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Fee question important

by Tempest S. Farley
Staff Writer

"The communication fee is the only binding question on the referendum to be held on Tuesday," said Gary Bresnehan, chair of Fair Elections Practices Committee of the General Student Senate.

As a senator, Bresnehan urges all people voting at Tuesday's referendum to vote "yes" on the communication fee question (question no. 1).

"I think question no. 1 should go through. I know if I were to cast my vote on Tuesday for no. 1 it would be 'yes'," said Bresnehan.

These funds are definitely needed for the survival of *The Daily Maine Campus* and WMEB, according to Bresnehan.

"I think the funds are needed to maintain the quality of our campus radio station and newspaper," said Bresnehan.

Bresnehan feels the communication fee should be raised from \$3 to \$6 because without the students' financial help, the computers the newspaper needs and the equipment the radio station needs cannot be purchased.

"It needs to be raised because without the students' financial help these services will diminish," Bresnehan said.

Four questions will appear on the referendum Tuesday.

Question two concerns the issue of whether the Maine Stein Song should be changed. Question three asks students if they feel President Dale Lick and the board of trustees have acted responsibly for the

students' interests. The fourth question simply asks the student if they know their GSS senator.

"The senate, from questions two and three, is seeking an opinion from the students. These two issues have been talked about and now we want to see what the students think," said Bresnehan. "Question number 4 is different. Student Government wants to see how knowledgeable the students are of their senate representatives."

Bresnehan feels the students should pay strict attention to question no. 1.

"Number one is the major question on the referendum. Number one is the reason why we're holding the referendum," Bresnehan said.



Members of the Soviet envoy delegation from Kharkov State University in the Ukraine worked with UMaine students on

Maine Day to plant three flowering crab tree plants outside Alfond Arena as a permanent record of their visit here.

Soviet envoys bid farewell to UMaine

by Doug Kessell
Staff Writer

The Soviet envoys gathered their luggage together on Friday, sat in the Memorial Union's Coe Lounge and talked with their hosts.

Both envoys and hosts exchanged addresses and promised to keep in touch.

There was some laughter as both hosts and envoys remembered the previous days events, but mostly the mood was somber.

It was mid-morning and soon the 15 Soviets from Kharkov State University would be leaving the University of Maine, a place that had been their home for four days and a place they would probably never see again.

They had learned and seen a lot of American culture and life while they were here.

On Tuesday, their second day here at UMaine, the Soviet envoys visited a post office and a courthouse.

"I have an uncle who is a prosecutor and a cousin who is a lawyer," said Konstantine Pinchuk, on Friday. Pinchuk is a student studying foreign languages, including English, which he speaks well. "I know the system perfectly well and there's not much difference."

"Justice is carried out maybe by some different manner, but as long as it is carried out, it (the difference in approach) does not matter," he said.

The post office also had its differences, he said. "Your own is more sophisticated and has a very good structure."

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T-shirt-clad UMaine students listen to just one of the many groups that played at Bumstock.

photo by John Baer

Students revel at Bumstock

by Rhonda Morin
Staff Writer

It was a picturesque day. The sun was bright and the mud was squishy as big and little feet danced to the magic music of Bumstock on Saturday.

After many days of recent dismal weather, every walk of life joined in on the foot-stomping, hand-clapping music that filled the air surrounding the Cabin Fields.

Splashes of brilliant-colored tie-dyes littered the area as young and old tossed frisbees or tipped a hacky sack with the end of their shoe.

Women dressed in long flowing skirts with muddy bare feet spun around and around in

front of the stage of performers.

A spiral of purple and blue liquid paint set as a background for a large lettered tapestry reading "Livestock," which clung to the edge of the stage.

And live it was. Coupled with the energy from the warmth of the sun and the endless amount of hotdogs, hamburgers, shish kebab "and other non-meat items," as Vice President of Student Government John O'Dea announced over the microphone, it was a splendid celebration.

Some laid out blankets to protect their bodies from the wet ground. Others used those same blankets to change their babies' diapers.

Added to the hundreds of people who enjoyed the lazy afternoon were the leashed (or unleashed) best friends. Yes, at times one wondered what there were more of—dogs or people? Fat ones, skinny ones and low-to-the-ground ones danced as well as most of the people. They too enjoyed the free soda and sumptuous hamburger scraps.

Meanwhile, the campus police had their hands full on Saturday, as numerous party participants celebrated the sunny Bumstock afternoon.

The police stood close by the festive houses, keeping a wat-

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Debate continues over Stein Song

by Mike Bourque
Staff writer

There has been a lot of debate, but nothing has happened in the battle to change "The Maine Stein Song."

According to President Dale Lick's Executive assistant, Marisue Pickering, the committee that will look into the change has not yet been formed.

"The committee hasn't formed yet. We hope to have suggestions to the President by next week. There will still be a committee," Pickering said.

Since the possibility of a change was revealed several weeks ago there has been much debate.

Professor George Markowsky who wrote his own non-sexist and

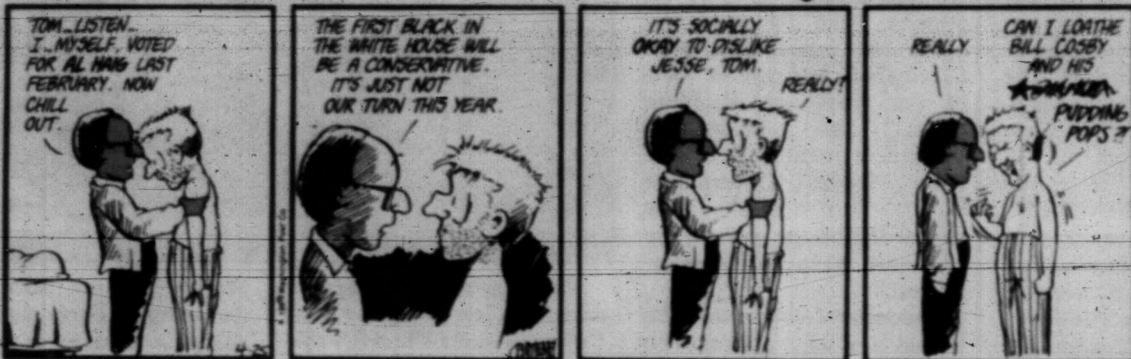
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**CLONING AROUND**

by David MacLachlan

**Stein**

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non-alcoholic version of the song and sent it to President Lick said he has received letters and comments both for and against.

"I've gotten a few letters. There's been a fair amount of positive response," Markowsky said.

He has also received some negative response, but feels people are not really addressing the issue.

"My complaint is not about the 'Stein Song,' it's a good song for a fraternity party maybe. I just don't think it's right for commencement," he said.

The University of Maine Alumni Association has not received any positive responses to the change.

"We haven't heard any positive response. Some alumni are very concerned," Fred Tarr, president of the Alumni Association, said. "Frankly, I think they're shocked (that there is a possibility of a change).

"I talk to and get letters from alumni everyday. I tried to take an informal poll and I can say that alumni want the song left as it is," said Annual Fund Director Mike Crowley.

"It's amusing... My reaction was one of disgust. I don't think I went to a backwater university nor was I a yahoo," said one alum in a letter referring to some earlier comments by Markowsky.

The debate has even made its way to the State House in Augusta. According to John Bott (R-Orono) both the House and Senate have passed resolutions asking UMaine to leave the song the way it is.

"The general view around the Legislature is that the University has better things to do than to tamper with a song that's known around the world and that is a great source of pride," he said.

Still, Markowsky insists a change is necessary.

"It would be hard for UMaine not to make a change," he said.

The university has a policy that all official documents of the university must be gender neutral, Markowsky said.

According to the UMaine system of office, there is no such policy for the system, however, this campus does have a gender neutral policy of some kind.

If this is true the next step would be to determine if the "Stein Song" is an "official document" of the university. UMaine history Professor David Smith said the song is the official school song. This may mean the song could be considered an official document.

Smith said an interesting note is that when President Lick came to UMaine he said there were three things that attracted him. One of the three reasons was that he was a big Rudy Vallee fan and he already knew the words to the Maine Stein Song.

Bumstock

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chful eye on any attempts to smuggle alcoholic beverages onto the Cabin Fields grounds.

On a few occasions the police entered the backyards of these public parties, resulting in a full-tongued booing of the crowd.

Yet, on the whole the day was peaceful and many faces carried a smile.

All sorts of music, from reggae to rock to jazz poured out from the stacks of amplifiers on the stage. And it went on until well after dark.

Iranians shoot tanker in Persian Gulf region

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — An Iranian speedboat shot up a Saudi Arabian-owned tanker in the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday after President Reagan said the U.S. Navy will no longer ignore attacks on noncombatants in the Persian Gulf region.

The speedboat fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns at the 37,011-ton Sea Trader in the strait, the southern entrance to the gulf.

An unexploded rocket dangled from the Sea Trader's hull after the attack but fell into the sea before the tanker reached the port of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

The Indian master, Capt. B.R. Pagarkar, reported his vessel sustained slight damage and no casualties among the Indian crew.

It was not known whether any U.S. warships were near the Sea Trader during the attack. Navy officials do not disclose warships' movements, but several U.S. frigates and destroyers have been in southern gulf since last week, when U.S. and Iranian ships skirmished in the area.

Reagan warned Iran in his weekly radio broadcast Saturday that continued

attacks on neutral parties, including gulf shipping, "will be very costly to Iran and its people."

On Friday, U.S. officials disclosed in Washington that the Reagan administration was planning to expand the U.S. naval role in the gulf by giving American commanders the right to intervene in Iranian attacks on non-U.S. flag vessels.

Previously, U.S. warships have only been permitted to provide "humanitarian aid" to non-American ships in distress requesting aid, but not to intercede in armed conflict involving those ships.

Gulf-based shipping executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Sea Trader encountered a flotilla of six armed speedboats as it sailed into the gulf through the strait about 7:30 a.m. (11:30 p.m. EDT Saturday).

The tanker, owned by a Saudi firm but flying the Liberian flag, was bound for the Saudi oil port of Ras Tanura.

Pagarkar said five of the speedboats "went in one direction while one appeared to be heading for another tanker, and I thought we'd escaped an attack."

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photo by John Baer

Eleanor Vallee Hustedt, the widow of Rudy Vallee, cuts the ribbon at opening ceremonies at the Rudy Vallee exhibit at the Maine Center for the Arts.

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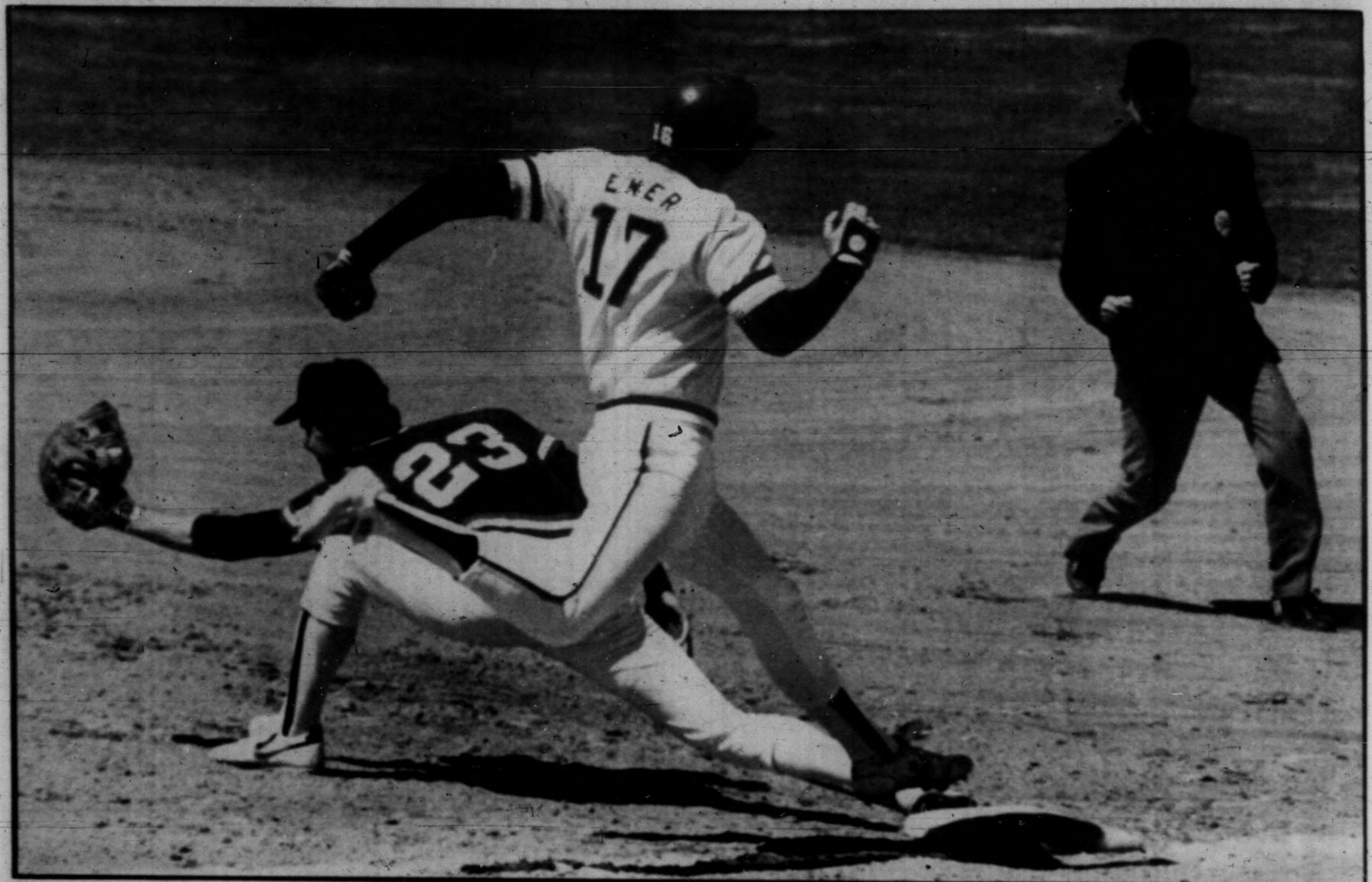
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Sports

Pitching leads Black Bears to sweep



UMaine's Craig Ender lunges to beat the throw as UNH first baseman Jim Stevens makes the play.

photo by: Doug Vanderweide

by Dave Greely
Staff Writer

Good pitching and solid defense wins baseball games and the University of Maine continued to get both Saturday as they swept a doubleheader against the University of New Hampshire by the scores of 3-0 and 2-1.

The wins improved the Black Bears' overall record to 26-16 and, more importantly, upped their ECAC-leading

record to 7-1 going into this week's three-game series against the second place University of Hartford.

The Black Bears committed only one error while pitchers Dale Plummer, Ed Therrien and Mike LeBlanc allowed only nine hits, while walking four and striking out nine.

"We've been getting great pitching and our defense is doing the job, that's been the key," said UMaine captain Gary LaPierre.

The Black Bears have now won five in a row and 17 of their 20 games since returning home from their southern Spring Break trip.

In the first game, UMaine took advantage of two third inning errors by UNH first baseman Jim Stevens to score all three of their runs.

Catcher Colin Ryan led off the inning with a single to right field off Wildcat starter and loser Joe Teixeira. Mike Dutil then bunted down the third-

base line, and when Stevens dropped Jim Lucci's throw, Ryan moved on to third. After LaPierre had walked to load the bases, Gary Dube hit a flare between Stevens and second baseman Mike Levin that Stevens couldn't handle as Ryan scored. Designated hitter Craig Ender gave the Black Bears a 3-0 lead with a two-out, two-run single.

Meanwhile, Plummer was cruising along, never allowing a Wildcat runner to advance past second base. He struck out Tony Martins and Mike Smith to end the game.

Plummer went the distance in evening his record at 4-4. He scattered four hits, struck out six and walked none. Teixeira dropped to 3-4 with the loss.

In the second game, freshman Dave Martorana's two-out single in the fourth inning proved to be the difference in the 2-1 UMaine victory.

The Black Bears looked like they were going to pull away early, but UNH's Dan Sweet settled down to pitch well. LaPierre led off the bottom of the first with a double down the thirdbase line and scored on freshman Mark Sweeney's double. The hit extended Sweeney's hitting streak to seven games and LaPierre's run was the 168th of his career, a new UMaine record. He also holds the school career records for hits (240), singles (176), games played (206) and at bats (780).

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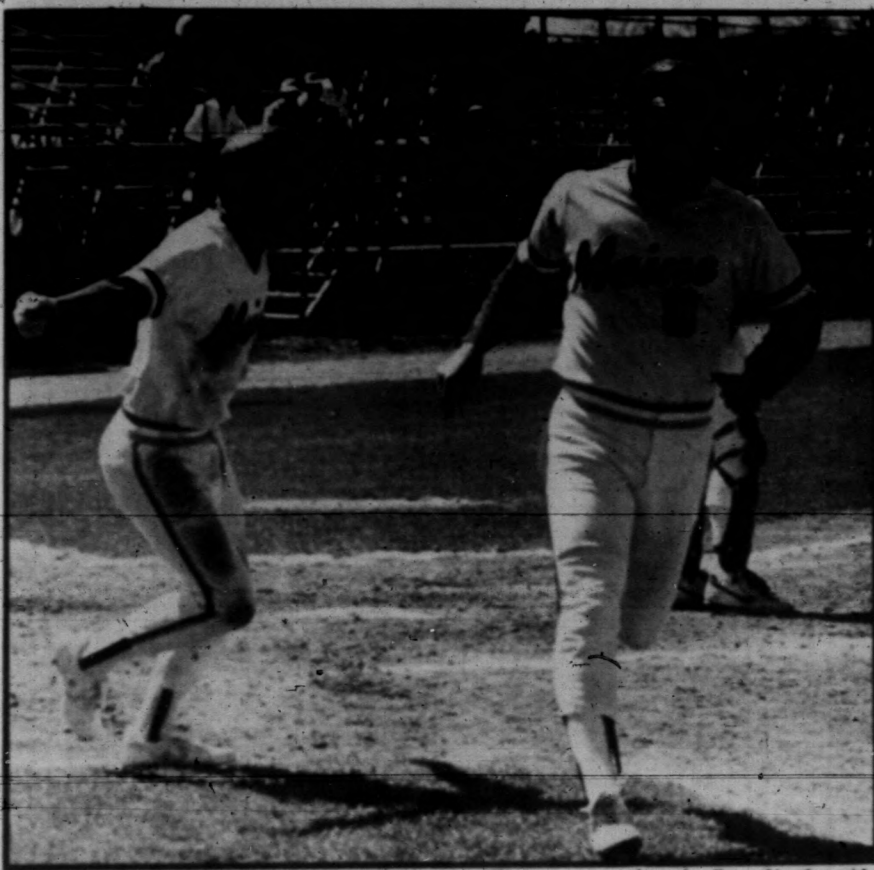
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Gary LaPierre and Mike Dutil both score on a two-run single by Craig Ender. Ender's two-out hit gave the Black Bears a 3-0 lead in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

photo by Doug Vanderweide

Orioles lose 3-1 to K.C. for 18th in a row

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles sunk to 0-18 Sunday and stumbled closer to the worst losing streak in history as Bret Saberhagen pitched a six-hitter and the Kansas City Royals won, 3-1.

The Orioles' slide is the longest in the majors since Washington dropped 18 straight in 1959 and tied the Senators for the fifth-longest in American League history.

The modern major league mark is 23 set by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1961, and the AL record is 20, done three times. The Orioles extended their record for season-opening defeats and their team mark for consecutive losses — not including five straight losses to end exhibition play.

Mark Thurmond, 0-4, winless in the majors since Aug. 26, 1986, kept the Orioles in a scoreless game until Kurt Stillwell hit a solo home run in the fifth inning. Stillwell, the ninth-place batter, singled home the winning run in the ninth inning Saturday in Kansas City's 4-3 victory.

Danny Tartabull hit a two-run homer in the sixth and Thurmond left later in the inning. Baltimore starters began the game 0-15 with a 7.12 earned run average.

The Orioles, outscored 114-34 this season, did not move a runner past se-

cond base until Cal Ripken homered with one out in the ninth. The Orioles entered the day as the poorest hitting team in the majors, batting .199 overall and .118 with runners in scoring position.

Saberhagen, 2-2, finished for the first time in five starts, striking out four. He is 4-4 lifetime against Baltimore, having gone 0-2 last year.

The Royals completed their second three-game sweep against the Orioles this season. Kansas City had lost five straight, which had been the second longest losing streak in the majors, before Baltimore came to town.

The Royals won their seventh straight overall against Baltimore, their all-time longest success against the Orioles.

Baltimore is now 37-51 at Royals Stadium, its worst record at any ballpark.

With two outs in the fifth, Stillwell homered into the left field seats. It was his second homer of the season and his first to go over the fence. Willie Wilson followed with a triple and was thrown out at home trying for an inside-the-park homer.

Tartabull hit his second home run in the sixth after George Brett's single. The Royals finished with nine hits, three by Kevin Seitzer.

Baseball

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"The record was nice because the run helped us win," LaPierre said. "But winning is the most important thing. The record takes a distant back seat to that."

Martorana gave the Black Bears an insurance run that they would eventually need when he singled in Mike DeLucia, who had singled and stolen second, in the bottom of the fourth.

The Wildcats finally got on the scoreboard in the top of the sixth. Therrien walked Benjie Johns to open the inning and Coach John Winkin immediately went to UMaine's version of Lee Smith, Mike LeBlanc. After retiring two batters, LeBlanc walked Teixeira and gave up a single to Scott McDonald on an 0-2 pitch. LaPierre came up firing on the play, but Ryan bobbled his throw allowing Johns to score and cut the UMaine lead to 2-1.

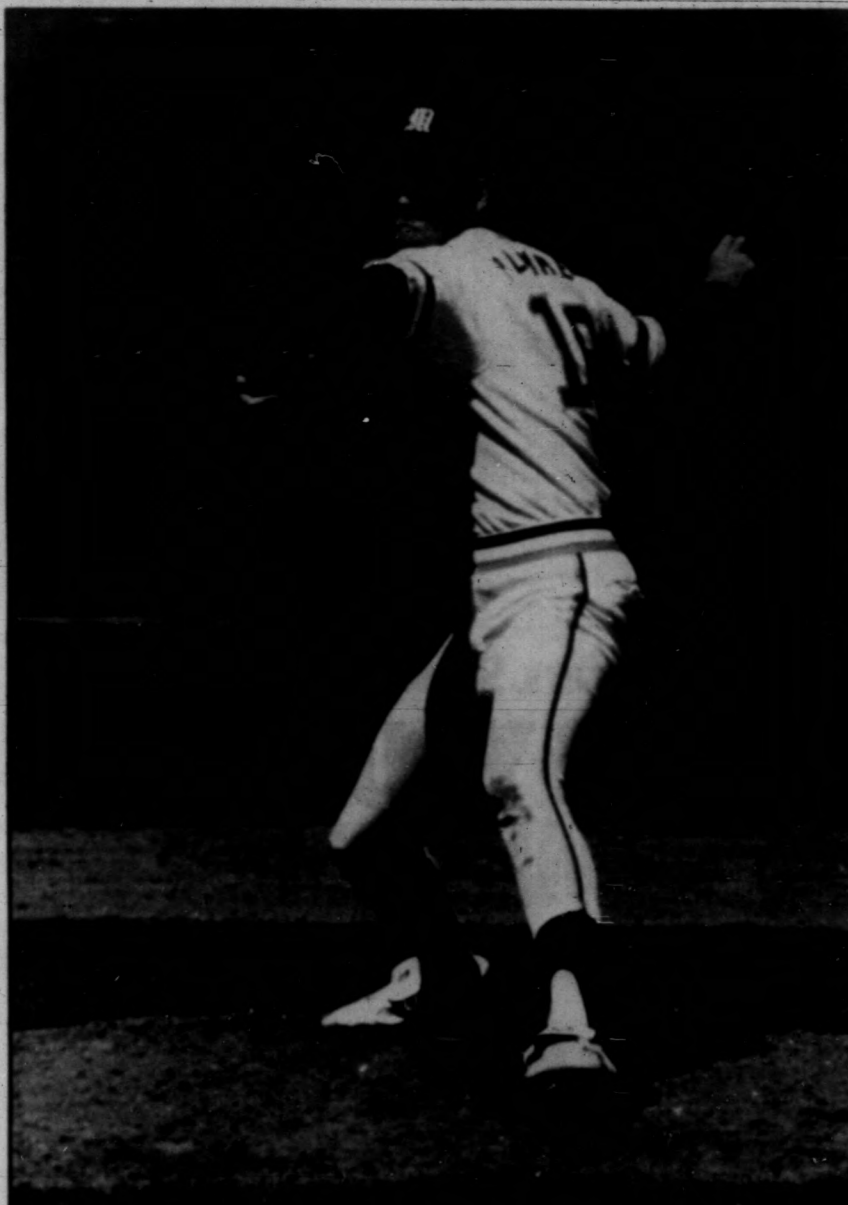
The run was the first allowed by the Black Bears in 30-2/3 innings.

The Wildcats came within a step of tying the game as the next batter, Mike Varano almost beat out an infield roller to Dube at second base. UNH Assistant Coach Peter Michel was ejected for protesting the play.

LeBlanc walked Martins to open the top of the seventh, but settled down to retire the next three and pick up his fifth save. Therrien moved to 3-1 with the win. Sweet (2-4) took the loss.

The third game of the series, scheduled for Sunday, was postponed due to rain.

UMaine travels to Hartford for three games on Wednesday and Thursday before returning home to face the University of Vermont for a three-game series next weekend.



Dale Plummer allowed four hits and struck out six in gaining his fourth win, a 3-0 shutout of UNH.

photo by Doug Vanderweide

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| 3. Detroit, from Kansas City, Bennie Blades, DB, Miami, Fla. | 10. New York Giants, Eric Moore, OT, Indiana | 17. New England, John Stephens, RB, Northwestern Louisiana | 23. Chicago, Brad Muster, RB, Stanford |
| 4. Tampa Bay, Paul Gruber, OT, Wisconsin | 11. Dallas, Michael Irvin, WR, Miami, Fla. | 18. Pittsburgh, Aaron Jones, DE, Eastern Kentucky | 24. New Orleans, Craig Heyward, RB, Pittsburgh |
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| 7. Green Bay, Sterling Sharpe, WR, South Carolina | 14. Los Angeles Rams, from Buffalo, Gaston Green, RB, UCLA | | 27. Chicago, from Washington, Wendell Davis, WR, LSU |

Soviet economic plan draws criticisms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's economic reform program ran into problems last year and things aren't likely to improve in the near future, U.S. intelligence agencies said in a report released Sunday.

Unless Gorbachev can do something to turn the economy around, he may find himself in trouble, said the bleak review which was conducted Intelligence Agency.

"Tension within society and the leadership will increase," it said. "Bureaucrats will become increasingly frustrated by loss of privileges and status and by demands that they show greater initiative. Military leaders were likely to become more and more uneasy if benefits from the industrial modernization fail to materialize."

"Soviet citizens will need to see some improvement in living standards if the regime is to achieve necessary gains in worker productivity and avoid

widespread discontent," the study said.

The report concluded that "failure to head off these tensions would at a minimum, make it more difficult to pursue his economic program vigorously and could ultimately call into question his strong political position at home."

Gorbachev and supporters of his reforms have acknowledged resistance at the highest levels, and there have been reports in Moscow of conflict over reform measures between Gorbachev and No. 2 Kremlin leader Yegor K. Legachev.

Criticism of the slow pace of Gorbachev's reforms earlier led to the firing of Boris N. Yeltsin as Moscow Communist Party boss.

The U.S. intelligence study was presented April 13 to the congressional Joint Economic Committee, and a declassified version was released by the panel.

The study is the annual review of the

Soviet economy, three years after Gorbachev came to power. He inherited an aging, extremely inefficient economy and made its modernization one of his top priorities, the study noted.

After some early success, "Gorbachev's ambitious program to create a modern, more dynamic Soviet economy ran into trouble in 1987," the study said.

"Familiar problems with poor weather and transportation bottlenecks were compounded by the disruptions caused by the introduction of economic reforms," it said.

The Soviet gross national product, the total value of all goods and services produced, grew only .5 percent last year, the study noted. That rate was "reminiscent of the late Brezhnev period," it said, referring to Leonid Brezhnev, a Gorbachev predecessor who prevailed over a largely stagnant economy in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The study noted that the Soviet GNP

grew by 3.9 percent in 1986, the first full year of Gorbachev's term, compared with .6 percent in 1985.

By contrast, the U.S. gross national product grew 2.9 percent, both in 1986 and 1987. However, the American economy measures a much larger base and comparisons are difficult.

"The real loser in 1987 appeared to be the consumer, who — now three years into Gorbachev's economic program — has seen almost no increase in his standard of living," the study said.

It also said that for a variety of reasons, "the short-term outlook for Gorbachev's economic program is not good."

Among those reasons are confusion about guidelines for self-financing reforms, deficiencies in 1987 machine-building that will slow the speed of modernization, transportation problems, and poor prospects for improved worker productivity.

Pravda reports Chernobyl plant in disarray

MOSCOW (AP) — Sloppy repairs, drunkenness and nepotism are rampant at the Chernobyl nuclear plant two years after the world's worst nuclear disaster, Pravda said Sunday.

The Communist Party daily said engineering jobs at the plant were handed out to medics, teachers, veterinarians and people without any higher education.

It also accused Chernobyl's managers of trying to "resolve at any cost" obstacles to full electricity production at the plant "to the detriment of the quali-

ty of repair and maintenance of extremely intricate equipment."

The scathing attack was a departure from the numerous articles appearing in the Soviet press before Tuesday's anniversary of the April 26, 1986, explosion and fire at the power plant 80 miles north of the Ukrainian capital Kiev.

The explosion killed 31 people, spewed radiation around the world and forced the evacuation of 135,000 Soviets living near the plant.

Previous stories have stressed the extensive safety equipment installed at the

plant, improved worker training, the decrease to safe levels of radiation and the return of people to surrounding areas.

Pravda began by reporting safe radiation levels at the plant and the production of 21 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity there since the accident.

But then the focus turned to criticism by the Kiev region's Communist Party committee of "Kombinat," the organization supervising the plant and cleanup around it.

Plant equipment was repaired without technical supervisors and was not tested before being put into service despite serious defects, the newspaper said. It said other problems caused "the grossest violations of sanitary standards."

Some safety measures planned on the reactor No. 4 at the plant were not carried out because of Kombinat's negligence, Pravda said. That reactor, in which the explosion occurred, has been sealed in concrete laden with radia-

tion sensors. Other official reports have stressed the danger from the No. 4 reactor has been neutralized.

"Leadership posts were given to people who had criminal records, who had been excluded from the party or had received strict party penalties," Pravda said.

"Units were headed by people not able to cope with the business they were entrusted with: medics, teachers, veterinarians and people not having any higher education were working in engineering posts," Pravda said.

Discipline was slack, the newspaper said.

"In the 'Kombinat' amalgamation, drunkenness, thievery and violations of labor discipline have not been reduced," it said.

Pravda did not say whether any corrective action had been taken, other than to report that Kiev party leaders reprimanded Kombinat's head, and indicated he had been fired.

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Maryland bans cheap handguns after killings

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The passage of Maryland's new law banning cheap handguns stems in part from an epidemic of drug-related killings, but it also owes a lot to a state senator's embarrassment at a Washington party.

What embarrassed state Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller also made him a center of attention, and that led to a meeting with a woman who is a driving force in the move for gun control legislation.

Miller's secretary misread an invitation to a Gridiron Club event last year as saying white attire was required, instead of white tie, so Miller was the only one who showed up in a white tuxedo.

He was approached by Sarah Brady, wife of presidential press secretary James Brady, who was severely injured in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

"There I was red-faced, standing 15 feet from President Reagan, and Sarah Brady comes over and tries to make me feel at ease. She told me I was the only thing adding any pizzazz to the party," Miller recalled.

They met again a few weeks ago when Mrs. Brady, who has become active in the fight for gun control legislation, asked for Miller's help in pushing a bill that would outlaw the sale and manufacture in Maryland of cheap handguns commonly known as Saturday Night Specials.

"I was impressed with her and when I was given the opportunity to help it was the least I could do for her," he said.

The law, which Gov. William Donald Schaefer has promised to sign, will require a nine-member state board to draw up a list of acceptable handguns. Those not on the list would be banned in Maryland, and violators would be liable for stiff fines, up to \$10,000 for each illegal gun sold or manufactured.

The ban won't go into effect until January 1990, giving the National Rifle Association a chance next year to try to have it repealed. NRA officials have vowed to make such an attempt.

While four other states have laws that ban cheap guns based on the melting point of a weapon's metal, the Maryland measure is considered by its supporters to be much broader. They hope it will be used as a model by other states.

Gun control advocates also see the Maryland experience as a useful political primer in how to withstand the powerful NRA.

Miller acknowledged the role played by Mrs. Brady's personal lobbying, but said a more important factor was the attitude of the NRA itself.

"The very fact that they were opposed to (banning) guns that could go past metal detectors turned off a great many legislators," he explained. "The fact that they were opposed to banning tin and plastic guns that sell for \$29.95 whose sole purpose is to kill, that told the General Assembly of Maryland that weren't interested in a reasonable compromise."

Ted Lattanzio, the NRA's director of state and local affairs, criticized supporters for creating an "emotional hysteria" that made passage possible.

"It was a concerted effort by the governor, other political leadership, gun-control groups and the media that steamrolled an unfortunate law, which deludes the public into thinking it will have an impact on crime, which it won't," Lattanzio said.



Students take advantage of the warm weather during Bumstock to practice their Hacky Sack abilities.

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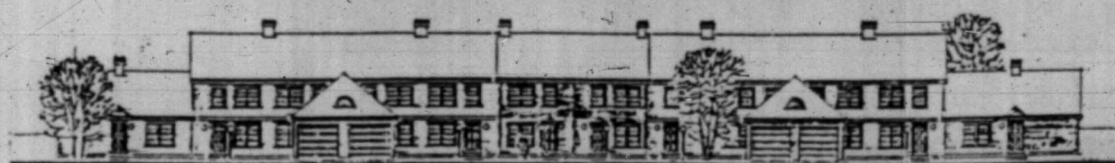
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•Soviet

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"It takes a very long time in our country. It takes three to four more days," he said. "We have a problem with our mail (system)."

On Wednesday the envoys participated in Maine Day by planting three flowering crab apple trees on the side of Alford Arena.

Virginia Whitaker, assistant professor of journalism and broadcasting and the UMaine coordinator for the U.S.-Soviet Pairing Project, said the trees symbolize the cooperation of Soviets and Americans.

"They (the trees) will become a permanent reminder of them ... and become a permanent part of the campus," she said.

Whitaker said the trees are also symbolic in another way.

"They will bloom while we are in the Soviet Union," she said on Maine Day, referring to the 15 UMaine and University of Southern Maine students and officials that will travel to the U.S.S.R. in May to complete this first exchange with the Soviets.

Also on Maine Day, most of the envoys went to Bar Harbor, after the Bar-B-Q.

"I saw the ocean (for) the first time," said Oleg Yaroshenko in broken English.

"When we go to Bar Harbor it was very good. We were warm," the chemistry student said.

"We took a lot of pictures for remember(ing). For remember(ing) about remember(ing)," he said.

The envoys also attended a number of classes.

"I like in your classes (that) you have chairs and desks," said Valentina Dolgaya, or Vala as she likes to be called.

"Here I may sit how I want," said the economics student as she was leaving the Hudson Museum and Maine Center for the Arts. "We only have a table (and chairs)."

Konstantine said the table provides "a bit more discipline while on the other hand makes it too official."

There are some other differences Vala said.

At Kharkov, students attend classes during one of two five-hour "shifts" with lectures lasting 90 minutes, she said.

"We have three large lectures (per



(L-R) Soviet envoy Anatoly Litvinenko, student in Foreign Languages (including English); Karol Worden, a junior Wildlife Management major;

senior International Affairs major Faith Corson; and Kirsten Schulze, a junior Journalism major, in the Hudson Museum on Thursday.

day) and have four days of lectures," she said. "But we have a free day to prepare reports."

Despite the differences there are also some major similarities.

One thing a number of the envoys said they would remember most of all and take back to their country, was the similarity between themselves and American students.

"American students are good," Oleg said. "American students are very similar to Soviets. They have similar interests and similar free time."

Faith Corson, a UMaine international affairs major who was Vala's host, said both the American and the Soviets shared some common interests.

"We've been singing American songs a lot and singing common groups like the Beatles ... they've also taught us some Russian songs," she said. "I think they sing better than we do."

On Friday, with the Soviet's departure for University of Maine at Augusta and USM drawing closer and closer, Oleg smiled and gave Faith a hug.

"I have a good time with you," he said.

"And I had a good time with you too Oleg," she said, still being hugged by Oleg.

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But suddenly it veered toward my ship, asking for the master."

The executives quoted him as saying the speedboat opened fire after the Iranians demanded the ship's destination and indicated they intended to board it.

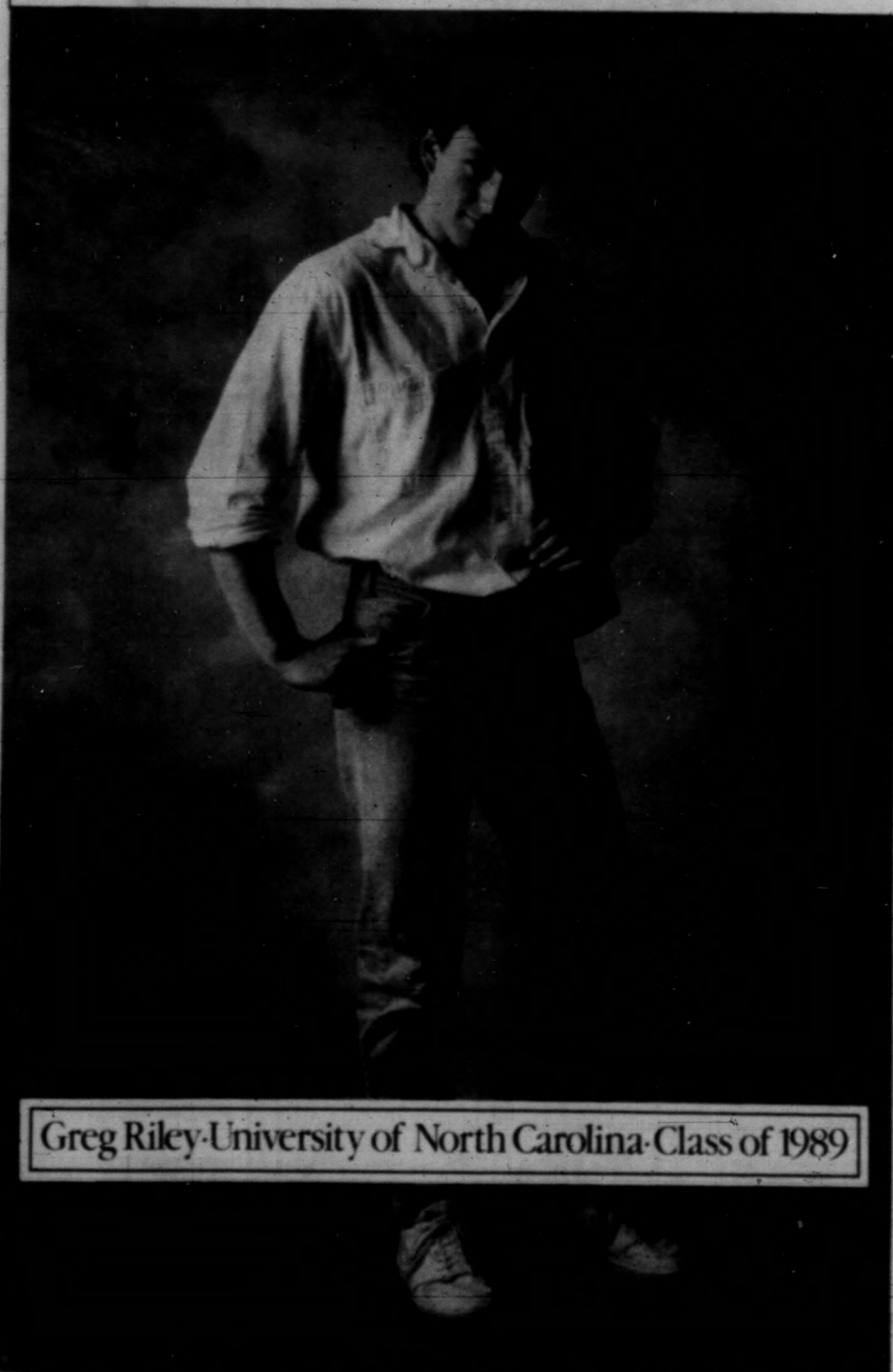
There was nothing to directly link the raid on the Sea Trader to Reagan's comments or to an earlier report that the United States was preparing to adopt a new get-tough policy following last week's skirmishes between Iran and the U.S. Navy. But the attack, the first since two ships were hit Tuesday in the aftermath of a major U.S.-Iranian clash the day before, suggested Iran was determined to show its ability to carry out shipping raids despite its losses.

In the skirmishes April 18, U.S. Navy forces sank or damaged a half-dozen of Iran's armed craft, including two frigates that have regularly operated in the strait and nearby waters.

There have been no reports since April 8 of Iraqi air strikes on Iranian oil tankers, the type of attacks for which Iran customarily retaliates by striking at neutral vessels.

Iraq's last reported action in the gulf was Friday, when the official Iraqi news agency said Baghdad's forces sunk a small Iranian naval craft.

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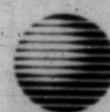


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