy shit, weren't we wasted last night!"

If he dropped out then all the older folks back home would think of him as a disrespectful guy and how he used his parents for money and how he couldn't finish anything and he was pretty dumb in the first place.

I don't know, Nick doesn't do much with his life right now. But he will, and he won't have any bills to pay off when he finally decides what it is that he's going to do.

For last week, though, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. He wanted to drive with me to Vermont and Connecticut and Rhode Island to have a good time and party and to meet all kinds of really cool people that we'll never meet again. We had a good time and I'll never forget it.

So, now the question is, what is my point here? Hell, I don't have one, but that's the point. My life has no grand point, it has a million little ones. The point to my life the other day was to watch "The Abyss" with my roommate.

My point last week was to drive around and find some place, do something when I got there, find a place to sleep, wake up and drive somewhere else and continue the cycle.

We all try so damn hard to make something so big, but no one ever wants to just be content with the moment or little things, and the few of us that are really — I mean really — happy sitting at the table making a stupid crane out of paper get shitted on all over by pissed-off people that don't understand why we think the way we do or why we do the things that we do.

They only want great things to be big, they only want great things to be told. They don't care that I gave one of my buddies a T-shirt last summer and that he wore it in his Class C State Championship football game, which he won, and took a picture of himself wearing it, covered in mud just to prove to me that he wore it and to make me feel better for a little while.

Nobody gives a damn how much that

meant to me and how happy I was to get that picture or how happy I was that this person remembered me and some random remark about how he should wear that shirt in the game, because I gave him the very shirt off my back at a party because we were drunk and he said that he really liked that shirt. Nobody cares, but I do.

Shit like that means the world to me, it really does, and if I'm an idiot because of it than I'm happy to be an idiot. What you've all got to understand is that there are a lot more things to care about than how someone tries to express themselves.

But the trip to Connecticut was a great time, and I don't think I would have gone if I hadn't have seen the article about my column in *The Maine Campus* a week or two back.

And it was a good article, it was well written and I'm sure that whoever wrote it took his time and felt strongly about what he had to say, and that's the way it should be, and I truly take my hat off to him for that.

People should care more about stuff. I mean, why else would we do anything? If no one cared, there wouldn't be any points at all and that'd be worse than my points, which are, to my own knowledge, not really worth looking into in the first place, but, at the same time, so are the most important things in the entire history of our mundane and seemingly chaotic world.

Terrance Brown is a style columnist for *The Maine Campus*.

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Check out the landscapes of New York. (Andrew Bailey photos.)



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• Encore

Bennett heeds to fans through "Live by Request"

NEW YORK (AP) — Often, at the end of a Tony Bennett concert, people yell out requests for encores.

So, the singer thought, why not a concert entirely of requests? He did that twice on radio stations, with listeners calling in. Then his son and manager, Danny, took the idea to A&E. The "Live by Request" concert in 1996, with viewers calling in on an 800 number, was so successful that the network made a series out of it, presenting Gloria Estefan, Phil Collins, Johnny Mathis, James Taylor, Kenny Loggins and Barry Manilow.

On Monday 9 p.m. EST, Bennett will do his third A&E "Live by Request," with the Ralph Sharon Quartet, which knows as many songs as he does. This time, as well as viewers calling a toll-free number or sending an Internet message, tributes and song requests will come from fellow stars, on tape and in the studio audience.

Bennett isn't being told who the stars are, though he has learned that Madonna, using a little-girl voice, says she used to listen to her mother's Tony Bennett records.

Bennett says he isn't thrown when somebody calls in with a song he doesn't know, or on which copyright hasn't been cleared. "I just say, 'I can't do that one, but how about this one?'" and launches into a song in a similar mood.

He also doesn't mind when he forgets the lyrics on a live show. "Instead of searching for perfection, I like it when there are mistakes," he said. "Nobody is perfect."

November saw the publication of his autobiography, "The Good Life," named

after one of his hit songs, and the release of his first children's record, "The Playground."

He says young parents have told him their toddlers are dancing to "Steppin' Out," his 1993 CD tribute to Fred Astaire. "That gave me the idea to do a children's album," Bennett says.

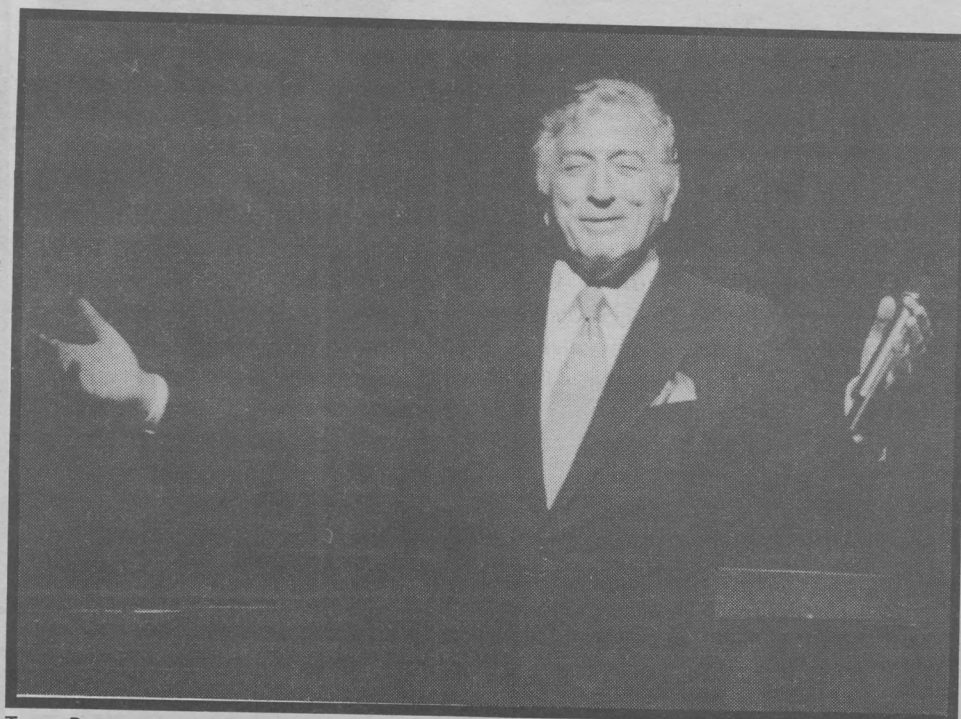
Last month he did a "Storytellers" concert, simulcast by VH1 and Nickelodeon, performing songs from "The Playground," and joined on "Swinging on a Star" by the Backstreet Boys.

Teens met Tony Bennett when Danny Bennett suggested to MTV that his father make a commercial for them, singing "I love my MTV" to the tune of Cole Porter's "I Concentrate on You." MTV liked that and invited Bennett on for an "unplugged" session. The resulting CD is his biggest-selling album.

The autobiography, written with Will Friedwald, caused a stir by revealing that in the 1970s Bennett used cocaine. It said that after he passed out in a bathtub and was rushed to a hospital, he got off drugs and has stayed off.

"I thought a lot about this," Bennett says. "I just figured that I found out it doesn't work, eventually. The first time you try it, it is so great. You think, 'I want to do this the rest of my life.' It's never as good as the first time.

"Instead of this kick of energy you got the first time, you start slowing down. You get little moments. You think, 'That's it!' Then before you know it, you start going down. You get hooked. I never really got



Tony Bennett was at UMaine just last fall. (file photo.)

addicted. I saw myself going toward that. Friends started dying. Lenny Bruce, this genius of a guy. Bill Evans couldn't stand that he was hooked."

A radio disc jockey this fall played "Who Can I Turn To" with Bennett singing to Evans' piano. Four songs they recorded together weren't released. Columbia Records said they were destroyed. "I can't believe the energy and passion in his playing," Bennett says. "I'm going to keep digging until I find the other recordings. They must be out there somewhere. I know 'A Time for Love' was wonderful, too."

When Bennett started the book, he made a list of people influential in his life. Friedwald interviewed them. Their memories triggered Bennett's memories. "I told how I thought it really was," he said. "I didn't keep a diary. I had to use recall."

He lives in an apartment on Central Park South, with one room in which he paints. "I sing and I paint," he says. "I play tennis, but I'm a duffer. I'm 72. I start to run, then I get tired. When I play tennis, I run a lot." Boo, the dog Bennett and his girlfriend, Susan Crow, got seven Halloweens ago, sits with

him during an interview in the apartment.

"Every day is an up day for me now," Bennett says. His recording of "Just in Time" is in the new Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan movie "You've Got Mail." At the opening game of the World Series in New York he sang "America the Beautiful," then went to Radio City Music Hall to sing, among other signature tunes, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

"That was really fun," he says.

"It has taken me all this time to become financially solvent," Bennett says. "I do it because I love it. I like to entertain people. I paint a lot more now. It has worked out fine for me. Boo stays with me when I'm painting. She has a pillow. She's content and quiet. She goes to sleep.

"I've had art shows in Boston, San Francisco and Manhattan," he said. "I don't have them often. I'm very surprised. The paintings do really well. My favorites I don't sell."

Does he ever find his unpretentious, nice-guy image too bland? "I like that," he replies. "All I've tried to be is a nice person. To me, that's the height of success."

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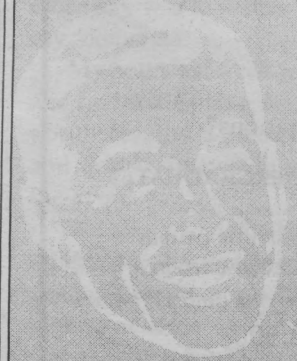
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On instant replay ...

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus staff

You suck, ref! —He didn't get both feet in bounds, you a—hole! —What! Pass interference!

These and many more colorful sayings are becoming increasingly common among armchair quarterbacks who feel that their team has somehow been cheated out of a win by bad officiating.

Of course, this isn't much different from any other year, except that the questionable NFL officiating this season happened to reach a low point during the season's first play-off implication games.

Fans of the Buffalo Bills are still foaming at the mouth over the miracle win the Patriots pulled off last weekend. Sure, they couldn't have done it without a little yellow-flag help, but Pat's fans will tell you that bad officiating is what gave the Bills the go-ahead touchdown to begin with. Even Steven Buffalo.

The Pittsburgh-Detroit debacle is another thing altogether. Stealer faithfuls nearly rioted in the street over "coin-gate" on Turkey Day.

Pittsburgh captain Jarome Bettis, during the coin toss in overtime, appeared to have called heads and somehow the official interpreted that as tails. Result: It lands on heads, Detroit receives and wins on a field goal.

Both of these games had major playoff implications, which has stirred up the "bring back instant replay" talk to its most critical level since it disappeared six years ago.

That's right, most of us football fans can remember from '86 to '91, when old men up in the replay booth made each game a half-hour longer, and we had to sit at home and

watch the play in question over and over and over again.

The No. 1 argument with the old system was the time factor. Instant replay, as it was, had no limits and could grind games to a boring halt, in most cases upholding the official's original call. Thus, it was scraped, and authority and confidence was restored to the NFL zebras.

This recent push to bring instant replay back may be enough to tip the scale for next season. It was already gaining support when it was refined and brought back on a trial basis for the pre-season this year.

This version, however, would not bring back the "replay official" but would instead have replay booths on the field, in which the officials could look at quickly and easily.

There is also talk of limiting the amount of times a coach can demand a play be reviewed, perhaps to three a game or one per half.

I, for one, change my mind on a game-to-game basis. As a Pats fan there's a certain satisfying feeling about "getting away with one" like I felt last weekend. However, as much as I like that sneaky feeling, I equally hate getting screwed by a bad call.

Should they decide to bring instant replay back, which they probably will, I propose it should cost the team a precious timeout to request review. Having something to lose would help curb abuse of the system, and as much as teams value their time-outs, it would be a natural check and balance to keep replay in the closet until absolutely necessary to the outcome of a game.

With a fast system and reasonable boundaries, there's no good reason not to bring it back, for replay means the truth. It promotes winning of the team that should have won. What can be wrong with that?

• Broadway

A legend moves on

By the sports department
staffers

He works in a tool shed. He owns a Ricky Craven car door, and his personality suggests he has a lifetime supply of powerbars.

Joe Roberts. Formerly the sports information director at the University of Maine, Roberts is moving up in the world. This esteemed member of the University of Maine sports family has been bumped up to the newly created position of Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations.

While there is no apparent difference between an Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations and a simple sports information director, you can be rest assured that this phenomenon is no stranger to the corporate universe.

Roberts denied any reports that he will be receiving a seven-figure salary as part of his good fortune. He also dispelled the rumor that Assistant Sports Information Director David Lang contacted hockey coach Shawn Walsh concerning walk-on tryouts for the fall of 1999.

At a news conference held at the Dexter Lounge yesterday in which only *The Maine Campus* bothered to attend, Roberts viewed his promotion with tremendous pride and gratification.

"In this world of rampant-free agency, I'm glad I can share my loyalties with the University of Maine," said Roberts, who set 16 passing records at the University of Massachusetts.

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• Intramurals

Rec sports update

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Intramurals, tournaments and even one bonanza are all going on this week in Rec Sports. Students can still join in the activities. It isn't too late to have some fun and get some exercise before finals roll around.

The Broomball Bonanza will take place from 9:30 to 11 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, in Alford Arena. Everyone is invited to join the fun — bring a group or come as an individual. Just be sure to wear sneakers and dress warm (sweatshirt and long pants). Helmets and brooms will be provided, and refreshments will be available.

The deadline for signing up for the Hot Shot Tournament, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, and for intramural Men's Basketball is at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Applications are available in the Rec Sports Office.

In other Rec Sports news, the regu-

lar season of floor hockey has ended. As teams prepare to move into the playoffs, here is an update on standings. Kappa Sigma teams lead in both Fraternity "A" and "B" divisions. Phi Beta Pi and Chi Omega lead the Sorority division. Over the Hill is ranked first in the Women's division. In the Men's Dorm "A" division, there is a three-way tie for the lead between Androscoggin, Somerset 2N and Luv Daddies. Ranked first in the Men's Independent "A" division is Still Puck 'N' Crazy. Knox captured this position for the Men's Dorm/Independent "B" division.

In Coed Basketball, there are still eight teams in contention without a loss. Semi-final games are scheduled for Thursday, and the championship game is scheduled for next Monday. The eight teams are: HeadBuster's, Som. Shooter's, Flip Mode Squad, Sickafonts, Andro I, Hart, Love Daddies and Village People.

• Women's hoop

UMass sets Maine back

By Josh Nason

Maine Campus staff

Going into a big tournament this weekend, Maine has not picked a good time to start a losing streak.

The Black Bears looked to bounce back from Saturday's overtime defeat to Ole Miss against UMass Tuesday night but found themselves on the short end of the scoring, dropping a 64-56 decision in Amherst, Mass.

The UMass defense was up to the task of shutting down the high-powered Maine offense, holding the Black Bears to their lowest offensive output since Dec. 7, 1996, in a 55-45 win over Drexel.

Overall, Maine hit for just under 39 percent of its shots, including an abysmal 6-for-24 from behind the 3-point arc.

The Black Bears were up by one at the break, but UMass slowly overtook them in the second half.

Tex Kraft led the second-half spurt for the Minutewomen, ending up with 19 points as the team shot 56 percent from the floor in the late period.

Kraft also led UMass with six rebounds, as they improved to 2-5 overall, snapping a five-game losing streak.

Kathy Coyner scored 10 points and dished out six assists for UMass, as Lucia Madajova had 11 points.

Jamie Cassidy was held to 17 points for 2-2 Maine, who are traveling to Evanston, Ill., for the Roger L. White Tournament.

Kristen McCormick scored 12 points for the Black Bears. Andrea Clark collected eight rebounds and Amy Vachon led the team with seven assists.

This weekend, the Black Bears will further attempt to make a name for themselves on the national level in the Roger L. White Invitational Tournament at Northwestern University.

The Black Bears are scheduled to face old rival Western Kentucky in the first round on Friday and then will play either Northwestern or Ohio on Saturday, depending on

the outcome of the games.

For Maine head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie, it will be a homecoming as she graduated from NU in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Palombo was a four-year letterwinner for the Wildcats, earning an All-Big Ten Honorable Mention and first-team All-Academic award as a senior.

WKU is a familiar opponent, as Maine has played the Lady Toppers in each of the last two seasons, winning last year 76-64 and losing the season previous, 73-66.

Off to a 5-1 record already this season, WKU is in the midst of playing five games in eight days.

Forward Shea Lunsford leads a solid inside presence, averaging a double-double in scoring (19.3 ppg) and rebounds (11.3 rpg). Lunsford became the 21st player in school history to score 1,000 points, achieving the goal on Wednesday night.

Center ShaRae Mansfield brings 11 ppg and 6.5 rpg to the table as well.

Katashia Witcher is hitting for 14 ppg from the guard spot for 14th year head coach Steve Small.

For Maine to win, it will need to limit WKU to under 80 points (the Toppers have won 142 straight games when they score 80 or more), and control the boards (WKU is outrebounding opponents by nine a game).

The last time Maine played host Northwestern was in 1993, a 77-54 drubbing at the hands of the Wildcats.

This year's team is currently 3-2, and is coming off a 88-53 blasting of Loyola-Chicago. Senior guard Megan Chawansky leads four double-digit scorers with 19.6 ppg. Center Tami Sears grabs 9.2 rebounds a contest.

Should Maine play Ohio in Saturday's contest, it would be the first meeting between the two schools. The Bobcats are 0-2 thus far, and are led by forward Lisa Hindenlang's 12 points and Heather Laughlin's 11.5 points per game. Three different starters average five rebounds or more a game.

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PREVIEW

Women's Hockey Preview

Who: Maine (4-4-0, 0-4-0 ECAC) vs. St. Lawrence (3-5-0, 1-5-0)

When: 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Where: Alford Arena

Who to watch:

Maine

F Raffi Eolf (11-7-18)

F Kira Misikowetz (3-7-10)

F Alison Lorenz (3-3-6)

G Kathleen Hedges (2-2-0, 3.76)

G Mandy Cronin (2-2-0, 5.18)

St. Lawrence

F Caroline Trudeau (6-8-14)

F Stacy Boudrais (5-7-12)

F Trisha Powers (8-3-11)

G Caryn Ungewitter (2-5-0, 3.87)

G Emily Stein (1-0-0, 0.00)

The Skinny: St. Lawrence, picked to finish ninth in the preseason coaches' poll, is currently embedded in a tie for tenth with Yale and Boston College. Forward Jessica Williams was last week's Rookie of the Week with five points in two games, while Stein netted a shutout in her only game this season. The Saints have won their last two games.

Although Maine is tied with Colby for last in the 14-team ECAC, the Black Bears are riding the momentum of a four-game winning streak against Canadian competition.

"Misikowetz to Wolf" could be a familiar refrain this weekend, as all seven of Misikowetz's assists have come on Wolf goals.

Hockey

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three forwards have combined for 59 points this year.

Providence College, which is still hovering at .500 this year with a 6-6 record, boasts a much-improved offense that has Paul Pooley shifting away from the Friars' traditional style of play.

Three of the top seven scorers in the league don the black and white, including **Jerry Keefe**, whose 25 points already exceed his totals from last year.

ECAC

The Clarkson Golden Knights have not missed the NCAA Tournament since the 1993-94 season, and it will take a strong second half to continue the party in Potsdam. The Golden Knights have slumped out to a 3-6 mark this year, although last weekend they knocked off BC and BU.

"It was a break through for our hockey team," Morris said on the weekend. "We've had our troubles in the early going, and we've been finding ways to beat ourselves."

The Colgate Red Raiders occupy first place with Princeton, Cornell and a rejuvenated Vermont squad not far behind.

The Catamounts have begun to rearm themselves and are probably a year away from returning to their NCAA-playoff form from the mid-1990s.

Although Clarkson was the preseason favorite to win the ECAC, it is Princeton that is poised to make another run at the league title. Fresh off their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance last year, the Tigers and coach Dan Cahoon are off to a 6-2 start.

"We've been somewhat inconsistent," said Cahoon, who is a Jack Parker disciple and a former left winger for the Terriers. "We've been able to survive and win some games."

WCHA

Two contenders, one race and a middle of the pack that poses more question marks than periods. That is the underlying sentiment surrounding the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Colorado College and North Dakota are the perennial powers of the west — and nation.

CC, although currently hampered by some key injuries, features a model defense and Hobey Baker candidate **Brian Swan-**

son. Swanson leads the country with 26 points in 13 games.

But is this a two-team race?

"It kind of looks that way," Tiger head coach Don Lucia said. "We're off to a good start, although Denver could still be in the hunt."

Denver will play North Dakota this weekend in which Lucia says is a pivotal series for the Pioneers.

"If [Denver players] have any thoughts of being in the race they need to win a couple of those games," said Lucia, whose Tigers will host the Black Bears this January. "But that won't be easy."

As for the rest of the league, mediocrity is settling within as Minnesota, Wisconsin and St. Cloud State all hover around the .500 mark.

CCHA

Is it the best in the nation?

"It depends on the criteria you use," Michigan State coach Ron Mason said.

Well, if one goes by the number of nationally ranked teams by conference, then the Central Collegiate Hockey Association is tops in the country. This week, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Ferris State all are among the nation's top 10. Former Boston Bruin **Dave Poulin** has resurrected the Notre Dame program while Bob Daniels is the surprise of the CCHA, if not the country.

The Bulldogs sit atop the CCHA with an 8-3-1 league record. However, just three points separate the Bulldogs from the Fighting Irish, Wolverines and Spartans.

"We knew Notre Dame was going to be good," Mason said, "and Ferris State doesn't surprise me all that much."

MAAC

College hockey's newest conference features schools like Quinnipiac, Holy Cross and the University of Connecticut. Quinnipiac and the Crusaders of Holy Cross are atop the conference with 7-1 and 6-2 league records respectively.

However, it is Iona that is stealing some of the headlines as it features two of the nation's top five scorers in Ryan Carter and Rob Kellogg. The two have combined for 48 points in 11 games.



Joel Irwin (back) is averaging a point per game for Ferris State this year while Kenzie Homer (16) headlines a solid veteran squad. (courtesy photo.)

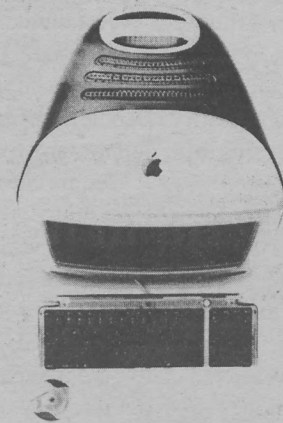
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• Men's hockey

Team USA calls on Bears

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It's time to change the Holiday plans.

That is what University of Maine hockey players Doug Janik and Barrett Heisten are faced with right now as the two freshmen received an invitation to attend the US National Junior team's training camp.

The U.S. National team, which will compete in the World Junior Championships later this month in Canada, invited 26 players to attend training camp, with 22 making the team.

Training camp is set to begin Dec. 14.

"I'm pretty excited," said Janik, a defenseman. "It's a great opportunity."

Overall, 16 players were invited to camp who currently play for a U.S. college. Of those 16, four come from

Hockey East institutions as Boston University's Mike Pandolfo and Boston College's Brian Gionta accounting for the other two.

Team USA's first game is a pre-tournament tilt with Sweden Dec. 21 in Ann Arbor, Mich. It begins tournament play against Finland the day after Christmas in Winnipeg. Aside from Finland, the Americans will square off against the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Canada.

"It'll be the best hockey in the world at this age group," Janik said. "There'll be a lot of competition."

This year's camp roster features eight returnees from 1998's squad, which finished 4-3 junior tournament held in Finland.

When asked if he was nervous, Janik replied, "A little, but I have to play with confidence."

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• Women's hockey

From coast to coast, the Howells' journey

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

La Selva, Calif., isn't the first place one thinks of when hockey hotbeds come to mind.

Humid weather, pounding sun — those aren't exactly optimum hockey-playing conditions.

Yet it is from this Bay Area suburb where Jennie and Abbie Howell originate, freshmen twins on the University of Maine women's hockey team.

So, what inspired a couple of California girls to play hockey in the first place?

"Actually, we're from Canada," Jennie said.

Ontario, to be precise.

"We moved to California about six and half or seven years ago."

The Howells come to Maine after playing for coach Scott Plumer on Team California last season.

California, but it can't always buy you contentment, which perhaps explains the twin terrors' decision to attend Maine.

"The people are nicer here," Abbie said.

"We liked the woodsy atmosphere and stuff," Jennie added. "And we were sick of the city and freeways. So, we decided to go somewhere out in the woods."

Maine coach Rick Filighera was more than happy to snag the Howells out of the smog.

"What we really liked about Jennie Howell is her speed," said Filighera, who first saw the Howells play when they came east with Team California. "She showed she's as quick as anybody out there."

"[Abbie's] a very young defenseman," he said. "It's really hard to groom those young D. [But] she's getting better as time goes on."

Jennie has been one of Maine's top penalty-killing forwards so far this season. Abbie, after seeing spot action on defense early

When [coaches] were out there scouting us, they thought we were kind of a package deal. We were trying to go our separate ways, but it didn't work out that way."

— Abbie Howell

Jennie, a forward, was a two-time recipient of both the MVP and Most Sportsmanlike awards. Abbie, a defenseman who had two goals and 20 assists last season, was named Most Sportsmanlike for five consecutive seasons.

Playing in California could have its disadvantages, however. For one thing, searching for girls who are willing to play hockey is often like searching for last night's thunderstorm.

"There's like 30 girls total in California that play," Abbie said. "Our closest team was in Seattle. We played against [teams in] Alaska and Connecticut."

But with two California teams — the San Jose Sharks and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks — having joined the NHL in the 1990s, hockey has certainly taken off on the West Coast.

"There's arenas popping up everywhere," Abbie said. "There's a lot of money in California, so they have a lot of money to spend on [arenas]."

Maybe money can buy you arenas in

in the season, has worked her way into the regular lineup.

"We're gradually trying to work [Abbie] in where she's going to have some success," Filighera said. "The more she plays, the more success she's going to have."

You might figure that the Howells spent their spare time concocting a clever scheme to come to Maine as a package deal.

Not quite.

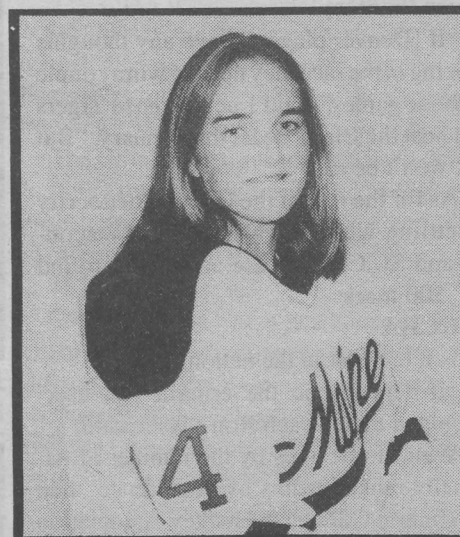
"Noooo," they both said in unison.

"I was supposed to be going to BC and [Abbie] was supposed to be going here," Jennie said.

Jennie cited financial and academic considerations as a factor in becoming a Black Bear instead of an Eagle.

"When [coaches] were out there scouting us, they thought we were kind of a package deal," Abbie said. "We were trying to go our separate ways, but it didn't work out that way."

And so the Howells wound up at Maine, where they hope to add a dash of California sunshine to the bitter New England winter.



Abbie Howell. (Jason Canniff photo.)



Jennie Howell. (Jason Canniff photo.)

• Men's hockey

Around the nation

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

After stuffing itself with some intriguing tournaments and nonleague contests, college hockey prepares to enter its third full month of the season.

And, as is the case every year, there is a surplus of surprises and disappointments to accompany the expected in the early going. Here is a quick glance of a little bit of everything from conference to conference.

Hockey East

When one thinks of the beasts of Hockey East and the contenders for its crown, Boston University annually headlines the list. But not this year. Head coach **Jack Parker** is fielding a young team this season and the growing pains are doing just that — growing.

BU, which won its first road game last weekend against St. Lawrence, is eighth in

Hockey East with only Northeastern looking up at them.

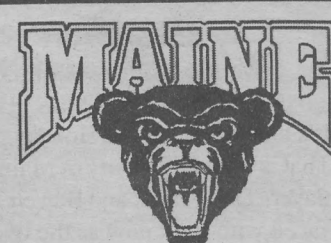
Although the loss of Hobey Baker winner Chris Drury has created a void in its offense, it's the departure of defensemen standouts **Tom Poti** and **Chris Kelleher** that loom larger. BU has allowed a league-low 4.72 goals per game on average.

Maine, which is off to a 9-1-1 start, finds itself on top of Hockey East with the University of New Hampshire. Throw the Black Bears and Wildcats into the mixing bowl with the Boston College Eagles and the race for league supremacy should be hotter than what most people anticipated back in August.

Not to mention the national showcase of some of the game's more explosive scorers in BC's **Brian Gionta**, UNH's **Jason Krog** and Maine's **Steve Kariya**. The

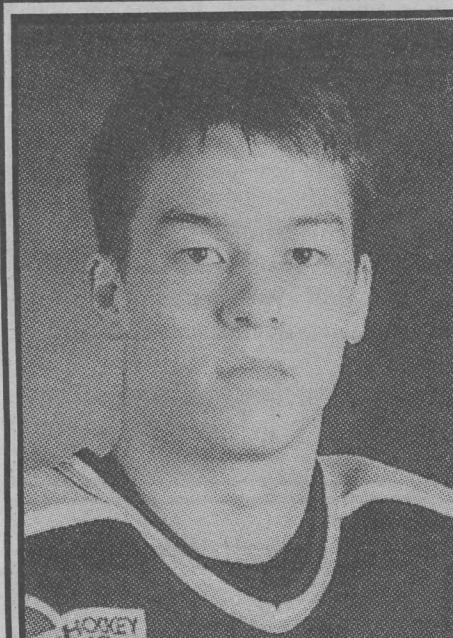
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



STEVE KARIYA

After scoring two goals against the University of New Hampshire en route to capturing Governor's Cup MVP honors last weekend, Steve Kariya is this week's Maine Campus athlete of the week.



Steve Kariya. (file photo.)

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