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Maine's worst flooding in years goes on



"Penguins! No really, I swear I saw penguins." (Baer photo)

by Christina Baldwin
Staff Writer

Half the University of Maine lost its power Thursday morning when the Veazie extension of Bangor Hydro-electric Co. flooded, causing generators to shut down.

At approximately 11 a.m., the Veazie plant had to shut down 17 steam-powered generators because they were submerged in 2 feet of water from the overflowed Penobscot River, said Paul Leblanc, manager of division operations and customer service at Bangor-Hydro.

"We had to turn them off so that they wouldn't blow," he said.

Don Cota, employee of the Veazie plant, said the reason the river overflowed was because rivers higher up in the state took this long to run the extra water down to the Penobscot.

"With the amount of snow that has melted and the rain, rivers were bound to flood," he said. "It just took a little time for the water to reach the Penobscot."

The Veazie plant generates power for Veazie, Bennington, Orono, Stillwater, Holden, Bradley, Old Town, and Holden. All lost power this morning.

"Approximately 5,300 people

the west side to the east side," Herwig said.

He said they had to balance the wires to enable the plant to withstand the extra power.

"We dumped the system once," he said. "Some people

"We had to turn them off so that they wouldn't blow."

Paul Leblanc, Bangor Hydro

were affected," Leblanc said.

But the system has been rewired and rerouted to the other Bangor-Hydro plant, Graham station, so that people now have power, he said.

"Only people next to flooded rivers in the area have had their power shut down on purpose, and that was for their own safety," Leblanc said.

Dean Herwig, electrical shop supervisor for UMaine said the system was rerouted to the east side substation.

"The east side, which gets its power from a source in Bradley, still had power so we rerouted

may have noticed the lights flick on and off. We were trying to balance the system and dumped it."

But Herwig said they have the system pretty well balanced until repairs can be made to the Veazie plant.

Herwig said that the complex directors have been called to urge students to only use electricity when it is really necessary.

"We're lucky that we have two substations providing power or we would have been without power completely," he said.

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Chimps have close family ties

by Christopher Hames
Staff Writer

Jane Goodall, scientific director of the Gombe Stream Research Center in Tanzania, spoke about her popular studies on chimpanzees before a nearcapacity crowd at Hutchins Concert Hall Thursday night.

Goodall's lecture, "The Chimpanzees of Gombe," was presented as part of the University of Maine's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Dr. Goodall's 27-year study of chimpanzee behavior is believed to be the longest continuous field study of an animal species in its habitat.

Her studies take place in the small Gombe National Park on the eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika.

Goodall said that she has observed a "very unique and unusual social structure" among the chimpanzees of Gombe.

She said she was especially struck by the close family units that develop within chimp society.

"Friendly physical contact is very important within their families," Goodall said.

Kissing, patting, and embracing to provide reassurance and comfort to young chimpanzees seems to be very important in social development.

During a young chimp's weaning period for instance, a mother will not allow her child to suckle or ride on her back. This sometimes leads the young chimp to throw a temper tantrum when it doesn't understand the rejection by its mother, Goodall said.

However, Goodall said that invariably the mother will later seek out the child and embrace it as if to say "I didn't want you to do that but I do still love you."

"The quality of maternal care among children is as important among chimps as it is for us as far as social learning," she said.

Goodall said family bonds remain strong in chimp society even in adulthood.

She said that there is another side to chimpanzees though.

(see LECTURE page 3)

by Michael Di Cicco
and Christina Baldwin
Staff Writers

A set of hot curlers could be the possible culprit in a Dunn Hall fire that drew both Univer-

"It was a Mickey Mouse operation."

Roger Brown

sity of Maine and Orono fire trucks and ambulances Thursday night.

Four fire trucks responded to the 6:41 p.m. blaze in room 317.

David Fielder, chief of UMaine's public safety department, said no one was injured in the fire.

Fielder said the official cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

Meghan Verrill, resident of room 317, said she thought a set of curlers that she left plugged into a faulty electrical outlet could have been the cause of the fire.

"It is the only thing that could have caused the fire."

"We have had trouble with the outlet

(see FIRE page 3)



An Orono hook and ladder in back of Dunn Hall Thursday night.

(Baer photo)

May provides students with opportunity

by Monica Wilcox
Staff Writer

When the University of Maine campus closes down in May, most students leave for four months of summer vacation, while others return to take advantage of the three-week May term.

May Term, coordinated by the Continuing Education Division, gives students an opportunity to receive three credit hours in three short weeks.

But it's not all fun and games.

According to Ed Hackett, director of the Continuing Education Division and the Summer Session at UMaine, May Term consists of three weeks of intense studying.

"Classes run from 9:15 a.m. to noon every day," Hackett said. "That makes each day a week in a regular semester."

Last year, according to Hackett, about 1,100 students participated in May Term.

Hackett said students take the term for a number of reasons, but usually it's the "person who wants to accelerate" who attends.

"It's an opportunity for a student to get three hours out of the way, maybe take a lighter load the next semester, and still be able to work during the summer," he said.

Debbie Hodgson, a senior physical education major at UMaine, has participated in May Term for the past three years and plans to attend again this May.

"It's convenient to get a class over with in three weeks," Hodgson said. "This year I'll be taking a class for three credits for only ten days."

Hodgson said that because she changed her major two years ago, she takes the May Term to compensate for the lost class time.

Hackett said a lot of the athletes take classes during May Term so they can "cut down on one semester" (during the athletic

season), and "beef up" during the other.

Another reason, he said, is that most of the courses offered are those that students have difficulty getting in to during the regular semester.

"We try to get the courses the students want," Hackett said. "I think we have a pretty good spread."

One area the division is particularly proud of, Hackett said, is the foreign language classes that are offered.

May term offers several foreign language trips such as the fifteen-day total immersion language programs in French (held in Quebec), and German, (held in Camden).

"We're especially happy with the foreign language programs," Hackett said.

The program also offers a Spanish May Term, Ireland School and Society Study Tour, Mass Communication in Great Britain and a Third World Development Seminar in Haiti.

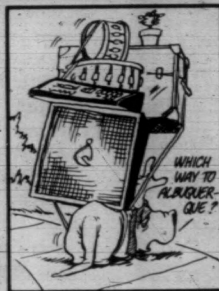
"Excluding the trips, the classes are the same tuition rate, (\$50.30 per credit hour), and provided there will be space, students can register up until classes begin," Hackett said.

The regular deadline for registration is April 16 and courses with insufficient enrollment will be canceled at that time.

"We must have at least 10 people in order to have the class," he said, "but we do make exceptions for those who need a class to graduate."

According to Hackett, housing will be available in Estabrook Hall and meals can be obtained in the Memorial Union. For registration or additional information concerning May Term, contact the Continuing Education Division in Chadbourne Hall.

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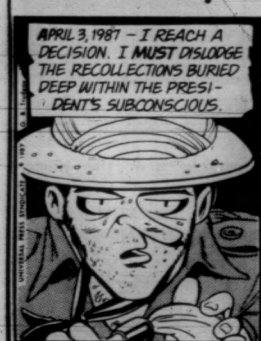


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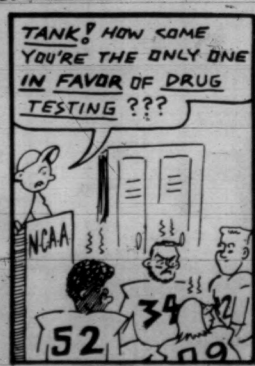


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•Flood

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"They have a tremendous problem on their hands. It is going to take some time to repair."

Leblanc said repairs couldn't be started until the water recedes.

"We're expecting the river to crest sometime around midnight and the water to recede sometime after that," he said. "After that, we'll be able to get to the station and begin repairing the generators."

Leblanc said he wasn't sure when repairs would be completed. He said it

all depends on how much damage there is. But he said he didn't think it would be more than a few days.

Leblanc said a similar situation occurred in 1983 when 7 inches of rain caused the plant to flood.

"There were similar types of problems but nothing quite like this," he said.

Damage estimates cannot be made at this time, Leblanc said. But he added that the storm account, used for such situations, would probably be drained.

•Fire

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before, sometimes the outlet smelled when things were plugged into it," she said.

Verrill, who was in the shower when the fire broke out, said she had meant to tell someone about the faulty outlet before spring break, but never got around to it.

Fielder said the fire had been contained to room 317.

"There was a fire, although it was small," he said. "There was more smoke than there was fire."

Fielder said the dorm room sustained both smoke and water damage.

He said the fire fighters handled the situation well.

Roger Brown, a Dunn Hall resident said he wasn't impressed with the fire fighters efforts to squelch the blaze.

"It was a Mickey Mouse operation. They seemed to have no clue," he said.

Brown said it took the fire trucks about 10 minutes to get to the scene.

When the trucks arrived, he said, the first truck's ladder didn't work right away.

Brown also said the second truck got stuck in the mud.

He said fire fighters efforts to extinguish the fire seem unorganized.

"They had one guy climbing up the ladder to break the window, enter the room and put out the fire, but some other guy was already in there putting out the fire when they broke in," he said.

Lt. Peter Noddin of the UMaine public safety department said, "It was standard procedure to break the window for ventilation purposes."

Brown said, "It seemed to me that it took an awful long time for them to put out a one-room fire."

•Lecture

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The more hostile side of the chimpanzees can be documented in the fierce confrontations between members of different chimpanzee communities, Goodall said.

"Relations among neighboring groups are essentially hostile," she said.

Goodall said that during her research she has observed 17 instances where males of different communities engaged in violent battle.

In four of these instances a death resulted and even some cannibalism ensued. Goodall concluded in saying she was concerned about the future of a dwindling chimpanzee population in Africa.

"Chimpanzees face a desperate plight in the wild," she said.

She said there is a serious problem where chimpanzees are being hunted for Western zoos and scientific research.

Goodall also said the habitats of the chimpanzee are increasingly diminishing as the African continent continues to develop.

"Gombe chimpanzees are living on a virtual island," she said, referring to the increased cultivation of lands bordering the park.

She then told a story about a young zookeeper who was attacked by a group of female chimpanzees and rescued by a male chimp that the keeper had long been trying to befriend.

Goodall said that it was now man's turn to "reach out across the species barrier," as that chimp did, and help secure a future for the chimpanzees.



Public transportation in Old Town?

(Baer photo)

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Michael DiCicco

I was over at Happy Wheels, roller skating with President and Mrs. Reagan a few nights ago.

The Reagans were checking the place out. You see, they're having a team of Japanese trade specialists over this weekend to discuss the recent economic spat.

The president really wanted to impress his guests, and like usual he called me for advice.

I told Ron about the great industrial mecca of Bangor and its haven of cultural diversity.

At first the president was a trifle skeptical.

"Gee, I don't know Mike. I'm kind of looking for a place untouched by the decadence of modern society. You know, some kind of isolated outpost, a last stand for the ideals that went out of style with mood rings. Something like Camelot," he said.

"Mood rings are out?" I stammered. "Well hey, in that case there's no question about it, Bangor's your ticket."

"I need some real classy place to take these specialists though. I mean they're coming all the way from Japan and everything," he said.

"Why don't you take them to the Greenhouse restaurant? That's a really classy joint," I suggested.

"Hmm, sounds a bit on the expensive side to me. Do you have any other suggestions?" Ron asked.

"Well let's see," I said. "You could always go to Miller's. The food's not bad and the prices are pretty reasonable."

"Hmm, it still sounds a bit over-budget to me," he said.

"Well just how much do you intend to spend on this venture?" I asked the president.

"Oh about \$6.50 a head," he said.

"Why \$6.50 a head?" I asked.

"Yeah well," Ron said. "I know the national budget is a bit strained right now, but sometimes you've just got to splurge a little. You understand don't you?"

"So anyway what do you suggest with that kind of a budget in mind?"

"No problem," I said. "Just take them on over to the Bangor/Brewer Bowling Lanes for a little early evening excitement, then drop them off at the roller skating rink and let them go wild." The president was thrilled.

"Gee Mike, that sounds marvey. Let me talk to Nancy about it, and we'll probably come by in a couple days to check it out," he said.

Unfortunately, their visit didn't go as well as I had hoped.

The president said skating around in circles reminded him too much of his foreign policy decisions, and Nancy didn't like the music.

Michael Di Cicco is a sophomore journalism major from Essex Junction, Vermont who has never been to Happy Wheels and probably never will.



Quilts displayed on second floor of Fogler library

(Gustafson photo)

Quilting: a historical tradition

by Janine Pineo
Volunteer Writer

The art form of quilting is experiencing renewed popularity, according to two local quilters.

Karen Boucias, an historian of the art form, and Nancy Congleton, a quilting teacher at Brewer Fabric, agree that quilting gave women a social life.

Boucias said that in Colonial times, when men had a barn-raising, women held quilting bees.

"It was a very important social event," she said. "After all the work was done, it often turned into a big party."

Congleton said that today, quilting is still important.

"There are active groups of people meeting regularly to quilt," she said.

For herself, she said, "It's just been a great way to meet people."

Boucias, director of graduate student admissions and services at the University of Maine, read diaries and letters of pioneer women as part of her research. She said that quilting allowed women to be creative, but still produce a needed item.

She was amazed, she said, that after a long, difficult workday, the women could create a pattern and make a quilt.

"Somehow these women had a vision and were able to create these beautiful quilts," she said.

Boucias explained that the process for making a quilt began with a pattern. She said that women used household items to draw the pattern, such as the bottom of a teacup.

Or, she said, they made a template, a type of stencil. Then they sprinkled flour or cinnamon on the template and fabric to make the design.

Boucias said the fabric used for quilts depended on the economy. There was not a great variety of fabric in early America, she said, so quilts were plain.

But as the economy changed, fabric quality was better, and patterns became more decorative.

Some of Boucias's research focused on women who made the journey west. "It was a terrible hardship," she said. "As people moved west, pattern names changed."

After patterns were made, she said, the women blocked squares of fabric together. Block designs, she said, were a distinctive American feature of quilts.

The quilts had three layers when completed, she said. The backing was sometimes made of pieces of cloth stitched together, and the filler was sometimes cotton, leaves or straw. The designed blocks were the top layer.

"Women were expected to have 12 quilts in their dowries," she said. The next quilt was the bridal quilt and, Boucias said, friends held a quilting bee to make the quilt.

The latest resurgence in quilting began with the bicentennial, she said. "(It) was the last renaissance in quilting."

Congleton said that many quilts are named for historical American events and the bicentennial was one.

Congleton is from Hampden and is a member of the Orono Quilters, who usually make quilts for babies and for people who are moving.

But last year, she said, her group made a quilt for four visiting Soviet physicians. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said.

The quilt was made for Physicians for Social Responsibility to give to the visitors, Congleton said. It was "something traditionally American" for a gift, she said.

The group also made quilts for the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor, she said.

"Over 40 quilts were donated by area quilting groups," she said.

Congleton said patterns are sometimes traditional designs that are "passed down from generation to generation."

But each quilt is different, she said, because fabric texture and print varies.

"Some people like the fact that you can satisfy some creativity," she said. "What you're creating is something original."

Congleton said people from a variety of backgrounds join quilting groups. She said some are artists while others are architects or engineers.

"It's not difficult to get into (quilting groups)," she said. Most people just don't know how to find them, she said.

Congleton said the groups encourage visitors to attend the meetings. "All of these groups would welcome anyone who came in," she said.

The Orono Quilters meet at 7 p.m., every fourth Wednesday of every month, at the Orono library, she said.

Boucias found one 19th century diary entry that best sums up the significance of quilting even today: "My whole life is in that quilt. All my joys and all my sorrows are stitched in those little pieces."

Pavilion plays

by Alicia Anstead
Volunteer Writer

Advanced theater students Steve Carignan, Joseph Foss, and Cate Davis will present three one act plays on April 9, 10, and 11 at the Pavilion Theatre on the Orono campus.

"Each of the three students has had earlier directing experiences which have demonstrated a high quality of competency," said Al Cyrus, chair of the Department of Theater/Dance at UMaine. "These projects primarily focus on contemporary and less ordinary forms of theater."

Chamber Music by Arthur Kopit explores the lives of eight historical women who have been institutionalized and the admission to their fears of the outside world.

Carignan, a graduate student from Lewiston, chose to direct this play because it combines pertinent issues in women's lives with actual historical figures.

Joseph Foss of Essex Junction, Vt. is directing Israel Horowitz's play *Line* because of its important commentary on human competition and the extent to which individuals will go to be first in "line."



University of Maine theater students, left to right, Joe Foss of Essex Junction, Vt., Steve Carignan of Lewiston and Cate Davis of Orono, are directing three one-act plays to be presented at the Pavilion Theatre.

(Anstead photo)

Perhaps the most unusual of the three plays is directed by Cate Davis of Orono. *Eh Joe*, a television play by Samuel Beckett, employs a multi-media approach to one man's exploration and realization of a past that is littered with guilt and exploitation of others.

The Pavilion Theatre has traditionally been reserved for student productions and has always proven to be a provocative and far reaching element of the

UMaine Department of Theater/Dance. These plays and their directors reinforce that such a facility is both a vital and necessary aspect of student exploration and education.

The shows run April 9, 10, and 11 at 8:00 p.m. with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on the 11th. Tickets may be purchased for \$3 through the ticket office by calling 581-1755.



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Editorial

Baby M case may go on

So, the Baby M court case is finally over — at least until appeal time rolls around.

Mommy and Daddy Stern can take baby Melissa home and begin their life as one big happy family.

Mommy Whitehead, on the other hand, goes home empty handed. There are definite winners and losers in this unusual case.

The Sterns are the big winners. They get custody. Mrs. Whitehead comes out on the short end. Not only does she not keep the baby but her emotional and marital stability have been severely questioned.

(However, for the record, any mother who threatens the life of her child deserves to have her emotional stability questioned.)

But the biggest loser, by far, is the baby.

The most formative year of her life has been spent in a battle zone. She was the rope in the tug-of-war between the Sterns and the Whiteheads.

The poor baby didn't even have a definite name!

Called Melissa by the Sterns and Sara by the Whiteheads, the baby can't help but be confused and afraid.

Like Louise Brown the first testtube baby, Melissa Stern will be haunted for the rest of her life by the controversy surrounding her conception and birth.

And it isn't over yet.

The appeal of the decision by the Whiteheads was quickly begun by their attorneys. So, in a year or two, another judge will get to decide the fate of poor Baby M.

And another appeal, and another...

The subject of surrogate motherhood was bound to find itself in the legal arena sooner or later. It is a tricky issue.

Should infertile couples be allowed to hire someone to have a baby for them?

Maybe, maybe not. But, by the same token, is it right to use another man's sperm to impregnate a woman whose husband is impotent?

One method has been excepted medical practice for years while the other is being looked upon as immoral, improper and a threat to motherhood.

And legally, if the man has no legal claim to the child he has fathered after the donation contract has been signed, why shouldn't the woman have to abide by the same contract obligations.

Sex discrimination again rears its ugly head!

Susan J. Plourde



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Linda McGivern

My lifelong dream is almost at the point of fruition.

President Reagan is doing everything possible to ensure that people like me don't have their dreams realized, but those trusty democrats are plugging for "we the people" again.

Of course I'm referring to the \$88 million highway bill. I really don't care much for the logistics of this bill, I'm just hoping that the 55 mph speed limit gets raised.

After having received two speeding tickets, a warning, and numerous parking tickets, I decided to become a law-abiding citizen for purely monetary reasons.

It all started when I spoke with my Allstate insurance agent, Mr. Armond Theberge. The meeting was pretty short. He told me that I was going to be paying more than \$1,000 per annum for automobile insurance because of my traffic violations, described below.

I'll admit that the first ticket was well-deserved, but the second was a gratuitous stab in the pocketbook. I was innocently traveling along 195 at the rocketing speed of 65 mph when I was ambushed by three state troopers heavily equipped with radar equipment.

The trooper who handed me my second ticket said he was issuing it because I had a previous traffic violation. I didn't utter a word because my teeth were too busy grinding together.

My last speeding encounter with an officer of the law was a sobering one though. It indicates the power of the purse to the fullest.

I was stopped in Veazie at about 2 a.m. for traveling 48 mph in a 35 zone. So I did what any sane person in my situation would have done.

I begged.

It was a very degrading experience, in fact. But it was either beg or wait anxiously for the little letter from the state saying aloha to the license, and the letter from my insurance company saying "you owe us \$5,000."

In any case, I can't imagine what it would be like to be able to travel at the lightning speed of 65 mph legally. What joy!

Many senators and representatives opposed to the bill say that this would be like allowing people to drive 75-80 mph. I say, let's not deal with mere technicalities.

For the majority of us who don't own Porsches, 70 mph represents the final pinnacle of speed our cars can achieve without the things sounding as though it's "breaking up" like Steve Austin's plane did on *The Six Million Dollar Man*.

The time when 55 mph speed limits were needed on lonely stretches of interstate highways is no more. The energy shortage is over, and if, in fact, there is another one, the speed limit can be changed again.

But when those 65 mph signs go up on 195, I, for one, am going to be laughing and singing all the way to my car.

Linda McGivern has received more than \$30 in parking tickets during the last week.

Masha

To the editor

Mr. Victor South Africa African National Congress (ANC) and the United Nations.

Mashabela rally in front of the Union (in case of Bangor Lounge at noon. At give a lecture Struggles Against Apartheid at 101 Nevill.

The ANC organization demands a recognition status of the South African government of South Africa crimes of PW South Africa insinuations.

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Response

Mashabela to speak

To the editor:

Mr. Victor Mashabela, a South African leader of the African National Congress (ANC) and the ANC representative of its delegation to the United Nations, will be on campus Monday, April 6.

Mashabela will be leading a rally in front of the Memorial Union (in case of rain, in the Bangor Lounges of the Union) at noon. At 7:00 p.m., he will give a lecture on "Current Struggles Against Apartheid" at 101 Neville Hall.

The ANC is the charter organization in Africa that demands an end to apartheid, a recognition of the sovereign status of the indigenous peoples of South Africa, justice for the crimes of P.W. Botha regime in South Africa, among other instances.

Mr. Mashabela will explore the questions of divestment, resolution of apartheid, and self-determination for the oppressed peoples of South Africa.

I ask you to step out of your own worlds and be exposed to Mashabela's world. This will give you an opportunity to understand the difficulties of the oppressed peoples of South Africa.

Mashabela's visit is sponsored by various departments (History, Honors Program) and groups (Maine Peace Action Committee) on campus and the president's office.

Andrew Rosen
Somerset Hall



Thanks!

To the editor:

I would like to commend the Women's History Month planning committee, along with the many co-sponsors who worked so hard to make it such a success.

I attended many of the films, lectures, and exhibits, and found everyone of them to be educational and exciting — so many important issues were addressed!

Of course, it would have been nice to see more men interested in women's history, but the fact that the information was there was a real treat, and a definite step in a positive direction.

Tamara Burk
Oxford Hall

Commentary

Star wars clarification

Eric Olson

It was good of Loren Fields to read my call to action on arms control. Unfortunately, he missed a few of my points. The following is a clarification of the original commentary (*Maine Campus*, March 24) which was garbled a bit during publication, and its promised "thorough trashing" of star-wars (Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative).

First, here is how the paragraph on star-wars should have read: Star Wars — It is important for any major project to receive thorough review. Unfortunately, SDI is based on wildly overblown assumptions. (See Panofsky, "SDI: Perception vs. Reality," *Physics Today*, June 1985) The Fletcher Commission that rubber stamped the "feasibility" of star-wars based entirely on information supplied by weapons labs and star-wars contractors was headed by the same James Fletcher that predicted 725 successful shuttle missions by 1991. We cannot depend on a technological fix for the very real, human problems of international security. A thorough trashing of star-wars could take a few pages, and space does not permit. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Tell our congressional delegation to push for deep cuts in SDI funds.

Why is it that a project touted by Mr. Fields as our savior from Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) is rejected by a clear majority of the U.S. scientific community as pure fantasy? (see "The Fallacy of Star Wars" by the Union of Concerned Scientists, *Vintage*, 1984). The answer, I believe, lies in the disingenuous way star wars has been hyped to the public by Mr. Fields's High Frontier and others, including the president. (The kookier proponents can be observed in airports passing out literature on particle beams, x-ray lasers, kill vehicles, etc.)

Foremost, the public should understand that **STAR-WARS IS NOT BEING DEVELOPED AS AND NEVER WILL BECOME A SYSTEM TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK.** The president's March, 1983 speech called on the scientific community to render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." Yet, not one single nuclear program (MX missile, Trident D-5 submarine-launched warhead, etc.) will be curtailed by the "early deployment" of star-wars that Weinberger now calls for. We can hardly expect that star-wars will, as Mr. Fields states, "...eliminate nuclear weapons."

In fact, Mr. Fields's logic demonstrates that he understands nuclear warheads, and MAD, will continue into a star-wars regime: "It would make a first strike a real gamble and not worth the risk of certain retaliation."

A "Global Ballistic Missile Defense System" that is only capable of stopping 80 percent of incoming

missiles, and depends on "certain retaliation" for deterrence sounds to me like assured destruction. Just a few nuclear explosions will kill millions and be an unparalleled disaster for both sides. Mr. Fields's argument is wholly inconsistent.

The cavalier way that star-wars proponents claim miracles with "off the shelf" technology is a classic ploy worthy of the sleeziest used-car salesman. High Frontier has recommended that we quickly deploy a satellite network of so-called "kinetic energy kill vehicles." These clusters of "homing overlays," now also favored by Mr. Weinberger, would supposedly be able to directly strike ballistic missiles in the boost phase.

Ignored by the star-wars pitchmen are the technical obstacles to BMD (Ballistic Missile Defense). I will focus on Mr. Fields's "kill vehicles." Kill vehicles have two major drawbacks. They move relatively slowly which severely limits their effective range. Furthermore, because a rapidly moving object heats the air around it, thus emitting infra-red radiation, an infra-red homing sensor cannot function in the atmosphere. It becomes blinded by its own heat. Calculations show that an infra-red kill vehicle cannot home below 100km altitude in the atmosphere. An ICBM booster burning out below 80km could not be tracked.

The coverage of Soviet ICBM silos by individual battle stations would be severely limited. This would necessitate about 30 orbiting kill vehicle satellites per silo complex. A brief calculation shows that merely lifting the 4,000 tons of necessary hardware into orbit would cost tens of billions of dollars, and require at least 100 space shuttle missions. Given these immense problems, along with computer and battle management problems, vulnerability problems and the possibility of decoys fooling the system, I will not concede that "technology is available," notwithstanding previous tests against sitting duck missiles.

What, then, are the real motivations and implications of pushing star-wars systems? First, I believe many well-meaning star-wars hypers have a technological fix mentality for the ultimate dangers of the nuclear age. Unfortunately, for such believers even a cursory examination of candidate technologies and current political landscapes lends little hope for such idealism.

People who believe that "science can do anything" fail to realize that while amazing defensive technologies may well be cooked up, the other guy has technology to work with too — whatever a defense can conjure, the offense can counteract with simpler, cheaper, more well-understood measures. Responding to Defense Sec. Weinberger's

defense of star-wars on the grounds that "critics thought we could never get to the moon," former Defense Sec. Robert McNamara and McGeorge Bundy countered by saying that, "The effort to get to the moon was not complicated by the presence of an adversary. A platoon of hostile moon men with axes could have made it a disaster."

With star-wars we are proceeding to abrogate a bunch of treaties (the Outer Space Explosions Treaty and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, for example), and in the process destroying the weak limits we have on the arms race. Yes, star-wars IS a new arms race in space, Mr. Fields. The Soviets will have no treaty restrictions to limit their efforts to either counteract star-wars with countermeasures or overwhelm it with more offensive weapons. After all, what nation would passively put up with an array of weapons platforms orbiting overhead as the Soviets would be faced with? The system would provide the Soviets with a strong excuse to build-up weapons and possibly force them into a pre-emptive strike. Star-wars reverses all small gains achieved in past arms control and ushers in a new era where unlimited arms competition drains most human resources from peaceful problem solving.

I believe we should take star-wars for what it is — preservation of the narrow security interests of giant aerospace corporations and their will to dominate the resources of the Earth, including outer space. They see star-wars as a justification for their existence well beyond the current round of MX, B-1 and all of the other forms of "modernization." It is at once a pork-barrel and a symbol of capitalist power.

In fact, the system is much more sensible from a military standpoint if it is viewed in the context of the weapons of the 1980's; Star-wars is a first strike weapon. Even though it would be worthless against a well-organized pre-emptive strike, it could well be effective against a disorganized Soviet-retaliation.

No, Loren, I am no fan of Mutual Assured Destruction. Life on this planet is extremely fragile and it will take a miracle to save it given our hair-trigger nuclear infrastructure. MAD is about all we have right now. That's why many of us are calling for general disarmament! Why have star-wars when its supposed "desirable" effects could be achieved if national policies were not to threaten nuclear war?

Yet I'm shrewd enough to realize that a fix won't just happen overnight. That's why we are campaigning for a Nuclear Test Ban, a Nuclear Freeze, and preservation of arms control. I choose to focus on what CAN be done rather than plunge into the foolishness of star-wars.

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News Briefs

Kidnappers want exchange hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Moslem kidnappers released Thursday a videotape showing U.S. hostage Jesse Turner saying his abductors were determined to trade him and three other educators for 400 Arab prisoners in Israel. Turner, 39, of Boise, Idaho, said Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine was "firm in its demand"

that a swap be arranged. The group had claimed responsibility for the Jan. 24 abduction of the four.

But his voice was barely audible in the poor quality, three-minute tape, which was delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper An-Nahar.

Reporters who saw and listened to Turner on the videotape said they were having difficulty transcribing what he said.

But they said he appeared to be making a new appeal to the

American administration to put pressure on Israel to arrange the swap so that their lives would be saved.

Previous communiques from the group said hostage Alann Steen, 47, of Boston, was dangerously ill and might die. It cited high blood pressure and breathing difficulties.

The group said Steen's illness prompted it to renew its offer of the swap, which Israel has rejected.

Steen, Turner, fellow American Robert Polhill, 53, of New York City, and Indian Mithileshwar Singh, 60, were kidnapped at the U.S.-affiliated Beirut University College in Beirut's Moslem sector. Singh is a legal resident alien of the United States.

The release of the new tape came a few hours after students rallied on campus to demand the release of the four teachers held hostage for 68 days.

"All of you stand up and call, call for the release of our kidnapped four," a dozen fine-arts students chanted. About 1,000 people took part in the one-hour open-air rally.

Twenty-four foreigners, including eight Americans, are missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped since March 1985. Also missing is Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, who dropped from sight Jan. 20.

their differences with the U.S. Forest Service, skiers who try to use the Mount Washington tourist train for a lift to treacherous Tuckerman Ravine will be turned away, railway officials said Thursday.

Owners Wayne Presby and Joel Bedore have abandoned plans to haul skiers to Tuckerman this year because the forest service has denied guide permits for the venture. The owners plan to appeal the decision in hopes of starting the skier service next year.

"We believe offering skiers a safe, reliable means of ascending the mountain and the Cog Railway continues to be desirable," Bedore said at a news conference.

Without the train, skiers must strap skis and boots on their backs and hike at least 2½ hours to the ravine's base. From there, they must climb up the ravine's edge, including the famed and feared headwall, for the hair-raising streak back down the steepest natural ski slope in the East.

With the train, skiers would have paid \$79 each for a ride to the summit of Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the Northeast at 6,288 feet. From there, skiers would have hiked little more than a mile down to the top of Tuckerman.

The regular Cog Railway tourist excursion service, which began operating in 1869, will open for the season on April 25, with fares of \$25, Bedore said. People who arrive with skis will not be allowed to ride up.

Guide permit for train denied

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Until Cog Railway owners resolve

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Worldwalker returns home

BETHEL, Ohio (AP) — Steven Newman ended his four-year, 15,000-mile walk around the world Wednesday with a kiss for his mother on the steps of his family home and greeted by the cheers and tears of 2,000 townspeople.

The crowd gathered in the snow-covered yard of the two-story, brick house watched the journalist-adventurer hug and kiss his mother, on his walk on April 1, 1983.

Newman's father, Edwin, died on Thanksgiving Day 1984 while Newman was walking through India, one of 20 countries he visited.

Newman, 32, wearing a red parka, blue jeans and boots and a backpack with an embroidered American flag, cried with his mother after they embraced.

"I want to say that I love you. I want you to know that I will never forget this day, if I live to be 150," he told the crowd. "As much as these other people helped me around the world, you did, too, because you never forget the place where you grew up."

Homes, businesses and churches in Bethel, a town of 2,200 about 25 miles southeast of Cincinnati, displayed signs welcoming Newman home. Some townspeople wore caps imprinted, "Steve Newman, Worldwalker."

About 300 people, many of them school children carrying flags of foreign countries, walked the final five miles with Newman along rural roads through snow-covered farm fields from a state park where he camped Tuesday night.

Minuteman three launch successful

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A Minuteman 3 rocket was successfully launched early Thursday after a 24-hour delay, a base spokesman said.

The unarmed booster rocket blasted off shortly after 1 a.m.

traveling 4,300 miles to the U.S. Army's Kwajalein atoll in the Pacific, said Sgt. Virgil Short.

The 30-minute flight went without a hitch. Short said the test launch carried two navigation systems, one of which will be used for the nation's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program.

He added that the launch was routine and part of the Air Force's research and development program.

Lobster logo alternative denied

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A bill to give Maine motorists an alternative to the lobster logo on new state license plates expired Thursday as the Senate narrowly rejected it, 16-14.

In other action, the Legislature endorsed a resolution urging the U.S. Senate to override President Reagan's veto of the \$88 billion highway bill, just two hours before the Senate did so. Maine lawmakers also confirmed the appointments of two new members of the Board of Environmental Protection.

As for the license plate measure, "it's dead," said a disappointed proponent, Rep. Mary H. MacBride, Presque Isle. "I honestly think this was a bill that the public would really support."

"I don't care what the margin of victory was," said Rep. Guy R. Nadeau, D-Saco, whose district is home to a group of school children who successfully lobbied the Legislature last year to create the lobster design. "Now we can get onto real issues."

The Senate vote appeared to kill the bill for this session. On Tuesday, the House overwhelmingly rejected it, 102-19.

Debate on the measure continued to the end. The bill had attracted widespread attention and become something of a symbol for critics of the Legislature who complain too much time is devoted to trivial matters in Augusta. Some lawmakers in turn had blamed the media for focusing on the lobster plate controversy at the expense of weightier issues.

Worker dies in Canada mine fire

MURDOCHVILLE, Quebec (AP) — A fire broke out in a copper mine in the Gaspé area of eastern Quebec, trapping dozens of miners underground overnight. Mine officials said today one worker died but 53 others were found alive.

The miners were found in emergency lunchroom shelters on different levels of the Gaspé Mine, spokeswoman Dominique Archambault said.

By mid-afternoon, 11 of the 54 men who were in the mine with the fire burned body of the one victim, were rescued. Only one of those rescued was injured.

Another 29 men were located in a sealed-off and ventilated lunchroom at the 2,600-foot level, and the 13 remaining miners were

found in other shelters, Ms. Archambault said.

"It's great news," she said.

The cause of the fire was not known, but mine officials were ruling out an explosion. The fire started about 2,500 feet below-ground.

The fire trapped the miners during a shift change at 7 p.m. Wednesday, and many of the workers made it safely to the lunchroom area where they have fresh water, ventilation and radio communications with ground level. Mine officials said they would not let the miners leave until the smoke was cleared.

The copper mine, both underground and open-pit, has a work force of 800 and is the major employer in the town of Murdochville, population 3,900. It is located about 250 miles northeast of Quebec City on the Gaspé Peninsula at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River.

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Evidence suggests barring Waldheim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit has compiled additional information on the wartime activities of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim to bolster a recommendation that Waldheim be barred from the United States, sources said Thursday.

The Office of Special Investigations renewed its recommendation regarding Waldheim with a 200-page memo saying that he may have been involved in World War II atrocities against Yugoslav partisans, said the sources, speaking under condition that they not be identified.

The memo was sent to Attorney General Edwin Meese, who has not acted on last April's recommendation by OSI

head Neil Sher that Waldheim be placed on a "watch list" of people to be excluded from the United States.

In a story in Thursday editions, The Washington Post quoted an unidentified source as saying that the latest evidence compiled by Sher's office is so overwhelming "that it meets a dozen times over" the requirements for establishing a case against Waldheim.

Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten has said that Meese has been busy with more pressing matters. Meese testified recently before the House Judiciary Committee, and that he expected to make a decision soon on the Waldheim matter.

Federal law states that people should be barred from entering the United States if they were associated with the Nazi government in Germany.

Any decision on Waldheim would be a largely symbolic gesture. His position as a head of state gives him diplomatic immunity preventing enforcement of the law's provisions. As Austrian president, Waldheim would visit the United States only at the invitation of President Reagan.

Until a year ago, Waldheim had maintained that he was discharged from the German army after suffering a war wound on the Russian front in 1941.

Actually, Waldheim spent the remainder of the war as a German Army

intelligence officer in the Balkans, according to records uncovered in 1986 by the World Jewish Congress.

For much of the period he was on the headquarters staff of Army Group E, whose troops massacred thousands of suspected underground partisans and civilians in Yugoslavia and deported tens of thousands of Jews from Greece to Nazi death camps. Groups E's commander, German Gen. Alexander Lohr, was hanged for war crimes in 1947.

Waldheim has denied he was involved in any reprisals against Yugoslav partisans and says he had no knowledge of the deportation of Jews from Saloika, Greece.

Flood damage inspected by governor

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Some victims of Maine's worst flooding on record were able to return home Thursday, but untold numbers remained in emergency shelters as officials began taking stock of the devastation.

Raging waters ripped out bridges, swept houses downstream and left scores of homes awash, and also drowned cattle and closed more than 100 roads, snarling traffic outside flooded river basins.

As the waters began to recede, more than 100 people who evacuated the Edmund S. Muskie senior citizens' home in the western Maine town of Rumford, which was isolated a day earlier by the swollen Androscoggin River, were allowed back. They had spent the night in a

high school and with relatives, authorities said.

But in the northern part of the state, evacuations continued as the Saint John and Penobscot Rivers continued rising far above flood stage.

No serious injuries were reported. "It mostly seems people were well-prepared and are rolling with the punches," said Darla Chafin of the state Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

Gov. John R. McKernan Jr., who has declared a state of emergency, planned to inspect the hardest hit areas by helicopter Thursday. Top transportation, civil-defense and National Guard officials were to accompany him.

Water remained at rooftop levels

around many houses, garages and stores across central and western Maine, while scores of people rode above flooded streets in boats. Lumber, fuel tanks and debris bobbed freely in some areas.

The bodies of more than a dozen cows that drowned in the Sandy River's floodwaters were lined by the side of a road in the western Maine town of New Sharon.

Baby M's mothers says she cannot accept court's ruling

RED BANK, N.J. (AP) — The surrogate mother of Baby M, stripped of the right to see her child again, said today she and the baby "love" each other very much and will not accept the judge's decision to uphold the surrogate childbearing contract.

"There will never be a termination of the love I have for Sara. Nor will there ever be a termination to the need Sara has for her real mother," Mary Beth Whitehead said in a statement.

On Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Harvey R. Sorkow issued the nation's first ruling on a disputed surrogate mother contract. The 121-page decision upheld the contract, awarded custody of the year-old girl to William Stern and his wife and barred Mrs. Whitehead from seeing her child again.

In her statement today, her first since the ruling, Mrs. Whitehead referred to the baby by the name she gave her after refusing to turn the infant over to the

biological father. The Sterns have named the baby Melissa Stern.

"We will not accept the decision of one judge as the final determination of a whole society that we should be permanently separated," said Mrs. Whitehead.

"I believe that there is something so wrong and so harmfully unnatural about the surrogate practice that our New Jersey appellate courts will return Sara to me," she said.

Mrs. Whitehead's attorney, Harold J. Cassidy, also released a statement prior to his client's afternoon news conference and said they will continue their legal battle.

Cassidy said his appeal, expected to go directly to the New Jersey Supreme Court, will have at least 15 grounds for reversal and he has added two law professors and another law firm to the team fighting for Mrs. Whitehead.

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Baseball roundup

By The Associated Press

Tom Browning, in his final spring tuneup prior to Opening Day, allowed one run over seven innings as Eric Davis, Terry-Francona and Kal Daniels drove in two runs each to give the Cincinnati Reds a 6-2 exhibition victory over the Detroit Tigers at Tampa.

Browning is scheduled to open the season for Cincinnati Monday against the Montreal Expos.

Detroit starter Dan Petry, 0-5 this spring, gave up four first-inning runs before settling down.

White Sox 8, Rangers 5

In Sarasota, Chicago right fielder Harold Baines, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee during the off-season, took himself out of Thursday's victory over Texas after drawing a first-inning walk and scoring from second base.

Kansas City 2, Omaha 1

In Fort Myers, Mark Gubicza threw

seven shutout innings and Willie Wilson had three singles as Kansas City defeated their Omaha farm club.

Braves 8, Astros 5

In Kissimmee, Dale Murphy highlighted a four-run seventh inning with a two-run single, helping Atlanta to beat Houston.

Twins 8, Yankees 3

In Fort Lauderdale, Roy Smalley's three-run homer highlighted a 14-hit Minnesota attack and Minnesota handed New York its seventh straight exhibition defeat.

Pirates 3, Mets 2

In Bradenton, Bobby Bonilla hit a two-run triple in the seventh inning to lift Pittsburgh over New York.

Brewers 3, Cubs 1

In Chandler, Chuck Crim pitched five scoreless innings to lower his spring earned-run average to 1.11 as Milwaukee split squad defeated Chicago.

Coffin, Gavett honored

by John Holyoke
Sports Writer

Though the University of Maine women's basketball ended nearly a month ago with a loss to Northeastern in the Seaboard Conference championship game, UMaine personnel are still racking up honors.

Maine coach Peter Gavett has been named New England Coach of the Year by Division I coaches in District I, making this the second time in three years he has been chosen for the honor.

Also, Junior center Liz Coffin has been named to the Kodak District I All-American team. She is the only player named who is a non-senior, and is the only repeat District I choice.

Gavett said that the awards show "that people in New England recognize the type of program we have here."

The Black Bears finished the season with a 24-4 record in Gavett's fourth season at the helm. He is the only District I coach who has been nominated for the honor more than once in the past three years.

He won the award in 1985 and was runner-up last year.

Coffin finished the season averaging 20.3 points and 13.4 rebounds per game, finishing sixth in the nation in the latter.

Intramural beat

by Kevin Sjoberg
Staff Writer

The bowling season was completed this past week, with the fraternity division recently finishing their playoffs while the dormitory champ was crowned prior to break.

In the fraternity division, league champion Sigma Phi Epsilon was edged out by Sigma Chi in the championship "rolloffs" by a four pin margin, 1,904 to 1,900.

Sigma Chi earned the title after finishing in third place in the 13-team league. Kurt Harling, Tom Isherwood, Tom Fortier, and Jeff Tully made up Sigma Chi's winning team.

Sigma Phi Epsilon collected two of the three individual honors, with Perry Boudreau compiling a 108.7 average and Mike Grass rolling the highest total with a 359.

Shawn Hutchinson of Delta Tau Delta had the highest single game with a 143 total.

In the dormitory division, Hancock Hall was the winner, defeating league champs Estabrooke's Tantric Warriors in the finals.

Hancock was led in the rollofts by Adam Thebeur who had a 614 total for five strings, an average of 122.4. Bruce Chute, Dave McAfee, and John Mavodones were the other bowlers on the victorious dormitory squad.

Individual awards in the dormitory league division went to: Joe King, of the Oxford Strikers for high-average (101.5); Joel Davis of Estabrooke for highest single game (146); and Kendall Brann of Hart Hall for high-total (347).

The Basketball Hot Shot contest took place Sunday, with Oak Hall and Delta Tau Delta winning the dormitory and fraternity divisions.

Oak had a four-person team total of 106, ousting the Dunn Slippery Nipples by 13 points.

In the fraternity division, Delta Tau squeaked out a win over Sigma Alpha Epsilon by one tally, 108-109.

Ken Mills of Delta Tau and Tim Vacchiano of SAE tied for individual honors with scores of 24 each.

David Kilborn of Oak won the dormitory individual title with a total of 25.

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Boylen wins invitation to all-star games

by Kevin Sjöberg
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Though the Maine Black Bears' basketball season was completed weeks ago, honors for one of the players continue to pile up.

Senior guard Jim Boylen, who earlier was named to the All-ECAC North

Atlantic Conference first-team, has been invited to participate in a pair of post-season all-star games.

Saturday, Boylen will compete with other New England Division One All-Stars against a combination of New England Division Two and Three All-Stars at Fairfield (Conn.) University at 8 p.m.

The following Saturday (April 11), Boylen has been invited to compete in the TA-WA-SI Athletic Association's 15th annual College All-Star game in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Boylen is from nearby East Grand Rapids.

The Michigan game will feature collegians from Michigan now playing with

colleges throughout the country.

Among these players are Antoine Joubert and Garde Thompson from the Michigan Wolverines and Darryl Johnson of the Michigan State Spartans.

Thompson and Boylen were high school teammates at East Grand Rapids High School.



UMaine men in action.

(Campus photo)

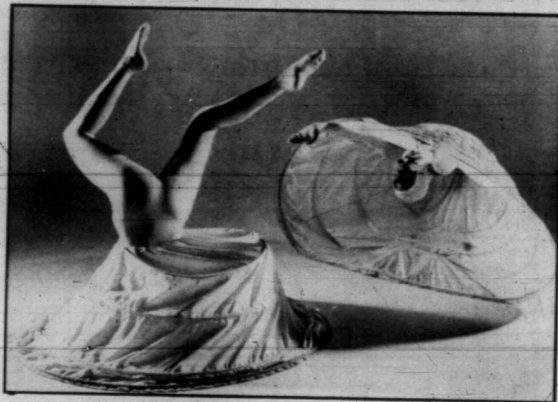
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