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photo by John Baer

Maine native Allan Weiner, who received national attention after operating a floating radio station off the coast of New York for three days.

Offshore DJ is determined to ride the airwaves again

by Mike Laberge
Staff Writer

On July 26, three men sat handcuffed for 7 and a half hours on the deck of the Sarah, a Japanese fishing ship converted into a radio station, about four miles off the coast of New York.

During that time, Coast Guard officers kept watch while Federal Communications Commission officials dismantled the radio equipment that operated Radio Newyork International, the name of the floating-radio station.

One of the men on the ship was Monticello, Maine resident Allan Weiner, a radio engineer

and one of RNI's founders.

"The Coast Guard came and arrested us and could not even tell us what law we were violating," said the 34-year-old Weiner. "At the same time, they were telling us they all listen to the station and they love it. They were upset they had to come out and do this to us."

The FCC charged Weiner and disc jockey Ivan Rothstein with conspiring to impede the functioning of the FCC. They were released on their own recognizance later that day. The third person on the ship, Village Voice reporter R.J. Smith, was released after his identity became known.

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BOT to ask for \$60 million from state Legislature

MACHIAS, Maine (AP) —

The University of Maine System board of trustees agreed Monday to ask the Legislature for a state bond issue of \$60 million next year for construction and renovation projects to improve the system's aging campuses.

The board voted 15-0, with trustee Eve Bither absent, on the measure, based on a recommendation by the university system's physical plant committee. The approval came after the trustees rejected 11-4 a proposal to reduce the bond issue to \$50 million.

Administrators and members of the physical plant committee said money from the bond issue, which needs the approval of the state Legislature and Gov. John McKernan, would be used to build new classrooms, laboratories, offices, parking lots and storage areas.

During its two-hour meeting on the university's Machias campus, the trustees also approved requests for an additional appropriation of \$4.8 million for the current fiscal year, \$2.2 million to develop a proposed community college and telecommunications system and \$2.7 million for implementation of a job reclassification

study for technical and clerical employees.

System officials said, ultimately, the university will need more than \$250 million to improve its seven campuses.

In other business, the board agreed to add the words "sexual orientation" to its list of groups and individuals protected under the university's non-discrimination policy.

University Vice President Kent Price said the wording is intended to protect homosexuals from discrimination in employment, admission to the university and administrative positions.

Also Monday, the board named J. Michael Orenduff president of the university system's Farmington campus. Orenduff, vice president for Academic Affairs and a professor of philosophy at West Texas State University, in Canyon, Texas, will assume his position in mid-January, Price said.

Orenduff, 43, was selected from among 95 applicants for the position. He succeeds interim president Norman C. Crawford Jr. who headed the campus since July when Judith A. Sturnick left to take the presidency of Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Rally marks six months for IP strikers

by Douglas Kessell
Staff Writer

Striking workers of the International Paper Co. mill in Jay will continue to picket in solidarity for minimum improved working conditions, said a local union president at a rally Monday.

The rally outside the Memorial Union at the University of Maine marked the beginning of the sixth month since the workers walked out. "The longer we hold out the more apt we are to win," said Bill Meserve, president of Local 14 of the United Paperworkers International Union.

Meserve said the 1,250 strikers were not looking for increased wages or benefits when they walked off the job on June 16, but for premium pay for work on Sundays and holidays.

"We're trying to maintain the only standard we have,"

Meserve said.

The Jay workers joined a number of other IP workers across the country who had gone on strike as early as last March.

Meserve said as many as 3,400 paper workers nationwide are on strike. He also said a number of other unions have contract negotiations that they are holding up pending the outcome of this strike.

Last year IP doubled its profits and brought in an estimated \$305 million.

"As of Sept. 30, their profit has increased 47 percent," Meserve said.

The average IP worker has 32 hours off for a Christmas holiday, Meserve said, and must work 39 of 52 Sundays. Employees' schedules include working seven-day weeks and working nights.

Ranking officials at IP last year received a 38 percent salary

increase, he said, while they have asked for workers salaries to be cut by 12-17 percent.

"They're (IP) heartless, they just don't care," Meserve said. "They're out for the

almighty buck."

Since the strike began, IP officials have hired replacements for the strikers which they say are permanent and will not be fired once things have been

resolved.

In addition, management has eliminated 178 jobs. Meserve said the strikers have been notified that these 178 are

(see STRIKE page 2)

Applying for federal employment to be demystified by workshop speaker Thursday

by Monica Wilcox
Staff Writer

Entering federal employment could be an exciting career choice, but applying for the positions is a very confusing process, said a regional staffing specialist.

Herb Robinson, from the Federal Office of Personnel Management in Boston, will be at the University of Maine to address federal employment opportunities and ap-

plication procedures at a workshop, to be held Thursday, Nov. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sutton Lounge of the Memorial Union.

The event is the second of three workshops sponsored by UMaine's Career Planning and Placement Office. The third, titled "Preparing for the Second Interview," will be held Dec. 1 at 2:10 p.m. in the FFA Room of the Memorial Union.

Robinson said a lot of peo-

ple don't know about the opportunities in federal government careers.

"My recruiting responsibility is to inform people about the federal service careers and how to apply for them."

Robinson said he also will discuss specific issues, like where the best opportunities are and what the benefits of working for the federal government are.

"We're going to simplify (see JOB page 2)

Soviet describes youth in U.S.S.R.

by Steve Roper
Staff Writer

Soviet English teacher Kira Alekseevna Bondarinko was the first of four speakers to be featured this year in "Topics in Soviet Studies."

Speaking before a crowd of more than 80 students Sunday, Alekseevna offered a brief description of Soviet life and fielded many questions on the subject.

The one-credit course is designed to parallel the U.S.-Soviet Pairing Project,

a Soviet exchange program the University of Maine System is involved with, and will feature lectures on a number of varied topics. As part of this project, six University of Maine students will be selected later this year as envoys to the University of Kharkov, Ukrainian SSR. Other students will be selected to host students coming here from Kharkov.

"We've had an unusual number of applications," said Virginia Whitaker, campus coordinator for the project. Applications are due Dec. 6 and some

students will undoubtedly be turned down, but many have shown a great deal of interest in the course required for participation in the program.

Alekseevna began the session by focusing on the lives of Soviet youth. She even informed her audience about American writers read widely by students in her own country but not in ours.

John Reed, author of "Ten Days That Shook the World," was one such writer. As an author, Reed is credited with helping to establish the

Bolshevik Revolution and is now considered a Soviet hero. Alekseevna said he is the only American buried in an honorary cemetery outside the Kremlin Wall in Moscow.

"Every Feb. 22 my students go there and put flowers on his grave," she said.

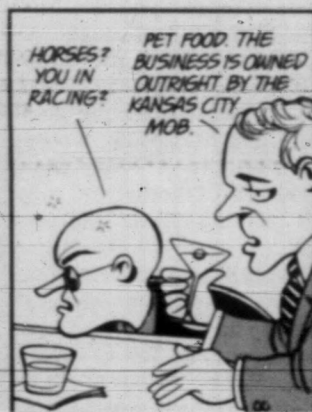
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Strike

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Radio

Weiner said the ship was not in violation of the law because the Sarah, named after his wife, was registered in Honduras and was anchored in international waters, both of which placed it out of the FCC's jurisdiction. International waters begin about three miles offshore.

The charge of conspiracy against Rothstein and Weiner was dropped a month later.

"We waited a month, the case was dismissed, and we were left with a wrecked ship and very little money to put it back together," Weiner said. "I was very upset about it because I don't like locking horns with my government."

Weiner thinks the FCC dismantled the equipment to buy time.

"They knew what they were doing was not right and they knew we were not violating any laws," he said. "They wrecked our station and they did what they wanted to do. They got us off the air for a while."

Weiner and members of RNI have since filed a lawsuit against the FCC to try to recover both damages to the ship and punitive damages.

Now, the Sarah is anchored in Boston and Weiner and Randi Steele, co-founder of RNI, are repairing the ship and plan to put RNI back on the air in the spring. They have been raising the \$50,000 it will take to repair the ship and the equipment through private contributions.

"Hopefully, when we go back out, now that everybody knows about us, we won't be harassed," he said. "At the maximum, maybe they will issue a temporary restraining order. But if they do that, we will just go off the air, go into court and prove our case. That's it."

Nobody gets arrested."

The station occupied 103.1 on the FM dial and 1620 on the AM band, neither of which interfered with other stations in the area.

During its four days on the air, the station received national and international coverage. On the third day of broadcasting, July 25, the ship was deluged with reporters.

"They chartered a boat and would come out five or six at a time," he said. "All Ivan and I were doing that day was conducting tours."

"All I want to do is operate a radio station and play rock and roll."
Radio pirate Allan Weiner

Radio New York International was born July 23, when Weiner and Rothstein made test broadcasts from the Sarah.

It is modeled after Radio Caroline, a station off the shore of England that has been broadcasting since 1964.

RNI, Weiner said, is dedicated to love, peace and understanding, and is his reaction to the stagnant state of radio today.

"I think radio today is lacking a lot of individual creativity," he said. "They are afraid to do what was popular in the 60s and early 70s and that is experiment and try new formats and new methods."

RNI mixed a free-form format with 30- and 60-second spots, reaffirming the station's theme.

"We ran announcements that encouraged people to help this or that organization, bring peace, conserve this, or shutdown this nuclear power

plant," he said. "I think we were the first people to implement the political public service announcement."

Weiner got the idea for RNI after being denied access to the airwaves a number of times.

"Everybody should contribute something to society, and this is what I have chosen to do," he said. "Unfortunately, the way I've chosen to do it isn't always in accord with the way the government sees it."

In his attempt to gain access to the airwaves, Weiner has clashed with the FCC

ed to revoke his license if he didn't shut it down.

It would have cost him between \$50-\$100,000 and 2½ years to defend himself.

Lacking both the money and the time to go through the revocation procedure, he settled with the FCC, which required him to sell his Presque Isle station.

Weiner decided his only option was to establish a radio station in international waters, presumably beyond the jurisdiction of the FCC.

RNI purchased a rusty fishing vessel with \$50,000 and spent a year and a half and another \$40,000 refinishing it and converting it to a radio station.

The Sarah was first approached by the Coast Guard July 24, the second day. Coast Guard officials, accompanied by the FCC, checked the Sarah's papers and registration and left. At that time, the FCC said the station was illegal and threatened to shut it down if it was not taken off the air.

Two days later, the Coast Guard and the FCC boarded the ship.

"To me it was totally a Gestapo action," he said. "When they came out, there were no arrest warrants, search warrants or anything like that."

Now, six months later, Weiner is optimistic about RNI's future and the message it has to offer. "We were hoping through our music, our comment and our sincerity that the Sarah would get our message across, and I think it will," he said. "I'm not out to break any laws, and I'm not out to challenge the authority of the FCC," he said.

"I'm an American citizen who wants access to this medium and I can't get it. 'All I want to do is operate a radio station and play rock and roll,'" he said.

HEAR YE!

General Student Senate
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in 153 Barrows

Resolutions Coming before your senate this week

****An act to require that the University of Maine Student Government funded clubs and organizations allow only activity fee paying undergraduate students to participate in these clubs and organizations**

******Please Note: There will be a roll call vote on Tuesday November 10 To bring this resolution Directly out of committee and go directly to a vote. Now for the results of that vote:**

Voting For:	Tamara Davis
Voting Against:	Monica Chaplin, Kristen Dane Mark Gould, Melissa Johnson, Jonh O'Dea, Cynthia Sweeney, Sheri Badger, Tania Chadbourne, Robin Cultrera, Eric Ewing, Wendy Gulliver, Liz Kelly, Wendy Landes, Dave McGowan, Jason Raschack, Janne Stewart, Cris Walkin, Bill Weidner
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Concerns? Comments? Questions? Come see the Senate

Editorial

Pat's gives great service

Many people have endured long waits at restaurants and icy stares from waitresses after they have asked for something to be prepared differently.

But there is still at least one place that people can go and be treated with courtesy; that place is Pat's Pizza on Mill Street in Orono.

Time and time again Pat's has proven itself to be a business that cares about its customers.

Recently one University of Maine student's order was misplaced by a waitress. After the student sat at a table for an hour, he politely asked the cook whether or not his order was cooking. When it was discovered that the waitress had made the error, the student was told his meal was free.

Another student ordered a meatball sandwich and instead received a cold sausage sandwich. She said she thought the sausage were just spicy meatballs and she would have happily eaten the sandwich after it was heated through.

But, after Pat's cook discovered the error the student was given the order free and her friend's order was also free.

This kind of consideration by businesses is hard to find in these buyer beware days. Better business rules and regulations are almost completely unenforceable.

Let's face it, there are simply too many business transactions taken place everyday to be scrutinized. The bureau can not possibly meet the challenge.

It is only when businesses, such as Pat's Pizza, choose to comply with high standards of operation that the consumer is protected from being pushed around by the big businesses.

C.D. Farnsworth started Farnsworth's Cafe in 1931; today he is still the owner of this business now called Pat's Pizza.

Pat's Pizza has become a traditional college hang-out for generations of UMaine students. Alumni usually make a visit to Pat's Pizza during Homecoming.

All of this success can in part be credited to the good food and low prices and to the soda-shop atmosphere.

But it is clearly evident that the majority of the success of the business is due to the friendliness and out-right care employees give to each customer.

The cook does not need to make a hush-hush phone call to know he can give a customer an order free if one of the employees has made a mistake.

All of the employees at Pat's Pizza are told the customer always comes first.

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Jan Vertefeuille

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Cutler offers medical services for all students

To the editor:

As Director of the Cutler Health Center, I feel that I should clarify some points made in the *The Daily Maine Campus* last week. First, the headline "Students Not Using Health Center" is misleading.

In September we had approximately 3500 students visits; in October 3300, virtually the same as in September and October 1986.

However, in 1986 approximately 16 percent of the students had to pay directly for their care since they had not

purchased the health services in advance. I interpret these numbers to mean that last year students came to use the Health Center when they needed it regardless of whether they had paid in advance or had to pay fee-for-service.

This year 98 percent of the visits were covered under the Student Life Fee. Also between September and October the Health Center immunized over 1200 students at no charge helping them to comply with the new State Law requiring such vaccinations.

I also want to briefly reiterate

that the Student Life Fee covers all physician and nurse visits, visits to the physical therapist, and all laboratory and x-ray services rendered at the Cutler Health Center. There is a charge as well as for infirmary stays.

Drugs are provided at a very low cost to students who have medications prescribed or approved by the Cutler Health Center staff.

Finally, I hope all students realize that when they are sick the entire Health Center staff will do its best to provide services. It is never our intention

to turn away anyone in need of help.

We have instituted an appointment policy, which is beneficial to the students since it helps decrease waiting time and allows students to select a physician or nurse of their choice.

We request that if possible, students call for an appointment; however, anyone who is acutely ill or injured is welcome directly to the Health Center where he or she will be seen by our triage nurse.

Unfortunately, as in other urgent care settings, students

who "walk-in" may have a longer waiting period than those who have an appointment and will be seen in order of severity of illness rather than on a "first-come" basis.

I am happy to speak with any students on how to improve our services.

Please feel free to call me at Ext. 4011 or to make an appointment to come in.

Roberta Berrien, M.D.
Director
Cutler Health Center

ResLife parties cause danger

To the editor:

Get out of the booze business ResLife! It gives me a warm feeling deep inside to know that I am paying for someone else's party which I'm not allowed to attend.

People are drinking beer, not just at your DUMB ResLife parties, Mr. Anchors.

Students are being forced to party off campus where drunk

driving becomes a factor. I'm sure the people of Orono appreciate this.

What ResLife is doing now is making parties a lot less safe. Instead of throwing my money away at your futile attempts at pushing alcohol, how about putting the Late Night Local back on the road?

That makes too much sense doesn't it?

Steve Bennett
Dunn Hall

Being prepared for life itself

To the editor:

I was thrilled to read in Thursday's Nov. 5 *The Daily Maine Campus*, that the administration of UMaine is working to improve "higher" education, and that they won't be swayed by a "bad, bigoted, obsessive book."

A sense of intellectual security filled my whole mind.

I was most impressed by President Lick. He was able to see right through the "intellectual mumbo jumbo" and get at the base of what Bloom is saying. It was obvious to me that our president's view is one of an open mind, "in touch with modern society and the breadth of current university systems."

I feel confident President Lick will guide us away from study of the "classics," and establish a system of higher education that will encompass all of life. One that will prepare me, the education that will encompass all of life.

One that will prepare me, the student, for all the changes in life that have occurred in the last ten years.

President Lick and the rest of the administration are preparing us, the students, for the "New Age" wave that will carry the whole world into a utopian equality.

Thank you and God Bless us everyone.

David Hurt
Dunn Hall

Amnesty International

To the editor:

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence.

We are starting a campus group here at the university and need your support.

Our next meeting is Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Sutton Lounge.

Please join us!

Sara A. Almy
Amnesty Member

Commentary

Clarifying the position

Marc Larrivee has unfortunately either missed the point of my previous article on covert action or has intentionally turned the discussion into a tangential attack on U.S. policy in Central America.

I did in absolutely no way argue that the CIA was justified in all their actions simply because the Russian Intelligence system was more underhanded. The facts I presented were used in an attempt to demonstrate that governments (all governments) use their secret services in ways which are not always proper, and the denunciation of the CIA alone was not in our best interest.

I assumed (incorrectly) it was clear from my position on intelligence agencies that I considered it ridiculous to oppose CIA recruitment on campus. As the interviews were purely voluntary I saw no reason to object to them looking for employees.

Protesting government actions is an American tradition, but censoring the views of others is an encroachment on their rights to free speech. I'm shocked that Marc Larrivee, a member of MPAC, would agree and support such a repression-oriented idealogue.

What really bothers me is that in an academic setting such as this, Larrivee resorted to an infantile attempt at pigeon holeing an opposing viewpoint by labeling it McCarthyism.

Simply because individuals such as myself support the continued existence of the CIA does not mean we are McCarthyites seeing "Reds" and

commie-sympathizers under every rock and behind every tree. Larrivee brushes aside any doubts in his mind as he places my commentary "neatly within the bounds of the anti-communist perspective," and insinuates that I am reciting some kind of party line in favor of blind Americanism.

Strong arguments can indeed be made against some aspects of U.S. policy in Central America. I am still unsure of the use of the Contras in Nicaragua and their effect on our prestige, but if they are wrong, so must the Nicaraguan supported rebels in Honduras and El Salvador. I am pleased to hear of Nicaragua making "leaps and bounds" out of the repression system they installed when they took over the country, but what has that got to do with the concept of covert action?

Of course the CIA sponsors *La Prensa*, it's our voice in Nicaragua telling the U.S. side in the Central American situation, just as the KGB supports the International Organization of Journalists to get their version of the truth out. We both have departments of disinformation for influencing other governments with "paid propagandists" who churn out tons of questionable reports and articles daily.

We could exchange horror stories for the rest of the year, highlighting the "evil" CIA or the "evil" KGB. The point is that both nations effectively use their secret services to influence other countries for their benefit. If you are suggesting reforms to the planning of CIA operations, I agree with you 100

percent, god knows the CIA could use some bright new minds (the mining of Nicaraguan harbours made us lose face and appear stupid).

However, if you are proposing that the CIA should be disbanded I immediately question your motives, is your driving force really our concern for "all" people or just chic radicalism and a lack of understanding of real politik.

Speaking of making "completely unsupported statements"...just because the nightly news doesn't sound like the Peoples worker Daily, I must question your sources on the "discovery" of CIA money being used to corrupt the press.

TASS is owned by the KGB, our media is free to print anything they wish, even if harmful to the government, (with Ellsberg's Pentagon Papers being an excellent example).

The separation of Academia and the Intelligence community which you suggest is foolish. The lack of scholarly approach to political problems is one reason intelligence forces screw up!

Without the critical analysis of situations, such as the insertion of a moron like Pinochet denotes, our intelligence network will be less than useless. I resent the insinuation that I've sugar-coated the CIA or avoided the issue of CIA recruitment policies and I hope that I have been able to clarify some of your misunderstandings.

Joel Davis is a graduate student and still a fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Joel Davis

First state and university forum to be held

The first state and university forum will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bodwell Lounge at the Maine Center for the Arts and will feature Charles Morrison, commissioner of the Maine Department of Administration.

The forum is open to anyone who is interested.

"Both state government and the

university play key roles in guiding the future direction of the state of Maine," said Kenneth Ahn, acting director of the Bureau of Public Administration at UMaine.

"To help ensure that the resources of the two institutions are utilized effectively, there must be opportunities for creating and maintaining a dialogue

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Sports

Bears off to another good start

Swim team opens season with wins

by John Holyoke
Staff Writer

The defending New England champion University of Maine women's swim team successfully opened its 1987 campaign last weekend with two victories.

On Friday night the Bears jumped out to a large early lead and defeated McGill University 84-38 at Stanley Wallace Pool.

Then on Sunday UMaine took on Providence College in an away meet, coming up with a hard-fought 146-122 decision.

Against McGill, the Black Bears jumped out to a 23-2 lead after only three events and went on to post a convincing win against a squad depleted by various problems.

McGill Coach Francois Laurin said two of his swimmers stayed at home because of injury and others had heavy exam schedules which prevented them from making the trip.

The Black Bears rolled to the victory by taking 1-2 finishes in five events and allowing McGill only one similar opportunity.

Maine was led by Dana Billington and Noreen Solakoff, who each swam to victory in two individual events and participated on a winning relay.

Solakoff, a freshman, set a school record of 1:00.21 in winning the 100-yard butterfly and won the 200 freestyle in 1:58.53. Teammate Kim Dunn came in second in 1:58.82.

Billington won the 1,000 freestyle by almost seven seconds, covering the distance in 11:16.71.

She also won the 500 freestyle, passing teammate Laura Negri late in the race to win in 5:31.31. Negri finished just .29 behind to take second.

McGill's Manon Venne was the only swimmer to win three individual events, as she won the 100 backstroke (1:02.98), 100 freestyle (54.59), and 200 individual medley (2:13.23).

"Manon finished seventh in the 200 IM in the World University Games in Yugoslavia," Laurin said. "Her times are not fast yet, but we made her swim a lot back-to-back and she responded well."

McGill's only other event-winner was Cynthia Aita, who won the 200 breaststroke by more than eight seconds, clocking a 2:32.26.

"She was really sick, but she didn't want to let the other girls down," Laurin said. "She did extremely well for the shape she was in."

Maine also picked up wins from Sue Ahlers (100 breaststroke), Stacey

Seabrease (50 free), Meg Briselden (200 backstroke), and Negri (200 butterfly).

Against Providence the Black Bears overcame several obstacles and received another double-win performance from Billington as they turned back the Friars.

A long road trip, short recovery

period after the McGill meet, a lack of three-meter diving, and the Bears' first time in a 25-meter pool this year, along with some talented Providence swimmers combined to make things tough.

Maine Coach Jeff Wren said metrically measured pools make the most difficult

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Information for spring 1988 positions
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Monday, Nov. 23	4-5p.m.	Stewart Private Dining Room Stewart Commons

Tuesday, Nov. 24	12-1p.m.	Coe Lounge, Memorial Union
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Students **MUST** attend an information session to obtain an application. Both on-campus and off-campus students can choose to go to any one of these sessions. Students need to attend the entire session from the beginning to end. (Approximately 1 hour)

Information for fall 1988 positions will be
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Season a disappointment

by Shelley Danforth
Volunteer Writer

For the University of Maine field hockey team, there is no question that their 6-10-4 record this season was disappointing.

"We had great expectations for this season and just didn't accomplish them," Coach Jeri Waterhouse said.

Many factors contribute to a losing season. One factor that may have contributed to the Black Bears' disappointing season was the fact that they played only three home games and played their last 12 on the road.

"There were many contributing factors to our 6-10-4 season,"

Waterhouse said. "One of the factors was the travel. We figured out that the team traveled close to 8,000 miles in two months this season."

But Waterhouse offered no excuses. "There were times this season when things looked good and then another monkey wrench was thrown into the works and things would go down hill."

"There were key games that we played well in but lost, so that took away some of our desire," Waterhouse said. "Therefore we wouldn't play as well against mediocre teams. We were selective about the teams we played well against."

Following a successful campaign last year, the Black Bears developed a reputation as the team to beat.

"We got the reputation as a team to beat," Waterhouse said. "Our opponents came at us. They played us differently."

Despite the disappointing season, the Black Bears are looking ahead.

"The team has a real positive attitude about next season," Waterhouse said. "We've already refocused on next season. The team has already started working towards next season, doing the little things — individual skills, conditioning — that make for a successful season."

The squad is losing five important seniors from this year's team: Capt. Wendy Nadeau, Stacey Caron, Michelle Lambert, Allison McBurnie, and Sue Hannigan.

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11. Iowa	30-5	510
12. Temple	32-4	509
13. Louisville	18-14	499
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The Bears will put their unbeaten record on the line Saturday against a tough UMass squad at Wallace Pool.

Alcohol Awareness Sessions

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Speaker: Bill Kennedy

Thurs., Nov. 19, 6 p.m., 101 Neville
Time Management & Study Skills
Speaker: Dean Rideout

Tues., Nov. 24, 6 p.m., 101 Neville
Sex, Drugs and AIDS
Speaker: Ruth Lockhart

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Any questions, please call Neal Westphalen
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Temporary parking shortage solved

In an effort to alleviate the temporary parking shortage on campus, Theodore S. Cold, director of Facilities Management, has announced that 150 car carriers have been purchased and will be set up in the parking lot behind the textbook annex.

When asked where the money for such expenditures came from, Cold said that immediate funding had come from the student life fee, but that would be repayed by money received from next year's mandatory parking fee.

Surprise planned for Spring bills

According to a source at the business office, condoms will be sent out with the spring semester tuition bills. Said the source, "The students are getting screwed by the mandatory student life, we're just trying to make it as safe as possible."

CIA recruiters encounter problems

The C.I.A. caused quite a stir three weeks ago in its attempt to recruit members on the UMaine campus. Problems arose, however, when no one was able to determine who the actual recruiters were.

In an effort to draw students back into the dorms Residential Life is planning to offer incentives such as a coupon good for a free pizza at The Bears' Den to anyone deciding to return to campus.

Tragedy ruins celebration

The cannons in front of Wingate Hall were fired last Thursday in celebration of National Student Government Day.

Unfortunately, somebody forgot to unplug the cannons first. No one was seriously injured, but afterward the Cutler Health Center did report that it was dangerously low on Bactine.

Upcoming stadium plan considered

When asked what would happen if not enough money was raised to cover the cost of building a new football stadium, President Luck replied "Well, I've always been good with tools."

Student-run shoe shine shop proposed

In an effort to strengthen relations between the administration and the student body, student government president Crisp Boots proposed setting up a student-run shoe shine shop in the University Club, at Tuesday night's General Student Sadist meeting. Said Boots, "I think this will do a lot to bring students closer together and eliminate a feeling of class structure that is keeping the two factions alienated." At the conclusion of his proposal, off campus sadist Milk Scotch went up to Boots and slapped him hard on the back of the head.

Near-beer causes chaos at fraternity

University police were called to Sigma Nu Friday night to break up a near riot caused when brother Kelvin Deepwretch discovered that the Residential Life caterers had substituted near-beer for the real stuff. When the police arrived, the caterers had been stripped naked, tied to chairs, and were being force-funneled the remainder of the non-alcoholic beverage.

"Good Stuff" boxes restocked

Because of lighting problems on campus, next year's "Good Stuff" boxes will come with flashlights. Batteries will not be included.

"It's just got to the point where we can only do so much for the students," director of Good Stuff Enterprises, J.J. Baines said.

Card catalogue reaches new heights

It now appears that bookstore renovations will take longer than originally expected. In order to make things easier for students, the part of the bookstore that is presently in the union will be moved to the library where the card catalogue now resides. The card catalogue will be relocated to special collections on the third floor of the library. A spokesperson for the library said that the move would hopefully bring more students into special collections.

Computer classes to take field trip

To better demonstrate an "endless loop," some computer science professors now require their students to sit in on at least two consecutive student government meetings.

Fraternity T-shirts are successful

Delta Upsilon president Gym Freon announced Wednesday that sales of anti-ResLife T-shirts have been so good that the house has chartered a plane to Bermuda for the final week of Christmas break. He added, "Next semester we're thinking of selling anti-ResLife underwear."

Squirrels to be captured, relocated

Due to a proliferation of squirrels on the UMaine campus, an operation titled "Take-Out" has begun whereby squirrels are captured and relocated on college campuses with a shortage of the animals.

When questioned about funding for the project, John Bork, Director of Grass, Trees, and Bushes, said "Right now it's coming out of student life fee monies, but hopefully, in the future, such projects will be funded by a mandatory animal and snow removal fee."

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Welcome to the M. Avocado show. I'm M. Avocado and today's guest is Newburt Kepland, noted Orono author and bank account juggler. Today we're going to discuss Mr. Kepland's newest literary work, "How To Make a Killing Off Impoverished College Students."

So, Newburt, you're considered by many to be a real expert in relieving students of their burdensome cash. Tell us, why did you decide to write on the subject and how can it help our viewers to make a killing off impoverished college students?

M., you know, there are a lot of people out there who really try their best to take advantage of college students but, well, so many of them don't know what they're doing.

This book is a do-it-yourself guide on how to really squeeze all the green you possibly can from your local college community.

Sounds titillating, Newburt. Tell us more. Sure M. Why don't we start with the chapter called "How To Turn a Decrepit Eyesore Into a Money Making Machine?"

Now a lot of people think you have to own a huge apartment complex in order to make any money as a landlord.

Not so.

I know a man who is making a killing off just one old house. And you can do it too if you just follow the easy steps I have outlined in this chapter.

Now the first thing you must do is purchase a decrepit monstrosity of a house somewhere close to a college campus. Then apply the first golden principle of penny pinching, which is; if there is any room in the house which will not make a profit, it must go.

I see, Newburt. Now what exactly does that mean?

That means bedrooms, M. Lots and lots of bedrooms.

Dens, living rooms, dining rooms porches and large closets, turn them all into bedrooms.

I see, is that it?

Oh no, you also have the second golden principle; RIP-OFF which stands for: Room Increase Plan—Only Five Feet. This just means that you take each room in the house and partition it off until each little section is a neat and pretty five square feet.

Michael Di Cicco

If you think Oprah Winfrey is the Anti-Christ and everybody should run around with underwear on their head, then write a textbook on it.

You see, that way you can pass off what was a three-bedroom house as six, two-bedroom apartments.

Oh come on Newburt. Why would anyone agree to move into anything that small?

First of all, remember for a moment who we're dealing with here, M., these aren't normal human beings, these are college students—strange and mistreated beasts indeed.

They're used to eking out a miserable existence, crammed into tiny hovels in sets of two. Day and night they live in fear of being interrogated by the agents of the evil ResLife empire.

All you have to tell these people is that they can have their own room if they want, and that they will never, ever have to deal with RDs, RAs, conduct officers and other agents of the devil again.

Of course you don't tell them that their room really used to be half of a walk-in closet. It works, trust me.

O.K., so what's next, Newburt?

Well let's move on to chapter two, "The Fix Up Facade." In this chapter we come across another handy acronym; CRAP—Carpet, Refrigerator And Porch. O.K., now remember those horrid little hovels I told you about—well most of them have cold concrete or dirt floors. You bring a group of college students into a place that's got carpeting and they feel under-dressed.

And refrigerators, most of these students have these tiny pseudo-refrigerators. You show them a real jumbo-sized model and tell them the last group of tenants used to put a keg in

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there from time to time and that's why the bottom rack is warped, and they start making these weird little sounds and drooling.

Oh, come on, Newburt, that sounds a bit farfetched to me.

No, really. I've had students bring polaroids just to take pictures of the stuff. Some even run around barefoot and sing.

O.K., Newburt, what are some other ways which we can all learn to squeeze more green from the average college student?

Well M., let's move on to the section of my book called "On Writing a Textbook."

Now if you are someone who knows anything about something that nobody really cares about, then you too can write a textbook.

I don't know, Newburt, don't you have to do a lot of research and, well, be slightly intelligent to write a textbook?

No. You see that's what everybody thinks but, well hey, take philosophy for example. I mean if you think Oprah Winfrey is the Anti-Christ and everybody should run around with underwear on their head, then write a textbook on it.

You could call it "Alternative Views on a Freudian Quip" or some such nonsense. Graduate students love that kind of stuff.

Of course, if you really want to be a successful textbook author, you should have a professor friend who will make your book required reading for his or her class.

Well, Newburt, that certainly does sound interesting, but we're just about out of time. Perhaps you could briefly highlight a couple of the other major points in your book before we go.

Sure, M. There's a good section on how to convince a student government to financially support you. Oh, and especially for landlords, there's a chapter on how to pass your own utility bills onto your tenants and get kickbacks from the local oil company.

Well, thank you for being here today and sharing all your advice with us on the M.

Avocado show. It certainly sounds like with a little reading, anyone can make a killing off impoverished college students.

This has been the M. Avocado show, and I'm M. Avocado.

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By Zeus, These slates are useless. How do they expect us to learn?



TAKE IT EASY CATHIA. THE FORUM JUST APPROVED MORE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.

DAVIUS LICKUS ENTERS

STAND BACK MARCUS AND CATHIA



We are installing A NEW Roman Bath. Start digging Right here Boys.

Venerable Lickus, we need oil for our lamps so we may study at night.

NOT TO MENTION FIRE-WOOD TO HEAT THE DORMITORIES AND CLASSROOMS AS WELL AS VOMITORIUM

Yes, And our slates are so cracked and worn that you can almost see through them.

Next Semester I am transferring to Socrates!!!!



Marcus, I am with you

LICKUS ENJOYS HIS NEW ROMAN BATH.....



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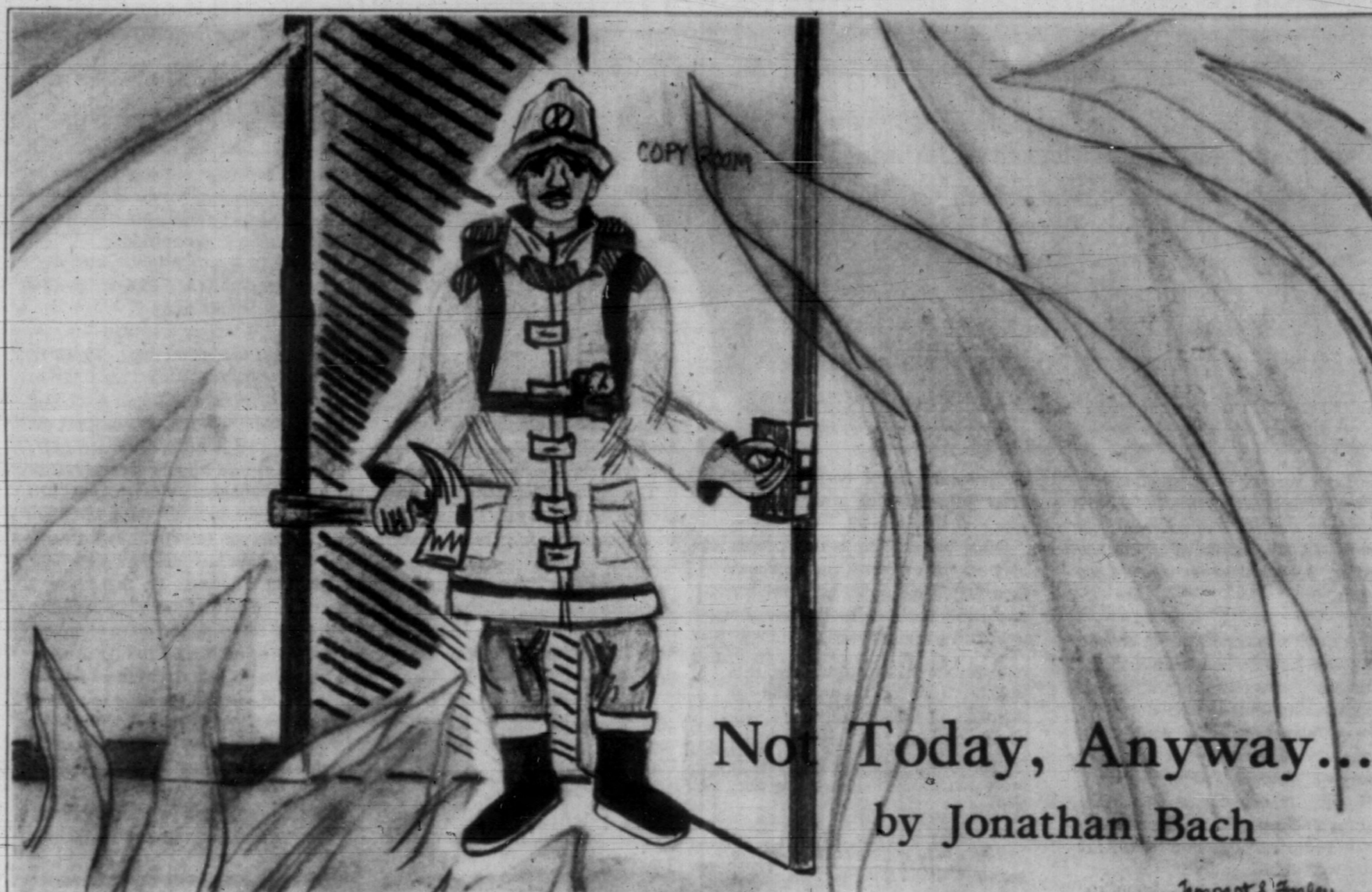
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Imagist S. Fenley

It was hot. It was searing hot. The room no longer resembled a room. It was now four walls of flame, a floor of charred, smoldering debris, a ceiling of melted, oozing stucko, and he was in the middle of it all.

What the hell am I doing here? I'm a journalist. I'm supposed to be on the other side of these walls with a pencil and paper in my hand looking at it from out there. Yet I'm risking my life in here voluntarily. Something's not right. If I could only have time to think...

A tap on his shoulder brought him out of it. "Not now, Baxter! Jesus, not now!" his partner screamed.

Not now, Reg...

The three inch diameter hose jolted as the tremendous release of water traveled through it. Water met flame and an amazing rush of steam and smoke filled the room. No sight of anything. In a matter of seconds, the two firemen had been enveloped in what, in technical terms, is a disruption of the thermal balance of a burning room. The one careless mistake a fireman must not make.

Reg Baxter was lost in the fog. Time stopped for the while that he was thinking.

He thought of the last half hour. He especially thought of the chief's voice on his car radio: "Yeah, it's the Branson Mill. Code three and let's go with the usual duty crew."

It didn't seem to Reg that it was an especially big fire hearing the chief's tone of voice.

The chief was the calmest person he knew. He didn't drink, smoke, almost never swore, and always kept his cool. Even during the worst fires, he kept things running smoothly. He'd seen just about everything in his forty-odd years of fireman-ship except a fatality. His department had the best safety record in the state.

Reg remembered the way his mind raced as he drove to the fire station.

He had five minutes to recall his five years of training and apply it correctly.

As he forced his Fiat to do ninety-five miles per hour through downtown Finchburg, he heard a se-

cond tone on his beeper. By the time he reached the fire station, he heard another tone.

"Damn," he said, barely audible. "This is bigger than I thought. Why today?"

The steam suddenly cleared and traveled out a window that had recently been broken by a blast of straight-stream water. Reg came back into consciousness.

He could see the room again now as it began to heat up again. The broken window had created a new source of air for the smoldering debris, and flames once again filled the room. This time, he knew better.

First, he shot a quick blast of water in a fog pattern towards the ceiling, then he went to extinguishing the flames. He used a greater volume of water this time and once again used the fog pattern to cool the room down.

In five minutes, the room was a swamp of water and charred ashes. The fire was out, but there was a low rumbling coming from somewhere.

Looking behind him, he saw his partner for the first time since they had been in the building.

"I thought I'd lost you there for a minute," his partner said as he took off his air mask.

"Me too. There's something weird about this place, Ed. I felt something go through me. I wasn't myself for a minute. Jesus, I could have killed us both. I don't know what to say."

"Don't worry about it, Reg. Let's just clear and get out of this mess."

"I still don't feel right." He paused, looking around the room as if he were looking for something that might belong to him. "Ah, it's nothing. Let's go."

"338 to command, all clear—no signs of fire, permission for secondary search."

Command gave the permission to search for any smaller fires that may be continuing and salvage anything that might be salvagable.

The rumbling continued from someplace distant, but yet it sounded near, calling Reg.

The two men met Captain Fraser coming up the stairwell as they were going down.

"I hope you guys don't think you're through," he said. "We've got secondary to do."

The men nodded their agreement, that they were just going to get some coffee first, but were headed back up the stairs by the captain. More firemen headed into the door in pairs to search and salvage. Reg and Ed searched the top floor of the mill. Ed went in the direction of the offices and Reg took the employee's lounge.

"Why do we always get the top floors for secondary?" Reg asked.

"Because we're so good at it," Ed replied. Reg announced that he was going into

the lounge.
"Sure, you search the easy rooms," joked Ed. "Just save some coffee for me will ya'—hold the ashes." Ed laughed hysterically.

Reg thought he heard other people laughing at Ed's joke. The laughter sounded like a low rumble. It was coming from one of the rooms within the lounge.

He opened the door to where the rumbling was coming from. The knob squeaked as it turned. It was the last sound he heard. No more rumbling now.

Reg was blown into the day care room across the hall. He was in a sea of flames and debris. He could see, but it was blurry. He felt only warmth, though; not the intense heat that melted the plastic on the light switch.

Ed was no where to be seen.

The portable radio Reg was carrying was still intact, cushioned by the inside of his fire jacket. It talked to everyone but him.

"Seven men in! Seven men in! It's a god-damned runaway and we've got seven men in! Mutual aid—all companies. Right now!"

Reg could tell how serious the situation was just by the tone of the chief's voice. He knew what had just happened. The technical term is a "backdraft." He had let a sudden rush of air into

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Dale W. Lick is perhaps the most controversial president the University of Maine has had in over a decade. Whether good or bad, his sweeping policy changes in the last year have made a large impact, not only on the university population, but on the entire state.

Verbatim Editor, Michael Di Cicco, had a chance to talk to President Lick about what changes he plans to make in the future and why.

Let's start with your stadium proposal. Why does a school of 12,000 students that has an attendance of at most 10,000 people at a football game, need a stadium with 16,000 seats?

I think you can turn that around and say this, why does a university of our size and importance with such a high quality football team only have an attendance of 10,000? And I think part of the answer is because we don't have a big enough stadium to accommodate a larger audience. The quality of the stadium is not one that will attract people to come and sit in it. If you were to ask yourself, for example, would you drive from Portland, Maine to our stadium to sit in our stadium? I think a lot of people wouldn't. Would you drive from Portland, Maine to come and watch our football team if we had a new stadium, a nice stadium, a modern stadium as opposed to a high school type stadium. I think you would find that some people indeed would, not everybody would, but some people would. It's kind of the chicken and the egg situation.

You want astroturf for this stadium, but what about safety question?

The astroturf is not a closed issue, frankly. Partly because you're going to invest about \$1 million in putting it down. Now, there is no research that says that astroturf is more dangerous than grass.

People conjure up in their minds that indeed it is, but in fact there is no research to verify that and if you look at the pros, if the pros thought astroturf were a serious problem for injury the pros wouldn't be playing

on astroturf they'd be playing on grass because they could afford whatever they wanted.

Often the problem is that people play on grass most of the time and then they come on to astroturf for one game and they don't have the right shoes for astroturf.

If you have the wrong shoe, it is possible to increase the probability of an injury on astroturf with the wrong equipment, but in terms of any research that says that astroturf is more dangerous than anything else, it's not.

Why would you invest \$1 million in astroturf? What is wrong with a grass playing field?

For us the question is quite simple, because of our weather, there is a limited amount of time we could use that surface, because that surface is dirt.

When dirt becomes mud, you can't use it. And so relatively early in the fall we end up not using that field any longer. Relatively late in the spring we begin to use that field.

With astroturf we could play on the surface longer and also we could begin much earlier in the spring, so it would lengthen the time we could use that surface.

Furthermore, with grass there's a limited amount of wear and tear it can take. And so, for example, we don't use that for practice on. We only use it for games. But if it were astroturf, you know, you've got an unlimited capacity, so you could do lots of things on it. You could have a soccer tournament or a field hockey tournament or you could have band days. You could have all kinds of things out there that you could not

have because grass would not take that much abuse.

We've heard a lot about a future dome stadium. How does that relate to your present proposal?

Oh, well. You have to put this in perspective. There are two concepts: one is more of a dream and one is more of a lesser dream, but neither one is reality yet.

You have to realize that we are only talking about potential things and no firm decision has been made to do anything.

Now you have one concept of a stadium that would just be a football stadium whether we would have a grass surface or an artificial surface.

There is another concept that areas around the country that are cold like us take and that is to build a sports dome.

For example, the University of Northern Iowa is a cold, snowy climate. It's somewhat similar to here. The kids are indoors a lot of the time. So what do you do?

Well Syracuse University built what's called the Carrier Dome to deal with that. Let me describe the Carrier Dome.

The Carrier Dome, I think, has seating capacity of about 50,000 people for football, 30,000 people for

not the same institution we were in the 1930s.

So under one roof, a dome roof, probably a soft dome held up with a cable-type suspension you have a football stadium, a large basketball arena and then you'd have facilities of all kinds that would allow you to do things indoors as opposed to not being able to be outside.

Do you have any estimate of how much it would cost?

Yes, if you're looking at 15,000 to 20,000 seats for football and 8,000 to 10,000 for basketball, you're looking at probably \$20 million as a first pass — \$20 to \$30 million the architects told me was a rough estimate of that but, probably we're talking \$20 million.

So you can see why I say a dream. I don't have any idea how we would get \$20 million to do that. Now I hadn't ruled that out as a possibility for our campus, but at the moment, I know of no way to do that. And at the moment I'm not willing to go to the state and ask for them to put up a penny towards that.

However, I don't think it would be unrealistic for the state to consider helping with that project because think of it this way, not only could it serve as that multipurpose facility

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basketball, and then the whole facility is designed so it has all kinds of other purposes that it can be used for inside. And so one big dream is a Carrier Dome type facility but on a smaller scale.

Are you talking something like a Memorial Gym, Student Union and football stadium in one?

No. I'm talking about probably a Memorial Gym, football stadium and a lot of other recreation and physical activity type facility. Like handball courts, for example.

Because in fact the field house was built in 1933, the gymnasium in 1926, you know we've changed so much since that time that they no longer meet our basic needs. We've outgrown them by a lot. We're just

for the University of Maine, but it also could serve as that multi-purpose facility for the whole state.

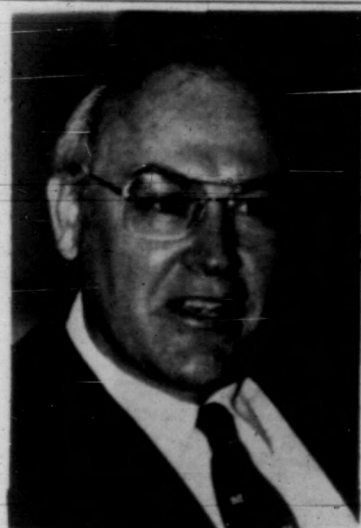
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Artificial turf — all the play you want to do. It wouldn't ruin the grass. Basketball tournaments could be held there. We could have concerts in that facility. We could have economic development operations in that facility. For example, farm commodity displays, farm machinery displays, we could just do all kinds of things to help advance the state in that facility because it's under roof and we could do them any time of the year we wanted to do them.

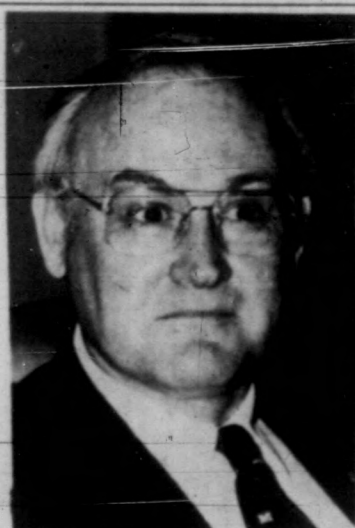
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want them to come and see them playing in a high school stadium. There are high school stadiums bigger than our football stadium.

But what about helping in recruiting for academics?

Absolutely. Things have a way. It's kind of a guilt by association situation — one thing has a way of influencing something else. The dome facility would be a very positive thing. Let's take basketball for example. How would a student feel about playing in an 8,000 to 10,000 seat arena inside that dome as opposed to playing in the pit where we can only seat 1,800 people. If you're in the Pit and you can only see 1,800 people do you think you're really playing university basketball? I don't think so.

But are you going to get 8,000 to 10,000 people to watch a UMaine basketball game?

Probably not, but if we could get 3,000 or 4,000. Can we get 3,000 or 4,000? Absolutely, I think the potential is there. But what does it mean? You've got to win. Nobody goes and watches losers.

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There have been a lot of rumors about steroid use in the football team, are you in favor of a mandatory drug testing for athletics?

At the moment, I feel we need to put our consideration on hold for two reasons. One reason is, we have no evidence that we have use or any problem, that doesn't mean that there isn't a problem or there isn't use, but we have no evidence.

The other reason is that we are talking about a compulsory drug testing program. We believe, in Maine, in a great deal of freedom.

We fight to maintain that freedom, and the students fought to maintain what they thought was that freedom was when we talked about the mandatory student life fee. And I respected that fact. But now we're talking about a mandatory drug testing, program that would take away that freedom.

Right now, it isn't clear if that is even legal. There are number of cases in the courts right now, being heard on whether or not drug testing is unconstitutional.

So we feel like, when there's real question about the constitutionality, and we have no evidence that there are abuses, then we feel like the best position for us now is just to put it on hold.

Now what we have done: We have not only developed a drug testing program, we have held major discussions with coaches, athletes, with our substance abuse advisor, with the legal people. We looked at other drug

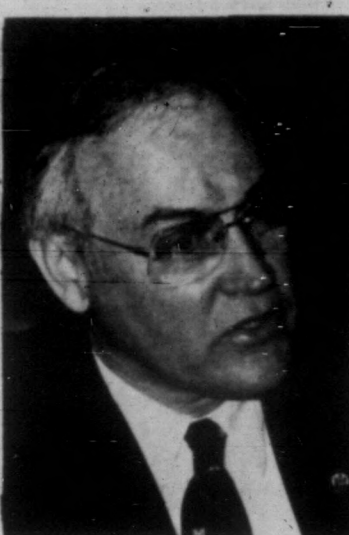
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testing programs around the country, and we've got one that could be put in place tomorrow. We feel like the drug program that we have on campus now, the substance abuse program with Dr. Dana, is adequate given the present circumstances. So we treat athletes just like we'd treat any other student when they have a substance abuse problem. Our intent is to always to aim it back at students to help them as best we can.

But on the other hand, we feel that, given the present circumstances, we need to just wait and see what's going to happen. For ex-

plans made for expanding the Memorial Union along with the bookstore?

Our bookstore and union were designed for 3,500 students. We now have over 11,000 students, so you can see that they really aren't adequate to do what we need to be doing at the University of Maine. What that means is there are a lot of things we could and should be doing, in my opinion, that we can't do.

Why then go forward with one project and not the other one?

The bookstore really is a business venture, which provides materials and services that our students need, or at least think they need. They need to do that at costs as cheap as the bookstore or cheaper than what you would find out in the marketplace. That has been the goal, and, as a matter of fact, they've probably done that too successfully, they've probably cut their prices back more sharply than they should have.

But, it's like any business, if you run it properly, you should be generating money to help pay for the facilities. The bookstore has not had to pay for their facilities as part of the university. So, when the time

Where does the Memorial Union rank in priority as compared to the proposed football stadium?

The football stadium is ranked 28th and the expansion on the union is 7th, right ahead of the library.

The preliminary submission called for an addition of 35,000 square feet, at a cost of 5.5 million dollars. We feel like we need about twice that much to have what is ideal for a campus our size. The cost of such an addition, however, is simply out of our range because funding is probably going to be from private donations.

What is number one on the priority list?

Number one on the list is a classroom building, which would have some media classes and some computer classes, a couple of large lecture halls, those kind of things; and also include the College of Business Administration.

The reason for that being number one on the list is because every department on campus has a space problem. We've grown to such an extent that we don't have any more growth room in our existing buildings.

A classroom building would free

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comes to expand, as it has now, their income should pay for the expansion of their facilities. And that's what we're doing now, we're taking some of the money that they take in and putting it into the expansion project.

The situation is different with the union because there's no real income there. The task then, is to figure out how to raise the money needed for such a project.

One way is to go to the state and ask for it. In all probability that would not be successful. We probably can't make that a high enough priority when we've got some other crushing priorities that we want the state to fund. It would be a reasonable thing for the state to fund, if there weren't more important things ahead of it. So we have to look for other ways to get funding for a union expansion.

up some of the rooms in other buildings and allow the departments a chance to expand.

How much is this expected to cost?

This will be a 7 million dollar project.

Will the project be state funded?

Yes, this definitely will be the state money.

I've heard that some college programs are going to be phased out and others are going to be expanded. Can you elaborate on that?

I'm not sure that any are definite, there a number that are being looked at.

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the copyroom containing the low rumbling. The sudden rush of air had ignited the steaming hot, smoldering blob of plastic that used to be a copying machine.

The ignition of the room's vapors was just like an explosion that sent a chain reaction of fire ignition throughout the building. The structure was a fireball in a matter of seconds. They were going to let it burn. They had no other choice. Reg realized that he was going to burn alive.

But he didn't feel alive. The room resembled the first one he and Ed had put out just a while ago, yet he was in the middle of it and only felt warm. It was a peaceful warmth, free of all tensions. For Reg, this was time for him to finally be able to think...

Reg Baxter was a journalist. He was paid to cover news events in his small town of Finchburg, Vermont. He was paid to pursue stories with zeal, to be out going; but he wasn't like this at all.

Reg failed in love, money, and education. The only thing that reg was good at was playing the harmonica. But to apply his one talent to any degree of success, he had to play on stage—something he could never bring himself to do.

So he had nothing else to do but think. Thinking was Reg's favorite activity. When he thought, he thought about everything. He thought with amazing ability. Images could be created in his mind that were so real, they were lifelike.

He would think of both sides of every argument, every possible consequence of a decision, or any variable that might influence an experiment.

The only thing that brought him out of his trance would be a physical force of some sort—of a push, pull, tap, or sudden, sharp noise usually snapped him out of his thoughts.

One of the things that Reg most liked to think about was suicide. Life was a tragic failure for him, so he often thought of what it would be like

to be dead. He had had thought of outerbody experiences after reading an article about them.

Almost all of the stories included visions that led to a tunnel and then light and then unending peace. Reg loved to think of the visions, but was often brought back into reality by noises.

He thought now of his firemen buddies.

Seven men in. Six men with wives. Four men with wives and children. One man with nothing. I'm dead; I must be. No more loneliness, no more responsibility, no more rejection.

This is great! (There was only silence as the room faded to white.)

This is hell.

Reg watched the room turn into a solid white. Silence. He had no concept of movement as there was no reference point. He thought some more.

I want out. I mean I want in. I want life. It can't be much worse than this. I have so much to see. I'll never know if I will have ever loved, married, had children, ever possibly affected history.

It was as if someone was putting thoughts into him, like a vaccination for a sickness.

He was depressing himself, but that's all there was to do. No tunnel, light, or heavenly visions.

Is this really what I want?

There was suddenly a voice that said "someday, not today." Reg instinctively turned to look and in that same instant he felt a force like a knife piercing his body. It was excruciatingly hot now. He could barely breathe and he felt limp. It was still silent.

Reg was back in the middle of the burning room now. The sudden images of the burning walls hurt his eyes. He tried to move but could only manage to roll over on his stomach. Reg remembered his personal safety device used in the event of distress

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in a burning building. It was a device that issued a piercing tone if it was kept stationary for more than 30 seconds. Any movement after this would silence it again. Although he could not hear it, he could feel it vibrating up until the point where he moved. He remembered this from training. All there was to do now was to keep bundled up and hope.

The commander noticed the disruption in the tone immediately. He knew that Ed and Reg were always assigned the top floors of a building for secondary searches. There was only one decision to be made.

A burst of straight-stream water came into the room where Reg was. He could feel the floor giving way with each second that the water filled the room. At 300 gallons a minute, it would not take long for the floor to give way.

The water cooled the room to bearable temperatures, and five seconds after the flow of water stopped, the end of an aerial ladder appeared in the window...

In the ambulance, there was a crowd of amazed firemen and doctors. He laid there, looking at the ceiling of the van and all the people talking silently to him. Reg tried to talk, but it felt as if his lungs were on fire. He made a motion to his ear and everyone understood immediately.

He saw one of his training buddies writing something on a pad of paper. He was going to show it to Reg when one of the doctors put his hand up to block it. Reg motioned to see it.

It read: "I don't know how you survived that, but obviously someone's not through with you yet."

Reg smiled back at his buddy and thought about the voice. There were no sounds now to jolt him out of his thoughts.

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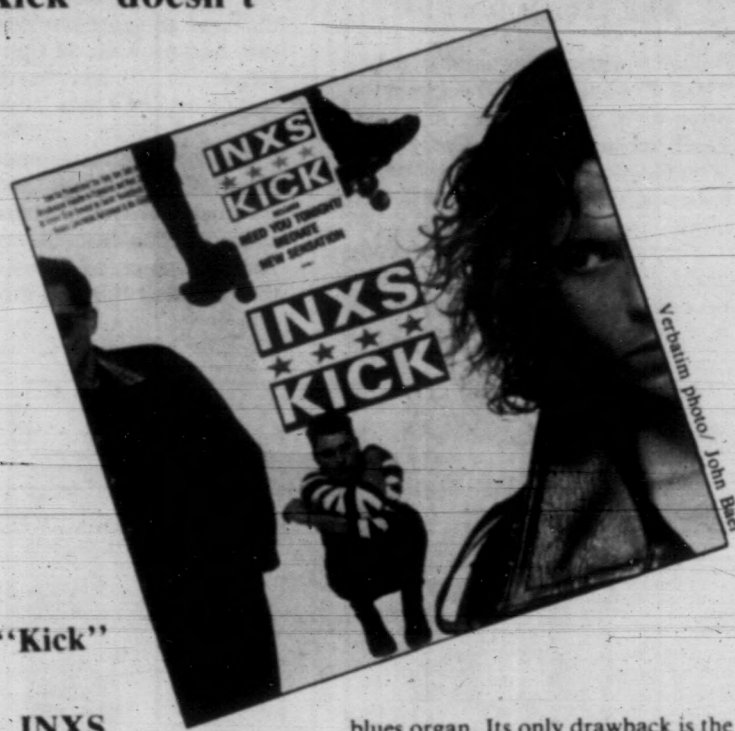
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INXS

One would think that in the two
years since "Listen Like Thieves,"
INXS would have put together
enough material for a good album.

Such is far from the case with their
sixth album, "Kick," however,
which is brittle and flat.

At best, it is a failed experiment at
minimalism. Andrew Farriss'
keyboards are barely noticeable, Kirk
Pengilly's saxophone is all but non-
existent, and Michael Hutchence
seems to think it better to talk
through most of the songs rather than
sing them.

That minimalism means minimal
work might explain why the songs
"Devil Inside" and "Need You
Tonight" are little more than
rehashes of previous work.

As on their previous album, INXS
start off "Kick" with a totally
new sound. From its James Brown
intro through its "Undercover Of
The Night" chorus and guitar work,
"Guns In The Sky" is a completely
new direction for the band. Unfor-
tunately, unlike "What You Need,"
"Guns In The Sky" sets the tone for
most of what is to follow.

"New Sensation" is a natural pro-
gression from previous work in that,
while it sounds familiar, it has a
distinctive flavor. Unfortunately,
that flavor is Prince's "Kiss."

"Devil Inside" is one of the afore-
mentioned songs which sounds like
old INXS material. Here, "Love Is
(What I Say)," or at least its rhythm,
seems to be the influence. Hut-
chence's vocals haven't been this
sultry in some time.

This song would fit nicely on an
INXS "Dance Favorites" LP.

Also in the copy category, "Need
You Tonight" (does the title sound
familiar) is a combination of "What
You Need" and "Kiss The Dirt (Fall-
ing Down The Mountain)," although
not as funky as either and more sub-
dued than both.

Musically, "Mediate" is a waste,
but lyrically it is quite interesting.

Every word and phrase end with an
"ate" sound, something like Pete
Townshend's "Face The Face,"
more coincidence than copy.

"The Loved One" is an '80s ver-
sion of Muddy Waters' "Mannish
Boy," with biting guitars and hard

blues organ. Its only drawback is the
sappy chorus which belongs nowhere
near this song.

Side two starts off with hints of the
INXS of old on "Wildlife," its boun-
cing rhythm restoring hope for the
rest of the album.

This is dashed instantly by the next
song, "Never Tear Us Apart," which
can only be described as the worst
song INXS has ever put on vinyl. It
sounds like a cast-off from an A-Ha
album.

"Mystify" has a beautiful melody
on which the band never capitalizes.

You keep waiting for it to take off,
but it never does.

Clearly the best song on the album
is its title cut, "Kick," which is
pure INXS. It's all here, saxophone,
keyboards, sharp guitars, funky bass
line, solid drums, and sexy, taunting,
strutting vocals. There is more energy
here than on all other songs on
"Kick" combined. Unfortunately,
it's not enough to rescue the album,
as valiant an attempt as it may be.

Returning to earth, "Calling In
Nations" is similar to "New Sensa-
tion" only louder.

Finally, "Tiny Daggers" ends the
album on an up note, albeit a small
one, its rhythm guitar sounds
pleasantly like Simple Minds' "The
Kick Inside Of Me."

While side two is stronger than side
one, it still lacks the charismatic beat
of prior material. INXS is one of the
"funkiest" white bands around, why
they chose to ignore that on "Kick"
is a mystery.

In the end, "Kick" just doesn't
kick.

Keith Brann

VERBATIM



"...Nothing Like
The Sun"

Sting

There are very few albums these
days that one can listen to every day
and not get tired of. Sting's new
album, "Nothing Like The Sun,"
does not fall into this category.

If the first song, "The Lazarus
Heart," doesn't get you into a dan-
cing mood, nothing will. With a
rhythm of two beats per second, it is
clearly the album's peppiest tune.
Former Police man Andy Summers
helps out with the guitar work on this
song.

As would be expected, Sting's
political ideologies surface in his
lyrics.

On "Fragile," Sting conveys his
message of the fragility of human
life: "Perhaps this final act was
meant/ to clinch a lifetime's argu-
ment/ that nothing comes from
violence/ and nothing ever could."

The song is a lamenting one that
bemoans the tragedies of mistaken
identity.

The beat and pace of "Fragile"
shows this characteristic as well as the
choice of instruments.

"We'll Be Together" contains an
upbeat tempo that demonstrates
Sting's classic flair for song-writing
and performing.

With his trademark yelp and use of
lyrics from past albums, Sting pro-
duces an original yet conventional
song with "We'll Be Together."

"Englishman in New York" is
another upbeat song. It describes the
social differences between America
and its Mother England.

Sting sings of an Englishman's
outlook in New York City:

"gentleness, sobriety/ are rare in this
society/ at night a candle's brighter
than the sun."

"Sister Moon" has no real mean-
ing, but as Sting says: "is a song for
lunatics everywhere, whose sanity is
dependent on the phases of the
moon."

The tune employs a sole saxophone
that gives it a kind of a "Mike Ham-
mer" mystique.

As such, it is one of the better
songs on the album. It's mood is
dreamy, as the saxophone is used
with a soft bass.

"Little Wing" is the only song on
the album that wasn't written by
Sting.

It was actually arranged by Jimi
Hendrix, but Sting plays it with Gil
Evans' band in a way that would
make Hendrix proud.

It puts the listener into a kind of
mystic mood as if the legacy of Heb-
drix was embedded in it.

Bells, a piano, and a soft bass line
background is used to mellow the
lyrics out, and the combination of the
two performers as indeed a bonus.

The rest of the song on the album
simply have to be experienced to get
the real flair for what Sting has to
offer.

Sting has kept the saxophone
sound on the album that has become
a trademark on songs on the "Dream
of the Blue Turtles" album.

"Nothing Like the Sun" is clearly
Sting's best effort as a soloist. It
brings the listener both up and down-
a concept that one will not readily get
tired of.

Jonathan Bach

Notes of Interest

November Releases

- The Clash (greatest hits)
- Firehose
- Lloyd Cole & The Commotions
- Van Morrison (bunches of reissues)
- Madonna
- Pretenders (collection of singles)

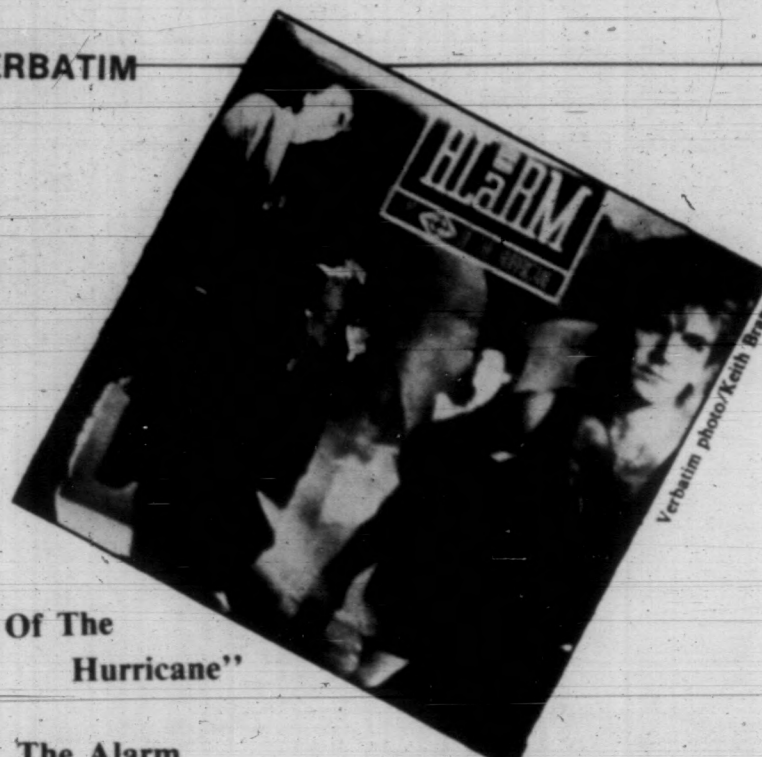
—Windham Hill artist Michael Hedges
has released a live album, two songs of
which were recorded in the Hutchins
Concert Hall.

—In an IRS Newsletter, REM bassist
Mike Mills apologized to college radio
stations for "The One I Love" going
top-40.

—Housemartins fans hoping for a U.S.
tour will have to wait a while. It seems
that the band is dreadfully scared of fly-
ing (so take a boat already).

—On their latest LP, the Circle Jerks do
a cover of CCR's "Fortunate Son"
that's worth hearing.

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"Eye Of The Hurricane"

The Alarm

There is no doubt about it, *The Alarm* needs new batteries.

"Eye Of The Hurricane," their latest endeavor is, for the most part, dull and lifeless. Gone is the anger and emotion that rang so clear and strong on their first lp "Declaration," and to a lesser extent on "Strength."

In its place there is only a feeble buzz.

The spirit seems to be gone as it sounds like they are just going through the motions. Perhaps they're trying real/too hard to get a hit-listening to a lot of top-40 radio to see how it's done. Or perhaps it's just too difficult to stay angry. Whatever the case, this new direction, or evolution, isn't working.

Songs like "Newtown Jericho" with its synthesizer sound effects, and the spineless "Presence Of Love" are nothing but filler, something not needed on previous outings.

There also appears to be an identity crisis running through "Eye Of The Hurricane." Shades of Jackson Browne are found on "One Step Closer To Home," and "Only Love Can Set Me Free" is reminiscent of

"Running On Empty."

"Permanence In Chance" sounds not unlike a typical Bryan Adams melody.

The album's first single, "Rain In The Summertime," is scarily similar to "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For." In fact, lead singer Mike Peters sounds more like Bono than himself in many places.

Only on "Shelter" does *The Alarm* return to its old form. Ironically, the strong beat and jangling, ringing guitars entwined throughout Mike Peters raspy vocals seem out of place on this otherwise mundane album.

Another song of worth is the acoustic flavored "Hallowed Ground." Its sense of desperation and longing is as strong as any effort in the past.

Even with all its short comings, "Eye Of The Hurricane" is easy to like, as long as you aren't expecting much, and will probably achieve some chart success.

There is hope for *Alarm* fans however, hinted at in the album's title: The eye of any hurricane is always its weakest point.

Keith Brann

THE BRANDOS

Those attending the *INXS* concert at Colby two weekends ago were treated to a performance by a band on the rise. *The Brandos*, whose music sharply contrasts the homogenized melodies that filter through the airwaves these days, are rapidly making a name for themselves.

Drummer Larry Mason called *Verbatim* a few days before the show and, among other things, recounted the history of the band.

The origin of *The Brandos* lies in two bands. Bassist Ernie Mendillo and rhythm guitarist Ed Ruppecht came from the New Jersey based Soul Attack and Seattle's *The Allies* produced lead singer and guitarist David Kincaid and drummer Larry Mason.

The band's name was thought up by Ed long before the group actually existed. According to Larry, it happened this way; "Soul Attack was playing the club circuit in New York (City) and they needed an opening

act. Paying another band cut deeply into what little money they were making, so they decided to do it themselves. They would come out in

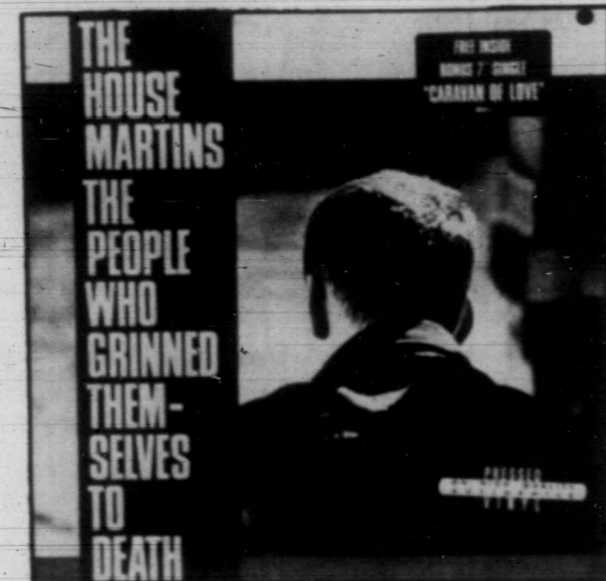


"The People Who Grinned Themselves To Death"

The Housemartins

The Housemartins upbeat debut "Hull 4 London 0" held within it the promise of good things to come. Their second album "The People Who Grinned Themselves To Death" makes good on that promise and more.

They are best described as "peppy Smiths" because of vocal similarities between lead singer Paul Heaton and Steve Morrissey, and because the way



they approach songs both musically and lyrically. *The Housemartins* are by no means *Smiths* clones.

To anyone listening, the *Housemartins* are an infection; entering by way of the ear and spreading steadily throughout the body until every limb is screaming for motion. Songs like "Me And The Farmer," "Bow Down," and the title cut are irresistible. You can't hear them and not want to dance.

This music is pure pop, even though it's like nothing any of us have ever heard on contemporary hit radio before, and probably never will. Part of the reason being that while *The Housemartins* are huge in England, they are almost unknown in America.

While the overall sound is basically the same as on the first LP, there are slight variations and innovations

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which distinguish "The People Who Grinned Themselves To Death."

A garage band guitar sound emerges on "The World's On Fire" and "We're Not Going Back" giving the band an aggressive sound which they harness well. "I Can't Put My Finger On It" has that Caribbean feeling of *The Kinks* "Come Dancing."

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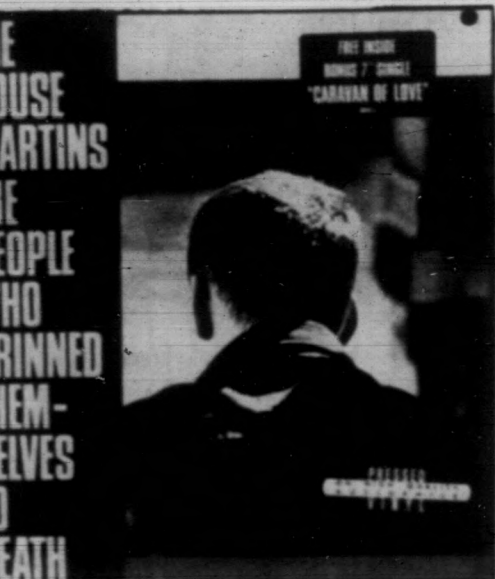
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From Pagan to Pilgrim



By Margery Wilson

Every now and again, I gaze longingly at the advertisements for Thanksgiving dinners at local restaurants; I imagine getting all dressed up, driving to The Red Lion or The Hilton, ordering a drink and chatting with my family until a waiter brings us our turkey and dressing, our mashed potatoes and onions, our cranberry sauce and relishes, and finally, our pumpkin and mince and apple pies. And then the same waiter carries it all away and someone—I don't really care who—washes all the dishes and gets rid of all the leftovers.

Instead, every year I set the table for fifteen or twenty people, I roast a thirty-pound turkey, I peel ten pounds of potatoes, I boil, steam, saute, and bake all manner of vegetables and desserts, and I wash dishes until it's time to make turkey-and-stuffing sandwiches at 10 p.m. As for the quiet drink and chat with family and guests: somehow I never get around to that, finding it difficult to relax at the same time I'm keeping the cats away from the turkey bones and trying to strain the lumps out of the gravy.

Surprisingly, in light of all this, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and the favorite of many of my friends, all of whom subject themselves to endless preparation, eternal cleaning up, and infinite leftovers. How come?

In part, perhaps because when you live on a farm, as I do, you feel such a sense of connection to everything that goes from kitchen to dining room table. You look at bowls and platters of food, and you can tell a story about each one.

There's the turkey, for example, that escaped from its pen and was chased by the pigs last August; there's the spinach that one of the kids froze in June—complete with weeds which we carefully separate and leave on the edge of the plate; they're the carrots that we dug up on that perfect day in October and buried in maple leaves until today.

Sometimes it seems as though everything you've done since May—planting, weeding, cultivating, thinning and pruning, fertilizing, harvesting, canning and freezing—has led inexorably to these few hours in November. Half a year of labor, half a year in the life of a family, the beginning and end of the lives of any number of plants and of one large bird.

We also treasure Thanksgiving, I believe, because in our very secularized lives it's about the only feast day left to us. Of course, we occasionally have friends for dinner or go to an especially nice restaurant, but none of these is really done for the same purpose. Thanksgiving remains for us

much the same as it was in 1621: a day to gather together, to celebrate the harvest, and to acknowledge our good fortune and blessed luck. But I like to look at the holiday not as having roots in an event some 350 years ago; instead, I see it as continuing a tradition begun some 2-3,000 years ago.

For feast days, to our ancestors, were primarily religious occasions. Their calendars were marked not by weeks and weekends, but by festivals; these were times to bring their sheep and goats, their pigs and cattle to the priests in the cities.

Here the animals would be ritually slaughtered in ceremonies that celebrated the gods' blessings and appeased the gods' wrath. After the animals were roasted, the best cuts having been saved for the priests, the participants would feast—and for some, the

Greeks, for example, feast days would be the only occasions upon which they ate meat.

Later, of course, these pagan feast days transmuted into Jewish holy days like Passover and the Christian "movable feasts" like Easter and "immovable feasts" like Christmas. No matter their names or significance, however, all retained the connection between food and religious celebration.

Most of us have, unfortunately, separated ourselves from these traditions. Unless we're observant Jews thanking God for having delivered us from Pharaoh, or Christians thanking Him for the body and blood of His Son, we're left with a calendar curiously unmarked by anything but days on which we're supposed to send Hallmark cards.

So Thanksgiving is, for me at least, the remnant of a past during which one did not fill up a cart at Shop 'N Save and then cringe at the final total on the cash register, but a time when food represented a way of communicating with one another and with the deities. Giving thanks for our survival and our health. Giving thanks for the abundance of our crops. Giving thanks for all things seen as well as unseen. Thanksgiving.

HEALTH

with Roberta Berrien, M.D.

MONONUCLEOSIS

Mono is a very common illness among young adults in this country. Sometime between the ages of 15 and 25, you will come into contact with this virus.

Some people are hardly ill at all, never see a doctor, and never have a fever, a headache, and then develop a bad sore throat with swollen glands in the neck.

What To Do:

Although there is no special treatment for the virus that causes mopo, it is a good idea to see the doctor or nurse if you get these symptoms.

A throat culture is important because frequently strep throat goes along with mono and needs to be treated with an antibiotic.

Blood tests can show a few things. The white blood cell count usually shows a number of cells called atypical lymphocytes which are a sign of mono.

A monospot test is often positive, but sometimes may be negative early on. If you appear to have mono but the monospot test remains negative, other antibody tests can show you have the disease.

Another blood test shows inflammation of the liver in more than 80 percent of people with mono.

Other Strange Symptoms

Sometimes more unusual symptoms can go along with mono. Some people show signs of jaundice (yellow color) because of liver involvement. Some people have a flat red rash on their bodies. Some have swelling around the eyes.

Very rarely a person may show signs of irritation of the nervous system with paralysis of a nerve or blurred vision or even encephalitis. Some people develop an unusual anemia; others have a decrease in the cells which help in blood clotting (platelets).

Treatment

Some people will recover in 1-2 weeks; others will take up to six weeks. Rest and good nutrition are important. Because the liver and spleen are enlarged in some cases, we advise against strenuous athletics and contact sports. This helps to prevent any possibility of rupture of the spleen which would be very dangerous.

Occasionally we find a student needs to be hospitalized with mono because of an extremely sore and swollen throat. Fluids given intravenously help prevent dehydration. Steroids which reduce swelling and inflammation may be given if the throat is very swollen.

Where does it come from?

Since mono is so common, it is hard to know who you got it from. The incubation period can be anywhere from 1-2 months.

Many people, once they have had mono, continue to have the virus in their throats long after they have recovered. They can pass the virus on without knowing it.

The virus is passed through secretions from the throat and mouth. Mono has often been called the "kissing disease."

Routine contact with family members, if you live at home, or with your roommate, if you live in a dorm, will not result in the passing of this virus.

Since mono is so common and usually such a mild disease, there is no cause for alarm if you have it and there is no need to worry unnecessarily about giving it to anyone else.

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I doubt if the number will be very large, in terms of phasing out. I think there will be some programs phased out this year or next year.

Last year we had a task force on Program and Budget Review. Their study showed that, relative to reasonable standards, 28 percent of our undergraduate programs were not sufficiently productive. An even larger portion of our graduate programs face the same problem.

This year we're in the process of reviewing all those programs to see what we should do. Should we drop them? Should we do something to strengthen them so that they can be more productive? The approach is more towards trying to strengthen them, to help them become more productive.

But on the other hand, there are some programs, where it may be in our best interest to drop them.

Would the programs dropped be relocated to another campus within the system?

Not necessarily. For example, we've got a two year program over in the College of Forest Resources, that is also offered at Fort Kent. That's one we're looking at dropping. We think if we drop it, Fort Kent's program will be strengthened, and it might be a positive incentive for students to enter our four year program.

What about the faculty and staff of such programs?

They will either be absorbed, or they will be terminated, or they will be retired, or whatever the case may be.

We're not going to mess with tenure. In the case of the Forest Resources program, I think the facul-

ty are close to retirement, and so that would be an easy solution.

Do you have any idea of the number of faculty and staff phasing out will affect?

The number would not be very large.

I don't expect any large turnover. I expect some small modifications, refinements more than major cuts.

One last question—You have said that you want to turn the Portland football game into some kind of a football classic. The mandatory student life fee is supposed to cover any transportation and admission costs to all home athletic contests. Why doesn't it cover the transportation and admission to the Portland game, which technically is a home game.

I think that game was pretty much

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set and committed as an away game, even though in a sense it was our game, before the student life fee got put in place.

Now, all of our regular season basketball games in the Bangor Civic Center, we're going to have more of them this year by the way, will be regarded as home games, and our students will have free admission, and a free bus ride if they want one.

Do you foresee some kind of a reduced rate package deal for the Portland game in the future, to include transportation and admission?

I think that would be an excellent idea. My guess is that the thinking was that there wouldn't be enough interest to make that a worthwhile project. I'd love to see our students get in some buses and go down to that game. That would be great.

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