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The Kinsmen Ridgerunners

(Liveright photo)

Lateness of yearbook due to procrastination

by Melinda Lake
Staff Writer

The 1985 *Prism* is almost six months overdue because of "procrastination" on the part of the former editor, the yearbook's adviser said Monday.

Michael Mardosa said, "Normally the *Prism* is published in October, but the '85 *Prism* hasn't been published. The editor (Dan Wood) has been procrastinating."

Mardosa is a staff designer for the Public Information and Central Services. He also has been adviser to the *Prism* for three years. Mardosa said Wood wanted to do a "super job" on the yearbook. But he has taken too long to complete it.

Wood said he has gotten a lot of calls from people wondering where their books are. "I'm sorry that it's late, but my main priority is school. I don't want to flunk out."

Prism is scheduled to be completed some time in May. It will then arrive from the publisher and will be sent to yearbook buyers' homes in June, Wood said.

"I'm in the finishing stages of putting it all together."

Wood said he is completing the yearbook alone because "the whole crew from last year graduated." When the '85 *Prism* is released, Ives said there will be no shipment sent to the university. The books will be mailed directly to the home addresses of the people who ordered them.

Sara Ives is currently a co-editor of the 1986 *Prism* edition. She said that two-thirds of the 320 pages of the 1985 edition have been sent to the printer, Hunter Publishing Company in North Carolina. But Wood has had difficulty completing the last 100 pages.

Ives said 1,400 of the '85 *Prisms* were ordered, all of which were prepaid.

Ives said the *Prism* office cannot afford to sent notices of the delay to all the yearbook buyers of the 1985 edition. But "we have been answering all the letters and phone calls."

On the other hand, Ives said the 1986 *Prism* is on schedule. It will be available in October.

Speaker says foreign debt fueled by U.S. loan policies

by Dawn Daigle
Staff Writer

Overwhelming financial difficulties in the U.S. and Latin America can be traced to U.S. banks and Americans should be concerned, according to an author and journalist who spoke at UMO Monday.

"After years of misgovernment, we should be worried about the state of the union," said Penny Lernoux, who lived in Latin America for 25 years. Lernoux said U.S. and Latin American economies are similar because of an increase in the foreign debt and the plight of farmers.

"Ever since (President) Teddy Roosevelt, we have played the heavy in Latin America." She said the U.S. has a history of attempting "to control other countries for economic gain."

"The fear of domination is so great that...the U.S. had to engage in an arms race," she said.

She said that since the "Cold War" of the 1950s, the U.S. economy has been on a "permanent war basis."

In the past, she said, the CIA has been

asked to rig elections in Latin America and other Third World countries as well as perform executions.

The U.S. has trained more than 45,000 Latin American soldiers "to keep Latin America safe for U.S. (economic interests)," Lernoux said.

She said these soldiers have gone on to lead military coups.

This "doctrine of national security" has resulted in long term U.S. military expenses to U.S. tax payers. Another result has been the "human cost" to Latin Americans.

"National security no longer depends on the number of missiles we have, but on economic strength," she said.

Lernoux said the U.S. has lost its economic "supremacy" to Japan. This again is the result of the arms race, she said, as the U.S. "has thrown (billions of dollars) down a black hole called defense."

She said, "The Japanese are wiser in two areas." Japanese have been investing in the future of their industries in the areas of research and development

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Committee elects new editor, business leader



Jessica Lowell (Hawkins photo)

by Ned Porter
Staff Writer

The Publications Committee Monday filled the two elected positions at *The Daily Maine Campus* by selecting a new editor and business manager.

The committee chose Jessica Lowell, of Boston, Mass., as editor and Robert Moulton, of Cape Elizabeth, as business manager. Lowell, a senior majoring in both journalism and forestry, has worked at *The Campus* for one year as a reporter and wire editor. Lowell said she has new ideas for improving the paper.

"I will have to make some changes in the way the paper is staffed and I would like to see more student involvement," she said.

"Restructuring the staff is needed to compensate for the shrinking number of journalism students in the editorial sequence."

"Further changes will have to wait until the fall, when I'll have a better idea of what I have to work with, both within the staff and financially," Lowell said after her selection.

Lowell said she wants to combine her two majors and pursue a writing career in forestry. Moulton, a senior business administration major, has been an assistant business manager at *The Campus* for one year.

Moulton said he wants to continue some of the business policies that were established by the Sue Trammell, current business manager.

"Sue tried to increase the amount of ads in the paper. We had a good fall semester" but sales have fallen in the spring semester, Moulton said.

"I want to give incentives to the salespeople so they will do a better job."

Police Blotter

Between 10 p.m. March 29 and 6:30 a.m. March 30, a AM/FM radio cassette player was taken from a 1978 Chevy Chevette in a parking lot near the Textbook Annex. The window on the driver's side was pried open.

Between 6 p.m. March 31 and 8 a.m. April 1, a wallet containing \$13 was reported missing from the Bears' Den. The wallet has been recovered but the money is still reported missing.

Leslie Gammons of Ohio Street, Bangor, was issued a summons for us-

ing false identification to gain access to the Bears' Den on April 1.

Between 4:30 p.m. April 2 and 8 a.m. April 3, police reported that someone entered the Conferences and Institutes Office located at 206 Chadbourne Hall and removed an IBM personal computer valued at \$3,000. There appeared to be no signs of forced entry.

Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on April 4, two wallets and two drivers licenses were reported missing from the third floor of Androscoggin Hall. One wallet

contained \$15 while the other contained \$20. Between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on April 4 a wallet containing \$1 and a drivers license were reported missing from the first floor of Androscoggin Hall.

John Nason, Park Street, Orono, was issued a summons for possession of false identification at Delta Tau Delta on April 4.

Norman Kirsch, Orono, was issued a summons for possession of false identification to gain access at Delta Tau Delta on April 4.

Julie Asadourian, Plattsburgh, New York, was issued a summons for possession of false identification at Sigma Chi on April 5.

Bil Weidner, Orono, was issued a summons April 5 on Sebago Road for misrepresentation of materials when applying for a motor vehicle license. According to police, Weidner had a suspended license in New York. Louis Talento, of Biddeford was issued a summons April 6 on College Avenue for operating a motor vehicle after his license was suspended.

Between 4:45 p.m. April 7 and 7:45 a.m. April 8, an Epson FX 80-85 printer valued at \$325 was taken from Murray Hall. According to police, a cabinet door had been pried open.

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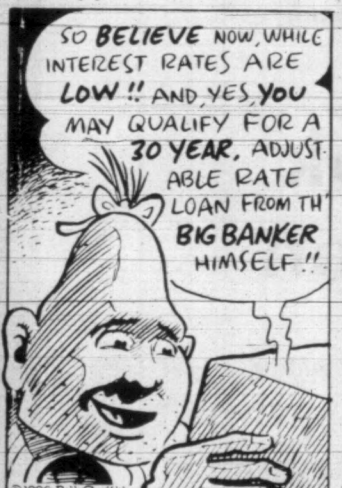
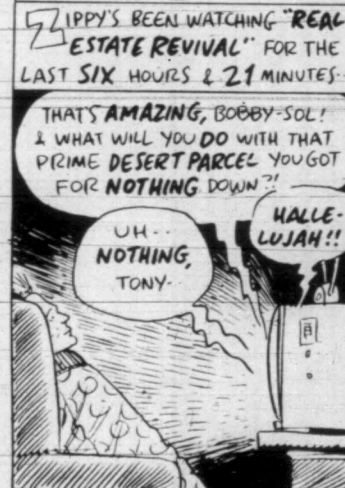
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"TITLE SEARCH"

Bill Griffith

SPEAKER

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whereas the U.S. has been spending a bulk of its budget on defense.

Also, American businessmen are more likely to concentrate efforts on "hot money" or quick profits, she said.

As a result of poor management by American industries, Japanese stock performance has increased by six times while U.S. stock performance has merely doubled, she said.

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World/U.S. News

Communist insurgence reportedly fueled fight

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Battles between soldiers and communist rebels have taken nearly 100 lives in three days, and Ferdinand E. Marcos predicted Monday that the insurgents will oust President Corazon Aquino within a month.

Marcos, who fled the country Feb. 26 for Hawaii, accused Mrs. Aquino and members of her Cabinet for being sympathetic to the communists.

The official Philippine News Agency said 23 guerrillas, 17 soldiers and a civilian were killed in the latest clash, which occurred Monday in Cagayan province on the northeastern coast of Luzon Island. The death toll in five actions

since Friday is 61 soldiers, 30 New People's Army insurgents and the civilian.

Marcos claimed in a videotaped interview released here Monday that what he

repeated the claim that he is the legitimate president of the Philippines and once again expressed support for the efforts of his loyalists.

President Corazon Aquino contends that the communist rebels have no reason to fight now.

called Mrs. Aquino's lack of leadership had strengthened the rebels and weakened the military.

He predicted that opposition to Mrs. Aquino will grow, her government will fall within a month and instability will spread through Asia.

In the tape released Monday, he

About 4,000 people gathered Sunday at Manila's Luneta Park to support the appointment of Arturo Tolentino as acting president. Tolentino was Marcos' running mate in the fraud-tainted Feb. 7 election that led to the rebellion.

The National Assembly, which Marcos controlled and Mrs. Aquino has

disbanded, declared Marcos and Tolentino the election winners. The president was sworn in before he fled, but Tolentino, who remained in the country, was not.

The communist insurgency began soon after Marcos took office and has grown in recent years. Mrs. Aquino contends that the rebels have no reason to fight now that Marcos is gone.

Marcos loyalists continued a demonstration begun last week in front of the U.S. embassy. They accuse the United States of kidnapping Marcos when U.S. Air Force planes flew him and his entourage to Hawaii.

Suspect tested for familial ties with bomber

BERLIN (AP) — A Palestinian man arrested in connection with the April 5 bombing of a West Berlin discotheque may be the brother of a man held in Britain in the attempted bombing of an El Al jet, a West German security source said Monday.

"We are investigating whether the two men are related and there are strong indications that they are brothers," said the highly-placed source in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. He spoke on condition he not be identified.

The source said the man arrested in West Berlin on Friday is a Palestinian who apparently lived for a long time in Jordan. The arrest "came through the London case," said the source, who declined to elaborate.

The suspect in the discotheque bombing was arrested the same day Scotland Yard seized Nezar Hindawi, 35, a day after his Irish girlfriend was stopped by El Al security guards as she tried to board a Tel Aviv-bound jumbo jet at London's Heathrow Airport with a bomb hidden in her bag.

British police say Hindawi is a Palestinian thought to be from Jordan.

The West German source declined to identify the West Berlin suspect but said the surnames of the two men differed on their identity documents. He said authorities suspect the papers carried by the man in London may be false.

U.S. officials have said they had proof of Libyan involvement in the West Berlin bombing, and U.S. warplanes raided Libya last Tuesday in retaliation.

U.S. agents alert to terrorist threat

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Determined, sophisticated terrorists could easily cross the border into the United States, according to federal officials whose agencies are on alert after the bombing of Libya.

The vast, open spaces of the 1,952-mile border between the United States and Mexico, coupled with limited manpower for federal agencies, has made it relatively easy for illegal aliens to slip in, officials said Monday.

It would be just as easy for a professional terrorist, they said.

Authorities along the 4,139-mile border between the United States and Canada also are on the watch for im-

posters and false passports that could give away a potential terrorist.

"The best we can do is alert to the possibility of terrorist activity," said Larry Richardson, the chief Border Patrol agent for the El Paso district. "An unarmed terrorist, someone handled routinely, would have a lot of odds in his favor."

Terrorist profiles have been given to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Customs Service and the Border Patrol. But a terrorist trying to enter the country would probably have a physical appearance that would make him blend in with the rest of the population, said Richardson.

Along the Mexican border, Customs inspectors looking for possible terrorists use the same techniques they employ to spot drug smugglers, said Ruben Saenz, chief Customs inspector in El Paso.

U.S. border agents have been conscious of the terrorist threat for quite some time, said John Miller, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Customs Service Pacific Region.

"We've been looking for terrorists and collecting information on that type of activity since the Marine barracks incident in Beirut," Miller said, referring to the October 1983 bomb attack that killed 241 members of a Marine peacekeeping force.

Officials to investigate explosion

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The Air Force says it will conduct a wide-ranging investigation into last week's Titan rocket explosion, focusing on "O" rings in the solid fuel boosters and even sabotage.

"We will be looking at everything ... boosters, rings, propellants and electronics," said Maj. Gen. Jack L. Watkins, commander of the 1st Strategic Aerospace Division at Vandenberg.

As for the possibility of sabotage, Watkins said Saturday, "It's one of those things we must always take into consideration." But he added that "things like terrorist activities and sabotage would probably not be discussed in public."

He said one concern is the ring con-

nectors on the solid rocket booster.

The public has become more aware of the critical role of "O" rings, which seal the segments of the solid rockets, since the destruction of the space shuttle Challenger in January. Rings in one of its solid boosters are believed to have failed, allowing searing rocket gases to

burn through the side.

The Titan 34D that blew up five seconds into launch Friday carried a classified payload. The explosion created a huge cloud of toxic smoke and fuel, and 74 people near the launch site were examined and treated for skin and eye irritations.

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Editorial

King for a day

Student Government President Dave Mitchell and Vice President Christopher Boothby nominated the General Student Senate for the Patsy of the Year Award. And the senate said graciously, "Thanks, but no thanks."

During the General Student Senate meeting last week, Boothby announced that the previous week's election for a student representative for the UMaine board of trustees was invalid. The senate will have to vote again.

This was real news to the 51 current senators, since the new election was unlisted in the agenda.

That was when the stinky stuff hit the fan. The student senate overruled Boothby's plan for a new election.

It was a ballsy session. And when the smoke had cleared: Mitchell had told the senate he was appalled; Dan Tremble, who got the most votes in the first place, was named the new student representative to BOT; and Boothby's entire day was seemingly ruined.

Boothby said he came to the decision because the names of the two candidates, Tremble and Jeff LaCourse, were unlisted on the blackboard.

According to Tripp Lewis, senate parliamentarian, it was not the student senate's fault that the candidates for the post were unlisted.

"That was my mistake for not putting their names up on the board," he admitted.

Perhaps we should not so much lower but broaden our perspective: The mistake not only slipped through Lewis, but it slipped through Boothby,

Mitchell and probably through everyone else in the room, too.

But even so, by declaring a new election to the senate without its approval, Boothby had only succeeded in placing the senators in an awkward position. Everyone got very up-tight and things got a little blunt.

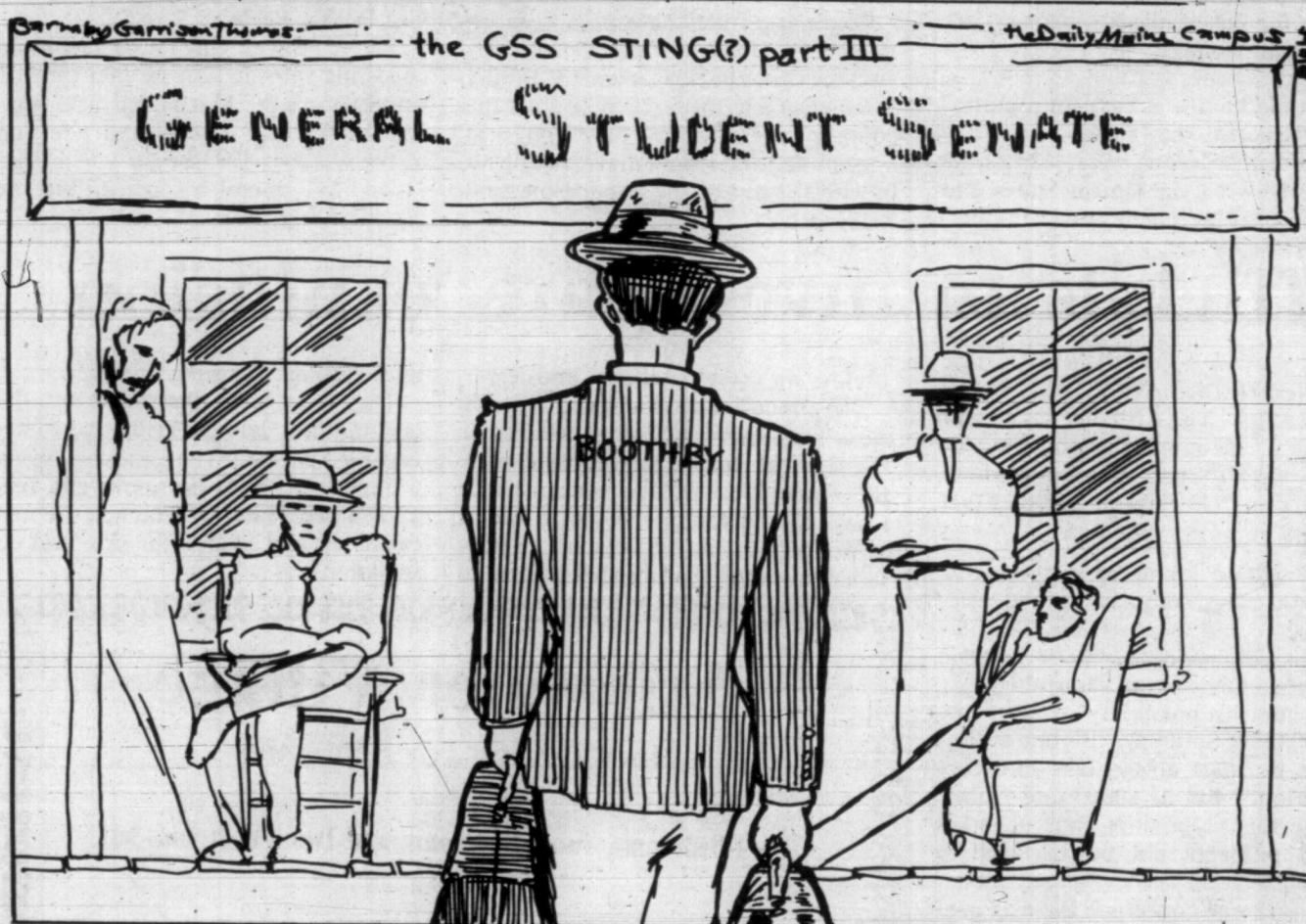
In point of fact, during the same meeting, Boothby had sworn in Christopher Hennessey as off-campus senator. However, he had failed to get the senate's approval first.

After the meeting, Boothby said that senate approval for the installation of senators was only a technicality. He was unaware that there was any cause for concern. That may explain his action during the meeting: When the senators alerted Boothby of this technicality — this happened while he was swearing-in Hennessey — Boothby stopped reading for a moment, paused, and continued to install Hennessey into the GSS.

Although everyone makes mistakes, and it may be to Boothby's credit that he allowed the senate to approve Hennessey's installation after the fact, still, a few members of the GSS took umbrage at the administration's presumptuousness.

The message to the GSS administration came across clearly. If the senate had succumbed to Mitchell's and Boothby's orders, it may not have respected itself in the morning.

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DOUG IRELAND

Fearful future

I became an uncle the other day and since then I've had a lot of things on my mind.

So let's take it from the top.

As I count my loose change and contemplate what brand of teddy bear a two-day-old kid would want, I can't help but wonder what kind of world this baby was born in.

After last week's retaliatory attack on Libya, I can't help but wonder if little Leah Meshel will grow up in a country which commits the same kind of terrorism it harshly criticizes other nations for using.

Maybe little Leah won't have to grow up in a world of international terrorism — maybe a nuclear war will wipe out the world first.

But then, maybe someday there will be peace in the world. Maybe there won't be any more wars, terrorism or other violence.

But I doubt it.

I can't help but think what kind of world this child will grow up in? I know what kind — a world of the poor and starving, a world of disproportionate wealth and a world of impending doom.

As I sit and write the final column of my Maine Campus career, I wonder how old this kid will be by the time she learns how cruel the world can be.

"Guerrilla warfare," "peace talks," "protest," "LSD" and "inflation" were words I often heard while growing

up — not learning I was older.

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ERIC WICKLUND

Epilogue

Two weeks and counting.

For me — as for any other senior — these are the final two weeks. There's no 'next semester' for us; just the prospect of continued, year-round employment and an everlasting end to classes. It's known as life after school.

I don't know as if it's hit me yet: that I'll be trekking across campus for the very last time pretty soon. The routine I've established for the past four years — my very life here — has come to an end. It's time to grudgingly pick up and move on.

There are many memories connected with the past four years at UMO that I'll likely never forget, and probably many friends who will gradually and sadly slip away from me. Time and distance have a way of enforcing such changes. So where does that leave us now? Basically, with two weeks of classes and one week of finals. And during these weeks, I'll probably be going over everything that's happened to me in the past four years.

There are some things I'll never forget, like Thursday nights at the Den or 2nd floor Cumberland. I'll remember all the hours spent down here in the basement

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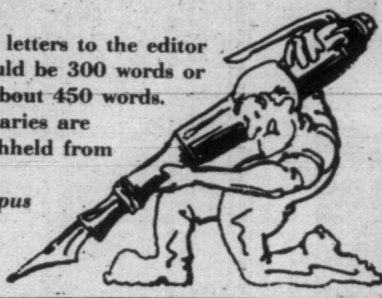
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—Eric Wicklund is writing/journalism broke tradition by Australia in his colu

Response

when writing

The Maine Campus welcomes letters to the editor and commentaries. Letters should be 300 words or less; commentaries should be about 450 words. Anonymous letters or commentaries are welcome, but names will be withheld from publication only under special circumstances. The Maine Campus reserves the right to edit letters and commentaries for length, taste and libel.



up — not learning their meanings until I was older.

Although these terms are no longer commonplace as they once were, I know little Leah will be able to add words such as "Star Wars," "acid rain" and "apartheid" to her vocabulary.

But I doubt any of these words will have as much impact on her as the word "Jew" — a name she is likely to be called many times before learning its meaning.

I wonder if by the time she grows up a word like that will have changed in meaning. I wonder how old she'll be when she learns what really happened to her father's relatives who suddenly disappeared from Europe only forty years ago.

I wonder what she'll think when she learns how her mother's relatives were called derogatory names like "Kraut" and "Hun" when they faithfully supported the leader of their faraway homeland — a man named Hitler.

Learning this stuff is likely to confuse any little kid and most big kids. How do you tell an infant that Gramm-Rudman may someday keep her from going to college or that her grandparents can't live off social security because some guy from the movies decided they didn't need it anymore?

How do you tell a little kid from the suburbs of New York City why her playmates with black skin are called "niggers?"

How do you tell a kid these things? Maybe they will have to learn the painful truth the hard way — by living through it.

Doug Ireland is a graduating senior who will soon be living and working the daily newspaper life near Portsmouth, N.H. See you there Strangeman.

of Lord Hall, struggling to do the right things and yet always looking at the paper the next day and finding a couple mistakes.

And if it's of any consolation to my colleagues, I won't make those same mistakes out there in the real world.

I'll certainly remember each and every one of my roommates, all of which have more than names and faces, all of which have become a permanent fixture in my memories of life here during the past four years. I guess someday I'll sit back and wonder whatever happened to this person or that person. And in these next three weeks I'll be trying to say goodbye and thank you to as many of them as possible, hoping beyond words that I won't lose track of any of them.

You'll probably see a lot of seniors looking nostalgically upon this campus in the ensuing weeks, recalling all there is to recall and wondering why graduation had to come up so fast. As Jessica said, time is so much more precious after you realize how much of it has passed. And on that last Friday, I'm going to take one final walk by myself around UMO, taking it all in for the last time.

—Eric Wicklund is a senior creative writing/journalism major who finally broke tradition by not mentioning Australia in his column

Metric system, it's for real

To the editor:

Many people seem to leave metric measures at the physics lab door and they are really missing out on the simplicity of its use both at home and on the job.

Suppose, for example, that you want to center a painting on a wall and you need to locate its mid-point to drive in the nail. If the painting measures seven feet, nine and 3/16 inches, how do you divide that figure in half?

It involves a cumbersome series of divisions and additions. The answer is three feet, 10 and 19/32 inches. A calculator is of no use because the numbers are not in decimal form.

On the other hand, it is a lot simpler to use the other edge of the measuring tape, measuring in centimeters and dividing a single number in half.

Then there are the real dummies who just can't think in terms of metric units at all. The sign on the Trans-Canada Highway reads, "Quebec 200 km" and Canadian rental car speedometers indicate drivers are following the speed limit of 100 km/h.

Rather than dividing 200 by 100 to get the two hours travel time remaining, they insist on converting both figures to miles! Then they divide 124 by 62 to get two hours.

There exists, of course, the misconception that the metric system is not "official" in the United States. Even if that was the case, you can still use it anyway.

The fact of the matter is that federal law (15USC 204) allows anyone to use any metric measures any time they want, anywhere "throughout the United States of America." That's a federal law, so it supersedes any conflicting regulations or state laws.

Some foresight is required, however. When buying any measuring device, such as a scale, thermometer or measuring cup, make sure it includes metric markings. If you need help or more information, contact the Northeast Regional Branch of the U.S. Metric Association, Inc. at 89 Massachusetts Ave., Rm. 434, Boston, Mass., 02115.

Tom Alciere
Machias

Gas price/security connection questioned

To the editor:

Somewhere in the Middle East — Vice President George Bush today revealed that he had not physically assaulted the Saudi King — "It's a typical case of the media getting the facts all screwed up." A noticeably perturbed Bush claimed, "You guys in the press just can't get anything straight — all I said was that the Saudi's have all along been doing the right thing by keeping down production so the price of oil will remain at a premium — it's in the national interest ask Governor White (TX)." VP Bush explained — "I said that — the Saudi's were getting a bum rap."

It is reported that, in order to smooth relations with Fahd, the

administration is pushing for Congressional approval of a deal which will send nearly 2600 missiles to the Arabian kingdom. Bush confidently confirmed this move — "With any luck at all" — he gushed, "prices at the gas pumps will be back at a buck and a quarter a gallon by the end of the summer."

Governor Mark White, in a "Meet the Press" interview on April 6, confirmed Bush's remarks. — He asserted not only that higher oil prices were in the National interest, but that high prices were essential for "National Security." I didn't fully understand his logic, but that's probably why he's governor of Texas and I'm not.

David Grindel Knox Hall

Reader thanks rescuers

To the editor:

This past Thursday I was involved in an accident in front of the Memorial Gym. I received immediate attention that was excellent.

I would like to thank the people that helped me immediately after the incident, especially the two women who identified themselves as being Little Sisters of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. I don't know your names, but thank you very much. They helped me to Cutler

Health Center, where I was given excellent treatment. I would like to also thank the efforts of the ambulance crew who went with me to EMMC. For being volunteers they did an excellent job.

Thank you for allowing me to extend my appreciation in this way.

—Sincerely,

Daniel Smith
Estabrooke Hall

U.S. support of democracy questioned

To the editor:

As I hear each night the news of President Reagan's push to convince Congress to approve \$100 million in military aid to the Contras, I feel compelled to urge people to write to their representatives in Congress to convince them to vote against any aid to the Contras, military or otherwise.

There seems to be much comparison being drawn between the Philippines and Nicaragua. May I point out that the Sandinista government was popularly elected, much like Corazon Aquino was elected by "people power?"

Both governments resulted from people, sick of poverty, hunger and failing economies, governments resulted from people, sick of poverty, hunger and failing economies, taking power from their brutal dictators — Marcos in the Philippines and Somoza in Nicaragua.

But instead of supporting the popular government of Nicaragua (the Sandinistas), like we are supporting the newly elected popular government of the Philippines, we are investing or time, money and energies into destroying the Sandinista government.

The U.S. government supports the Contras who, as also reported on national news, could not exist without U.S. financial and military support.

It doesn't appear to me that the Contras have much popular support if they could not exist without U.S. aid.

This raises several questions in my mind. Does the U.S. truly support democracy and human rights? Or perhaps only in our won country and a few select others? So we want all human beings to enjoy the freedoms we value? If so, why do the people of the Philippines have the right to decide who should lead them while the people of Nicaragua do not?

The answer to these questions is simple. Support of the Contras — a loose band of U.S.-paid mercenaries and ex-Somoza National Guard members — has nothing to do with democracy and everything to do with imperialism. To call these Contras "freedom fighters" is not merely a misnomer, it is a lie.

The bottom line is that the U.S. government only backs democracy when the U.S. has something to gain financially, politically or otherwise. If the U.S. government believes it has the power to dictate how a government will behave, then it is a "democracy," if not — as is the case in Nicaragua, a country tired of being dictated to, a country that wants only the freedom of self-determination — then the U.S. calls it "communist" and spends millions to have it eliminated.

The U.S. is currently playing war games in Honduras, eight miles from the Nicaraguan

border. The Sandinistas have been criticized for buying Soviet-made weapons. If the biggest superpower in the world was playing war in my back yard, I'd buy weapons from the Soviets and anyone else who would sell to me.

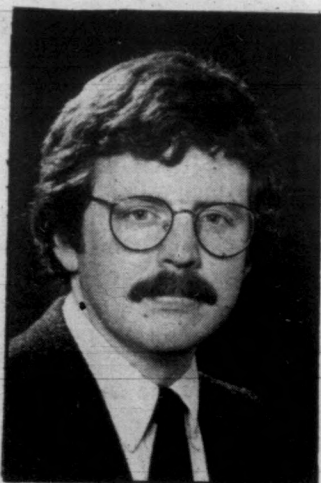
The point to be made is that the Sandinistas wouldn't need Soviet weapons if the U.S. wasn't waging war against the people of Nicaragua.

I urge you to write, call, protest, do whatever you can to convince our representatives to vote against funding the Contras. The \$100 million that, if approved, will be spent on overthrowing a government elected "by the people and for the people" could be much better spent — look around you!

As for our safety, we will only be safe when we make peace with our neighbors, not war.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Deflatory news may go unverified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The news media do not have to prove the truth of deflatory statements that prompt libel lawsuits, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

By a 5-4 vote in a case involving *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the justices said the Constitution requires people who sue the news media to prove that the deflatory statement about them is false.

Past ruling had established that public officials and public figures who sue for libel have the burden of proving the allegedly libelous statements were untrue. But until Monday, state laws varied over who — a plaintiff or defendant — has the burden of proof when a private citizen sues the news media.

"We hold that, at least where a newspaper publishes speech of public concern, a private-figure plaintiff cannot recover damages without also showing that the statements at issue are false," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Lybia detains Catholic leader for questioning

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The leader of Libya's Roman Catholics, freed after 10 days of detention, said Monday that he was questioned about church activity in this Moslem country and that the U.S. air strike probably delayed his release.

Bishop Giovanni Martinelli, arrested April 10 in Benghazi with four priests and a nun, said he was released Saturday and returned to

the Libyan capital Sunday, and that the other clerics were released over the weekend.

Martinelli, born in Libya of Italian parents 44 years ago, spoke guardedly and would not go into detail about the reasons for his arrest or elaborate on his interrogation. He would say only that the Libyans "questioned us about our presence and work as Roman Catholic priests."

The Libyan government apologized for the arrest and said it had been a mistake, the bishop said in an interview with The Associated Press in his office at St. Francis church.

Martinelli said of his interrogators, "They excused themselves repeatedly and gave us all comforts, even a radio to listen to the news."

OPEC delegates fail to raise price of oil

GENEVA (AP) — OPEC concluded its weeklong meeting Monday after failing to reach a unanimous agreement on production cuts that would raise prices.

Iran's chief delegate, Gholamreza Aghazadeh, told reporters that 10 of the 13 member-nations accepted a production ceiling for the July-September quarter of 16.3 million barrels a day, while the other three countries wanted the overall quota set at 14 million barrels daily.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries currently produces about 17 million barrels a day. A barrel is the equivalent of 42 gallons of oil.

Aghazadeh said Iran did not accept the majority view and had no intention of cutting its production. He also said the other members did not agree how to share the cuts.

Guards espy Cuban refugees

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Two sunburned Cuban refugees who said they had floated in small, rubber inner tubes for eight days were rescued Monday 25 miles off the Florida coast after drifting more than 250 miles over open sea.

Just two days earlier the Coast Guard had picked up three Cuban men near the Florida Keys under nearly identical circumstances.

"I'm repeatedly amazed that these Cubans are so willing to risk their lives to come here," said Perry Rivking, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "You have to be awful desperate to try something like this."

The treacherous Gulf Stream current, which regularly has 8 to 10 foot waves, carried the men over 250 miles, the Coast Guard said.

The men rescued Monday were picked up by the sport fishing boat Tempis and then turned over to a Coast Guard patrol boat.

They gave their names as Jose Luis Ramon-Guerra and Jose Rafael AlemonValido and said they left Havana last Monday.

They said they survived on water and tomato juice and Tabrah said they made no mention of food they carried with them or were able to obtain during their trip.

Both were suffering from sunburn and dehydration and were taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital. Both appeared to be in their mid-20s.

Netting draped over their two black inner tubes also contained a pair of binoculars, rubber gloves and a drinking water container that could hold about four gallons.

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Sports

Crew club seeks funding, trains for future

By Sally Cummings
Staff Writer

The first big stroke was taken when the University of Maine's Crew Club met for the first time at the North Bangor Lounge a few weeks ago, and club members hope they will be able to build a solid reputation.

"I've always been interested in crew, and since no one here has taken any initiative, I thought I'd try to start up a team," said freshman Joe Dequattro, president and founder of the UMO Crew Club.

The club has already had one meeting and has been granted preliminary club approval but must wait one year for final approval and funding for travel, upkeep, and supplies. In the past, clubs have received funding through student government but due to the recreation fee which just passed, next year all budgets must be submitted to the Recreational Sports Office.

"Clubs will go through less bureaucracy and it will be more centralized," said Club Sports president Cindy McAllister.

The volleyball club received \$2039 in 1985 and the men's rugby club received the next highest amount of \$1512. The total budget for existing clubs is approximately \$17,000 said Dave Ames, assistant director of athletics and recreational sports.

After a one-year probationary period, new clubs like crew may petition for funds. As of yet, no clubs have been turned down, Ames said.

"This could make Maine the competitive giant it could be," said Dave Mitchell, student government president, who is helping with the business aspect of getting the club off the ground.

The major stumbling block for the newly formed club is the needed \$2,500-\$4,500 to purchase a used eight-man shell. "The money's out there," said Mitchell, adding that he's optimistic about funding. Mitchell stressed that team members must show dedication if they want the funds.

Maine Alumnus will feature an article and picture of the team working out this June in an effort to attract prospective donations.

Mitchell said that if there is no initial

response by mid-June, he will try other tactics such as selected mailings to alumni and contacting corporate sponsors.

"Not having a crew team at UMO is the one thing that made me almost not come here," said Catherine Bunin a freshman and assistant of the crew club and one of four women in the club. Bunin said crew is "by no means a sex dominated sport."

Bunin rowed for four years for Gunnery Preparatory School and was captain her senior year. In 1983 and 1984, she rowed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. Her dream is to see UMO compete in that event.

Drew Shelby, another crew coordinator, rowed competitively last summer in the Bay State Games in Worcester, Mass.

Bunin started off training last fall by teaching the basics including new vocabulary like "on the square" which means rowing on the return with the oar perpendicular to the water.

The team practices three times a week and weight lifts twice a week. Crew is one of the only sports which requires every muscle in the body and 80 percent

leg muscles. Swimming and stretching are also incorporated into the program, and the team hopes to obtain a rowing machine next fall.

"There are presently about 30 members, and 18 makes a good team," said Bunin. She said a good rower should be tall, especially the person who sits at the stern facing the coxswain giving the commands.

Practicing will start next fall on the Stillwater river above the dam. Due to excessive rocks and current, Pushaw Lake and the Penobscot river also will be excellent locations for the needed straight 200-foot stretches.

The crew club will be sending representatives to a prestigious Ivy League championship also known as the Eastern Sprints on May 17 and 18 at Lake Auinsioamond in Worcester, Mass.

To promote their club, the team hopes to host a demonstration from Colby College and to also get team spirit going by purchasing team shirts.

Next fall the goal for the crew is to compete with Union College which also has a novice team.

Olympic Committee rejects North Korean bid

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Secretary General of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee again rejected North Korea as co-host of the 1988 Summer Games Monday and he promised the competition will be run "under the safest conditions ever."

Dr. Lee Ha-woo told reporters at the general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) that the North Korean plan to share the host role "is contrary to the IOC's position of National Olympic Committees around the world."

While the South objects to being only a co-host, it has hinted it might be willing to schedule some Olympic events in the North.

"If North Koreans accept the basic principle to abide by the IOC charter, we will consider any reasonable proposal they make," Lee said.

"They should accept that Seoul is the sole city to legally host the 1988 Olympic Games."

North Korea is staying away from the ANOC conference, which is being attended by a record 152 National Olympic Committees with 650 delegates. Also among those missing is Cuba, but the Soviet Union and all of its East European allies are on hand.

North and South Korea are slated to have their third meeting on the issue in June at International Olympic Committee headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Relations between North and South Korea, divided since the end of World

War II, are extremely strained, and talks between them to ease reunification of the peninsula were suspended recently.

Lee also said in an opening speech that nations have no cause for concern about safety.

"I can assure you that the Games will be played under the safest conditions ever," he said. "I can assure you Koreans are very security conscious. We are very cautious people."

He also said the current unrest among South Korean university students does not threaten the Games.

"There is a student movement. That is a fact. But the spirit to support the Olympics in Koreans is tremendous," he said.

He said that the large turnout at the conference was a good sign.

Lee said the Seoul organizers "have good indications that efforts to full participation are paying off."

Lee noted that more than 100,000 South Koreans have volunteered to work on the Games.

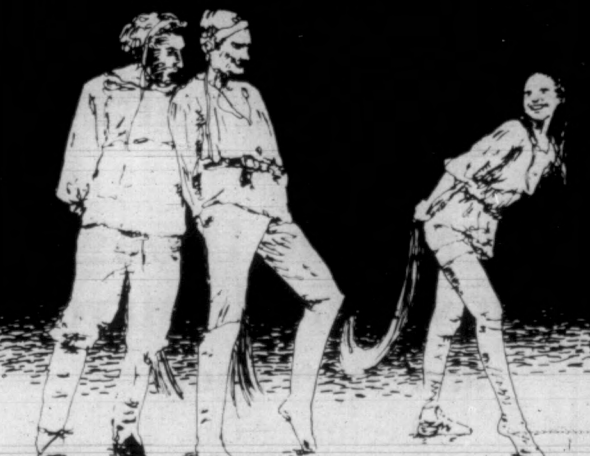
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Australian wins Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Rob de Castella of Australia took an early lead and never looked back today as he captured the 90th running of the Boston Marathon in a record time to earn a bonus the first time the road classic offered prize money.

For his unofficial time of 2 hours 7 minutes and 50 seconds, de Castella won the \$30,000 first prize and a \$25,000 bonus for breaking Alberto Salazar's 1982 Boston Marathon mark of 2:08:51.

Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway won the women's race in an unofficial time of 2:24:55. She never was pushed and the mark was below the course record of 2:22:42. She also won \$30,000.

Both winners also received a Mercedes-Benz automobile.

Art Boileau of Canada was the surprise runner-up. Third place went to Orlando Pizzolato, a two-time New York marathon winner. And four-time Boston Marathon winner Bill Rodgers was fourth.

Andre Vigers of Canada, the 1984 winner, set a new world best in the wheelchair competition by winning with an unofficial time of 1:43:25. He was second in the race last year. He won \$2,500.

About 4,800 runners had set out from Hopkinton under hazy skies and with temperatures in the 50s. That was about 700 fewer than had shown up to run the 26-mile, 385-yard race last year.

But with \$250,000 in prize money from new sponsor John Hancock Finan-

cial Services, the number of world-class entrants was up.

De Castella and Kristiansen had been favored. Kristiansen set the women's world record in April 1985 when she won the London Marathon in 2:21:06.

Kristiansen never was too seriously challenged, as had been expected, by Lisa Martin of Australia, 1984 winner Lorraine Moller of New Zealand, Lizanne Bussieres of Canada and Carla Buerskens of the Netherlands.

The women's record of 2:22:42 for the Boston race was set by Joan Benoit in 1983.

De Castella, followed closely by about a dozen runners including Arturo Bar-

rios, U.S. Olympic marathoner Pete Pfitzinger and 1983 winner Greg Meyer, completed the first two miles in an unofficial time of 9:34.

Kristiansen was leading the women's competition, covering the first six miles at 31:21, about a minute ahead of the rest of her competition as she ran in a group of men.

Moller was running second place. A light rain began to fall in Wellesley and de Castella continued a strong pace. He finished the first half of the race in an unofficial time of 1:03:38.

Kristiansen passed the halfway mark in 1:09:44, still a world-record pace. When she set the world record in London, her time at the halfway mark was 1:10:09.

Despite Jordan, Bulls face tough Celtic odds

(AP)—The Chicago Bulls and Boston Celtics ran out of adjectives to describe Michael Jordan. Unfortunately for Jordan, the Bulls appear to be running out of time.

It's going to be tough for Jordan to come up with an encore to Sunday's playoff record 63 points—and perhaps as tough for the Bulls to figure a way to stay alive in the first round of NBA playoffs despite bringing the series home to Chicago Tuesday night.

"We've got three games to win," Bulls center Dave Corzine said. "It's the best of five. Unfortunately, we've lost two."

In the other series Tuesday night, Philadelphia is at Washington, Houston at Sacramento, Milwaukee at New Jersey, Atlanta at Detroit and Denver at Portland. The other two series resume Wednesday night with the Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio and Dallas at Utah.

"You never know what to expect from Michael Jordan," Boston's Dennis Johnson said. "As you can see, there's nothing anyone can do to stop him."

"He's absolutely incredible," Chicago coach Stan Albeck added. "He's out Larry Bird." Bird, incidentally, had 36 points in the Celtics 135-131 doubleovertime victory.

"Fifty points, 49 points, 63 points, I

just want to win," said Jordan, who missed virtually all season with a broken foot. "The points don't mean anything to me. With the way we played, we can't be down. This was the best game we played all year."

But it wasn't good enough. Not to beat Boston, which still has lost at home only once this season. The Celtics, with a combination of inside power and outside accuracy, have kept the Bulls at bay.

"They have been taking their chances on us beating them from the outside," said Jerry Sichting, whose shot from the top of the key with 51 seconds to go in the second overtime put Boston on top to stay. "Fortunately, we've been making the shots."

Tuesday has been a charm for Sacramento—and the Kings will need some of that luck in game 3 against Houston. The Rockets, having won twice at home, are one victory away from the second round.

The Nets likewise will have to prove that they deserve to stay alive, having been beaten twice in Milwaukee. "We have to win Tuesday and that's it," forward Albert King said. "If we lose, we're going to have a long vacation, and I don't think anyone wants a long vacation."

Darryl Dawkins, the Net's center slow-

ed by back-groin injury, wasn't expected to play Sunday. Even with him in the game—10 points and three rebounds in 17 minutes—New Jersey was beaten 111-97.

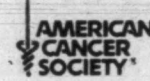
The Pistons, too, face elimination Tuesday night, a situation which Detroit

Coach Chuck Daly, for one, didn't expect after two games in Atlanta.

Portland managed a singular feat among Tuesday's competing teams. The Trail Blazers managed to win one on the road, but coming home after splitting two games in Denver means little, Mychal Thompson said.

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Bowdoin goalie sweats it out

PORTLAND (AP) — In a pro hockey career measured in minutes instead of seasons, Joe King will always remember one dramatic highlight: the moment he almost got into the game.

With the Moncton Golden Flames and the Maine Mariners tied 1-1 in an American Hockey League playoff game, Moncton's starting goaltender lay sprawled on the ice, immobile after a collision.

King, the third-string Bowdoin College goalie who had spent just 77 minutes in the nets all season, watched from the Moncton bench, anxiously wondering whether he would have to venture onto the ice to fend off the Maine attack.

Most fans at Saturday night's game at the Civic Center will remember the slap shot with 24 seconds remaining in the game that clinched Moncton's 3-2 victory, eliminating Maine from the playoffs. But to King and his Bowdoin buddies, the key moment came at 11:24 in the first period, when an illegal check knocked starting goalie Cleon Daskalakis to the ice.

"My friends were cheering," said King. "I was kind of nervous."

Moncton head coach Terry Crisp said later, "I looked up in the stands and all (King's) buddies are cheering, 'Cleon, stay down! Poor Joe, he's sitting there and the sweat's just beading down. All I could think was that unless Daskalakis is dead, he ain't coming out. We were ready to rope him to the post if we had to.'"

They didn't have to. The goalie, shaken but unscathed, got up to complete the game.

King's appearance on the Moncton

bench was triggered by the call-up of Terry D'Amour, the scheduled starting goalie, to the parent Calgary Flames of the NHL as an injury replacement earlier that evening.

D'Amour's departure left Daskalakis, the victorious survivor of a four-hour and 20-minute triple-overtime contest Friday night, to start Saturday night with no backup.

Moncton assistant coach Danny Bolduc called Bowdoin coach Terry Meagher, asking if he had a senior goalie who didn't have to worry about keeping his amateur status; a short time later, Meagher showed up unexpectedly at a cookout King was throwing for his teammates.

The coach asked King if he'd care to suit up with the pros.

"I thought it was a big joke," King said, undressing after the game in the Moncton locker room. "We scrambled around for equipment. I had to borrow my buddy's skates — they're about two sizes too small — and the whole way down here I'm thinking Coach is putting something over on me."

King, about 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds, recently won an award for dedication to Bowdoin hockey. He was a starting guard on the school football team, and he wants to coach sports after graduation, according to Jay Burns, Bowdoin's sports information director.

Burns said King, a star athlete at Belmont High School in Massachusetts, learned to adjust his benchwarming role on the Bowdoin hockey team, and was known for needling coach Meagher and keeping spirits up on the bench as Bowdoin rose to the top of the ECAC Division II this winter.

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