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GSS approves new election procedures

by M.C. Davis
Staff writer

The General Student Senate approved 16 amendments on student election procedures Wednesday night at the GSS meeting.

The amendments were sponsored by Brad Payne and Mark Pennisi, co-chairpersons of the Fair Election Practice Commission. Pennisi said the amendments are intended to correct some of the problems that were present during previous student elections.

The major change of the FEPC policies came under amendment 14.

According to the new rule, candidates for president and vice-president are re-

quired to submit copies of all campaign expenditure receipts one day prior to the election at noon.

The FEPC will declare candidates who fail to comply as ineligible for their elected posts, Pennisi said.

The former rule stated that candidates must submit such reports by noon on election day. Pennisi said the amendment is intended to prevent candidates who do not meet that FEPC requirement from being included on the ballots.

Last month, the FEPC was challenged unsuccessfully by Mark Livingston and Scott Dunning who ran for the Interdormitory Board posts of president and vice-president, respectively.

According to reports from the FEPC,

Livingston and Dunning submitted their financial report 21 hours past the deadline.

Both Livingston and Dunning pushed for a resolution to the GSS on Feb. 19 that would grant them an exemption to this rule after the FEPC declared them ineligible. The GSS rejected that resolution to grant an exception.

The candidates decided to drop the matter. Neither Livingston nor Dunning could be reached by telephone Wednesday night for comment on the new guideline.

Other changes in the guidelines include scheduling the date of student senate elections on the first Thursday in October.

Former guidelines only stated that no elections should be held on a Monday, or on a Friday. Another amendment states that elections for president and vice-president will be held on the second Thursday of February.

"I think these rules will present FEPC guideline more clearly, and will be representative of what elections will need in the future," Pennisi said.

One resolution, the first one, states: "Membership of the FEPC shall be determined in the spring during the first meeting of the GSS meeting in April."

The GSS amended that resolution minutes after approving it in a package

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Asbestos testers to begin work in Library

by Rebecca Smith
Staff Writer

A private firm will begin testing air and materials in Fogler Library and Rogers Hall for asbestos fibers on Monday.

David Fielder, UMO campus safety officer, said it is the beginning of asbestos assessment tests that will be conducted in all buildings on campus.

The tests will not pose any health hazards to students, faculty, and staff because, he said, the air filters being used will catch the fibers in the air and the areas from which material samples are taken will be immediately patched.

Thomas Aceto, vice president for student and administrative services, said the research and any renovations resulting

from the research could cost the university as much as \$100,000.

The money will come in part from savings the university has realized from the recent drop in fuel prices, he said.

Fielder said asbestos-containing materials can be found in a number of buildings on campus, especially around pipes.

The concern about asbestos stems from its link to health problems such as pulmonary fibrosis, lung cancer, pleural plaque and malignant Mesothelioma.

According to an Asbestos Information Center at Tufts University report, researchers have also observed a two to five fold increase in the occurrence of other tumors and cancers in asbestos workers.

As part of the university's new asbestos program, employees who have the most contact with asbestos will be medically monitored. So far the steam

fitters have been given a preliminary exam by a physician at Cutler Health Center and by a pulmonary specialist in Bangor, Fielder said.

One problem with the health tests, he said, is that asbestos related diseases have a latency period of 10 to 40 years after the initial exposure.

The university has done asbestos tests before, and so far none of the data have revealed hazardous conditions, he said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has a current health standard stating that the maximum safe amount of asbestos is two fibers per cubic centimeter of air. Fielder said that guideline may soon be lowered to one or .5 fibers.

The highest asbestos count so far at UMO was .008 fibers, which was recorded in a mechanical room in the basement of the library in 1985.

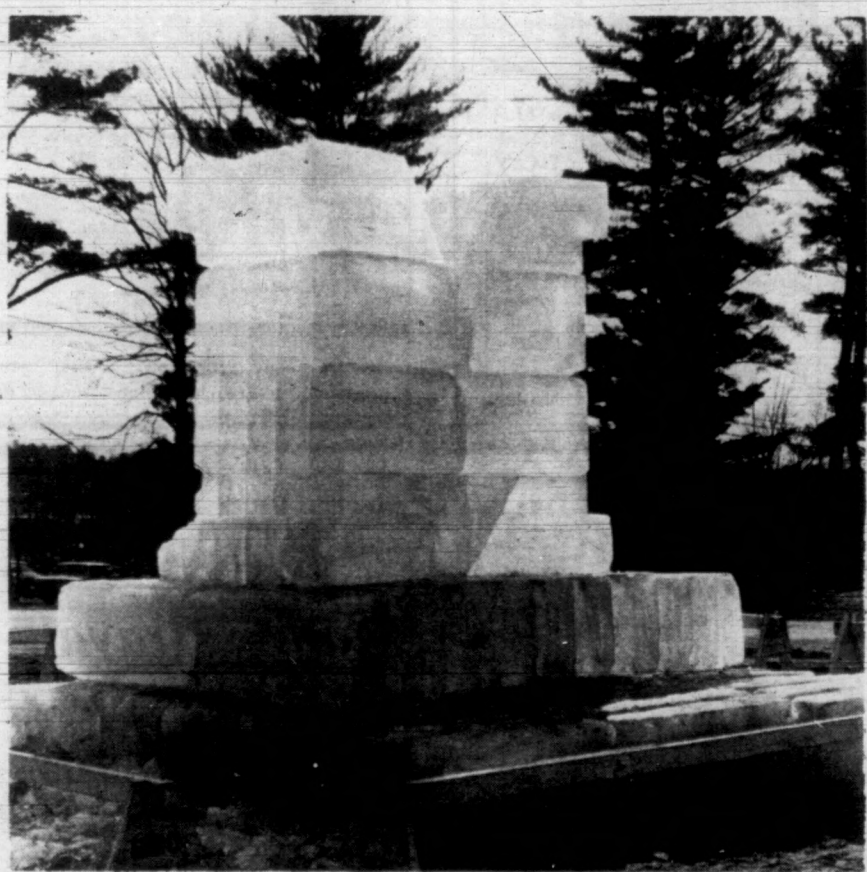
The university will consider any area with a count of .1 fibers or over to be a hazardous area, Fielder said.

Aceto said the research will be done by Perk Laboratories because of their expertise in the field and so the job would be done objectively.

"We have an obligation to students, faculty and staff to have a clean environment to work and study in," Aceto said.

An asbestos committee has been set up and will meet every Friday morning to prioritize areas where the asbestos problem should be worked on.

Thomas Cole, director of facilities management, said the most recent asbestos removals on campus have been in Aubert, Estabrooke, and Boardman halls.



THE ICE-M RUNNETH—Despite Wednesday's 60 degree temperatures, the ice sculpture at the corner of Munson Road and College Ave. was given its final touches by the chainsaw of Russ Meyer, assistant director of Residential Life. (Pierce photo)

Reported incidents of rape often include acquaintance

by Kelly Mullins
Staff Writer

Statistics show that college campuses rate second highest in the percentage of rapes that occur. UMO department of Police and Safety reports that since Sept. 1985 there have been four assaults on females and two reported rapes at UMO. All cases are still under investigation.

Officer Laurie Houston of the UMOPD said, "Our main concern on college campuses is not the person in the bushes or stranger rapes, but acquaintance rapes."

Acquaintance rape, Houston said, is forced sexual intercourse with someone the victim knows. Houston has been with the UMO police department for 7½ years and is the officer with the most training in the handling of sexual assault cases. She has attended several schools on child abuse, assault, rape and sex crime investigation.

In addition to rape and assault cases on campus, in the past seven years Houston has investigated cases of Peeping Toms, exhibitionists and obscene phone calls.

"The majority of rapes reported are acquaintance rapes. We've had one or two stranger rapes," Houston said.

Jade Lee, of the Bangor Rape Crisis Center which serves a quarter of the state's population, said that their statistics, of people who have called in and talked with them, show that for those 16 years old and older 71.4 percent are a combination of acquaintance and incest rapes, 11.2 percent stranger rapes and 6.5 percent gang rapes.

Alan Reynolds, director of Police and Safety, said the only rape statistics the police department has are those that have been reported.

He said that many rapes, especially acquaintance rapes, are not reported and one can assume that there are greater numbers which occur on campus.

Houston said there are several reasons why women might hesitate to report an acquaintance rape; she has been drinking, the assailant lives in the same dorm or is in the same class.

"Sometimes the girl feels embarrassed thinking about what it will do to

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SENATE

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with the other 15 amendments.

"We amended it so we could give the senate an extra week or two to think of nominations," said Chris Boothby, GSS vice-president.

"The senators wanted to make sure that people were given a chance to be on the FEPC," he said.

One of the FEPC's guidelines require that FEPC members live in the complex that they were elected to serve as complex representatives. However, on election day, the FEPC members would be assigned to work at a balloting location in another complex.

During debate that preceded the GSS

overriding the amendment, some senators said they were concerned about voting for FEPC complex representatives because few people were sure where they would live next fall.

"We're very fortunate because the room contracts are coming up next week. By the next senate meeting, most people will know where they're going to live," Boothby said.

In other matters, the GSS approved Theresa Joyce as off-campus senator. She is currently president of the Panhellenic Council.

Joyce said she volunteered for the senatorial position one week before

spring break. Boothby approved her name to be submitted to student senate. She was told Monday that she may fill that post.

During the GSS session, Boothby announced that currently one graduate senator position is open. Graduate students who are interested should contact him this week.

Further, the GSS voted to draft a letter to the Maine Legislature, to Gov. Joseph E. Brennan and to the UMaine board of trustees expressing the GSS's formal support to increase funding for the university.

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Correction

Wednesday's article concerning the 5.9 percent increase in room and board changes should have stated that UMO students will have to pay an additional \$173 over the existing rate of \$2,921 per year, as opposed to per semester, with a maximum 21-meal plan.

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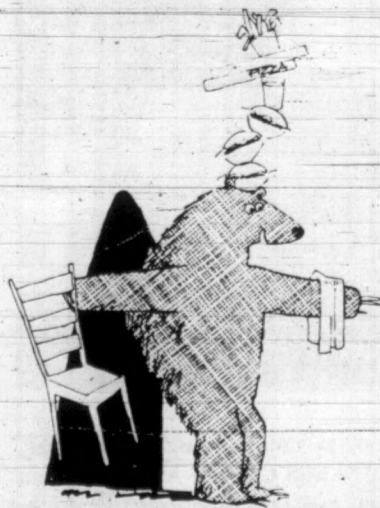
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● RAPE

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friends, or did I lead him on?" she said. Houston said that when alcohol is involved it is sometimes more difficult to get a conviction. "When under the influence of alcohol the victim can't remember a lot of details and becomes an unreliable witness."

This semester there have been two reported assaults on campus. One occurred at 11 p.m. in the parking lot near Jenness Hall and the other at 9 p.m. near the front entrance to Shibles Hall.

Resident Director Nancy Arsenault said, "The biggest thing in both instances is that the girls basically froze. They didn't think that they could have screamed or yelled. In one case a police car was nearby and she didn't scream. What they did was run back to the dorm,

lock the doors and hide. They didn't want anyone to know."

In the first instance, Arsenault said the women was hit repeatedly in the face, knocked down, her clothes ripped, coat taken off and pants ripped.

In the second assault the person grabbed the woman and told her what he was going to do to her. A door opened to Shibles and she was able to get away.

Arsenault said that both women were given medical attention and counseling.

Houston said that the UMOPD rarely gets a report of rape when it has just happened and this presents problems in gathering evidence.

She said officers are trained to deal with victims compassionately and that

the physical condition of the victim is the first concern.

Questions are asked to determine if a rape actually occurred, and if so where and when the rape occurred.

The victim is then asked if she would like to have a rape protocol done, which gathers evidence. Houston said the woman would then be taken to St. Joseph Hospital where she would be given a physical examination.

Because a person decides to have a

rape protocol done does not mean that they have to prosecute. They don't have to decide right away, Houston said.

If a person thinks they have been raped, Houston said there are some important things to remember. Do not shower or douche, leave the same clothes on and call the police.

Houston said that sometimes a person is not sure if they've been raped or not, which might be the case in a date rape.

"Anyone can call the station and ask questions and we'll give them information to make an informed decision," Houston said.

Travel agency to set up shop by July in Memorial Union

by Melinda Lake
Staff Writer

Effective July 1, UMO will have an on-campus travel agency, available to all faculty, staff and students, on the second floor of the Memorial Union in a room which was previously used for storage.

Thomas Aceto, vice-president for student and administrative services, said the use of the agency will be free. Travel agencies receive commissions from the company which is used— an airline or a hotel.

Murray Billington, director of purchases, said four companies submitted bids after the opening of bidding on Dec. 10. The bid submitted by Gordon Clapp Travel Services, of Bangor and Portland, was accepted on Jan. 21.

Aceto said over the years there has been much interest expressed by students and faculty in having the convenience of an agency on campus, and what appealed to the university was the idea of providing greater service to students.

The travel service's location will be easily accessible to students, who will be able to get general information on buses, trains and chartered flights without being committed to a trip, Aceto said.

Under the agreement between the company and the university, Gordon

Clapp Travel Services will pay the university \$10 per square foot to rent its office space, Billington said.

The university will also receive "one-third of the (travel service's) standard domestic airline commissions over \$500,000," Billington said.

It was estimated from the amount of travel which takes place by students and faculty that the commissions would be at least \$500,000, Billington said, however if they are lower the university would not collect its percentage.

The travel agency will move into its new office in the Union July 1, and will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will also have a toll-free number available 24 hours a day, Billington said.

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Orgasms impeded by alcohol, speaker claims

by Cathy Stanley
Staff Writer

Alcohol, the oldest mood-altering drug, is used for its relaxing effects, short-time relief of physical and psychological pain, and even to help deal with economic problems and poor social skills.

But it also inhibits human sexual performance, said Robert Dana, UMO's substance abuse counselor and educator.

Dana said, in a Speak-Up series lecture Wednesday, that although alcohol causes more sexual promiscuity, the person cannot perform as well. In addition, interpersonal relations between partners become distorted because of the personal problems with alcoholism.

Alcohol adversely affects the sexual performance of both males and females, he said.

Females suffer decreased vaginal pulse, depression of the nerves in the clitoris, lack of orgasm and depression.

Males suffer impotence which can become a learned behavior and is devastating to males who may have homosexual panics.

There are currently four major theories of alcohol and sexual mechanism interaction, Dana said.

The first theory deals with the blood alcohol level which relaxes the anxiety

section of the brain and makes sexual activity seem less threatening although performance will not be as good.

The psychoanalytic theory states that alcoholic behavior is secondary to homosexual traits. It is a means of dealing with repressed homosexual thoughts but heterosexual socialization usually wins over the homosexual feelings.

The biological theory is based on alcohol having measured neurological and endocrinological effects which controls the inhibition part of the brain. This can disrupt the nerves that regulate relaxation and vascular condition which leads to impotence in men and orgasmic dysfunction in women.

The fourth theory is an environmental perspective and states that alcohol is being used as a cue for sexual behavior. This theory comes from studies showing that non-alcoholic beverages, if thought to be alcoholic, can have the same effect on people as alcohol.

These theories all point to the same outcome, sexual dysfunctions.

According to Dana, many men blame women for their sexual problems and this leads to sexual crimes because they feel a need for sexual power.

Statistics point to alcohol as being highly involved in rape and 50 percent of all rapists are under the influence of alcohol at the time of the rape, Dana

said.

Dana also said that homosexuals have a high level of alcoholism.

This is attributed to oppression of their sexuality which causes stress and anxiety which they cope with by

drinking.

Another reason for the high alcoholic rates among homosexuals, Dana said, is that the only place for homosexuals to freely associate with each other is in gay bars or at parties.

UMO students bring college experience to high schools

by Donna Trask
Staff Writer

During Christmas vacation many UMO students put thoughts of books, classes and tests out of their minds for three weeks. But one group of students volunteered to share their knowledge of the university with groups of high school juniors and seniors throughout New England.

Nancy Dysart, Alumni Activities director, said these university students are members of the Student Ambassador Program developed eight years ago by the Student Alumni Association. The program is designed to introduce high school students to the "universal" education available at UMO, she said.

The student ambassadors go through 4-6 weeks of orientation in the fall. Dysart said the curriculum includes academics, activities, Residential Life, Student Entertainment and Activities, and intramural, club, and varsity sports.

Julie Albert, student ambassador and SAA member, received this week's "President's Pat on the Back" for her presentation at Millinocket's Stearns High School in January. Albert said the program is effective because the infor-

mation comes from a student's point of view.

"We can tell them about living in residence halls, and what it's like to have a roommate," she said. "They asked questions that they probably wouldn't ask an administrator."


"One of the kids was really scared. I told them all that they are going to feel lonely and scared at college sometimes, and what to expect from that. It made me feel good to ease his mind a little."

Albert said she talked about athletics, financial responsibilities, the different colleges, the exchange programs, the cooperative education program, and other extras UMO has to offer.


"One of the (high-school students) was worried about financial aid," she said. "If we can't answer a question we bring it back to the university, give it to our adviser, and a response is sent back to the student."

Student ambassadors are not only SAA members, but also interested students who are willing to go through orientation.

Dysart said the students are ambassadors, not recruiters, and they do not make any promises concerning admission.



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Application forms are available in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, 201 Alumni Hall and the Center for Student Services, Dean's Office, second floor, Memorial Union.

World/U.S. News

U.S. helicopters ship Hondurans to battle zone

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — U.S. military helicopters with American crews ferried Honduran soldiers to a remote border area Wednesday where up to 1,500 Sandinista troops were reported trying to fight their way back to Nicaragua.

U.S. officials here said 14 helicopters from Palmerola air base were carrying infantry and artillery units to the "Las Vegas salient" about 120 miles east of the capital.

The salient is a triangular-shaped area of Honduras that juts into Nicaragua along the irregular frontier between the two countries. It has long been the site of a major camp of the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, called Contras, who fight the Sandinista government from bases in southern Honduras.

Honduran military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 1,500 Sandinistas crossed the frontier last Saturday in pursuit of rebels and were trapped inside Honduras by Contras who cut off their retreat.

Other sources put the number of Nicaraguan government troops at nearer 800 and said most probably would slip through the net because it was difficult to block all paths through the jungled mountain terrain.

U.S. officials said about 100 Sandinistas and 80 Contras had been killed in four days of fighting.

Accounts of fighting could not be verified independently. Honduran military sources said soldiers were ordered to keep journalists out of the area.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government denies any incursion and says the reports are designed to win U.S. aid for the Contras.

The U.S. Senate was expected to vote by Thursday on President Reagan's proposal for \$100 million in military and non-lethal aid to the rebels. The House of Representatives defeated the proposal by a 222-210 vote last Thursday.

Reagan approved \$20 million in emergency aid to Honduras on Tuesday to help it cope with the reported incursion.

Beirut car bomb kills 8

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A car bomb killed eight people and wounded 80 on Wednesday when its load of TNT exploded in front of an east Beirut building housing an office of President Amin Gemayel's Phalange Party.

Police also reported that a series of artillery exchanges and gunbattles in and around Beirut killed 14 people in Lebanon's bloodiest day in several weeks.

At least 70 people, mostly civilians, were wounded in the fighting between Christians and Moslems in the capital and the hills to the east, police reported.

The car bomb contained as many as 440 pounds of TNT, according to any estimate by police explosives expert Roland Jawdeh.

It blew up in the Ashrafieh neighborhood outside a five-story apartment building.

The blast set the building on fire and trapped dozens of people on upper floors. Firemen used ladders to save people and rescue teams battled through choking smoke to drag charred bodies from the rubble.

No group claimed responsibility for the explosions. But they were the latest in a chain of bombings in east

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Editorial

Reagan's battle scam

The United States' challenge to Libyan claims of territoriality in the Gulf of Sidra has only proven that the United States, on the initiative of President Reagan, has very little to do to promote its strength but provoke insignificant confrontations with nations of small consequence and leadership.

The recent battles in the gulf should show the public that an American foreign policy based on military preparedness and bravado only serves to justify itself by seeking out international conflict which is easily winnable, highly visible and thoroughly without meaning.

The territory of the Gulf of Sidra is not really in dispute, except in the claims of Khadafy. Such a claim does not international law, or threat, make.

But such a claim is legitimized when the Libyan leader can achieve the desired U.S. response to give the gulf and his questionable decree of a 'line of death' as large a play in the Western mind as possible.

Ronald Reagan has provided just such an ill-considered legitimacy and response. In this capacity, Reagan has served as a mirror image of Khadafy by proving his willingness to engage in battles intended only to whip fanatics into a nationalistic frenzy.

If the Gulf of Sidra were all that important to U.S. security interests, for instance a need to keep

local shipping lanes open, we could have challenged Libyan claims to international waters years ago, when Khadafy asserted Libyan hegemony over the area.

But instead, Reagan has risked escalating military confrontation to make his timely, self-serving points for the need for an extravagantly disproportionate military budget. Fortunately, as Reagan's most recent misadventure has shown, such an extraordinary drain on national resources is unjustified.

The military test of Libya's insubstantial claims to the gulf comes at this time to bolster public support for such material desires of the administration as the defense budget, and such unsupportable desires as aid to the contras, which Reagan has nebulously linked to a center for Libyan-backed terrorism in the Western Hemisphere.

Hopefully both Congress and the American public will remember back to the slickly engineered Gulf of Tonkin incident and its influence on initial involvement in Vietnam before allowing the propaganda and hollow rhetoric of the White House to suck us down into another maelstrom of senseless and self-justifying military conflict.

JOHN STRANGE

Strange Sox

Spring training. It is a time of Florida sun and sore arms. Paper-white baseballs and brand-new shiny bats.

Spring training is when some of the best sports writers in the country go south or west to measure this year's fresh talent, to hear the first sharp raps of ball against wood.

And it is when most New Englanders watch the Red Sox and pray that this is the year the team will come back to its 1975-77 standards.

This is the time when New England sports writers wax confident of the new Sox team, only to watch in dismay as the Red Sox putter out in late August.

Now, it's my turn. Most sports magazines have predicted the Boston Red Sox will finish in fifth place at best. But I say their time has arrived.

They are due. Like the Patriots were this year, the Red Sox are hungry, talented and way overdue. It has been 11 years since the team's days of glory and it's time for them to surprise a few people.

Most importantly, the Red Sox have the talent to take them further than fifth place. With the leading hitter in the American League in Wade Boggs and with the clutch hitting of Bill Buckner and Dwight Evans, the Red Sox should have no problem getting runs.

Although sluggers Mas and Mike Easle slumps and injuries lead to a good line-up even when they are healthy.

But let's talk about all know that the Red Sox pitching to survive in

In Oil Can Boyd, one of the best young Sox last year, and the he can't do it again the problems have cleared to go.

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It doesn't matter. The Red Sox go to the the Pats can get to the the Sox can make it.

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The noble crusade

It may be rather egotistical of me but I envision myself as a guardian of the English language. It's been a thing with me since way back. I've always had this compulsion to correct people when they have made a hopeless hash of my favorite language. Just ask any of my friends. My mother has told me it is not polite to correct people, but I feel they should not be allowed to continue in abysmal ignorance when I can show them a better way. My mother's entreaties have done no good.

For example: There is no such word as irregardless. You can do something with total irregard, or regardless of the consequences. Hopefully is another word that makes me cringe. In ineffable (vocabulary builder) agony. Hopefully means in a hopeful manner. An example: Hopefully, I will not lose the race. This translates to: I will not lose the race in a hopeful manner. I would guess that most people would lose in a dispirited manner.

My mother warned me about many things, but never about the people who use "party" as a verb. Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary lists

no fewer than 13 definitions for the word party. I will list the worst of them.

This next one is terror. "I" and "me" are so different. Sure the singular pronouns are interchangeable. "me" is an object. I had better never have a beer for George. George can't stand alone, it applies for "me."

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Response

Concern over 'Big A'

To the editor:

Your Feb. 27 article regarding the "Big A" dam clearly shows Great Northern Paper has Gov. Joseph E. Brennan in its back pocket.

What caused a man to submit a bill that proposes to regulate future hydro-projects on the basis of water quality for

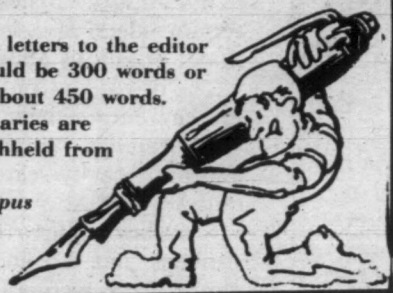
lakes when anyone with half a brain knows hydro-projects are not built in lakes?

Maybe it was a deeply rooted concern for the people of the state of Maine and THEIR irreplaceable natural resources? I doubt it.

Ralf Platte
Orono

when writing

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"Zippy the Pinhead" not for weak of mind

To the editor:

This letter is in response to John Strange's elitist, yet naive, dissection of "Zippy the Pinhead." I have to question why you are here. You certainly don't need a college education to understand the blatantly obvious and rarely humorous comics you mentioned ("B.C.," "Shoe" and "The Wizard of Id").

Obviously you have failed to read between the lines, which is what you have to do sometimes

to get the full effect of "Pinhead" humor. "Zippy" is not for the weak at mind nor is it a comic strip with a drive-through window!

Let's take a look at the comic in question, the one with the "talking piece of toast" and the "talking mushroom."

What the cartoonist, Bill Griffith, was striving for here was the graphic depiction of America's increasing gullibility, especially pertaining to the world of entertainment.

We see a youngster (the toast) viewing a blatantly overly

violent prime time television program. He sees Chuck Norris (the foot) gruesomely murder a seemingly innocent bystander (the mushroom). We then see that the mushroom wasn't murdered at all, as a matter of fact, he walks away from the incident virtually unscathed.

This is all attributed to special effects which would seem like a casual occurrence to any West Coast producer/director, but it will leave many young children across the country confused, possibly causing one to

dismember his entire family with a Bloomingdale's ice pick.

You see, Mr. Strange, "Zippy" is not only a strip with the ability to be used as a learning device at institutions of higher education (due to the fact that he make you exercise your brain), but he also serves as a valuable social warning device.

So next time you start to tear "Zippy the Pinhead" apart at the seams, just remember he may have saved your life!

Chris Walter
Orono

Commentary

Redefining rape

Rape has been much discussed in recent years as we have begun to realize how common it is (one of three women will be raped in their lifetime).

Everyone has a sense of what they think it means but many of the ways "rape" is used are very loosely applied and ended up confusing the issue. So, to start, rape has been defined as *coerced* sexual relations against a person's will.

Rape, therefore, always involves the use of power by one person over another, and always involves the use of violence. Rape has *nothing* to do with consent.

We often think of rape as a sexual crime but it is more accurately understood as a violent act that takes a sexual form.

The rapist does not look for some kind of sexual satisfaction. Instead, he seeks some satisfaction of a desire for power or control and a common way of doing this is through sex. That people often resort to sex to play out their fantasies of power reflects some of the frightening, underlying realities that charge male/female relations.

On this basic level of experience we approach each other not so much as equals, mutually enhancing our partners, but rather as rivals competing against each other.

Even in the most intimate and personal moments of our lives, the abuse of power we associate with public activity (politics, economics) invades our private. The very words our culture uses to describe sex are shot through with violence and otherwise used to connote violence: f---, slam, screw, hit, drill, laid, etc. Somewhere we will find the connections between the public wars of our work and the personal wars with those who are close to us.

If you are raped it is usually done by *someone you know*. The image of a sudden attack by a stranger in a back alley misleads more than anything. Perhaps

we comforting ourselves by attributing such acts to strangers or crazy people, but such attitudes are expressions of denial. If rape actually reveals something of our *real* attitudes towards sexuality, sexuality of unequal power relations and not mutuality, then we would expect these to be a whole lot of denial.

Rape seems so horrible that we create many ways of shielding ourselves from its full force. Men especially tend to react defensively to this topic. So, we are familiar with all the clichés: she asked for it; you should have seen how she was dressed; she was flirting; well, she liked it anyway; well, why was she there in the first place, and on and on. We have all heard others.

All these excuses involve *assumptions* that men take on themselves about how *someone else* may feel. It goes without saying that the only respectful thing to do is *ask*. The point is, however, that the rapist isn't interested in asking.

Rape is *normal*. It is a crime of our friends, our family and our neighbors more than of the "crazy," (and what is "crazy" in our rape culture where vicious behavior is "normal?")

According to one study, a majority of people felt it was OK to hold a woman down and have sex with her under certain circumstances (spending money on her, dating for a long time, etc.), while a minority (34 percent) said it was *never* OK.

In a rape culture it is not an accident that television and movie scenes typically show women holding on to men in dangerous situations. It is not an accident that popular chivalry has it that "gentlemen" open doors for women. It is not an accident, as studies show, that men touch women more than women do men. And with rape, 90 percent to 95 percent are committed by men.

Rape exists on a *continuum* of female dependence and male violence that *begins* with the opening of the car door and ends in brutal assault. Rape is not

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separate from these accepted cultural norms.

We cannot be afraid about drawing the disturbing conclusions. Rape, along with wife battering (between 25 percent to 33 percent of all wives will be battered), incest, pornography (there are four times as many porn bookstores as McDonald's), and other forms of violence are so common that the figures (and the victims) are practically screaming at us to see that something really is wrong with our relationships.

We can't help but look at the very roles that men and women have fallen into to see the lopsided development of men who are primarily responsible for economic matters and women who are primarily responsible for emotional matters. Men and women have developed in one-sided ways, and it is not surprising that when these people come together there is violence.

We need to work towards some kind of *wholeness* and full-sided development, not as a utopian dream, but as a practical necessity.

During the past 20 years or so we have begun to move in this direction. People in the women's movement have created grassroots, self-help organizations like the rape crisis centers all over the country to help victims and provide education.

These organizations have built alternatives to the culture of violence with the dedication of concerned local people, not by government. The Rape Crisis in Bangor can be reached twenty-four hours a day (942-7442). Peer education groups like the Peer Sexuality Program here on campus provide workshops on Rape Awareness for anyone who is interested. To arrange a workshop please call 581-4769.

Opinions expressed in this article by Peer Sexuality Educator Steve Gray do not necessarily reflect those of the Peer Sexuality Program.

Although sluggers Jim Rice, Tony Armas and Mike Easler suffered through slumps and injuries last year, they make a good line-up even more dangerous when they are healthy.

But let's talk about pitching, since we all know that the Red Sox need excellent pitching to survive in Fenway.

In Oil Can Boyd, the Red Sox have one of the best young arms in baseball. Boyd won more than 10 games for the Sox last year, and there's no reason why he can't do it again this year. His medical problems have cleared up and he's ready to go.

If he can stay healthy, Roger Clemens can be awesome. If veteran Joe Sambito continues successfully down the comeback trail, he will add power and experience to the club. And there's no reason why veteran Bob Stanley to become the top reliever he once was.

So what if the Red Sox outfield is on the way to rocking chairs and Geritol? Who cares if the Sox are one of the slowest clubs in baseball today? What does it matter that Rice is destined to become the champ for hitting into double plays?

It doesn't matter. This is the year that the Red Sox go to the World Series. If the Pats can get to the Super Bowl, then the Sox can make it to the Series.

This is the year that the team clicks. It will be the best season for Boggs, Rice and Armas. Shortstop Jerry Remy will come back and win the Gold Glove. Joe Sambito will be the Comeback of the Year.

This is the year the Sox do it. It's this year ... or maybe next year.

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This next one is a holy grammatical terror: "I" and "me" — so alike and yet so different. Sure they're both first person singular pronouns but they are *not* interchangeable. "I" is a subject and "me" is an object. You cannot say (and I had better never hear this) "Please get a beer for George and I." If the "I" can't stand alone, don't use it. The same applies for "me."

"Ain't" still "ain't" a real word. "I had a wicked good time the other night." As in evil? I wish I had a dime for every gratuitous "wicked" I have heard in the last eight years. I could pay off all my loans now and still have enough left over to invest in a profitable woodlot in western Maine. I know it will be a shock to some of you but the word does not mean "very."

And I must say that the techno-jargon these days has me climbing the walls. Can people use these words in ordinary conversation and still mean what they say? "Impact" is not a verb, and neither are "network" or "interface."

The last offending specimen of the week is "really." I know that sometimes you need a conversation filler when you don't know what else to say. But please, something else. A response of "really" often prompts me to say, "No, I'm lying."

Please realize that this has been an effort to help communication, to standardize it, and to keep the English beautiful. My advice: say what you mean and mean what you say. I tell this to my roommate and she says, "Jessica, I mean this: Shut up."

Philippines may try Marcos on charges of robbing national coffers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government may file criminal charges against ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos for allegedly looting millions of dollars from the nation's coffers, an official said Wednesday.

Also Wednesday, members of Marcos' former ruling party said they consider "void and without force" the interim constitution proclaimed Tuesday by new President Corazon Aquino.

The constitution abolishes the National Assembly, dominated by members of Marcos' New Society Movement, and gives Mrs. Aquino sole law-making powers. Marcos'

labor minister, Blas Ople, said Mrs. Aquino was setting up a dictatorship.

Several assemblymen who had supported Mrs. Aquino also criticized the interim constitution and said they would meet next Monday to consider possible responses.

Raul Daza, a member of the Commission on Good Government that was set up by Mrs. Aquino to track down Marcos' wealth, told a news conference that filing charges against the former president may be the only way to recover the money. Much of it is thought to be in Swiss banks.

Maine proposes new rules for police body searches

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The state attorney general has proposed new rules to limit body searches by police because certain federal cases have raised constitutional questions about the practice.

The new rules would serve "as a guide for law enforcement officers in doing strip searches, searches of the mouth, and body-cavity searches," said Assistant District Attorney Wayne S. Moss.

State law requires that police conduct searches "in a safe and responsible manner while respecting the civil rights and liberties of arrestees." But the attorney general must outline the circumstances under which such searches are to be conducted.

Police are not required by existing law

to show "probable cause" when conducting a body search of someone arrested on a minor charge and brought to jail. But that would change under the proposed rules.

Moss said that body searches that are routinely conducted merely because a suspect is going to be in contact with other inmates have been found to be illegal.

Federal appeals courts have ruled that a person arrested for a minor crime or misdemeanor cannot be subjected to body-cavity search "unless the law enforcement officer has some reasonable suspicion to believe the arrestee is concealing a weapon, contraband, or evidence of a crime," said Moss.

Six charged in child sex ring operating in Waterville area

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Kennebec County District Attorney David Crook said Wednesday four men and two women have been arrested on felony charges in connection with an alleged child sex ring in the Waterville area.

The activity involved "a minimum" of eight children, ranging in age from 4 to 14, and took place over a period of at least six years, Crook said.

All of the people implicated in the investigation, triggered by the convictions of two other men on sex charges last, are "closely related people and friends," Crook said.

The two women — Agnes Sturtevant, 53, of Waterville, and Germaine St. Peter, 30, of Fairfield — were both charged with aggravated promotion of prostitution.

"The primary motivation in this ap-

pears to be sexual perversion," not profit, Crook said, adding that the amounts of money that exchanged hands ranged from \$1 to \$30.

Two of the people whose arrests were announced Wednesday were already behind bars when the latest charges were filed. The other four were being held in lieu of bail at Kennebec County Jail in Augusta. Bail for Sturtevant, who also faced a charge of forcible rape, was set at \$10,000 single surety or \$1,000 cash; bail for the others was \$20,000 single surety or \$5,000 cash.

Between five and 10 other people may be charged later on, "depending on the progress of the investigation," which could last several years, Crook said. He said he hoped publicity about the latest arrests would encourage other victims and parents to come forth.

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Libyan-U.S. confrontation ends in standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military confrontation between the United States and Libya in the Gulf of Sidra settled into an uneasy standoff Wednesday with the U.S. 6th Fleet primed for action against an enemy who did not appear.

The Pentagon said ships and planes from the U.S. naval battle group continued to operate below Libyan strongman Col. Moammar Khadafy's "line of death" in the gulf, but no Libyan planes or patrol boats had ventured farther than 12 miles from the North

Africa coastline since early Tuesday morning.

Navy jets and a missile cruiser attacked four Libyan ships after they ventured into the gulf or Mediterranean Sea on Monday and early Tuesday. The Pentagon has said three apparently sank and one was hit but managed to return to Libyan waters.

U.S. attack planes have conducted two assaults on a radar-guided missile facility near the Libyan town of Sirte. All of the military strikes were prompted by the firing of at least six surface-to-air

missiles against U.S. planes as they flew over the gulf on Monday, officials said.

At the State Department, meantime, spokesman Charles Redman said Libyan agents have U.S. installations around the world under surveillance and may have targeted Americans for terrorist attack in retaliation for the gulf confrontation.

Khadafy claims the gulf, a large, U-shaped appendage of the Mediterranean that cuts into the central Libyan coastline, as his own territorial waters. That contention is dismissed by the

United States, which recognizes only a 12-mile limit.

Robert Sims, the Defense Department's chief spokesman, said the American force continued to operate Wednesday under orders that specified any Libyan plane or boat approaching them in the gulf was to be considered hostile.

"But there have been no new incidents to report; no hostile action from the Libyans. U.S. forces have remained outside Libyan territorial waters, but have continued to operate in the gulf itself."

Sunburns in childhood may cause cancer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Teen-agers who pack their vacations with lots of time in the sun may increase their risk of later development of a skin cancer that is fatal in about one of four cases, a researcher says.

Even one case of blistering sunburn in adolescence may mean twice the risk of cancer, called melanoma, said Dr. Arthur Sober, associate dermatology professor at Harvard Medical School.

Another study reported Tuesday suggested that psychological factors may influence the course of melanoma. That idea has been advanced for other forms of cancer and has ignited debate in medical circles.

The sunburn study followed research indicating that melanoma, unlike milder skin cancers, does not seem to be closely

related to an individual's lifetime exposure to the sun, Sober said.

But studies have shown that people living closer to the equator have a higher risk of melanoma. For example, the 1980 melanoma rate in Connecticut was about a third of the rate in Arizona, Sober said.

So investigators have wondered whether intense exposure, or bad sunburn, during early life might be a factor in later development of the disease, he said.

In his study, he compared 111 melanoma patients with 107 healthy people of similar ages and same sex. About half the melanoma had suffered blistering sunburns as teen-agers, while less than a third of the healthy patients had had such burns.

The study also found that people who took vacations of a month or more in

sunny areas during adolescent years ran a risk of melanoma 2½ times greater than those who had not.

Sober blames such vacations and other short-term sun exposure for a dramatic rise in melanoma rates, which he said have increased 700 percent between 1940 and 1980 and nearly doubled in the past seven years. The cancer society expects 23,000 melanoma cases this year and 5,600 deaths.

Melanoma is a cancer of the pigment-producing skin cells, and sunlight may nudge those cells or moles toward cancer, Sober said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Astronaut remains not wholly identified

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Pathologists have identified the remains of at least six of the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of space shuttle Challenger, according to relatives and published reports.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration declined to comment on the reports. The agency has said repeatedly since it announced March 9 that divers had found part of the crew cabin and remains on the ocean floor that there would be no further statements until the operation was complete.

Man forces son to sleep in cemetery

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A man who forced his 6-year-old son to spend the night in a cemetery was held Wednesday on a child abuse charge, authorities said.

Harry Grant, 24, was being held at the Bernalillo County Detention Center in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

Grant told police he had argued with his mother, with whom he was staying, and told his son he would take him to the graveyard to spend the night with the child's deceased grandfather, authorities said.

Police said Grant was intoxicated when he struck his son and took him to a cemetery on Albuquerque's northeast side about 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Police found the two in a sleeping bag at the cemetery. The child, who was barefoot, told police he was scared and cold and wanted to go home, according to police reports.

Former U.N. official may be barred from U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department said Wednesday it will review the evidence a Jewish group was gathered on the World War II activities of former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, a step that could lead to Waldheim being barred from the United States.

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations asked the World Jewish Congress for documents the private organization says demonstrate that Waldheim was involved in a massacre by Nazis of thousands of people in Yugoslavia.

The private group wrote Meese asking that Waldheim be placed on the "watch list" that would prohibit him from entering this country. Under a 1978 immigration law amendment, the United States can bar anyone who assisted the Nazi government in persecuting people because of their race, religion, national origin or political opinion.

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Sports

Kemp decision may change scope of athletics

(CPS) — Big Ten doormat Northwestern could become a football powerhouse.

Or the overall quality of intercollegiate sports will decline. Or colleges will take educating their athletes more seriously. Or colleges won't be able to keep athletes in school.

Or hundreds of colleges will be sued unless they improve their "developmental studies" — or remedial — programs for athletes.

Those are just some of the speculations now tearing through college athletic departments nationwide in the aftermath of a "landmark" court case in Georgia.

"It sent a shock across the country," reports Charle McClendon, head of the American Football Coaches Association. "I think it serves notice to all of our campuses that we need to take a look at ourselves."

"It" was a federal court ruling in favor of Jan Kemp, an academic advisor to University of Georgia athletes who, she says, was fired because she refused to give passing grades to some football players who were flunking their courses.

If she had flunked them, the players would not have been able to play in the 1982 Sugar Bowl game.

Kemp eventually left the university, and then sued it for firing her.

The court in February ruled Georgia must pay Kemp \$2.6 million in back pay and damages.

While the university is appealing the decision, the court testimony about low graduation rates among athletes, about Georgia's expectations for its black foot-

ball players — UGA's lawyer told the court the athletes' college educations at least would propel them beyond being garbagemen, qualifying them for postal service careers — and how it has different academic standards for "revenue-producing" athletes has refueled parts of the college sports reform movement.

The huge award, whether or not it stands, will cause "administrators and developmental studies people (all over the country to) wonder if their programs are running better" than Georgia's, says Sheldon Steinbach of the American Council on Education.

Georgia's remedial programs helped only 16 of the 61 black athletes on its football team since 1971 to graduate.

"The question," Steinbach adds, "is how many other universities are conducting programs like that (in which) grades are being manipulated."

Notre Dame Athletic Director Gene Corrigan estimates there may be "50 or 60" running shoddy programs.

The Georgia system, in any case, now is "reviewing" all its developmental studies programs, Chancellor Dean Propst's office says.

Other athletic officials speculate the huge award, when considered with the National Collegiate Athletic Association's new rule setting higher academic standards for Division I athletes, may alter competition among schools.

At its January convention, the NCAA voted to keep freshman athletes off the field unless they had a 2.0 grade point average in 11 core high school courses and scored at least 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or 15 on the American College Testing (ACT) exam.

Some coaches worry the new rule, followed so closely by the Kemp decision, may make it harder for them to lure quality athletes.

A University of Michigan study estimated the NCAA rule alone would have excluded about a third of its freshman football recruits between 1979 and 1983.

"I am a bit concerned there is an over-reaction" to athletes' academic troubles, University of Maryland football coach Bobby Ross contends, adding the Kemp case could inspire more rules precluding athletes from attending college.

Ross argues students who went to bad

high schools and didn't take enough academic courses won't be able to do well enough on admissions tests to meet the new NCAA requirements.

And if college remedial courses now have to be changed, the athletes from bad high schools won't be able to keep competing once they've made it into college.

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students," McClendon says of the consequences of the new rules and the precedent of the Kemp case.

However, not everybody is concerned.

"That case has no impact on us. I don't think Kemp is a watershed," maintains Richard Remington, vice

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Off the trodden path

Thomas Roth

This is the time of year that I dislike the most. Hunting season is only a memory, and open-water fishing season is a few weeks away. In this period of transition, there is, however, something to look forward to: The Wildlife Society's annual game banquet.

Each year at this time, the student chapter of The Wildlife Society here at UMO sponsors the banquet for all to enjoy.

Open to anyone interested in sampling many of Maine's game animal dishes, the banquet always proves to be a success.

Last year, my first time at the banquet, I was overwhelmed with the amount and variety of food. The fare included moose, venison, bear, squirrel, porcupine, racoon,

partridge, woodcock, salmon, mussels and a host of other delicacies. This year I am certain we will see similar delights.

The banquet is held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association clubhouse on Route 9 in Brewer this Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The success of the banquet hinges upon the variety of food available. That is why banquet coordinators Jeff Davis and Brian Peters want people to donate any game they might have. Also needed are beverages and desserts.

For those people who donate food or beverages, tickets are one dollar. Otherwise, tickets are three dollars. Tickets can be bought by contacting Jeff at 581-4704 (room 135), or Brian at 581-4933 (room 216). Directions to the banquet can be had by calling me at 581-4747 (room 402).

I urge anyone out there who has never tried wild game or is curious about The Wildlife Society to attend this fun-filled evening.

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president of academic affairs at the University of Iowa.

"We think it will help us," Northwestern University Athletic Director Doug Single says.

Single figures that if other schools pay as much attention as Northwestern does to athletes' academic skills, the other

pete in Division 1 leagues may stand a better chance, he reasons.

NU basketball coach Rich Falk recalls the university did well in both basketball and football during the sixties, when the Big 10 had academic standards for its players.

Roy Kramer, athletic director at

"The question is how many other universities are conducting programs like that (in which) grades are manipulated."

— Sheldon Steinbach

Notre Dame Athletic Director Gene Corrigan estimates there may be "50 or 60" running shoddy programs.

schools will lose the advantage they've always had in athletic skills.

Northwestern and other more academically minded schools that com-

Vanderbilt, Northwestern's counterpart in the Southeastern Conference, thinks good students will continue attending good schools, although it is too early to tell just what the impact of the NCAA's requirements and the Kemp award will be on competition.

Moreover, he contends academic rules ultimately will not keep many athletes out of college, regardless of their high school backgrounds.

"The idea is not to exclude people, but to get students better prepared," he says.

Athletes by their nature are competitive, Kramer notes. "Many will make it."

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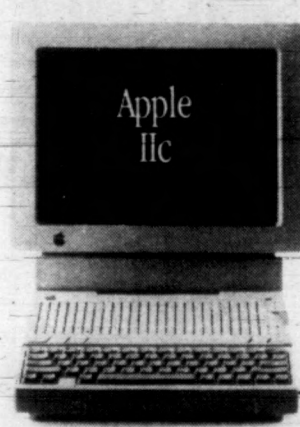
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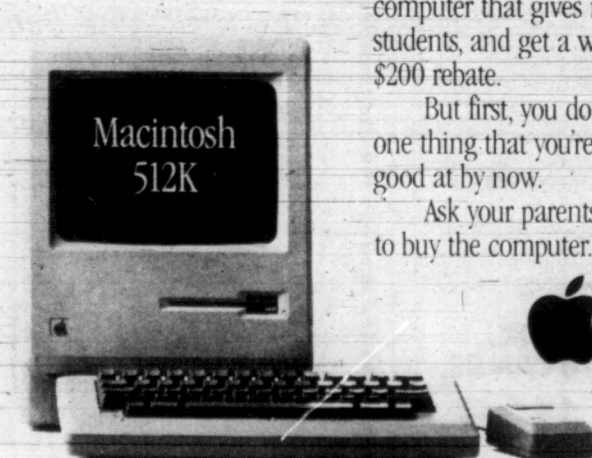
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