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Monday, April 8, 1985

UMO defeats 20th ranked Univ. of S. Carolina

Grand slam lifts baseball team to 13-12 upset

by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mike Bordick's grand slam home run in top of the ninth inning proved to be the winning run as the University of Maine baseball team capped a wild comeback, defeating the University of South Carolina 13-12 Sunday afternoon in the final game of the three-game series.

The win salvaged one game from the trip for the Black Bears (16-13), who lost to the 20th-ranked Gamecocks 4-0 Friday night, then dropped an 8-4 decision Saturday.

Bordick's grand slam, his first collegiate home run, capped a seven-run ninth that finished off a comeback that had seen Maine battle back from a 6-0 deficit.

With the score 8-6 entering the inning, Rob Roy led off the inning with a single. Clint Sawyer replaced Gamecock reliever Steve Boley, and walked Bill McInnis to put runners at first and second. Billy Reynolds then hit a sinking line drive double to right scoring Roy, cutting the lead to one.

Rick Bernardo followed with the game-winning hit, a double to the gap in right-center that scored both McInnis and Reynolds, chasing Sawyer, who was tagged with his first loss of the year against one win.

Dan Kane greeted Casey Reed with an infield hit, then after Dan Etzweiler struck out, Jim Overstreet loaded the bases with an infield single. Bordick followed with Maine's fourth homer of the game, a blast to left-center clearing the 350-foot mark and sailing into the trees beyond the fence.

South Carolina (26-11) came back though, with four unearned runs off Maine winning pitcher Jeff Plympton (2-2), who entered the game in the third, replacing Mike Ballou.

Plympton, who had retired 11 men in a row, gave up a hit to Jeff Barns to lead off the bottom of the ninth.

After a groundout moved Barns to second, Joe Datin hit a grounder to Bordick at short, who threw the ball over Bernardo's head, allowing Barns to score.

Plympton then struck out Kevin Killian for the second out of the inning, but pinch-hitter Eddie Lendenski drove a Plympton pitch high over the right-field fence to cut the gap to two. It was Carolina's fourth home run of the game, and their 82nd of the year. Lewis Jenkins followed with a double, then Plympton hit Scott Lambert with a pitch.

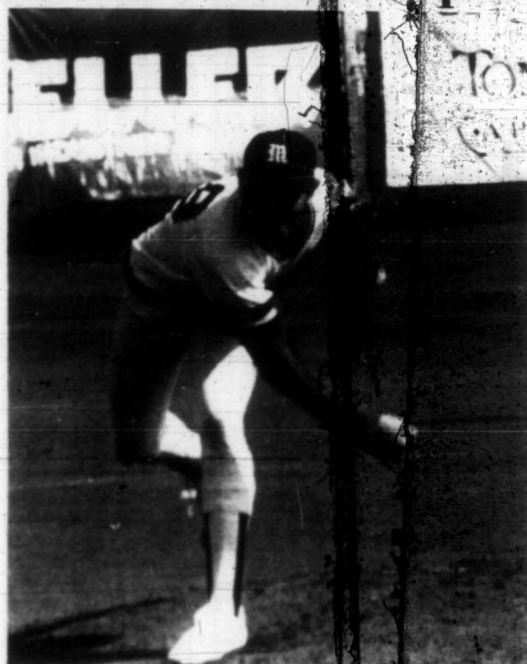
Maine head coach John Winkin then brought in Dale Plummer, who had pitched 1½ innings of hitless relief Friday. However, Plummer could not find the plate, first walking Dave Hollins to load the bases, then Mike Cook forcing in a run.

However Barns, batting for the second time in the inning, hit a shot that Plummer knocked down, and the game was over.

"We proved our mettle as a club today," Winkin said. "When I came down here I hoped to get two (wins). I'm happy to get one."

Ballou was hit hard, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out none in two plus innings of work. He left with

(see SOUTH CAROLINA page 7)



Maine pitcher Jeff Plympton in action during the spring trip in Miami last month. Plympton was the winning pitcher in the Black Bears 13-12 win Sunday over the nation's No. 20 team, the University of South Carolina. Maine improved to 16-13 with the win (Lawes photo).

Choice for commencement speakers down to 3

by E.J. Vongher
Staff Writer

The Senior Council has narrowed the

Mark Condon said of an original list of 20 speakers submitted to the senior class, Judge Gene Carter and media figures Walter Cronkite and Jim McKay remain in contention.

"We sent a list of 20 possible speakers to the senior class for their approval. As a result of their input, we narrowed the field to five possible candidates,"

"This year, the Senior Council decided on someone from outside the university community because, with all due regard, the senior class, in our opinion, wants to hear someone who has experiences unique to us," Condon said.

Last year, UMO political science Professor Eugene Mawhinney was the com-

ment speaker.

Robert Whelan, assistant to UMO President Arthur Johnson, has served as a liaison between possible speakers and the Senior Council. He said he is pleased with the final candidates and it doesn't bother him that there isn't a current university representative among the final list. "There are any number of sources of speakers. It's pretty much a decision of the Senior Council. I guess

we're the brothers of each class," Whelan said. Condon said he is pleased with the three remaining candidates. "Judge Carter, as a UMO graduate who has ascended to an influential and successful position, would be an excellent speaker. Mr. Cronkite and Mr. McKay would bring worldly, on-the-scene knowledge to the commencement address," Condon said.

Condon said James R. Wiggins, editor and publisher of *The Ellsworth American* and former editor of *The Washington Post*, has been enlisted by the Senior Council to try to secure Cronkite.

Whelan said he didn't know exactly how much the commencement speaker would be paid but said "a small honorarium and travel expenses" is the normal agreement.

Condon said the commencement speaker is an important aspect of graduation.

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Condon said.

In addition to the three remaining candidates, the senior class also favored Diane Sawyer and Joseph Kennedy Jr., Condon said, but both Sawyer and Kennedy have previous commitments.

Last year, the commencement speaker was from within the university community, but this year's Senior Council decided they wanted someone from outside the university.



Mark Condon

field of possible commencement speakers to three, the Senior Council president said Friday.

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Law library in Bangor recommended for legal research

by Robert Hardy
Staff Writer

In addition to what is available at the Penobscot County Law Library, the Penobscot County Law Library contains the reports of lower federal court cases and state cases. UMO constitutional law professor Eugene Mawhinney recommends the court library as "a valuable midpoint" for sources which are available at Fogler Library and those available at a law school library. Mawhinney said, "whenever doing research at UMO, students can go to the court library and find any case ever documented by lower federal courts, and state appellate court."

The West National Reporter is a reference source which covers all the appellate decisions for the entire country and is available at the Penobscot County Law Library. White, who teaches constitutional law at UMO, recommends the West National Reporter as a resource which is "worthwhile to use and well indexed." Penobscot County librarian, Lisa Poiran said, "We would like more students to use the library because there are many opportunities for those who major in law, political science, or law."

Her facility is not restricted to the classroom, but may be very helpful to

anyone who wants to be well informed of the law and how it relates to their lives," Feldman said.

The Penobscot County Law Library is free to the general public and is open every Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Feldman is available for assistance between 1:30 and 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Students interested in exploring the library will find the facility in the Maine Superior Court building on Hammond Street in Bangor.

'Big A' speaker hospitalized; replacement talks about river

by Stephen R. Macklin
Staff Writer

The executive director of the Maine Audubon Society was hospitalized in Millis on Friday, April 5, and was unable to make a scheduled appearance at a meeting of the Southern Penobscot Audubon Society.

Charles Hewett was scheduled to speak Friday evening on the proposed Big "A" hydroelectric project, addressing the scenic, fishing, wildlife, ecological and recreational values of the area where the dam would be built.

The Big "A" dam proposal from Great Northern Paper Co. to construct a dam off the West Branch of the Penobscot River at Big Ambejackmockamus Falls. Filling in for Hewett was Edward Kellogg of Bangor. Kellogg has written

several guides to Maine's best canoeing rivers.

Kellogg showed a series of slides of the West Branch of the Penobscot, showing its scenic attractions and recreational uses, as well as explaining some of the history of the river.

"The river is now used for recreation. Something I think necessary in a modern world."

Kellogg also told why he felt the Big "A" dam should not be built.

"In my opinion, our generation is being asked to put another dam in an area where one more dam would be a mistake. I think it's important that Maine maintain the West Branch of the Penobscot as a river."

Kellogg also led a field trip to the site of the proposed dam for members of the Audubon Society on Saturday.

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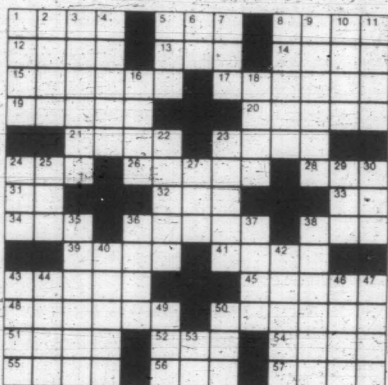
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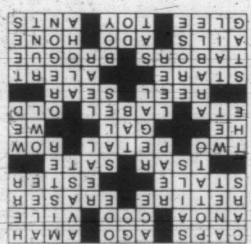


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World/U.S. News

Military junta cleaning up after weekend coup

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — After its weekend coup, the new military junta began dismantling the state security apparatus on Sunday and arresting supporters of deposed President Gaafar Nimeiri.

Nimeiri, considered one of the United States' firmest allies in Africa, remained in Cairo, capital of neighboring Egypt.

Gen. Abdul Rahman M.H. Swared-dahab, who announced Nimeiri's overthrow on Saturday, went on the air to announce that the army would take over the security agency and appropriate its weapons and communications equipment.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Tom Krajewski said U.S. charge d'affaires David Shinn met Swared-dahab in Khartoum Sunday at the Pentagon's request.

Krajewski said Swared-dahab "expressed interest in the maintenance of continued good relations with the United States and appreciation for the assistance the United States has provided Sudan in recent years."

Demonstrators gathered on the headquarters of the State Security Department, on Sunday to demand its liquidation. The General Command's order followed.

SUNA, the official Sudanese news agency, said the new regime also had begun "rounding up" of Nimeiri's supporters, characterized in a General Command statement as "clients of the ousted regime."

The agency did not elaborate, but

Western diplomats said Omar el-Tayeb, first vice president and chief of state security under Nimeiri, was arrested, as were other vice presidents.

El-Tayeb's police organization of 20,000 men was a pillar of Nimeiri's regime, which began with Nimeiri's own coup in 1969 and which had been one of the longest lasting in Africa.

The Western diplomats, who requested anonymity, said members of Nimeiri's Cabinet were under house arrest.

Egypt's state-owned Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum that those ordered arrested included "vice presidents, Cabinet ministers and leaders of the Sudanese Socialist Union."

The Sudanese Socialist Union was created by Nimeiri and was the North African nation's only legal political party during his rule.

In a later broadcast on official Omdurman Radio, Swared-dahab announced the release of all those held as political detainees under Nimeiri. He gave no details.

MENA, reporting from Khartoum, estimated the number of people covered by the release order at 350.

More than 2,600 people were detained during the 10 days of demonstrations, riots, a doctor's strike and general strike that led to Nimeiri's fall.

Swared-dahab announced the coup Saturday just before Nimeiri, 55, arrived in Cairo on his way home from a nine-day visit to the United States. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Sun-

day Nimeiri can stay as long as he wishes.

Swared-dahab, 51, Sudan's armed forces commander-in-chief and defense minister since March 18, said the military moved "to save the country" from a "political crisis which grows worse continuously."

He issued decrees pledging political, economic and social reforms, guaranteeing freedom for the news media, political organizations and Sudan's various religions, and promising to return power to civilian hands in six months.

Sudanese sources in Cairo, who spoke

on condition of anonymity, said Swared-dahab heads a five-member Command Council now ruling Sudan.

The sources said all they know about the other junta members is that they are senior army officers.

In London, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted reports from Khartoum that a 12-member cabinet has been installed to run the government. The report could not be confirmed. But MENA said Saturday that a Cabinet of nine military men and three civilians would be formed within 24 hours.

2 killed, 10 wounded in Lebanese fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two people were killed and 10 were wounded, including three at an Easter Sunday service, in fighting around Beirut and the southern port of Sidon.

Both deaths were caused by sniping into Christian east Beirut, which residents said was touched off by shooting colorful tracer bullets into the air in Christian areas to mark the Easter holiday.

In Sidon, the provincial capital of southern Lebanon, battles between Christian militiamen in the hills overlooking the city and Moslem and Palestinian fighters on its eastern edge entered their 10th day Sunday. Sniping gave way at midmorning to a barrage of artillery shells fired on Sidon's main thoroughfare, Riad Solh street, from Christian militia gun positions, local reporters said. Moslem and Palestinian fighters responded with machine guns and grenades, they said.

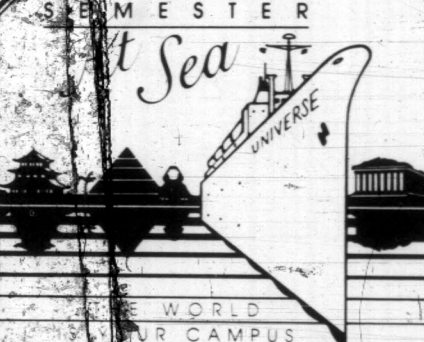
The shelling interrupted a meeting of Nazih Bizri, a leading Sunni Moslem parliament member from Sidon, with the city's Maronite Catholic Archbishop, Ibrahim Helu, to extend Easter greetings.

Both later told reporters they had received anonymous telephone calls threatening their lives. The two have been actively working for peace in Sidon, which is 25 miles south of the capital, after the February withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from the area.

Hospital sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said three people were injured in the artillery exchanges Sunday. That raised the 10-day toll in Sidon to 48 dead and more than 200 wounded, most of them civilians.

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BASEBALL 1985

A game-by-game report of the University of Maine's spring trip to Coral Gables, Fla., and the University of Miami.

A supplement to The Daily Maine Campus

April 8, 1985

March in Orono, Maine is fairly predictable, even for New England weather. You can generally assume it will be cold (cold being below freezing, though for much of the winter that's considered a heat wave), and that there will be snow on the ground. Not exactly weather conducive to playing baseball.

March in Miami Beach, Fla. is also fairly predictable. It's usually about 70 degrees, with sunny days and cool nights, and thousands and thousands of college students on the beaches of the Florida east coast. It's weather that is quite conducive to playing baseball, as 18 major league teams will readily attest.

The weather in Orono prevents the University of Maine Black Bears from playing on their home field until usually mid-April; in 1985, the first home game is scheduled for April 17, and no smart betting man would place a bet on the game being played.

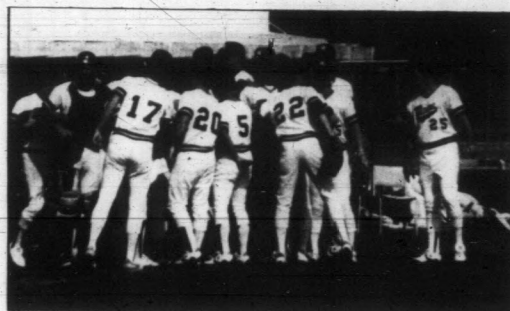
The weather in Miami allows the University of Miami Hurricanes to begin their "spring schedule" on Feb. 1, and by the middle of

March, the 'Canes have already played about 30 games, and most, if not all, of those at Mark Light Stadium, home of the 'Canes.

But for three of the last four College World Series, held each June in Omaha, Neb., the Black Bears and the Hurricanes have tangled on the Rosenblatt Stadium field. And though the record is decidedly one-sided (4-0 in favor of Miami), none of the games have been real blowouts; in fact, the second win by Miami in 1982 decided which team would go to the national championship game against Wichita State.

"Sure, I think we've got a nice rivalry going," Miami head coach Ron Fraser said. "People have seen Miami and Maine on national television more than any other team and Maine. That's quite a lot of recognition."

The evidence is there: — after the '81 CWS, when Miami defeated Maine 6-1, they visited "The Light" the following spring. Before the first game between the two schools, a clambake complete with 1,900 pounds of



fresh Maine lobster was held on the field.

—last year, when Miami visited Mahaney Diamond, making them the first team from outside the Northeast to play in Orono, over 7,000 rabid baseball fans lined the field, and saw the Black Bears sweep Miami in a doubleheader for Maine's first-ever wins over the Hurricanes.

So, in 1985, it was only fitting

that the final meeting (of five) between the two teams during Maine's annual two-week spring training trip would be nationally televised by ESPN.

But before that game would even be competitive, the Black Bears would have to take a crash course in readjusting themselves to playing outdoors. From mid-November, when Maine resumes

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JOHN WINKIN: the man behind Maine baseball



by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

From his customary position on the top step of the dugout, he peers out at the game like a hawk. Clipboard and scorebook in hand, he charts every pitch, though his elephant-like mind files each offering into his memory.

Dr. John Winkin, entering his 12th season at the helm of the University of Maine baseball team, is as recognizable in the state as the ubiquitous pine tree.

Winkin's record at Maine, a sparkling 271-122-2 entering the spring trip to Florida, includes five trips to the College World Series, with an unprecedented four straight, and seven appearances in the NCAA Northeast Regional.

He personifies the "Maine Mystique," and he represents it. He is the main mover and reason behind Maine's success as a college powerhouse, using primarily players from the state of Maine, and able to play less than a third of their games at home.

"We're certainly at the center of the state. This team gets a lot of attention. Everywhere I go, people talk to me about the team. They identify with the kids. They know the kids," Winkin said. "That represents a lot of hard work. That represents a lot of hours, a lot of miles on the road."

Winkin's teams have rarely had a player from farther away than New York. This year's team is no different, with 14 of the 25 players hailing from the Pine Tree State, and another six from neighboring Massachusetts.

"I'm sure having six starters from the state doesn't hurt at all. And not only are these kids from Maine, but they're from all sections of the state. That identification is awesome. These kids know that every time they turn around people are watching them," Winkin said. "And now, it's mushrooming into a national thing."

The Maine Mystique has become so nationally-oriented, a friendly rivalry has developed between Maine and the University of Miami. Despite the fact that Maine's only two lifetime wins against the Hurricanes occurred last May in Orono, Winkin bristles at the excuse that Miami wins because they've got everything going for them.

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Maine Slow start: Bears drop first two

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workouts after the fall season, until the spring trip, the Black Bears train in the Field House on the Orono campus. Winkin is a master of the indoor training ("It's amazing what he does, I'd be absolutely lost if I had to do that," Fraser said), having written a chapter of "The Complete Baseball Handbook" on indoor practice for former Los Angeles Dodger manager Walter Alston and Don Weiskopf.

When the Bears would return from Florida, they would still have at least a couple of weeks of indoor training ahead of them.

Thus, on the morning of March 8, as a light snow fell in 18-degree weather, the 28 players and coaches of the Maine team boarded a bus for Portland, Maine in the twilight of 7 a.m., where they would board a plane for Miami.

The trip almost ended before it began: the snow made roads slippery, and as the bus came upon an accident on Interstate 95 near Portland, it almost added to the wreckage by nearly going off the road. But, six and one-half hours after getting on the plane, the Bears were in Miami, and just over three hours later, freshman Gary LaPierre stepped into the batter's box to face the Hurricane's Steffen Majer, and the 1985 season and the road to Omaha was underway.

But when the palm trees come into view, and the sweater and the jacket that was cool in 20-degree weather suddenly becomes stifling in 75-degree weather, college kids generally have other things on their minds than playing baseball. Nevertheless, play they must. This is a chronicle of the Black Bears' 1985 trip to Miami, with 18 games sandwiched between games with the host Hurricanes.

GAME

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Though it was almost anticlimatic, there was still a game to be played that night in Miami. The host Hurricanes, the last team to defeat Maine in the College World Series the previous May, came into the game sporting an 8-game winning streak, a 19-5 overall record, and a No. 2 national ranking. And the Black Bears had yet to play outdoors in 1985.

So it was a congenial crowd that greeted the game, perhaps expecting a Miami blowout, not expecting much from the visitors from the cold North.

Any illusion the Canes may have harbored of having a breather were probably shattered when freshman Gary LaPierre ripped a Stephen Majer fastball off the left-field wall in his first collegiate at-bat. Though LaPierre didn't score, Maine had served notice that they were ready to play, even though

the final score was Miami 10, Maine 1.

"I think we got tired," Winkin said. "I think that thing with the bus took something out of us. It scared us."

The Canes scored in the bottom of the first when Mike Fiore walked, went to third on a pickoff throw by Black Bear starter and loser Mike Ballou, then scored on a Jon Leake groundout.

However, in the 4th, Maine tied the score when Rick Bernardo singled, went to third on a Dan Kane single and scored on a Mike Bordick sacrifice fly.

Miami came right back in the bottom of the inning on a run-scoring single by Don Rowland and a 2-run safety by Chris Hart, and the dream was fading from view. 4 runs in the 7th and 2 more in the 8th sealed the fate and provided the final margin of victory.

"What pleased me was the freshmen played well," Winkin said. "I thought Ballou pitched excellently."

"They made some great defensive plays but we still left too many men on base," Maine rapped out 9 hits, but left 9 men on base.

GAME

2

After using the day to recover from the flight and the change in climate, the Black Bears faced Miami for the second consecutive night on March 9. On the mound for the Bears would be sophomore phenom Scott Morse, who posted a 10-1 record during his rookie season.

One of Morse's wins came at the hands of the Hurricanes in Orono on May 6. Morse threw a no-hitter for 7 1/2 innings, and took the win in a 5-0 Bear victory. However, just less than a month later in the College World Series, Morse lasted only two innings, giving up six hits and six runs in a 13-7 Miami win, his first loss of the year.

"When I came to the field yesterday it crossed my mind (the loss in Omaha)," Morse said before the game. "I thought about what I did to them in Orono and what happened there. It embarrassed me."

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Second baseman Gary Dube

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First win comes in game four

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Morse never got the chance to atone for his CWS outing, as the Canes took advantage of Morse's early wildness to score five runs in the first inning on their way to a 9-3 win.

"It's hard to explain. I knew I was out there pitching but I didn't really feel like I was playing," Morse said.

Morse walked four of the first six batters he faced, as the first four players in the Miami batting order scored. Two more runs crossed the plate in the third inning to give the Hurricanes a 7-1 lead, as Morse walked three. In four innings, Morse allowed five hits, seven runs (six earned), walked seven and struck out just three.

"I'd rather forget it," Morse said. "Last year I had what, 23 walks, and now I already have seven."

"I tried to throw the slider but I couldn't find the location so (catcher) Billy (Reynolds) kept calling fastball, fastball, then my arm just died," Morse said.

"It's tough when you score 11 runs in a game and don't win but that's what we're down here for," assistant coach Bob Whalen said. "I don't mind that at all."

For the first time this year, the Bears took a lead, scoring four runs on five consecutive singles in the top of the first. And, despite a Pete Incaviglia two-run homer that cut the lead to two in the bottom of the inning, the Bears scored two more runs in the top of the third without the benefit of a base hit to respond to another OSU run and build the lead back to six.

Senior co-captain pitcher John Kowalski had given up just four hits in the first four innings, and it looked for a time as if the Bears' first win would be an upset, albeit mild.

Then the roof came tumbling in. With two outs and the bases load-

ed, Cowboy designated hitter Carlos Diaz sent a Kowalski fastball high over the 340-foot mark in left field, and suddenly OSU was ahead 8-6. Then in the bottom of the sixth, the Cowboys scored 4 runs on three hits, two walks and a sacrifice fly, and just as suddenly it was 12-6.

Nevertheless, Maine wasn't dead yet. The first four hitters in the Maine eighth reached base, and before the inning was over five runs crossed the plate. It cut the gap to the final margin, but again, it was a case of too little, too late.

GAME 4 The Bears saw the sunshine during a game for the first time in game 4, on March 11. Before the trip, Winkin had said the adjustment to the sun would be the third difficult adjustment the Maine players

would have, after getting used to the outdoors, and to the lights.

Despite the difficulty Winkin envisioned, the Bears once again jumped out to an early lead, then held on for win No. 1 of 1985, 7-6 over Southern Illinois University.

But as all games early in the spring are, the first win came oh, so hard. Sophomore Steve Loubier, making his first start, pitched a masterful game for the time of year, going six innings, scattering nine hits, walking and striking out three, and giving up all six runs, four earned. But Loubier left the losing pitcher, down 6-5.

But baseball being what it is, Loubier became the winning pitcher after his jacket was on, and the ice bag to his elbow. Dan Kane led off the top of the seventh with a single up the middle, then Rick Bernardo, hitting 5-for-15 to

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GAME 3 Though Maine would not see the second-ranked Hurricanes for another 11 days, they were still to face nationally-ranked competition during the trip. Oklahoma State, ranked No. 15 in the country, would face the Bears on March 10, in the first of three meetings between the two schools.

The bats that were awakened in the Miami games would come alive in game 3 as the Black Bears banged out 14 hits in scoring 11 runs, but the Cowboys showed why they were in the Top 20, taking a 13-11 slugfest.

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Miami: more than just baseball

By Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

It is the model college baseball program, and the operation would make any minor league, or for that matter, major league baseball executive proud. The promotions are endless and first-rate, the mascot incredibly imaginative and popular, the community support overwhelming. It is the University of Miami baseball program, undisputedly the finest in the country.

For the last four years, Miami has led the country in attendance, with more than 180,000 fans each of those years. In 1983, 196,860 fans passed through the Mark Light Stadium turnstiles, setting an NCAA record in the process.

Can the reason behind the success of the Miami program be narrowed down to a single force? Yes — the head coach of the Hurricanes, Ron Fraser.

Since becoming the coach of the Canes in 1963, Fraser's job has evolved from a part-time coaching job to the mastermind behind the program. In that time, Fraser has led Miami to six College World Series berths, and during a 12-year stretch from 1973 to 1984, consecutive invitations to post-season competition.

When the head baseball coaching job became fulltime in 1973, Fraser embarked on his first dream — the building of 5,000-seat Mark Light Stadium. With the building of "The Light," Fraser

was ready to begin the marketing and promoting of Miami baseball.

"We packaged it in a way to make money. It has not been an easy sell. We work at as a revenue-producing venture," Fraser said. "My contention was that if you work at the program, and if it becomes a revenue producer, then your athletic director will have to look at it and say 'We can't cut baseball, they're making too much money. We'll just leave them alone.' Then, they'll have to start looking hard at these other sports like track, or water polo or something."

Fraser said he went to the NCAA convention in 1979 and told the assemblage what he planned to do in the way of promoting college baseball.

"I went out on my own six years ago," Fraser said. "Some of the coaches looked at me and some have done it. The University of Florida, Florida State, LSU (Louisiana State University), the University of New Orleans — they have done it. But it's not enough."

Since then, what has happened in Coral Gables is legend. One of Fraser's first promotions involved a parachutist landing on the pitcher's mound to throw out the first ball. Another, which occurred in 1977, involved a \$5,000-a-plate dinner held on the infield at Mark Light Stadium, complete with strolling violinists, caviar and gourmet chefs imported for the occasion from Europe.

"I'll tell you — sometimes I feel

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Winkin: 'The guy's a winner'

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"Hey, we've got everything going for us," Winkin said. "We're on the threshold. Now it's up to us to succeed. You've got to admit we've got a golden opportunity. Now we've got to make it over the hill. The only thing is we've got a young team. It seems encouraging they have a chance to do it."

Still, Winkin points out the hill the Black Bears must climb.

"What other team in the country — in any sport — has to endure what we do has the schedule we

have to play. Now look what we do when we go home — we travel. This team has a lot to handle but they may find a way," Winkin said.

Perhaps the highest accolades for the job Winkin does come from the man known as the "Wizard of College Baseball," Miami coach Ron Fraser.

Fraser, a "pointer" for the obstacles Maine must overcome, and credited with creating the Black Bear program to just one man — Winkin.

"Look at the job John has done. He competes at the highest level

against the most difficult conditions. He prepares his job in terms of recruiting as well as anybody. He prepares his ball club — they're always ready to play. Frankly, I don't know how Maine has kept him," Fraser said.

But Fraser's admiration and respect for the job Winkin has done almost doesn't compare for his respect for Winkin, the man.

"To me, in the truest sense, John Winkin is the ultimate college coach. That guy's a man's man. He's what it's all about," Fraser said. "Winkin is still as a coach a man I admire very, very much. I certainly admire him as much as any other coach."

Fraser said Winkin's ability to compete will lead the Black Bears to an unprecedented fifth consecutive trip to the College World Series.

"He'll find a way — he always does," Fraser said. "The guy's a winner."

That quality is a quality Winkin looks for — the ability to handle pressure and win right away.

"I really look for guys that know how to win. They've got to be able to compete. The other guys, the guys that can't compete or don't know how, they'll fall by the side. I'm a demanding coach — I know it. But I want guys to compete now. I want them to be men, not little boys," Winkin said. "Our one chance is our ability to compete."

Winkin, entering his 39th year of coaching, has seen his share of personal competition. His wife died in 1984 after a long illness, and his daughter ran away from home. That, to some extent, influences how he runs his team.

"I want guys that will come in and compete and be able to handle some tough going, and the guys that have had it easy, that haven't had to compete will have trouble," Winkin said.

One player who had that ability is Scott Morse. Morse posted a 10-1 record as a freshman, being named all-American. For Morse, Winkin has served as a guiding force.

"He's just a great guy. He's the kind of coach you need," Morse said.

Morse said that though Winkin is disciplined, and thus can be a bit intimidating to freshmen, it's simply because he's such a competitor.

"For example, Gonzz (Dave

Gonyar), Bordi (Mike Bordick) and I had to sit Gary Dube down and talk to him because he was getting kind of down because coach (Winkin) was getting on him. We had to get him down and tell him just to let most of it go in one ear and out the other, that it's for his own good," Morse said.

Winkin said it's simply his makeup.

"I don't know what I'd do without competition. My life is such. This is it," Winkin said, pointing to his team. "I relish the position. You want to compete at the best of your ability, and I love the challenge of competing. You can't help it. You work to get this far," Winkin said.

Nevertheless, Winkin won't compromise his integrity just to win. Winkin's teams have annually won fans nationwide with their behavior both on and off the field, and their dress code while traveling. A Winkin player is not allowed to board the team bus without being clean-shaven, wearing a tie and a blue blazer along with a Maine baseball sweater. Winkin doesn't tolerate complaining about calls, or bench-jockeying.

"Why be that way? We're in a very noticeable position. Now there's no doubt everyone is watching what we do. We've got to have a little more class," Winkin said.

Currently 18th among active college coaches nationally with a .615 winning percentage, Winkin served as the head coach for the U.S. team in the collegiate Friendship Series in 1983, also involving teams from South Korea and Japan. The nucleus of that team made up the 1984 U.S. Olympic baseball team.

But Winkin's mind these days is on the 1985 edition of the Black Bears. He changed his spring trip philosophy, all the time setting his sights on the northern season, and ultimately the College World Series.

"I've really been more demanding in their performance on them this spring than I have been in the past. I've been working on them to be more respectable. In the past we've come south just to prepare ourselves for the season up north. Maybe that's the kind of confidence they'll need. Who knows — kids are kids," Winkin said.

"I think we have a chance of being a fairly decent ball club. I think these kids now believe in themselves."

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Miami's Raedle: one that got away

By Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

He's the one that got away.

At the University of Miami, 1,727 miles from home down I-95, No. 28 in your souvenir scorecard, is Joe Raedle. Raedle is the type of guy you would never notice. He is the player who plays only about the last inning of a 17-2 blowout and usually spends his night warming up pitchers in the bullpen. All of which is quite unnoticeable, were it not for the fact Joe Raedle is from Vienna, Maine.

Raedle is about the fourth catcher in Miami's powerhouse No. 1 team, behind Julio Solis, Frank Dominguez, and probably just behind Greg Ellena. But besides being a Maine boy who left the Pine Tree State for warmer climes, he is also a rarity on today's world of college athletics — he is a walk-on. "I didn't come here to play baseball," Raedle said. "I came for the photo-journalism."

Raedle, who played baseball his

first three years at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington, put on his application to UM he was interested in playing baseball.

"My dad called (Miami) coach (Ron) Fraser and he said when I got down here to stop in the office. Then later that week we had the tryout," Raedle said.

Raedle said about 40 players were at the tryout in September 1983, out of which five players were retained on the team during the fall season. After the fall, all but Raedle were cut.

"Yeah, that surprised me a lot. It scared me too. Most of the guys had their (national championship) rings," Raedle said.

Raedle said he wasn't recruited at all out of high school because he spent his senior year at a photography school. He said he didn't even apply to any Maine schools, only to Miami, Ohio University and the University of Missouri, schools noted for strong photo-journalism programs. Nevertheless, because of his baseball commitment, Raedle hasn't used that much film.

"I haven't picked up a camera

since I've been here," Raedle said. Classes and baseball — that's all I have time for.

Raedle said he faces a dilemma however.

"I've got to decide. I can't do both at the same time. Photography takes up too much time," Raedle said. "It's pretty much been worth it (playing baseball), but it makes a decision about playing baseball tougher."

However, should he choose photography, the Miami team will be less a spiritual leader on the bench.

"Joe's not a starter, he's not a star, but I'll tell you something, there is not a guy on that team who works harder or is liked more. He's the most popular guy on the ball club," Fraser said.

"Anybody on that ballclub would gladly give up at bat for Joe," Fraser said. "When he goes up to the plate everybody on that club is standing up cheering, hoping he gets a hit. That's the biggest compliment anyone could receive, getting that from your peers."

Raedle, shy and unassuming, becomes embarrassed when told of Fraser's and the team's respect.

"It feels good," Raedle said. "I don't know why it is. Maybe it's because I'm from Maine."

Raedle returned home last summer, playing summer baseball for Waterville along with Maine players

Dan Kane, Dave Gonyar and Bill McInnis for the Waterville Red Sox of the Twilight League.

"He had a lot of potential," Gonyar said. "He didn't get along with the coach real well — they had some philosophical differences or something so he never really got untracked. But he had really good mechanics."

Gonyar said he could see why Raedle was as popular as he is at Miami.

"He's a real good guy," Gonyar said. "That's really impressive that they think that way."

Despite a lack of playing time — Raedle has played in just ten games at Miami, batting just six times with a walk and five strikeouts — Raedle is enjoying his role at Miami. Still, he is a bit awed by his entire experience.

"You don't get to do this too often," Raedle said.

Maine Bears get second win over SIU

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that point, ripped a triple off the right-center field wall scoring Kane, and Loubier was off the hook. Billy Reynolds then followed with high-hopper over the drawn-in infield, and just as suddenly Loubier was the winner.

Strong relief pitching by Dale Plummer and Marc Powers sealed the win, allowing just two baserunners in three innings, but Loubier got the third "W".

"I felt so good out there," the right-hander from So. Portland said. "I was a little nervous in the first inning, but after it was OK."

GAME After Oklahoma State faced Maine on the 10th, they took the short ride north to St. Thomas of Oklahoma University, where they continued their

hitting barrage. In beating Florida Atlantic University 13-2, then demolishing St. Thomas 22-9, the Cowboys had scored 48 runs in three games and raised their runs per game average to above 10.

On a very hot, cloudless day on the 12th, the Cowboys continued their lethal attack, scoring 20 runs on 20 hits in defeating Maine for the second straight time 20-12.

"They're a good hitting team — there's no doubt about it," Winkin said. "But we didn't have our truly best pitching going to be perfectly honest about it."

Once again though, it was a case where Maine jumped out to an early lead, then was overwhelmed by the OSU attack. OSU led 3-0 after the first half-inning, but Maine put 7 runs on the board in the next three innings to jump back in front.

But in the top of the fourth, the Cowboys sent 11 men to the plate in scoring five runs off centerfielder-turned-pitcher Bill

McInnis, and it was 8-7 Oklahoma State.

But once again, Maine came back, and more than two hours into the ball game, five innings were complete and the Black Bears led 11-9.

Then the Cowboy hit parade began. Highlighted by Pete In-

caviglia's sixth round-tripper of the year, and his second in as many games against Maine, OSU scored four runs in the sixth to chase reliever Bob Colford, then scored seven runs in three innings off Gary Davis to bury the Bears.

"We had to struggle through with Colford and Davis the best we could because we have a doubleheader Wednesday and a doubleheader Thursday staring us in the face," Winkin said.

GAMES

March 13 marked the first of two consecutive doubleheaders for the Bears.

Wednesday would bring the Southern Illinois Salukis to face the Bears for the second time, while the nightcap would be the third meeting between Maine and Oklahoma State.

In the first game, once again Maine would prove their superiority over SIU, defeating the Salukis 7-5 in a truncated game called after eight innings because of a three-hour time limit imposed before the game so the OSU-Maine game could be played.

Jeff Plympton, a freshman from Plainville, Mass., went five innings in his first start of his collegiate career, and though he gave up five runs on seven hits, he allowed just one hit through the first three innings, while the Bears built a 2-0 lead.

Though Winkin's plans were to use Plympton primarily in long relief, he was a starter in high school. And although his outing didn't show it, Plympton said he really noticed a big difference between high school ball and college ball.

"I really noticed it in fall ball (the fall baseball season)," Plympton said. "In high school, I could overpower hitters but I've got to work on location more (in college)."

With the score 5-4 Maine in the top of the sixth, the Salukis' Kevin Pour tied off with a triple. Chuck Verschoore followed with a single,

tying the score and chasing Plympton. On came Bob Wilkins, who shackled SIU on just one hit the rest of the way in picking up the victory.

But it took another last-inning rally for the Bears to come away with win No. 2. With two outs and two on, Dan Kane drove Gary LaPierre home from second base on a single to right to give the Bears the win. Rick Bernardo followed with another run-scoring single to provide an insurance run.

"It's always nice to get "W's," Wilkins said. "It makes learning all the more worthwhile."

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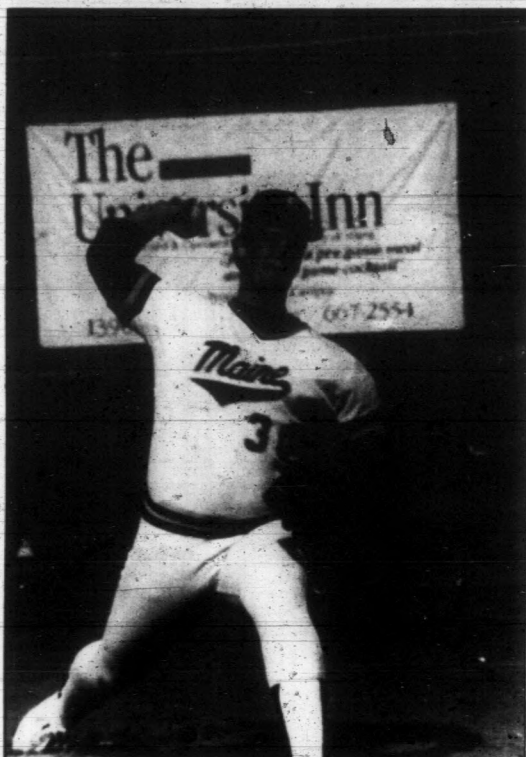
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Pitcher Mike Ballou

Fraser: more baseball exec than coach

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more like a baseball executive than a college baseball coach," Fraser said.

But Fraser's major coup was landing a contract with ESPN, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, to televise college baseball live. The coverage began in 1981 with the College World Series, and has evolved to a "College Baseball Game of the Week," presented on 15 Sunday nights throughout the spring. This season, Miami will appear three times on ESPN, beginning with a contest with Maine.

"We've been good to them so I guess it's a case of them returning a favor," Fraser said of the frequency of Miami's appearances.

Fraser's second coup was the landing of "The Miami Maniac," arguably the most imaginative mascot in this time of mascotmania throughout the nation's ballparks. Fraser saw the person who is the Maniac — John Routh — when the Canes visited South Carolina in 1982. Routh was performing as the South Carolina mascot as an undergraduate, and after he graduated, Fraser brought him south to UM.

"I decided when I saw him at South Carolina we had to have him. He's the best, isn't he?" Fraser said.

Fraser has been so appreciative of Routh's ability that last December, Fraser arranged for the Maniac to travel to Houston to attend the baseball winter meetings in Houston to try and sell himself. As

a result of that trip, Pat McKernan, president of the Albuquerque Dukes of the Pacific Coast League, invited Routh to appear at a Dukes home-stand after the Miami season. Besides such personal appearances, Routh is also the official mascot of the College World Series, and also appears as Sebastian, the Hurricane mascot during football season.

All these things considered, Fraser generates a budget of over \$500,000 with Miami baseball. That includes such things as individual game tickets, season tickets, promotions, souvenirs, concessions, billboard advertising and donations.

There's no other school that even does \$100,000, Fraser points out. "If I did \$100,000, I'd be out of business."

Nevertheless, by game 38 of a 53-game home schedule Miami had met their individual game ticket budget, and for another year, were well on their way to being a revenue-producing sport.

"You've got to understand, Miami is a football community. With the Dolphins and the university, we've had to sell in every conceivable way," Fraser said.

Besides his activities at Miami, Fraser has also taken on the task of serving as a consultant for a South Florida group attempting to bring major league baseball to Miami. Though Fraser feels it's a long way off, if he could guarantee the same success with the major league club that he has at Miami, commissioner Peter Ueberroth should place a club in South Florida immediately.

A baseball junkie's dream baseball in Miami during

By Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

At a time when basketball fanatics can literally ascend to "Hoop Heaven," with over 50 hours of television devoted to the NCAA Tournament from Thursday through Sunday, in South Florida an equally steady diet of baseball can be found for the "baseball junkie."

Now we're not talking the spring major-league exhibition season here, though that can definitely serve as an appetizer or dessert for the main course. The main fix for the baseball junkie during the month of March occurs for the most part right at Mark Light Stadium, normally the home of the University of Miami Hurricanes, but for most of March, also the home of a dozen additional schools, mostly from places where the temperature is about 10 degrees and a foot of snow covers the ground.

"It's a rare day when one can go to 'The Light' during some part of the day and not find its artificial surface covered with the 'Boys of Summer.' Schools like James Madison, Georgetown, Creighton, Liberty Baptist, Oklahoma State, and

of course the University of Maine, play the majority of the games during their spring break at the home of the 'Canes.

A typical day at The Light: It's 9 a.m. on a Saturday. On the field Maine is playing the 11th game of their spring trip against Lewis University of suburban Chicago. Lewis, a Division II school, is playing their next-to-last game before they will board planes for the cruel, heartless north. On this day, it's 24 degrees in Chicago. In the stands are 23 loyal partisans, apparently 13 rooting on the Black Bears, 9 supporting the Flyers, and another regular fixture at the Light just there to watch baseball. He is Don Rowland, Sr., the father of U-Miami second baseman Don Rowland.

Rowland rarely misses a game during his two-week vacation, which of course is ostensibly to see his son. However, Rowland is the true "baseball junkie," and by the time he returns to his home in Detroit, he will have seen more than 40 games.

"It's great. I love it," Rowland said. "It's convenient. I just come across the street from the hotel and my wife can do what she wants while I'm over here."

Rowland is usually by his son, who is former for the Rowland's wife, seen at the Miami game, sitting to buy her husband a sleeping bag "so to make the big production over here every

It's just before noon scored eight runs seventh and eighth in a 9-7 lead, and this was last chance. Each game two hour, forty minute three games can be the day. Thus, no started after 11:40 for 9 am start.

For the end of the game the crowd had nearly 100. The team Bowling Green State Ohio and Southern Illinois along with their families into the ballpark, conclusion of the first game by game time, the crowd thinned to 14.

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'Mac' Macomber — S

By Don Linscott
Staff Writer

The Black Bear baseball team has earned the support of thousands of fans but few are as loyal as a retired milkman from Auburn.

Lawrence Macomber, or "Mac" as he is referred to by most, has made a trip to Texas, Omaha, and most recently, Miami with the Bears since 1981. His is a familiar face to the team.

Mac said he is partial to baseball because it has made him numerous friends over the years.

"I think you get to know the players better if you have access anywhere near the dugout because you get to talk to the boys," he said.

He is quick to dig out his snapshots of Maine players and coaches to share with his visitors.

"This here is Wink (coach John Wink) getting off the bus in Portland before we left for Miami," he said holding out a snapshot showing just that. He pointed out the snow in the background and laughed. "There wasn't any of this when we landed in Miami."

He thumbed through his other photos, including a shot of pitcher Scott Morse, sleeping in his Miami hotel room and a shot of coach Winkin lounging by the pool, and told a short tale about each.

Mac said his relationship with the team is "like a family thing." His wife of 43 years, Edith, admits that her husband is a fanatic but said she is supportive of his enthusiasm.

Mac said he is thankful for wife's



Edith a

support. "If it wasn't for her ... none of this would be possible. If it wasn't for her ... I don't know what," he said and shrugged his shoulders.

On occasion, the Macombers have had as many as seven ball players staying in their home and have housed Maine players who have wanted to stay in Maine for the summer to play ball with the semi-pro Auburn Asas.

"We have plenty of room and don't mind doing it," Edith said.

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Winkie's dream: college Miami during March

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scored eight runs in the sixth,
seventh and eighth innings to take
a 9-7 lead, and this will be the Bears'
last chance. Each game will have a
two hour, forty minute time limit, so
three games can be played during
the day. Thus, no inning can be
started after 11:40 for this game, a
9 am start.

For the end of the Maine Lewis
game the crowd has swelled to
nearly 100. The teams in game two,
Bowling Green State University from
Ohio and Southern Illinois Universi-
ty along with their fans have come
into the ballpark, awaiting the con-
clusion of the first game. However,
by game time, the crowd will have
thinned to 14.

Southern Illinois, who has been in
South Florida for more than a week,
pounds Bowling Green pitching in
game two (the Falcons are playing

just their second game outdoors) on
their way to a 15-7 win in a game
that goes just five innings.

Game three pits the Georgetown
University Hoyas against the cadets
from the U.S. Military Academy, and
the Hoyas are considerably less im-
pressive than their basketball
schoolmates, losing 13-2 in
another five-inning game. The game
ends at just before 6 pm, and there
are already about 100 people for the
showcase game in the park. There
is just enough time for Rowland to
run across the street to Wendy's and
get something to eat before his son
plays.

By game time, nearly 3,000 peo-
ple are in the park watching Miami
defeat SIU 2-0. The Salukis, playing
their second game of the day, just
can't get the big hit when they need
it, and Miami extends their winning
streak to 17.

It's been a long day for Rowland,
though his son goes two-for-four.

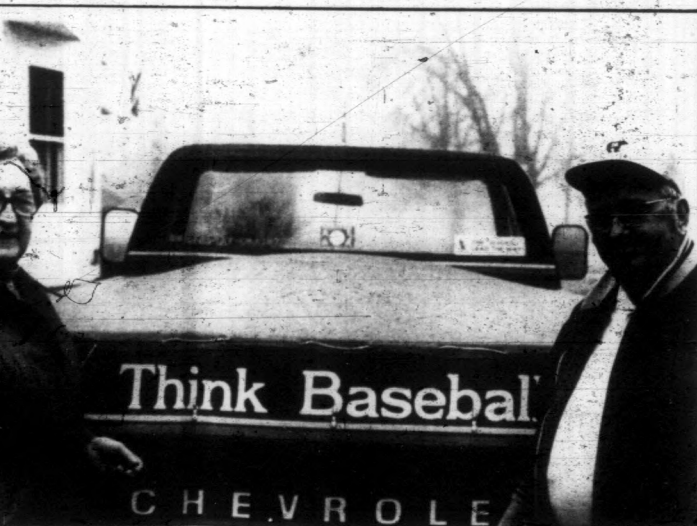
The next day, Sunday, is a chance
to sleep in: the first between James
Madison and Southern Illinois will
not begin until 10 am. Will Rowland
be there?

"Of course."



Outfielder Dan Kane

Macomber — Superfan



Edith and Larry 'Mac' Macomber

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won't even have a senior on the field
and they're still strong," Mac said.
"It's all because of Winkin."

Mac said he spends a lot of time
watching legion ball with Winkin dur-
ing the summer. "I always bring two
lawn chairs to the games... if I don't,

Wink says, "Hey Mac, where's my
chair?," he said and laughed.

Mac has a candid relationship
with most of the team and said
"When we were in Miami, Rickie
(Lashua) said to me, 'Mac, when you
go home, will you call my parents
and let them know I'm still alive?'"

Will UMO's best fan be in Omaha
if the team makes it to the world
series again this year?

"I don't know yet, but you can bet
I'll be thinking about it," he said.

The farmhands: spring training kaleidoscope

by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

They are the true "Boys of Sum-
mer," performing the rites of
spring as the hot Florida sun baked
them and the field. It is spring train-
ing time in Florida, and besides the
myriad of colleges who have come
to hone their skills thousands of
miles from home, 18 of the 26 ma-
jor league teams base their spring
camps in Florida.

But the Jim Rices, the Dave Win-
fields, the Fernando Valenzuelas;
they are a mere part of the baseball
kaleidoscope that is spring training.
Toiling in obscurity on the sun-baked
diamonds beyond the stadiums, or
in some cases miles away from the
big-leaguers, are the farmhands, the
minor leaguers, hoping for their day
in the sun alongside the Rices, the
Winfields, the Valenzuelas.

While stars such as Fred Lynn,
Cal Ripken Jr. and Mike Boddicker
work out the winter kinks in Miami
Stadium in downtown Miami, the re-
mainder of the Orioles players under
contract, and even some just trying
for a chance to play professional
ball, work out in a cluster of fields
at St. Thomas of Villanova Universi-
ty, about 30 minutes northwest of
downtown Miami.

On one field, the players who
have triple-A contracts, the highest
minor league contracts, take batting
practice. The triple-A players are
identifiable because they are wear-
ing actual uniforms, the white
double-knit with black and orange
trim and the script "Orioles" across
the front.

Meanwhile, on another diamond,
just beyond the outfield fence where
the triple-A players hit BP, the real
rookies, those players who just sign-
ed professional contracts, are
schooled on the Orioles' way of do-
ing things, such as reading signs,
taking leads off of bases and run-
ning out pop-ups.

Off in a corner, the pitchers, a line
of six on one large mound, throw for
anywhere from eight to 15 minutes,
depending on how much they've
thrown on previous days. Following
their pitches, they must run between
one and two miles around the com-
plex. Adjacent to the multi-mound
bulpen, pitching machines ("Iron
Mikes," as they are called by the
"O's") feed pitch after pitch in bat-
ting cages.

For these players, the odds are
one in 100 they will ever play in the
major leagues. For now, they toil in
obscurity in 20-year-old pants and
stirrups and mesh shirts with the
script "Orioles" screened on the
front, with a number from one to 99
on their backs. They perform the
rites of spring in facilities named
after successful Orioles: the Terry
Crowley tunnel, the Dan Rowe
bulpen, the Mike Menzies field,
perhaps to motivate the scrubs for
their one goal.

Reggie Wilson is one such player.
Wilson already has a championship
ring after just one year in profes-
sional baseball, garnered when the
Bluefield, W. Va. Orioles took the Ap-
palachian League crown in 1984.
Wilson's odds have improved after
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Maine Maine road show sweeps pair

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In the nightcap, a seven-inning contest because of the time limit, Oklahoma State once again flexed their hitting muscles, but not to the degree they had in earlier contests, defeating Maine 7-2.

Maine for the third time against the Cowboys jumped out to an early lead with a run in each of the first two innings, but a three-run third gave a OSU a 4-2 lead. Then, back-to-back homers by Mike Day and Pete Incavaglia, Day's a two-run blast and Incavaglia's his third off Black Bear pitching, provided the final margin.

Gary LaPierre had three hits for Maine, including a triple to lead off the bottom of the first, while Bill McInnis extending his hitting streak to seven games, going 11-for-27 to start off the season.

"I'm really shocking myself. I'm seeing the ball real well," McInnis said. "As long as I don't start doing dumb stuff like grounding out or popping up — as long as I'm hitting the ball good I'll be OK, otherwise I'll have to adjust."

GAMES

8/9 For the first time, the Black Bears took their act on the road away from Mark Light Stadium and UM, traveling to north Miami and St. Thomas of Villanova University (formerly Biscayne College) for a doubleheader against the

home-standing Bobcats and Lewis University of Romeoville, Ill.

It would prove to be a long, yet profitable afternoon for Maine, as they would take a pair of one-run, extra-inning decisions to bring their record one game away from the .500 mark at 4-5 for the spring.

Scott Morse started the opener for the Bears, and would struggle for the second straight time after losing to Miami five days earlier. Opposing him would be St. Thomas' Mike McGarrell, who, on Feb. 20, defeated the Hurricanes 4-1, allowing just four hits in the next-to-last defeat of the Canes until now.

Though Maine would take a 1-0 lead in the top of the third, Morse would allow three hits and a walk in a four-run bottom of the inning. Maine would come right back, scoring on an infield error, to close the gap to two, then tying the score on a two-run homer by Billy Reynolds that took little time at all to fly over the left-field fence.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Bobcats would string together three singles to plate another run to take a 5-4 lead, and chase Morse. In Morse's five innings, he allowed six hits, five runs (four earned), walked four and struck out three.

After St. Thomas took a 6-4 lead in the sixth, Gary LaPierre's double followed by a Rob Roy groundout scored two runs, and Morse was off the hook. One inning later, run-scoring singles by Dan Etzweiler and Gary Dube would give the

Bears an 8-6 lead.

But, with two out and one on in the bottom of the ninth, St. Thomas catcher Troy Startoni sent a Marc Powe's 3-2 fastball deep, over the 365-foot mark in center-center, and it was extra innings.

In the top of the 11th, LaPierre hit his first homerun as a collegian down the right-field line, but St. Thomas was not done. With one on, Powers gave up two long flyball outs, one to LaPierre who climbed the fence to take a way an apparent homer, before a ground out ended the game.

In the nightcap, Dale Plummer went the distance in his first-ever start, and gained the win in 5-4 Black Bear victory in eight innings, in a game scheduled for seven. Dave Gonyar, who earlier had his third career homer (after last spring's NCAA Northeast Regional winner) led off the top of the seventh with a walk, and scored on Rick Bernardo's one-out groundout to send the game into extra frames.

With one out in the eighth, Etzweiler doubled and scored when Lewis shortstop George Anderson threw the ball into the Maine dugout on an infield hit by Gary Dube.

"As long as we win I'll play all day," Winklin said after the games, which ended after the Florida sun had set. "We needed that."

"Plum (Plummer) helped us out. After pitching (Derek) Aramburu in the first game that helped, I had planned on using him in the second game but Scotty (Morse) put us in a different situation," Winklin said.

GAME

10 Friday, March 15 would bring the Creighton University Bluejays to face the Black Bears for the only time during the spring trip. Creighton, of Omaha, Neb., is the official host each year for the College World Series, with the Bluejays playing some of their games each year in Rosenblatt Stadium, the home of the CWS.

For the second time in as many days, Maine would get a masterful pitching performance, this time an eight-inning complete game from John "Killer" Kowalski as the Black Bears would take a 7-1

decision in a game cut short because of the time limit.

"He was unbelievable," Maine catcher Billy Reynolds said. "He was hitting spots, changing speeds, in and out — he was great."

Kowalski allowed just four hits and walked just one while striking out five in evening the Bears' record at 5-5. He retired the side in order in three innings, and faced the minimum three batters in two others, aided by a double play and a Creighton runner gunned down trying to steal.

"I didn't have to hardly work at all," Reynolds said. "He pretty much called his own game. It was a real easy game to catch."

The Bears scored three runs in the second inning, highlighted by a two-run single by Gary LaPierre, then with the score 4-1, added two more on a mammoth two-run homer by Rick Bernardo.

GAME

11 The Black Bears, riding a three-game winning streak, would face Lewis for the second time on Saturday, in Maine's earliest

game of the trip, a 9 a.m. contest. Despite the outstanding pitching performances of the previous two games and the win streak, Winklin refused to acknowledge the team was on top of their game yet, saying, "I think we'll be all right."

After two innings, it appeared Winklin may have had to reevaluate his thinking, as the Black Bears jumped out to a 6-0 lead, and Steve Loubier had scattered three hits in his second start. But then, the walls came tumbling down, and the Flyers snuck away with a 9-7 win, scoring eight runs in the final three innings.

After the game, Winklin let the team know his displeasure, holding a heated team meeting for ten minutes in left field while players in the second game warmed up around them.

"He wasn't the happiest person in the world," freshman Jim Overstreet said.

A run-scoring single by Bill McInnis, followed by a two-run triple by Billy Reynolds and a Rick Bernardo sacrifice fly gave Maine

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The crowning blow top of the seventh won scored two runs, with bases-loaded walk, while the Black Bears manage only two hits four innings.

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"But maybe that was for us. Maybe that was because that showed we win without trying. You never know what happens," Winklin said.

GAMES

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Maine Bears on a roll: four straight

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But Lewis exploded for four runs in the fifth, highlighted by a solo homer by George Anderson and a two-run blast two hitters later by Ed Del Grosso; then tied the score in the sixth with two more runs off Maine reliever Rob Wilkins.

The crowning blow came in the top of the seventh when the Flyers scored two runs, with two out on a bases-loaded walk and a single, while the Black Bears could manage only two hits over the final four innings.

"That was embarrassing," Winkin said. "Blowing a lead like that."

"But maybe that was important for us. Maybe that was good because that showed us we can't win without trying. That's baseball. You never know what's going to happen," Winkin said.

GAMES

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A rainout on March 17 forced a doubleheader on the 18th, and another set of consecutive doubleheaders.

The Black Bears trip to Pompano Beach to face Florida Atlantic, postponed the evening before, would happen after the Bears opened the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Hurricane Classic against Michigan State that afternoon.

In Michigan State, Maine faced a team that was a carbon copy of the Bears one week earlier. The Spartans had played just one game outdoors after being cooped up inside a field house for the winter, and Maine took advantage of their inexperience for a 9-4 victory.

Once again, the Bears fell behind early, trailing 2-0 after one-half inning. But Maine bounced back with five runs over the next four runs, three scored by Gary LaPierre and highlighted by a three-run fourth to take a 5-2 lead.

Michigan State pulled back to within one on a two-run triple by Spartan second baseman Pete Rose in the sixth, but Maine scored four runs, sparked by a two-run single by LaPierre, giving Mike Ballou his first victory of the spring in a complete game outing.

Ballou, who almost didn't start

because of a stiff right shoulder, scattered eight hits, allowed two walks and struck out four on his way to the win. He said the stiffness in his shoulder took some speed of his fastball, so he relied more on his curve.

"You've got to compete with what you have," Ballou said. "I was spotting my fastball pretty well, and my curve was breaking pretty good. I was real happy with it."

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In the nightcap, freshman Jeff Plympton shut down Florida Atlantic University single-handedly.

The rookie right-hander, making his second start, allowed just five hits and one walk while striking out six in a seven-inning complete game.

"He was amazing," catcher Billy Reynolds said. "Swiftie (Billy Swift, now pitching in the Seattle Mariner's organization) had everything, but if he (Plympton) pitches like this, he could become another Swiftie, or at least close to it."

After a Rick Bernardo single scored Gary LaPierre in the first, the Owls, ranked fourth nationally in NCAA Division II, bounced back with two unearned runs in the second. The closest they would come to scoring the rest of the game would be when Bill McInnis gunned down Owl third baseman Dave McDowell trying to score on a flyout to center.

In the fourth, the Bears took the lead for good on two runs without the benefit of base hit, then added a fourth in the final inning to provide the final margin of 4-2.

"I felt real good out there," Plympton said. "Once I got my rhythm going I was comfortable."

Plympton, a starter all through high school, was tabbed by Maine coach John Winkin as a long reliever before the spring trip began. However, with Plympton's two outings, Winkin said he had earned a place in the starting rotation.

"He's definitely in there. He's quite a competitor," Winkin said. "That's why I went back up there. If our pitching comes around there's not many other teams in the East that can match our pitching depth-wise."

"My theory is that when you get out to Omaha, if you get out there of course, you need five stoppers to win, so we'll need six pitchers when we go up north."

GAMES

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Another doubleheader for the Bears on March 19, and another pair of stellar pitching performances, this time from Scott Morse and Dale Plummer. Both nailed down wins, Morse his first, Plummer his second, in pitching eight innings each.

In the first game, Morse's pitching was just a sidelight, as the Black Bear bats exploded for 22 hits while scoring 21 runs in defeating Mercer University of Macon, Ga. in the second game of the Hurricane Classic 21-5.

But Morse had been struggling

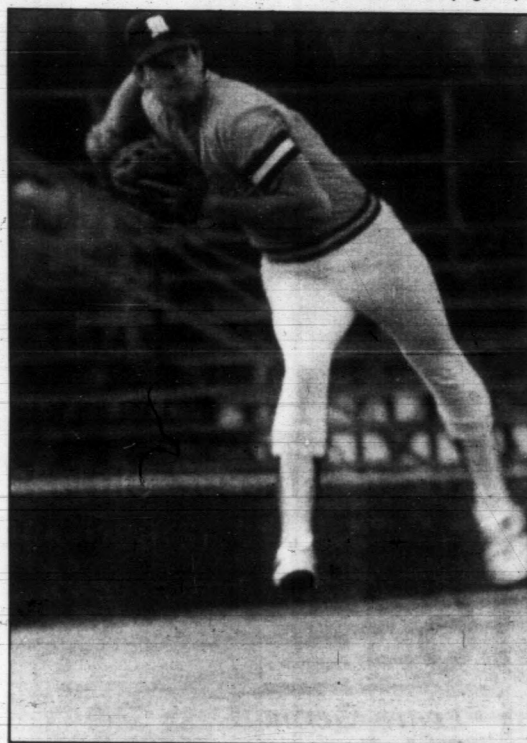
after posting a 10-1 record his freshman year, and the Mercer outing was pointed to by both he and Winkin.

As it turned out, Morse would have just one bad inning allowing all five runs in the sixth. Besides that inning, Morse allowed just six hits, walking four.

"Billy (Reynolds, catcher) said I wasn't throwing to spots, that I was just trying to throw the ball past them," Morse said.

Morse certainly got the support he needed, as every player in the Black Bear starting lineup got a base hit, led by three each from Gary Dube, Rob Roy, Bill McInnis, and Dan Kane. Maine scored in

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In the nightcap, the Bears traveled to Florida International University, just fifteen minutes from the University of Miami, and battled back from a 4-1 deficit to defeat the Sunblazers 9-5 behind Plummer's pitching.

After Dube led off the game with a home run, his first, two Maine errors led to a four-run outburst by FIU in the bottom of the inning. But those unearned runs would be all they would get off of Plummer, who would allow just five hits and three walks the rest of the way.

"I wasn't getting the spots early, so I started throwing the ball down the middle (leading to the four-run inning). Then I decided just to go back and try hitting spots," Plummer said.

After a wild pitch scored Dube in the third to cut the deficit to two, Maine exploded for six runs keyed by consecutive run-scoring singles by Kane, Rick Bernardo and Mike Bordick to put the game out of reach. A home run by Reynolds one inning later would add to the Bear lead.

Winkin pointed to the output by the second through fifth hitters in the Maine batting order: McInnis, Reynolds, Kane, and Bernardo, as the key to the four-game winning streak.

"I've always said how they do is the key to this team," Winkin said. "Today Kane hit the ball well, but the four of them are the key."

GAME

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It was really just another game. The Black Bears were 9-6 thus far in the spring trip, and on their way to what appeared

to be their most successful trip ever.

But this night, Maine was taking on Miami for the third time on the trip. The Hurricanes were riding a 20-game winning streak, and had been rewarded for their efforts with a No. 1 national ranking.

"I can't explain it," Miami head coach Ron Fraser said of his team's success. "We don't have a great deal of talent — we don't run well, we don't hit well, but every night, someone else is a hero."

Maine had been blown out twice by the Canes 10-1 and 9-3, in the first two games of the spring trip. But the question marks of the club — how well the freshmen would play, the pitching and the veteran leadership — had all been answered in the 13 games since.

Senior co-captain John Kowalski, 1-1 on the year, would be the starting pitcher for the Black Bears, while Steffen Majer (6-0) would be on the mound for Miami, and it appeared they might be the keys to the game early on.

Maine scored first, when Dan Kane doubled with one out, advanced to third on a groundout, then scored when Miami third baseman Jon Leake made a rare error.

But the Hurricanes bounced back, scoring five runs in the next three innings, and ended up with a 5-3 win.

The penultimate crushing blow came in the third inning. With two out and Rick Richardi on first base, Kowalski, who already picked off Calvin James in the inning, had Richardi picked and in a rundown. But Richardi escaped, and after a walk and a double steal, Frank Dominguez and Mike Fiore delivered back-to-back RBI singles and Miami led 2-1.

Julio Solis made the score 3-1 with a solo home run, then back-to-back doubles by Don Rowland and Rusty DeBold added two more in the fifth to make the score 5-1.

Maine came back with single runs in the sixth and eighth in-

nings, but it was too little, too late. But, Maine had proved, at least to themselves, they could come back against Miami.

"The bench picked us up a little about the fifth. We looked around and everybody had their heads down a little," junior outfielder Dave Gonyar said. "It was good to come back like that."

GAME

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March 21 brought the second meeting between the Black Bears and Michigan State in game four of the Hurricane Classic, and like the first meeting, the Bear bats unloaded on Spartan pitching for 20 hits, after 13 in the first game, on its way to a wild 18-12 win.

Steve Loubier won his second game of the year against no defeats, but fell behind early as Michigan State took a 3-2 first inning lead. But Maine came back with four runs in the fourth on a two-run home run by Rick Bernardo and a two-run single by Gary Dube, and added two more in the fifth to take an 8-3 lead.

But Loubier fell apart in the sixth inning, allowed four hits, a walk and three runs, sandwiched around an out, to lead off the inning, before giving way to Rob Wilkins.

"It was hot out there," Loubier said. "I had pretty good stuff — they just hit it."

The final three innings proved to be a slugfest, with Maine scoring ten runs over the frames while the Spartans touched Wilkins and Marc Powers for six over the final three stanzas, but the Black Bears held on for the 18-12 win.

GAME

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Rain on March 22 caused rescheduling of one game and cancellation of another on the day before the trip

was to end. The second game with Mercer, the fifth for the Bears of the Hurricane Classic, was pushed back a day to the morning of the 22nd, while the Princeton University game, scheduled for that morning was cancelled.

In addition, the fourth game with Miami was scheduled for that night, and it appeared Maine was looking forward more to playing the Hurricanes than the Mercer Bears, Mercer, who four days earlier committed eight errors in losing to Maine 21-5, defeated the Black Bears 4-3.

"We played deadass out there today," Winkin said. "Everything is frame of mind. They just didn't come ready to play — not today."

Jeff Plympton was the hard-luck

loser for Maine, allowing nine hits, four runs (just two earned), walking two and striking out six in a complete game effort.

"I didn't have as much today as I did then (against Florida Atlantic, a 4-2 Maine win), but I had enough to win," Plympton said. "It was a tough one to lose."

Gary LaPierre led off the game with a single, stole second and scored when Bill Reynolds delivered a two-out single to center to give Maine a 1-0 lead, but Mercer bounced back with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

After the Black Bears tied the score on three Mercer errors in the top of the fourth, Mercer scored once in the bottom half of the inning, then added another in the seventh on an unearned-run to make the score 4-2.

Then in the eighth, with one out, Mercer starter and winner Chris Collins walked Reynolds and Billy McInnis back-to-back, then gave up an RBI single to Rick Bernardo. But Collins induced Dan Kane to groundout to short and struck out Dan Etzweiler to end the threat, and essentially the game.

GAME

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Miami on March 23 was meaningless. But, it was another chance to knock off the No. 1 team in the country, with their win streak now at 23 games.

Mike Ballou, the starter and loser in the first Miami game way back on March 8, would start this game, against Bob O'Brien.

Ballou, who defeated Michigan State five days earlier despite a sore shoulder, still showed the effects of the stiffness in the shoulder, as the Hurricanes touched him for seven runs in his three innings of work on their way to a 9-4 victory.

"I don't know what happened," Ballou said. "I didn't pitch that bad."

But Winkin said Ballou's whole problem started when he walked Calvin James on four pitches to lead off the Miami first. James eventually scored in a two-run inning, then hit a three-run homer to highlight a four-run second.

"Every game (how well you do) starts with the first man, and trying to get an umpire to call a strike ... James getting on by a walk to start the game and look what happens," Winkin said. "It unravels a pitcher when you can't get those first few pitches called for strikes."

Peter Lennon, who started at catcher in place of Billy Reynolds

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Arizona State castoff grateful for second chance at Oklahoma State

by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

Bobby Mc Kercher is grateful just for a second chance.

His is the story of big-time college athletics, of big-time college recruiting, and of a school being hauled up because of possible violations.

Mc Kercher is a 21-year-old junior for San Carlos, Calif. He is presently the backup third baseman for the 12th-ranked team in the nation, the Oklahoma State University Cowboys, but his career has seen him in places other than Stillwater, Okla.

When Mc Kercher was at Sierra High School, he was named all-California at shortstop, his highest honor in a list that could fill half a book. But when professional scouts came to see Sierra play, generally they didn't come simply to see Mc Kercher. Rather, their prime attraction was Mc Kercher's teammate and good friend, outfielder Barry Bonds.

Bonds was touted as a can't-miss prospect, as evidenced by his selection for the U.S. Olympic Team last summer. But Bonds eschewed the draft after being chosen out of high school, instead choosing to attend Arizona State University, perennially a power in collegiate baseball.

Barry and I played together and competed with each other all the

way through — little league, Babe Ruth, American Legion, high school," Mc Kercher said. "When the scouts came to see him, they saw me, too. He got them there, but then I caught their attention, too."

Bonds and Mc Kercher together decided to attend ASU because, as Mc Kercher said, "it's always better to go away with a friend." Mc Kercher said they chose the Tempe, Ariz. school because of the tradition, the program and the location.

"It's the ideal program — it's the ideal community. It's just an ideal situation," Mc Kercher said.

When Mc Kercher was being recruited, he was offered a full scholarship to ASU, along with Bonds. He was told that when he arrived in Tempe, he would be given a uniform and the equipment he needed even though he was a freshman at the program of the Sun Devils' caliber.

"When I got there, they put him (Bonds) on the first team right off, and I was put on the freshman team," Mc Kercher said. "I thought that was OK, though. I didn't expect to get it all right away."

"My freshman year, I wasn't looking to play a lot. (Arizona State head coach Jim) Brock said, 'You come down there, we'll work you out — we'll give you all of your equipment,' Mc Kercher said. "He asked me if

there was a number I wanted and I said '16,' and that guy had signed (in the professional draft), so he said that was OK."

"Well, everyone's getting their equipment and another player who's still there went in to get our stuff, and we just got a bag with the number on it. We went and asked Coach (Brock) what the story was, and he said, 'Well, you know, it's a tight situation,'" Mc Kercher said.

After the fall semester, Mc Kercher thought he was playing well enough to be moved up to varsity, saying "I was doing better than some of the guys that were playing ahead of me," but instead of a varsity jersey, Mc Kercher received another kind of Christmas present.

"I got a letter at Christmas from the coaches telling me not to come back — that they didn't think I'd be able to cut it," Mc Kercher said. "I told them 'no way.'"

Mc Kercher played well enough to be moved up to the varsity team "for like 20 or 21 games," and went on one road trip, travelling to the University of Southern California. He hit 6-for-13, with three doubles and nine runs-batted-in.

After the season, Mc Kercher said, "They told me I should go to a junior college for a year and work things out, then I could come back and try again (not an uncommon

practice). I told them I'd think about it."

When Mc Kercher did not say he would attend a junior college and thus forfeit his scholarship, the ASU coaches sent him financial aid forms to fill out. When he did as he was told, which is a violation of NCAA scholarship rules, he was informed by ASU that his scholarship had been taken away.

However, when a scholarship is taken away under Pacific-10 conference rules, there must be a hearing by the conference, a fact Mc Kercher was made aware of when he wrote to the conference for a clarification. ASU was found at fault and is presently on probation for a year, and thus cannot appear in this year's College World Series.

After the hearing, Mc Kercher went to San Mateo Junior College, where he lettered, batting .370 while leading the team in runs scored, doubles and walks.

Mc Kercher then transferred to Oklahoma State, where he began this winter. Mc Kercher accepts his role on the bench, using it to learn the Cowboy system while helping in a teaching capacity where he can.

"I feel that with that experience at Arizona State I've matured," Mc Kercher said. "I've been lucky. I've gotten a second chance to play major college ball."

GAME 19

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because Reynolds was ill, agreed with Winkin.

"I thought we played pretty well. You know, they take a couple of pitches away from Buck (Ballou), they get a couple of runs and that's what kills you — those little runs here and there," Lennon said. "9-4 doesn't really tell what happened in this game."

Dale Plummer came in for Ballou, and pitched well over the final six innings, allowing five hits, two runs and walking three, despite not having his best stuff.

"I wasn't as sharp as I could have been — not even half," Plummer said. "I don't know what it was — maybe the ball or something."

Still, Winkin didn't feel his team played well.

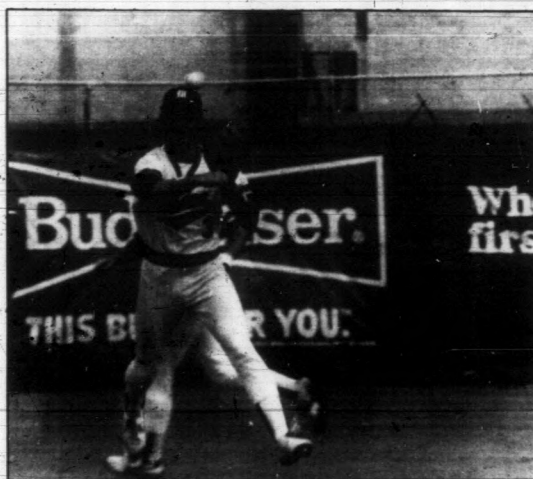
"We've got to do a lot of things better than we did today. We've got to make the big play, make the big pitch, make the big hit. All it takes is a big hit — and we didn't get that today," Winkin said.

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Shortstop Mike Bordick

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having a fine year with Bluefield: they are now in the neighborhood of 1-in 75 or so. Wilson, like all players in the camp, is optimistic. He hopes to stay in Miami with the single-A club, or maybe, just maybe, make the step to the double-A club in Charlotte, N. C. But that is still a month away. For now, he must be content with the tedium of drills every day from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

By April 15, some 100 of the men at St. Thomas will be heading north to such places as Rochester, N. Y., Charlotte and Hagerstown, Md. Some will remain in Miami with the Florida State League team, while some remain at the extended spring camp at St. Thomas. But for about two dozen, the month spent in the hot Florida sun in 1985 represents their attempt to enter the world of professional baseball, and the end of that attempt.

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Bears shock 'Canes on ESPN

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Bears for the second consecutive night. But it was more than the game on this night: first, the game was being nationally televised by ESPN to more than 3½ million viewers, and second, the "Miami Maniac," the Miami baseball mascot was getting married.

Throw in the fact the "Canes" were riding a 24-game winning streak and the fact the Bears from the north had attracted nearly 13,000 fans in four games, and the crowd had every reason to be festive.

But Maine rained on the Miami parade, defeating the Hurricanes 3-2 in 10 innings, for their first win ever over the "Canes" outside of Orono.

"It was immense," Winkin said of the win. "We've won some pretty big ball games over the years but that win was just about the biggest. What that did for our program in terms of exposure is absolutely immense."

The littlest Bear, freshman Gary Dube (5-foot-6, 150 lbs.) delivered the hit in the top of the 10th inning that won the game for the Bears. With runners on first and second, Dube hit a fine drive single to left-center that a diving Rick Richardi

could not come up with that scored Rob Roy.

"His (Miami loser Rick Raether) curve starts about here (behind him) and breaks over. It just didn't break soon enough and I got it," Dube said.

Before the hit, Dube had gone 3-for-17 against Miami pitching, including striking out in all three appearances against Raether.

John Kowalski, who was a starter throughout the spring after spending his first three seasons in the bullpen, got the win with three innings of scoreless relief. He allowed just one hit while walking two and striking out four, including Calvin James twice.

"I like the pressure," Kowalski said. "I'd love to be a reliever, but with our schedule (of mostly seven-inning games) it doesn't work out."

Starting pitcher Scott Morse, whose only two career losses had come at the hands of Miami, showed none of the difficulty he had earlier in the spring. He allowed just five hits in his seven innings of work, both runs, walking three and striking out two.

"I felt real good," Morse said. "I had good control, good location, I was throwing hard. It makes up for the appearance last year."

The Hurricanes took a 1-0 lead in the second inning without the benefit of a hit when Mike Fiore walked to lead off the inning, stole second, and scored on two con-

secutive groundouts.

But Maine tied it up in the sixth when Billy McInnis crushed a Dan Davies changeup, sending it far over the 340-foot mark in right field.

However, Miami bounced right back, when Rick Richardi led off the bottom of the inning with a bloop single to right, stole second, advanced to third when Rusty DeBold beat out a bunt for a hit, then scored when DeBold was picked off first and was caught in a rundown.

Maine came right back though, tying the score when Dan Kane and Rick Bernardo led off the seventh with back-to-back doubles.

Kowalski entered the game with Chris Magno on first base and none out in the eighth. After one pitch, Kowalski picked Magno off first, then sandwiched a walk between strikeouts of James and DeBold to end Miami's final threat. Entering the game, DeBold was hitting .560 in his last 7 games.

After Dube put the Bears ahead in the 10th, Kowalski walked Jon Leake to lead off the tenth. After a flyout, pinch-runner Mark Malizia stole second, so Kowalski pitched around Magno to get to James. James went down swinging, and Richardi followed with a fly to right to end the game.

"Although (Magno) was the winning run, I wasn't concerned," Kowalski said. "I just threw the ball and challenged him to hit

it. I was looking for a 'K' and I got it."

More than 3½ million people saw it nationwide. A young team from Maine, with just 19 games under their belts and having been outdoors just two weeks, defeating the No. 1 team in the nation and ending its 24-game winning streak, a team that starts its schedule on Feb. 1 and plays out doors the year round.

This Black Bear team was different than the four previous that had spent the first week of June in Omaha — there was no Kevin Buckley or no Jeff Paul to deliver that big hit, or there was no Billy Swift to deliver that big pitch. But, this team did something none of those teams ever did: defeat Miami in Miami, and on national TV to boot.

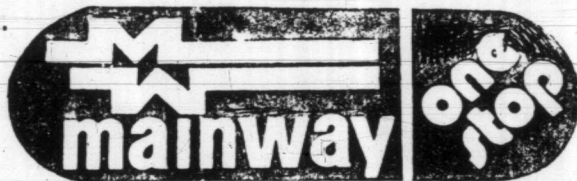
Still, for a fifth consecutive trip to Omaha, there's a long road to hoe for the Bears. Out of a 37-game northern schedule, the Bears would play just 11 at Mahaney Diamond in Orono, including just four while classes are in session. In addition, they won't play in the friendly confines until 16 games have been played up north, spending the first three weekends on the road.

But still, you just have this feeling they'll return to Omaha.

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Iran says present Iraqi regime is reason for war

by The Associated Press

President Ali Khamenei of Iran told the U.N. secretary-general in Tehran on Sunday that the war with Iraq will not end while "the present Iraqi regime" remains in power, the official Iranian news agency reported.

It quoted Khamenei as saying, in rebuffing a peace move by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at their meeting in the Iranian capital: "We have logical things to say about the war and no one has so far been able to alter our view with logic. Based on what we have experienced, we are sure that as long as the present Iraqi regime remains, our conditions will not be realized."

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus, reported that Perez de Cuellar said on arrival earlier Sunday that he had no specific proposals for ending the 4-and-one-half-

year-old war between the Persian Gulf neighbors.

"I have come to Tehran only to find out more about the stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the war," IRNA quoted him as saying.

Perez de Cuellar told Khamenei the losses in the war could be cut if attacks on non-military centers were stopped, the use of chemical weapons ceased, and attacks on ships were halted, IRNA said.

The agency said Perez de Cuellar noted that Iran had accepted these proposals in principle but Iraq had not, adding that his recent appeal to both countries on this carried no conditions and remained in effect.

IRNA quoted Khamenei as criticizing the United Nations "for failing to condemn the Iraqi invasion of Iran at the outset of the war," and the Security

Council "for only calling for a mere cease-fire."

Iran says the war cannot end without Iraqi President Saddam Hussein being overthrown and tried as a war criminal, and the payment of billions of dollars to Iran as war reparations.

But it has said it will accept a partial cease-fire ending the escalating air raids and artillery attacks by the warring sides on each other's cities.

Soon after Perez de Cuellar's arrival in Tehran, state-run Baghdad Radio

broke into regular programming to broadcast a statement by a military spokesman saying Iranian artillery was shelling six Iraqi border cities.

The spokesman, not identified, said there were no casualty or damage reports after intermittent morning shelling of Basra and Shatt al-Arab in the south, the central towns of Khanaqin, Mandali and Badra, and the northern hamlet of Qazania.

Iran did not confirm the reported shelling.

1984 U.S. crime rate declined 4.5 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government gauge shows overall crime fell by 4.5 percent last year, but there was no drop in the rate of violent crimes such as rape, robbery and assault, the Justice Department said Sunday.

The National Crime Survey, which measures crimes not reported to police as well as those reported, also showed that the rate of household burglaries and larcenies fell to the lowest level in the 12 years of the survey's existence.

The crime survey is based on interviews with a nationwide sample of more than 125,000 people. Based on the preliminary figures for 1984, there were 35.3 million "victimizations" compared to 37 million the year before, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said.

Steven R. Schlesinger, bureau director, said the drop in the crime rate may be attributable to several factors, including changes in sentencing procedures, increased citizen involvement in crime prevention and the shrinking crime-prone age group. These are people between the ages of 14-24.

Several criminal scholars in recent years have cited declining birth rates as a factor in declining rates of crime. But

revamped procedures for sentencing convicted felons, especially those with long records, may also account for the change.

Schlesinger added that the increase in the number of incarcerated criminals has contributed to the recent reduction in the crime rate. The National Crime Survey, by focusing on incidents in which people are victimized rather than only on crimes reported to police, is regarded as a broader and more reliable measure of crime in the United States.

A recent report on rapes and attempted rapes, for instance, showed that more than half of these incidents were not reported by victims.

The National Crime Survey released Sunday showed that there was one rape per 1,000 people, up 19.9 percent from the 0.8 per thousand figure of 1983, based on 186,000 victimizations out of the overall total of 35.2 million.

The survey also showed crimes of violence last year occurred at a rate of 31 per 1,000 people, essentially unchanged from 1983, and the rate of household burglary declined 11.3 percent while the rate for household larceny fell 7.1 percent.

Study group reports that world's birth rate drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's birth rate has dropped from 29 to 27 births per 1,000 people since 1983, largely thanks to sharp curbs on China's population growth, a private population study group reports.

The Population Reference Bureau reports that China is currently averaging 19 births per 1,000 residents, down from 23 only two years ago.

With one-fifth of the world's population, changes in China's population have far-reaching effects on world averages, the independent, non-profit research group pointed out.

The new statistics, estimating the world's current population at 4.8 billion people, were published in the bureau's annual World Population Data Sheet, compiled by demographers Mary Maderios Kent and Carl Haub.

The current worldwide birthrate of 27 per 1,000, coupled with an average of 11 deaths per 1,000 people, results in an annual world population increase of 1.7

percent, the researchers reported. That is down from 1.8 percent in 1982.

However, they noted that this rate still resulted in an extra 84 million people being added to the world's population in 1984. They estimate the total number of people in the world will top 5 billion in 1987 and will exceed 6 billion by the year 2000 if current rates continue.

The fastest population growth is in Africa, where the continent-wide birth rate is 45 per 1,000. The bureau reported that African women average 6.4 children, with even higher rates in some nations.

With a crude death rate of 16 per 1,000, Africa's population is growing at 2.9 percent per year, compared with North America's annual growth rate of 0.7 percent.

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