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# The Daily Maine Campus

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### Teaching and learning



Brownville Elementary School students April Haskell (left) and Kelly Gode perform an experiment during a recent visit to UMaine. They were members of a fifth grade class that spent a day on campus as guests of UMaine

education students who have been corresponding with the youngsters. April and Kelly receive assistance from students Judy Thorne (left) and Bonnie Hansen.

## GSS adopts resolution to address parking problem

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

There are 10,272 parking decals issued for 5,336 parking spaces at the University of Maine.

Tuesday night, the General Student Senate made provisions to address the problem.

After an active debate, the GSS passed a resolution making the parking shortage at UMaine a senate concern.

Off-campus senator Curtis Stone sponsored the resolution, which originally called for the establishment of a separate committee to address the problem.

"Off-campus students are getting a bad deal as opposed to faculty and residents," he said.

Stone said off-campus students have a greater need for parking because they don't live on campus and have to commute.

The wording of the resolution was changed, however, in an amendment proposed by off-campus senator Jessica Loos.

In Loos' amendment, the parking problem would be a topic of the existing Student Affairs Committee.

"I'm not sure forming another committee is the most powerful and effective way to solve the problem," Loos said.

Steffon Fitch, board of trustees representative, proposed that senators ask freshmen if they really need cars on campus.

"Maybe that's what it's come to," he said.

Off-campus senator Melissa Johnson agreed with Fitch's proposal for a freshman parking ban.

"I lived for two years on campus without a car. I had no need for one. I was able to live a normal life without one," she said.

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## U.S. rejects Palestinian state

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration rejected a Palestine Liberation Organization proclamation of an independent Palestinian state, asserting that the Arab-Israeli conflict must be settled by negotiations and not by unilateral acts.

Spokesman Charles Redman said the status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip "cannot be determined by unilateral acts of either side but only through a process of negotiations."

"A declaration of indepen-

dent Palestinian statehood is such a unilateral act," Redman said. A similar statement was issued by White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater said that despite U.S. opposition to the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state, the administration sees "positive elements" to the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers, most notably its support for U.S. Security Council resolutions 224 and 338. These lay the groundwork for a com-

prehensive settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Redman said the administration has not yet seen the final text of the resolution approved by the PNC but promised it would receive serious study.

At the Algiers meeting, the PLO's quasi-legislature voted to accept Security Council Resolution 242, which established the principle that all states in the region, including Israel, are entitled to exist in peace.

## University College dull, students say

by Doris Rygalski  
Staff Writer

There has been talk of opening a Cubs' Den, similar to the Bears' Den at Orono.

Because of an increase in enrollment at the University of Maine, students who applied late were placed in one of two dorms located at University College in Bangor.

"It was first come, first served," said Amy Manville-Graham, and coordinator for Residential Life at University College.

When it was determined that there were going to be two dorms opened in Bangor, she said, 400 Orono students were contacted and given the first opportunity to transfer.

"Most declined," she said.

Although they would have preferred to be at Orono, "The (Bangor) students have done a good job in personalizing the old Air Force barracks and making them home," Manville-Graham said.

According to the University of Maine catalog, the college in Bangor was established as both an academic and support unit of UMaine in 1985.

On campus, there is a small library, union and dining hall.

### 'Nothing going on'

Although students are adjusting to life on the Bangor campus, Manville-Graham guessed that of the 175 students now living there, 60 percent would probably transfer given the chance to do so.

"There's nothing going on," said John Gallant, a freshman from Rumford. "It's like we're in isolation."

"I feel as though I'm being deprived, losing out," said John Thibodeau, another freshman residing in Belfast Hall.

Inside the residence halls, Manville-Graham said, ice cream socials and movies are offered. But otherwise entertainment is "very limited, to be perfectly honest," she said.

There is also a YMCA, "but there's not a lot (of weight equipment) to use," Gallant said.

To make the UMaine cam-  
(see UC page 8)

## Unmanned Soviet shuttle orbits twice

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviets broke the U.S. monopoly on reusable spacecraft Tuesday by launching their own space shuttle on a 3 1/2-hour, unmanned, orbital flight that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev hailed as a major coup for his country.

"The space plane has ushered in a new era in the history of Soviet space exploration," state-run Radio Moscow declared after the 100-ton Buran made two orbits, streaked

earthward in a fireball and landed at a specially built runway in Soviet Central Asia on its maiden mission.

The pilotless flight of the Buran — "snowman" in Russian — was a major success for the Soviet space program after a series of problems that included the near loss of cosmonauts on a joint Soviet-Afghan mission in September and loss of contact with a probe sent to Mars.

The early morning launch of the Buran fastened to the back of the 198-foot-tall Energia booster rocket also ended a seven-year U.S. monopoly on reusable spacecraft inaugurated by the launch of the shuttle Columbia in April 1981.

The Buran, and other shuttles still being developed, will have a central role in the Soviet space program, the state-run media said.

"NASA congratulates the Soviets on the successful flight of their space shuttle. It is a major technical accomplishment," said Dr. James C. Fletcher, administrator of NASA.

James Harford, executive director emeritus of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics said the mission showed that the Soviets "are a pretty able bunch of guys."



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**News Briefs**

**Gorbachev to meet with Reagan**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev will meet with President Ronald Reagan and President-elect George Bush next month for what Reagan called "a brief get-together."

"That's not going to be anything in the nature of a summit meeting," the president said.

Asked if the Soviet president might bring new proposals to the meeting,

Reagan said, "I have no way of speculating. We'll just have to see what comes up."

Reagan commented as he posed for photographers before a meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the Oval Office.

"We hope we can have a brief get-together," Reagan said.

It will be Reagan's fifth meeting with Gorbachev.

**Brady to remain in treasury post**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect George Bush on Tuesday asked Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to remain in his current post for the new administration.

Brady is a former investment banker who served briefly as an appointed member of the Senate. He is a longtime friend of the president-elect and was a key member of a circle of advisers that Bush leaned on during his presidential campaign.

The appointment marked the second time that Bush has turned to a longtime confidant to fill a key post in his administration. Secretary of

State-designate James A. Baker III was Bush's first Cabinet appointment, announced the morning after the election last week.

Bush made the appointment outside the official vice president's residence after meeting privately with visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. The visit marked Bush's first meeting with the head of a foreign government since he was elected president Nov. 8.

Bush was to meet Wednesday with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

**Warrants issued in Bhopal**

BHOPAL, India (AP) — Arrest warrants were issued Tuesday for former Union Carbide chairman Warren Anderson and two other officials of the U.S. multinational corporation in connection with the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster.

On Dec. 3, 1984, more than 3,100 people were killed and at least 20,000 were injured when toxic gas leaked out of a tank at a pesticide plant operated by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary.

Chief judicial magistrate R.C. Mishra issued the arrest warrants after Anderson and the two Carbide officials failed to honor summonses to appear in the Bhopal magistrate's court to answer murder charges.

The summonses were issued in

December 1987 when murder charges were filed in conjunction with the Indian government's still unresolved \$3 billion damage suit against Union Carbide.

Mishra issued the arrest warrants in response to a request by government prosecutor U.S. Prasad.

The warrants issued were for Anderson; John MacDonald, assistant secretary of Union Carbide Corp.; and Peter J. Whitley, attorney for Union Carbide Eastern Inc., a Hong Kong-based subsidiary.

The Indian government has accused Union Carbide of negligence for the gas leak. Union Carbide says the leak of lethal methyl isocyanate gas was the result of sabotage by a disgruntled employee.

**Estonia may break from Soviets**

TALLINN, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Estonia's parliament on Wednesday will consider a "declaration of sovereignty" that proclaims the Baltic republic's independence from the Soviet Union in all areas except defense and foreign policy.

Its members also will weigh a related amendment to the Estonian constitution that would bar enforcement of any new Soviet law unless it has been ratified by the Estonian parliament, said Edgar Savisaar, one of the leaders of the Estonian People's Front, the broad-based citizens' group behind the proposal.

Although the People's Front claims the support of the leadership of the Estonian government and the Estonian Communist Party, passage of the proposals is by no means assured. They require a two-thirds

majority in the 285-member Supreme Soviet, or parliament, of Estonia.

"I'm not sure they are united," Savisaar said in an interview Tuesday.

Deputies are expected to divide approximately along ethnic lines, as many lawmakers who are ethnic Russians or members of other ethnic groups do not share the Estonians' view.

Wednesday's vote comes on the heels of a four-day visit to Tallinn by a member of the ruling Soviet Politburo, former KGB chief Viktor M. Chebrikov, who warned that nationalism could incite ethnic strife.

Tass reported Tuesday that Chebrikov chastised the restive Estonian leaders for encouraging nationalism and increasing tension in the republic.



# Immigrants going back to school

Thousands enrolling in English and civics classes to qualify for permanent residency

*The Christian Science Monitor*

LOS ANGELES — For Jose Constanza, the road to becoming a permanent resident of the United States leads twice a week to Room 114 at the Evans Community Adult School here, at 2 a.m.

There, for most of the night, the gumptious Guatemalan learns basic English and American history as part of an effort to fulfill a long-held dream: becoming a legal resident of the United States.

Constanza and two dozen other nocturnal classmates are part of what may be the largest back-to-school movement in the nation's history.

Across the country, hundreds of thousands of former illegal aliens are enrolling in English and civics classes to qualify for permanent residency under the landmark immigration law, which will be 2 years old Sunday.

So many are seeking instruction under the amnesty provision that some immigrants' rights groups worry that the educational system will not be able to accommodate all the aliens, and thus undermine their chance to become residents.

"The whole system is about to be severely tested," said Charles Kamasaki of the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group.

The depth of the challenge facing public and private agencies is mirrored at the Evans School, a concrete and stucco complex near two gas stations and "Sai-gon Fast Foods" on the edge of downtown here.

Although the school so far has been able to handle all of the amnesty applicants who have come forward seeking instruction, it has done so largely by adopting what may be the most intense educational schedule in the country — a sort of round-the-clock learning shop.

Besides the day classes and 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. sessions, three special amnesty courses are held twice weekly from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Another 50 sessions are held on Saturday, and the school is ready to open its doors on Sunday if the amnesty enrollment, now 3,700, goes too high.

"I've already spent all my toilet tissue budget," says Barbanell, the school principal, referring to the logistics of running a 24-hour-a-day school.

The debate over classroom space comes as the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 is receiving mixed reviews. Its main goal, to slow illegal immigration across the U.S.-Mexican border by enforcing sanctions on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, has had uncertain results.

Arrests of aliens along the 2,000-mile border, usually a gauge of the level of illegal immigration, have been down dramatically in recent months, suggesting that the sanction's provision is working. But some analysts think the numbers are down for different reasons, and argue the border remains as porous as ever.

Progress on the other main component of the law, granting legal status to certain aliens already living here, is similarly debated. While 1.8 million came forward under the first phase of

the general amnesty program, making it the largest amnesty program in the world, some immigrants' rights groups worry that many aliens will fall through the cracks seeking permanent residency under the second phase, which begins next week.

Those who survive the first cut of legalization — the Immigration and Naturalization Service hasn't judged all the applications yet — receive temporary registration cards. Eighteen months after this, they have one year to obtain permanent residency, either by

passing an INS-administered English language and U.S. civics test or showing they have completed at least 40 hours of a 60-hour course in these areas.

One concern is that many immigrants don't even know there is a second phase. The INS plans several mailings to tell them of the requirements. But "this population is extremely mobile," says Linda Wong of California Tomorrow, an advocacy group.

Already, 102,000 are enrolled in special amnesty classes in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

## STUDENTS NEED TO STAY ON CAMPUS OVER UNIVERSITY BREAKS?

University breaks offer an opportunity for most students to go home and enjoy family life. However, some may have to remain in Orono to participate in official University activities such as sporting events, time-sensitive research, rehearsals and so forth. Because most dormitories close during these periods, a need to remain on campus can create an inconvenience and a sense of isolation for the student. To offset this set of circumstances for these periods, the Center for Student Services will try to match students who have an official need to remain on campus with host families in the local area. Students will be able to stay with these families during the vacation and participate in family activities as agreed upon by the host family and the student.

Any student fitting this category who would like to be matched with a host family should contact the Center for Student Services in the Memorial Union (Phone 581-1820) at his/her earliest convenience.



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# Strength of human spirit focus of 'Wings'

by Matt Ames  
For The Campus

Think how you would feel if your thoughts were clear, but your ability to communicate was severely impaired; if what started out as a coherent thought came out of your mouth as unintelligible gibberish; if you were unable to explain something as simple as a toothbrush and how it works, even though you knew perfectly well.

Such is the plight of Emily Stillson, the leading character in Arthur Kopit's

play "Wings," premiering at the University of Maine's Pavilion Theater Thursday.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. There also will be a matinee Sunday at 2 p.m.

The play is directed by Tim Kelley, a graduate student in the Department of Theater/Dance. It will serve as the basis for Kelley's master's degree thesis.

Kelley says he chose the piece, about Stillson's courageous recuperation from a stroke, because it focuses on the character's strength and not her illness.

"I've worked a lot with mentally handicapped people, and I've found this attitude to be crucial," he said. "'Wings' really makes you focus on the strengths."

"It's my job, my creative thesis, to make the audience feel respect and not pity for Emily. It's my method of creating this pathos that the thesis committee will be looking at," he said.

Kelley's personal experience with people in predicaments similar to Emily's began at an early age.

"I worked with special education students as early as sixth grade," he says, "and I've also worked with accident victims who had brain lesion-type injuries. Then my roommate and I brought the Special Olympics to Bowdoin College when I was an undergraduate. I was also invited to officiate in the national Special Olympics."

Mentally debilitating illness has also hit Kelley close to home.

"One of my grandfathers had two strokes. My other grandfather suffered from parkinson's disease...I knew he knew what was going on, but...the frustration you must feel," Kelley says, shaking his head.

Cate Davis, a graduate student in the theater/dance department, has been cast as Emily.

"Cate projects strength," says Kelley. "Her instincts as a person coincide with the instincts we want Emily to have."

"Emily is sort of a 'where's the beef' lady. She's used to handling things her own way. She's an independent person who refuses to give up her independence."



Kate Davis performs a scene from "Wings." Davis plays the leading role of Emily Stillson in the production.

Davis' last appearance on a UMaine stage was nearly a year ago, when she played Anna Cora Mowatt in "The Lady and the Gypsy." Her performance won her nomination to the Irene Ryan Acting Competition at the American College Theater Festival.

"Wings" will also feature Karen Colburn as Amy, Emily's therapist, and Robert Boston as Billy, a young man with a similar disorder.

Students may pick up tickets at the box office in the Maine Center for the Arts. General admission for students is free and for non-students is \$4. For additional information or reservations, call 581-1755.

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# Mysteries behind JFK murder to be queried

By Jaime Osgood  
Staff Writer

A founding member of the Assassination Information Bureau in Washington, D.C., will present a lecture on the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy at the University of Maine Wednesday.

David Williams, a veteran radio reporter in Boston who was partly responsible for the formation of the AIB, is expected to address many questions raised by the case.

They include questions on the innocence of Lee Harvey Oswald; on whether Jack Ruby, the Dallas night club owner who shot Oswald, was a Mafia hit-man; and on who tampered with the medical evidence.

Williams' lecture, "Who Shot JFK?" will begin at 8 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Guest Lecture Series and is free to the public.

The AIB was formed in the early 1970s in Cambridge, Mass., to build support for a new investigation of what many people consider to be America's greatest unsolved murder case — the assassination of JFK.

The group's members travelled around the country lecturing to more than 400 college audiences and held many media appearances in an effort to bring national attention to the case.

Pressure from the AIB helped create the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which was set up to investigate political assassinations, specifically those of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1977 the AIB moved its office to Washington to monitor the work of the committee.



David Williams

however, able to name the people behind the conspiracy.

The alleged conspiracy, the people it may have involved and the reasons behind it are expected to be focal points of Williams' lecture.

He will incorporate a film of the Kennedy's murder, new evidence from the 1978 congressional investigation, and photographs that many people believe prove Oswald was framed to shed new light on the murder.

Williams has been a reporter for public radio and television in Boston since 1978 and has served as press secretary for several congressional and statewide campaigns in Massachusetts.

He now handles press inquiries for the city of Boston and is active in shaping the housing policy for the city.

# N.H. governor seen as Bush's chief of staff

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — John Sununu stood in the spotlight Tuesday after a private meeting with President-elect George Bush fueled speculation that the New Hampshire governor will end up with a top post in Bush's White House.

"I'll do whatever he needs," Sununu told reporters who gathered around him on the tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base after he flew from Florida to Washington with Bush.

Bush and his wife Barbara walked off the plane, followed closely by Sununu. Bush, who did not speak to reporters, and his wife went straight to his helicopter.

Sununu, however, did not accompany him. He came back to New Hampshire on Tuesday afternoon and is expected to attend a Wednesday state Executive Council meeting.

At a news conference in Concord, Sununu said he had no comment on the rumors that he could be named chief of staff because it would be unfair to Bush.

"Any comments on anything specifically ... ought to come out of the vice president's office," he said. "I have no comment to make on any suppositions."

Sununu would not say if a decision already has been made, but said he expected Bush to make an announcement in a few days.

He also would not say how he felt about sharing the chief of staff post with Robert Teeter and Craig Fuller, two top Bush aides, and only reiterated his earlier statement that he would do whatever Bush needs.

But Sununu said that does not in-

clude being secretary of education or energy, two positions he earlier had ruled out.

He joked about his dinner with Bush in Florida Monday night, saying, "The dessert was superb. ... Some chocolate concoction of nine layers that was probably four megacalories, and I felt guilty eating it all the way through."

Earlier in Washington, when asked by reporters about his own prospects for the chief of staff job, Sununu said, "I'm still the governor."

As to the substance of his dinner meeting with the president-elect Monday night, he said, "We discussed things in general. ... He will talk specifics in about a week or so."

Sununu also joked in reference to Bush's four days of fishing without a catch. "He tried to show me some of the fish he didn't catch," he said.

Sununu flew to Bush's vacation spot in Gulf Stream, Fla., on Monday. He was the only political associate to visit Bush in Florida since he arrived Thursday, but Bush laughingly cautioned reporters at the time: "Don't read into it anything about Sununu."

On reports that a three-person chief-of-staff arrangement is under consideration, Bush said, "Stay tuned. I'll have announcements on that pretty soon."

The Boston Globe reported Tuesday morning that Teeter and Fuller are fighting reported attempts by Bush to team them with Sununu to run the White House staff.

# 'Spiderman' doesn't get the willies

HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) — Spiders give most people the willies, but for a biology professor who collects the critters and whose students call him "Spiderman," having a spider named for him is an honor.

"I certainly wouldn't call it an attractive spider, but I'm very flattered," said Allen Brady, a professor of biology at Hope College for 22 years. He has about 3,000 spiders in his office.

One of Brady's former students recently discovered the previously unnamed spider and proposed that it be named Cyclocosmia Bradyi. The name and description will be submitted to the Journal of Arachnology for publication.

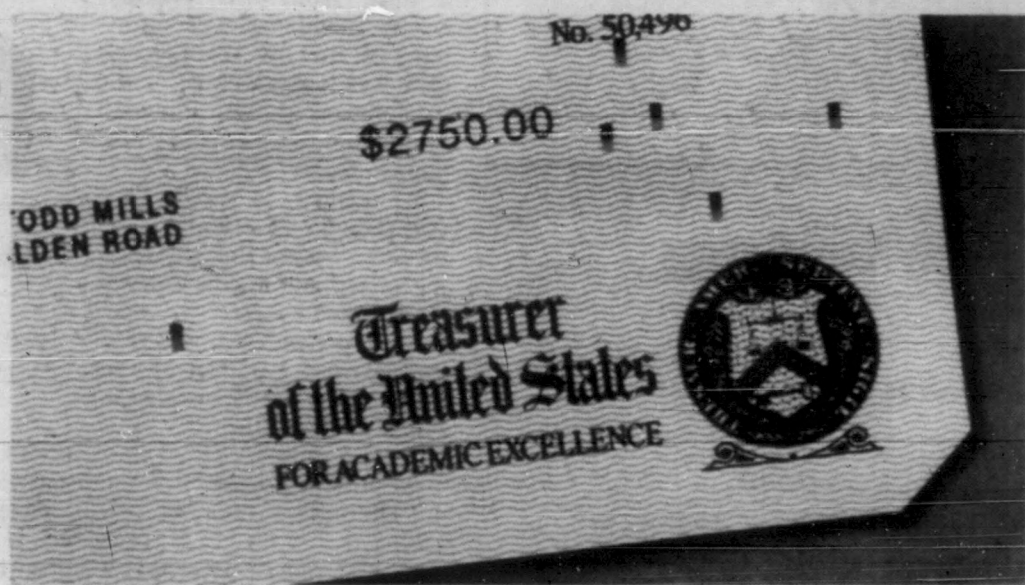
Robert Wolff, a 1974 Hope graduate who teaches biology at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill., found the spider in collections of unidentified material from the Illinois Historical Survey. He said it comes from Guerrero, Mexico.

Brady calls himself "a champion of spiders," saying most people don't appreciate their insect-control capabilities.

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# Editorial

## The Union needs to be expanded

Students, faculty and staff need a comfortable place to study, sit down to eat a quick bite or relax while listening to music and talking to friends.

The Memorial Union is that sort of place, but, coupled with out-of-date facilities and the highest enrollment in history at the University of Maine, people are being shortchanged.

The student population has increased by 1,191 students or 10.7 percent since the 1986-87 school year. It currently stands at 12,282, while last year the population was 11,091.

The graduate school enrollment is up 289 or 22 percent — 1,312 to 1,601. Meanwhile, non-traditional student population makes up 34 percent of the total enrollment as compared to 29 percent three years ago.

The problem is where do all these people go when they want to relax, eat or shoot some pool? Do they jam into the already congested rooms of the Union?

Most likely people will, because there is no place else to go to talk and laugh with peers or professionals without disturbing others.

Thanks to the efforts of the Memorial Union Facilities Planning Committee, the UMaine community will have a chance to change the existing structure of the Union by taking part in a questionnaire.

Although construction of an expanded Union appears to have little priority at the administrative level at the moment, the committee is taking steps to get some input as to what people would want to have in a new student center.

It is imperative that the 10 percent of the students, faculty and staff who are issued the questionnaire, take it seriously.

Together, they can decide if a Laundromat, barber shop, child care center, flower shop, shower, locker facilities and more are necessary to meet the needs of the rising student community.

*Review of piece*

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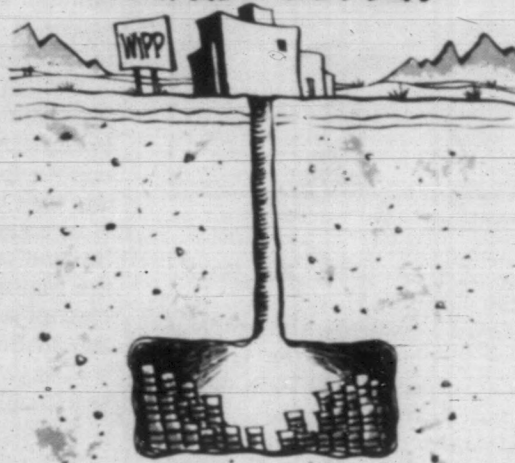
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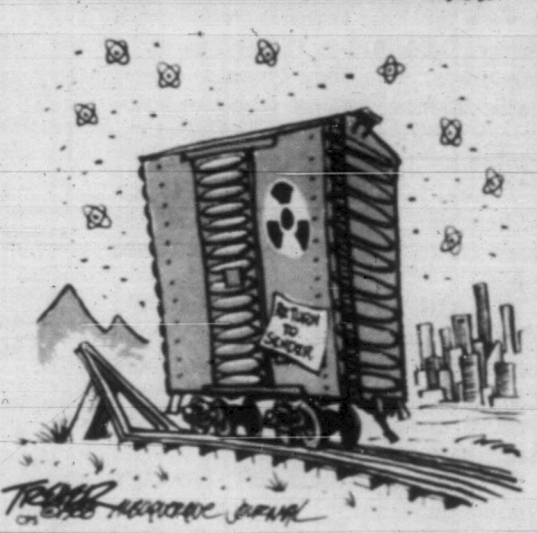
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## Receptacle woes

I went to check the mail at my apartment yesterday. Nestled among "Dear Student" letters and threats from home was a note from my friendly neighborhood mail carrier informing me that my "mail receptacle was inoperative."

Ohmagod. I was stunned. How could something like this happen to me?

It seemed to work just fine. "But," I thought to myself. "Maybe I'm just missing something. Maybe it needs to be tested."

So I pretended I was said mail carrier. I walked up the porch steps, put the mail in the box and closed the lid.

Then I waited. Nothing happened.

"Hmm," I thought. "It seems to work O.K. but perhaps I should try testing it again."

I took the mail out of the box, walked down the steps, turned around and repeated my mail receptacle test.

Again, nothing happened. So I repeated the test again and again and again.

After about 20 minutes of this I got a bit tired and decided to take a break and read the mail carrier's note again.

The note further informed me that my mail receptacle was inoperative because it had no place for a newspaper.

I looked down at the receptacle I had before in my naïveté called a mail box, and there cradled in a large clip at the bottom was the Wall Street



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Journal.

I didn't panic. I knew I had to think this crisis through. I had to deal with it. It was me, one man and his inoperative postal receptacle.

I decided to test the newspaper clip. I took the paper out and put it back in, took it out, put it back in, took it out, put it back in.

Nothing. No problems at all. I read the note further.

It informed me that if the residence was an apartment, as mine was, "the postal receptacle could not be changed or altered except in the presence of a postal official because it is unlawful for anyone but a postal official to open the receptacle and expose the mail."

"Expose the mail," I thought. "To what, the nightmare of George Bush as president, the evils of cultural imperialism on the third world, that The Housemartins

broke up?"

I just didn't know.

So I headed to the post office to seek out my mail carrier and, for better or for worse, to find out just why my postal receptacle was inoperative.

The man behind the counter at the post office gave me a strangely suspicious look as I told him of my woes.

"Wait a minute," he sneered. "I'll have to get my supervisor."

A few seconds later someone whisked me into the dark, reverberating back offices of the building, deep within the very being of the Orono Post Office.

Then I met him. The supervisor of the Orono Post Office. The man who could make my nightmare end.

"What seems to be the problem?" he asked me.

I told him my story of woe, leaving out none of the gore details.

"Hmm," he said. "I guess I'll just have to go out there and check it out myself. Thanks for coming in."

I was escorted back out into the real world and pointed toward my apartment, a bit relieved but still not knowing why my postal receptacle was inoperative or what I was exposing the mail to.

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# Book Bag

## Young and Gay

THE SWIMMING POOL LIBRARY  
by Alan Hollinghurst  
Random House. 288 pp. \$16.95

by John Ash

The two greatest English gay novelists of this century, Ronald Firbank and E. M. Forster, were at once frustrated and spurred on to some of their finest achievements by the fact that they could not write directly about male homosexuality. The elaborate indirection that was forced on Firbank by circumstances led him to invent revolutionary fictional techniques. He also made something of a cult of lesbianism. Much less esthetically inclined, Forster was driven to question the whole basis of bourgeois morality, but his very directness and honesty made it impossible for him to go on writing novels when he could not address the one subject that had shaped his entire view of the world.

The openly gay novel was thus a phenomenon of comparatively recent origin when AIDS arrived to throw the gay community and its writers into crisis. What is at first surprising is that while gay novels have grown ever more sexually explicit, when it comes to AIDS novelists have resorted to Firbankian and Forsterian techniques of indirection, displacement and simple evasion. This is undoubtedly because the subject is too intolerable, and I imply no criticism. To turn AIDS into art is to risk mitigating its horror.

Therefore, for a gay writer it is what one must write about, and what one cannot write about, except indirectly, almost exactly as male homosexuality itself was for Firbank and Forster. So Edmund White has set himself the task of chronicling the gay community before the advent of the disease, and although David Leavitt's *The Lost Language of Cranes* is set in the post-AIDS era, it is essentially a conventional (albeit charming and poignant) coming-out novel in which no one dies or even gets sick.

Alan Hollinghurst's *The Swimming Pool Library* is set in the London of 1983, the year

before AIDS began to make itself felt in England. It is therefore already a historical novel chronicling an era and milieu that can never return.

As its rich, handsome and feckless narrator tells us very near the novel's opening:

"My life was in a strange way that summer, the last summer of its kind there was ever to be. I was riding high on sex and self-esteem — it was my time, *my belle époque* — but all the while with a faint flicker of calamity, like flames around a photograph, something seen out of the corner of eye."

This "faint flicker of calami-

ty" is pure hindsight. William Beckwith would have had little time for reflection in 1983 since the novel is packed and padded with his sexual exploits, all of them certifiably unsafe. Readers will inevitably wonder how it is that the narrator has lived long enough to enjoy the benefits of hindsight. This backdrop endows the whole novel with a quality of voluptuous doom that seems redolent of the 1890s. It is almost as if death has made Hollinghurst's celebration of the flesh possible. It has always been easier to write openly about homosexuality if it is assumed from the

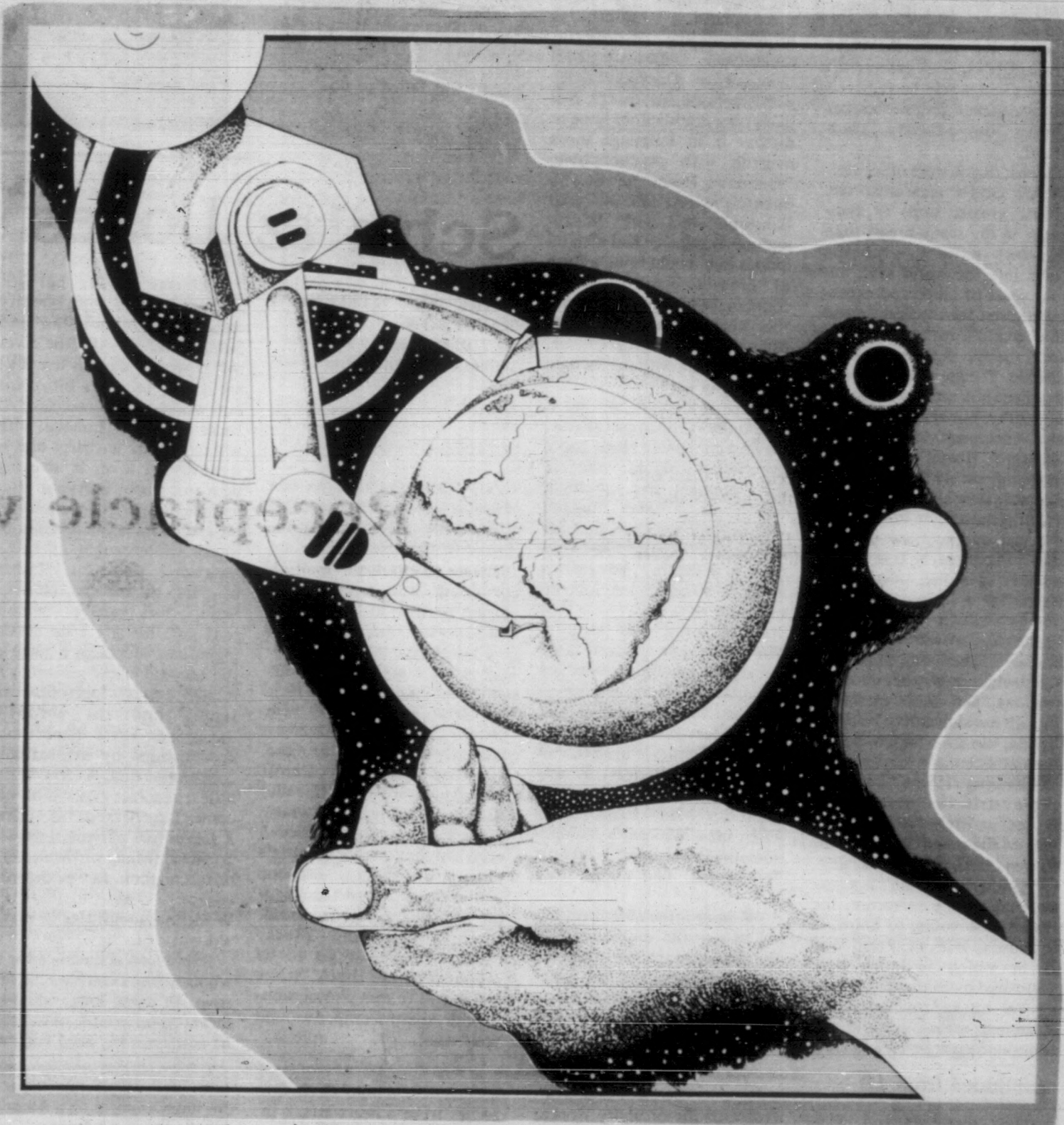
beginning that the participants will meet a horrible end. Sadly a gay comedy in the tradition of Firbank is now virtually unimaginable.

*The Swimming Pool Library* is a best-seller in Britain, and it arrives in the United States with a wild blurb from Edmund White. It is easy to understand White's enthusiasm, but less easy to forgive his overstatement. If I were Alan Hollinghurst, whose first novel this is, I would be embarrassed to have my work compared to Waugh's *Vile Bodies*, Nabokov's *Lolita*, and Genet's *Our Lady of the Flowers*. This

is too much of a burden for any young writer to bear.

To make matters worse Hollinghurst openly invites comparison with Firbank, invoking him as the novel's tutelary deity. Unfortunately Hollinghurst has nothing of Firbank's wit or extravagance, nor any apparent understanding of his radical reformation of novelistic manners. He has nothing of Waugh's comic ruthlessness or Nabokov's tragic eroticism. His prose lacks intensity and elegance. Instead it accurately reflects the self-regarding

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# Hype, Hype and Away

Gathering Home  
by Vicki Covington  
Simon and Schuster. 240 pp.  
\$17.95

The first novel by a writer from Alabama is being vigorously promoted by Simon and Schuster, a high-powered firm accustomed to wasting its resources on unlikely causes, and comes festooned with blurbs from writers of some reputation: Louise Erdrich ("an achieved work full of loveliness and restrained tension"), Alice Hoffman ("shines with honor and compassion"). This makes a wonderful launch for Vicki Covington's literary career; but readers will surely be forgiven if they conclude that she crashes almost immediately upon liftoff.

I wish that it were otherwise. Of all God's creatures, few arouse greater hope or sympathy in my stony breast than the first novelist, venturing forth into the world after untold years of labor and exposing himself for the first time to that world's infinite capacity for cruelty, indifference and disdain. The apprentice novelist deserves not merely hope and sympathy, but also compassion and encouragement; he has chosen a tough course, and those of us who care about literature owe him our support.

But we also owe him honest criticism, and my frank if reluctant judgement is that in all respects save one, "Gathering Home" is a failure. Its grace note is Vicki Covington's kind heart: her affection for her characters, her commitment to worthwhile causes, her good intentions. But these qualities, though certainly not to be taken lightly, cannot compensate for the debilitating weaknesses of "Gathering Home": its flat prose style, its grammatical lapses, its lifeless dialogue, its lack of focus and organization, its trendiness, its sentimentality.

"Gathering Home" is a foxhole novel: the reference, for readers too young to know, is to those movies of World War II in which foxholes were populated by characters intended to be representative of American ethnic, cultural and economic diversity. Vicki Cov-

ington's foxhole is Birmingham, the Alabama city where she lives, and its residents include: an 18-year-old adopted daughter who decides to seek her natural parents; her adoptive father, a minister who arouses controversy by offering sanctuary to Central American refugees; her natural father, a cartoonist living in New York with his homosexual lover; her adoptive father's secretary, who is fighting anorexia, or bulimia, or both; her natural father's mother, whose best friend is dying of melanoma.

Adoption, sanctuary, homosexuality, anorexia, melanoma: Could Phil Donahue or Oprah Winfrey possibly hope for more? Not likely, nor could either hope to discuss it in language more overrun with psychobabble. "Gathering Home" teems with intensely sincere talk of "relationships" and with "meaningful eye contact" and with inquiries that would bring a flush of creative pride to the countenance of Geraldo Rivera: "So what are the components of your discomfort?" or, "How are you with the thought of meeting her?"

There is all that and more. As did the Winston ads of yore, Covington's prose reads good, like a writer's should: "She felt, for a moment, like she might cry," or, "She hugged Whitney intensely and shut her eyes tight — like there had been news of a death." but there's an even stronger see-Spotrun influence:

"The room was steamy. Mary Ellen had the heat lamp on. Hotels were great, Whitney thought. This one was anyway. Whitney had seen some bad ones. Mary Ellen grabbed a tube of Whitney's lipstick and dabbed it on lightly. It was almost a grape color. It looked good on Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen used Whitney's makeup sometimes but never bought it for herself. She didn't need it."

Whitney is the aforementioned 18-year-old and ostensibly the character around whom the novel revolves, but she disappears from it for pages at a time as various other characters and their fashionable problems

move to center stage. Her adoptive father's campaign for Congress is meant to be the central plot line, but no interest or drama builds around it and its outcome is an anticlimax; so too are the various epiphanies through which all of these nice people are permitted to move on to the next phases of their lives.

It has been said in this space before, but it bears repeating: Good intentions do not good fiction make. It is all well and good to care about Nicaraguan refugees and cancer patients, but it takes more than right-thinking to bring a novel to life. This, alas, Vicki Covington plainly has failed to do.

—Washington Post Book World



## Schultz Loses Steam

ARE YOU LISTENING  
RABBI LOW  
by J.P. Donleavy  
Atlantic Monthly Press. 405 pp.  
\$18.95

by Thomas Mallon

J.P. Donleavy's priapic new novel is a sequel to "Schultz" (1981), the story of Franz Sigmund (Isadorable) Schultz, expatriate American theatrical producer and catastrophe-prone partner in Sperm Productions of London. This time out Schultz is a big success, raking in the dough from a huge hit called "Kiss It, Don't Hold It, It's Too Hot." The novel's cast of main characters is largely the same as last time, including Schultz's uppercrust associates Lord Nectarine and Binky Sunningdale (whose plummy voices and cultivated ways are the foils for Schultz's put-upon, oy-vay, why-me laments) and, across the Atlantic, Al Duke, the toupeed, celebrity-collecting shark: "Christ you can't get to be president of the United States unless you're seen photographed with Al's arm draped around your back."

Problems Schultz has got aplenty. His physically dangerous mother-in-law and publicity-adept wife (she dives off Tower Bridge on live TV) are out to get every bit of his new wealth in a divorce suit; Al Duke's mistress, Louella, with whom Schultz has slept and is seriously in love, is sleeping with just about everyone else; and his most prized anatomical possession has sustained serious injury while caught in an awkward position. Those couplings the endlessly libidinal Schultz does manage — events that give his life true meaninglessness — include a nurse at the hospital where his injury is treated; Binky's loony Scottish sister; and the 6-foot-8 Skyscraper Erica (sometimes accompanied by her sexually cooperative dog, Azorr). What little true solace exists in his life comes largely from his butler, a Jeeves-like polymath named Jorriks. (Many of Donleavy's novels might in fact be described as P.G. Wodehouse-with-lots-of-dirty-words.)

Rabbi Low is the ancestor to whom Schultz confides his sorrows. In many long, whining, meant-to-be-lovable ramblings, he confesses his need for love

("is there anywhere I can go in this world to escape women of the past and to recommence the search looking for a trustworthy faithful woman of the future") and his horror of being ridiculed and gyped: "Suddenly my life it's like it's inside an isolated log cabin with a grizzly bear trying to break in. O god. At four a.m. I got to do something with my brain." The rabbi responds: "Sigmund,

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thought processes and effete speech cadences of its idle and overprivileged narrator. This is the novel's central problem.

In an interview Hollinghurst has acknowledged that his hero is "very inconsiderate and egocentric," but he does not seem to realize quite how insufferable he is. Will Beckwith is a petty monster of vanity, complacency and snobbery, swoonily in love with something he unblushingly calls "the romance of myself." His *belle époque* is in fact a miserable restricted existence. There are no women in his life apart from a shrewish sister and

a vague mother; he has no contact with the ordinary workaday world except through his working-class lovers who are mere ciphers; he has only one true friend; he hardly socializes except in gay health clubs, bars, discotheques and porno cinemas. His life is, in a word, dull, and his sexual adventures soon pall since they neither advance the narrative nor extend our knowledge of character.

It is therefore little short of astonishing that in the last 40 or so pages Hollinghurst comes close to justifying his whole enterprise. For there is another character and another narrator — namely Lord Charles Nantwich, a man exactly as old as

the century, whom Beckwith rescues from a heart-attack in a public lavatory. Lord Nantwich, for reasons that remain obscure for many pages, decides that Beckwith is just the person to assemble his journals and memoirs into an autobiography, so Beckwith's narrative is interspersed with Nantwich's 83 years of upper-class English gay life. The material is innately fascinating, and the attempt to present the more formal manner of an older generation does wonders for Hollinghurst's prose style.

We learn of Nantwich's rape while still a child in a public school (which is to say a private school), his encounter with the

great and perplexing Firbank, his imprisonment on a trumped up charge of "indecent" and the terrible death of his platonically beloved Sudanese manservant Taha.

The novel suddenly turns into an elegy and denunciation in which sexual, racial and class prejudices are made to seem equally monstrous and intimately related. It ends with the discovery of a film of Firbank in his last years, dying of tuberculosis, wandering about an Italian hill town pursued by children:

"I understood then, in the next scene, why he looked so frail, had the air of a man nonetheless confronting a

threat.

He was tackling a steep cobbled hill at the top of which a church was outlined in the late afternoon sun. His whole walk was anyway extraordinary, not best calculated for getting from one place to another, a business of undulating hands and picked, tiny steps, and yet obviously inescapable: that was how he walked."

In our present circumstances Firbank in all his heroic oddity becomes the image of any gay man suffering from a terminal disease.

—The Washington Post Book World



# Going for the Gold

The Marcos Dynasty  
by Sterling Seagrave  
Harper & Row. 485 pp. \$22.50

by Ross Thomas

Once upon a time in the Philippines — in 1970 to be precise — a poor locksmith dug up a one-ton solid gold statue of Buddha whose twist-off head cleverly concealed what Sterling Seagrave, in his scorching biography of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, speculates were the crown jewels of "some Siamese or Mon ruler in the Malay Peninsula" who, one faintly hopes, will turn out to be the King of Siam as portrayed by Yul Brenner.

But although this faint hope is dashed, Seagrave's history of how the Philippines' former president and first lady managed to become so awfully corrupt and so immensely rich and powerful will satisfy the cravings of those addicted to such tales — which may include just about everybody.

Furthermore, *The Marcos Dynasty* should also confirm the suspicions of those who see signs every day — or perhaps just once a year — that the world is manipulated by a gigantic conspiracy that's not up to much good.

The poor locksmith's discovery of the solid gold Buddha set off a frenzied treasure hunt by Marcos & Co. for the rest of Yamashita's Gold — for that fabled hoard of untold wealth left behind, buried and boobytrapped, by the Japanese before they fled the Philippines or were captured by General Douglas MacArthur's troops in the final months of World War II.

The treasure hunt begun by Marcos was later carried on by John K. Singlaub, the retired U.S. Army general who is president of the World Anti-Communist League — the same Singlaub who was dispatched to Taiwan by Lt. Colonel Oliver North (USMC Ret.) to beg money from the Nationalist Chinese for the beleaguered Nicaraguan contras. But what, you may well ask, have the contras to do with Yamashita's Gold?

Seagrave supplies a ready, if circumlocutory, answer along with dark hints of rich con-

spiracies yet to come: "Many of the organizations lobbying for conservative causes in Washington...had interlocking dictatorships with the WACL [World Anti-Communist League]. Tracing the interlocks could lead to interesting discoveries. For example, Western Goals, established to keep track of subversives in America, was headed by Singlaub's friend, Congressman Larry McDonald, whose financial backers included Nelson Bunker Hunt, who had tried to corner the silver market. McDonald was also head of the John Birch Society when...it [was said to have] offered to launder \$20 billion in Yamashita's Gold."

The gold hoard was named for General Yamashita Tomoyuki, the "Tiger of Malaya," who withdrew his forces from Manila during World War II, declaring it an open city. But a rear admiral in the Japanese navy reoccupied Manila and fought virtually to the last man in one of the most senseless battles of the war.

Seagrave is convinced that this was not simply heroics on the part of Rear Admiral Iwabuchi Sanji. The admiral sacrificed Manila because it gave him time to bury thousands of tons of gold that eventually would be named after the wrong man.

Seagrave dwells on Yamashita's Gold at length because he's apparently convinced that Marcos recovered tons and tons of it, and that it served as the financial base of his political power. By 1973, however, Marcos was scoffing at tales of Japanese gold, calling them a hoax. But "in 1982," Seagrave writes, "two men, one of them a full-time CIA officer, were flown in Ferdinand's helicopter to the Batuan beach palace... where they were taken into 'the left tunnel' which was 80 feet wide, 'as long as a football field,' and stacked with gold bars."

Who were these two strangers?

Seagrave doesn't reveal their names, but instead gives us another dark thought.

"The two men were shown the gold vaults in 1982 because the CIA had become involved in helping Ferdinand move and market the treasure."

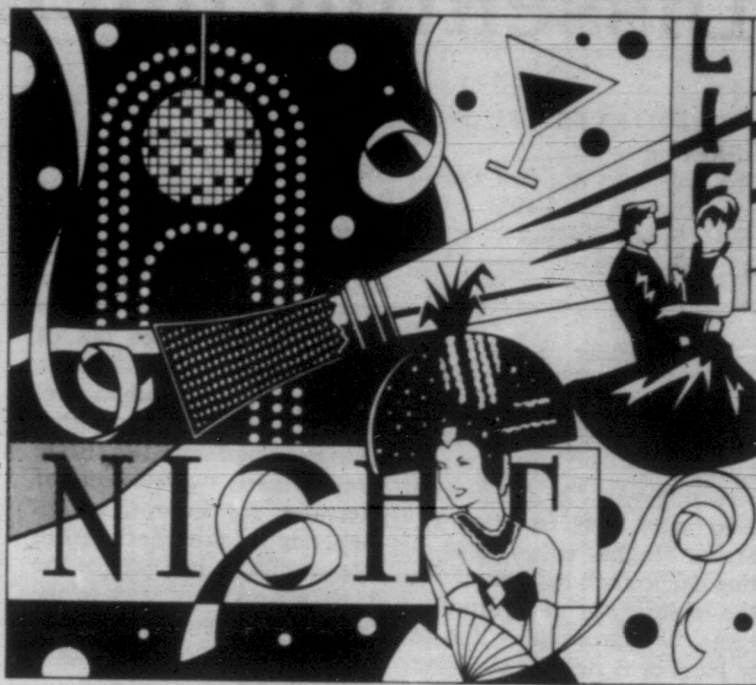
So how much gold did Marcos really squirrel away? Seagrave writes that some claim there were 500 tons stored in the Marcos basement, another 1,000 tons in his beach cottage and 500 tons more in the basement of a warehouse down the street.

"In the end," he writes, "it does not matter really whether the gold ever existed. It only matters that a lot of respectable people believed it did, and acted accordingly, including senior officers of the CIA, and of the National Security Council, and a chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Believing in gold is like believing in God: the belief is the reality. And once you begin to believe any of it you are committed to believe it all."

In his prologue, Seagrave presents a competent potted history of the Philippines from Magellan's landing in Cebu in 1521, through the Spanish conquest and on to the inept American colonial experiment that officially lasted from the beginning of this century to just after World War II. He recounts Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos' early childhoods, revealing, among other things, Ferdinand's perfect politician's mind that enabled him to memorize the Philippines' constitution after one reading and recite it verbatim, backwards or forwards.

We read once again how Ferdinand's claims to be a World War II hero are without foundation; how he conned Lyndon Johnson out of huge sums in payment for the token armed forces the Philippines sent to Vietnam; and how Marcos' real father was a "leading member of one of the six richest and most powerful [Chinese] clans in the islands," a connection that served the future President well in his later political life.

Some of this is old stuff, especially to Filipinos and to those who, over the years, have taken more than a passing interest in the country. But much of it is new and even startling. And when it is, one yearns, if not lysts, for a helpful footnote or two. But Seagrave decided to eliminate them because "It seemed only fair to spare the reader the burden of nearly 4,000 annotations that original-



ly accompanied this book to the publishers." Well, there were times when I cheerfully would have borne that burden.

But with or without footnotes (there are chapter notes at the end), Seagrave has written a vivid portrait of the maniacal Ferdinand Marcos who is now a long-time guest of the United States in Hawaii, having robbed his country of much of its wealth and too much of its hope. There were accomplices to this theft, both witting and unwitting, and they too are listed. Not the least of them is the United States under its last eight administrations.

Although Seagrave, in this fascinating history that, for the most part, is exceedingly well told, touches on the tentative government of Corazon Aquino, he wisely makes no predictions about its future. The leftist New Peoples Army (NPA) still plots up in the hills. And the Filipinos go about their business, noting with their usual sardonic wit that the initials NPA, if things get worse, might soon stand for the "Nicest People Around."

—The Washington Post Book World

## Poetry contest

A trip to Hawaii for two is the new Grand Prize in the American Poetry Association's latest poetry contest. There is also a \$1,000 First Prize. In all, 152 poets will win \$11,000 worth of prizes. Contest entry is free.

"Students have been winners in all our contests," said Robert Nelson, the publisher for the Association. "So I urge students to enter now. Later they may be too busy with exams."

Poets may send up to five poems, no more than 20 lines each, with name and address on each page to American Poetry Association, Dept. CN-74, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Poems are judged on originality and sincerity. Every poem is also considered for publication.

In the last six years the American Poetry Association has sponsored 27 contests and awarded \$101,000 to 2,700 winning poets.

Poems postmarked by Dec. 31 are eligible to win. Prizes will be awarded by February 28, 1989.

## IN THE BAG

of stills.

Thankfully, much of it is told through dialogue, and some of that is quite funny. Donleavy's best opportunities occur when Schultz is in midseduction, poised in his diction between the courtly and the lewd, and when he's in transatlantic telephone negotiations with the awful Al Duke. Donleavy lets Schultz sail off, literally, into the sunset, though he leaves just enough loose ends with which to start knitting a sequel. On balance, one has to hope that

he'll resist — or that Rabbi Low, the next time Schultz opens his mouth, will be ready with a gentle but firm admonition: Enough already.

—The reviewer's most recent book is the novel "Arts and Sciences."

—The Washington Post Book World

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listen, do something with your crown of thorns you think you're wearing on your head, take them off and put them somewhere for someone else to sit on."

"Are You Listening Rabbi Low" is what's usually called "rollicking," but a reader is likely to tire of being rollicked by gags that are themselves a little tired. The novel has a passe naughtiness about it — just as "Kiss It, Don't Hold It, It's Too Hot" sounds like a rehashed "Oh! Calcutta!" The orgy scene at Lord Nectarine's

is interminable, and the scatological language that may once have shocked readers of Donleavy's "The Ginger Man" (unexpurgated edition, 1965) now seems about as raunchy as George Bush's utterance of "deep doo-doo." This is a fundamentally good-natured book, but reading "Are You Listening" is a little like being shanghaied to a party that's been going on at the Playboy mansion for 20 years; by Page 200 you're hoping somebody will give you a lift home.

Donleavy can still ride some

wonderful advancing sentences of invective, but a lot of his old narrative and grammatical antics are still needlessly complicating matters for his audience. He eschews punctuation ("Daniel did the bailiff turn up" equals "Daniel, did the bailiff turn up?") and likes to advance the story in participles rather than indicatives: "A porter with Schultz's bags and picnic hamper preceding him along the platform." The unfortunate effect of this is to make the book seem less like a moving picture than an album



# Dissenting Intellectuals

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REBELS

The Political Culture of European Dissent, 1968-1987  
by H. Stuart Hughes  
Harvard University Press. 172  
pp. \$20

—By Jim Miller

The last decade has been a lean time for the left in both Europe and the United States. Nevertheless, "in West and East alike," as historian H. Stuart Hughes writes, dissenting intellectuals have been "on the lookout for new formulations, new procedures." And if Hughes is right, their quest has not been entirely fruitless. Pointing to the Solidarity movement in Poland and the Green Party in West Germany, Hughes argues that a new style of dissidence has quietly taken shape in Europe.

"There have been the voices raised in protest against what conformists themselves have recognized as social evils," writes Hughes: "the manipulative routine of centralized, bureaucratic authority, whether in public or in private hands; the 'massification' and soullessness of life in the sprawling 'conurbations' that Europe's cities have become; the deadening of sensibility that has enabled the majority to screen from consciousness the impending nuclear peril."

Hughes, now professor of history, emeritus, at the University of California, San Diego, is perhaps the most influential American intellectual historian of his generation. With the publication in 1958 of *Consciousness and Society*, his magisterial survey of European social thought between 1890 and 1930, he established his reputation as America's answer to Isaiah Berlin:

an urbane liberal and frequently elegant literary stylist, cosmopolitan in his concerns, tolerant of diverse cultural traditions.

At the same time, Hughes, also like Berlin, has evinced a steady grasp of politics and its exigencies that grows out of firsthand experience: during a varied career in public life, Hughes has been, among other things, chief of the State Department's Division of Research for Europe, an independent candidate from Massachusetts in 1962 for the U.S. Senate, and, later in the '60s, a co-chairman of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

In his new book, Hughes seeks to chart the fate of European dissent since 1968.

In the spring of that chaotic and hopeful year, students in Paris and workers in Prague challenged "the accepted wisdom about the post-Second World War social settlement," briefly shaking the passivity of normally inert populations. Romantic fantasies of revolution were quickly extinguished, however: in both Paris and Prague, as Hughes puts it, "armies, police forces, and self-perpetuating oligarchies held the key." Still, Hughes believes — this is the burden of his argument — that "the political culture of Europe could never return to what it had been ..."

Mapping the changes in Europe's recent political culture, however, is no easy task. Consensus about the main currents of social thought is conspicuously lacking. As a society of specialists has developed, "the intellectual in the old sense has become obsolete"; independent free spirits like Jean-Paul Sartre have all but disappeared.

In an effort to cope with an

increasingly fragmented culture, Hughes adopts a "case by case" approach.

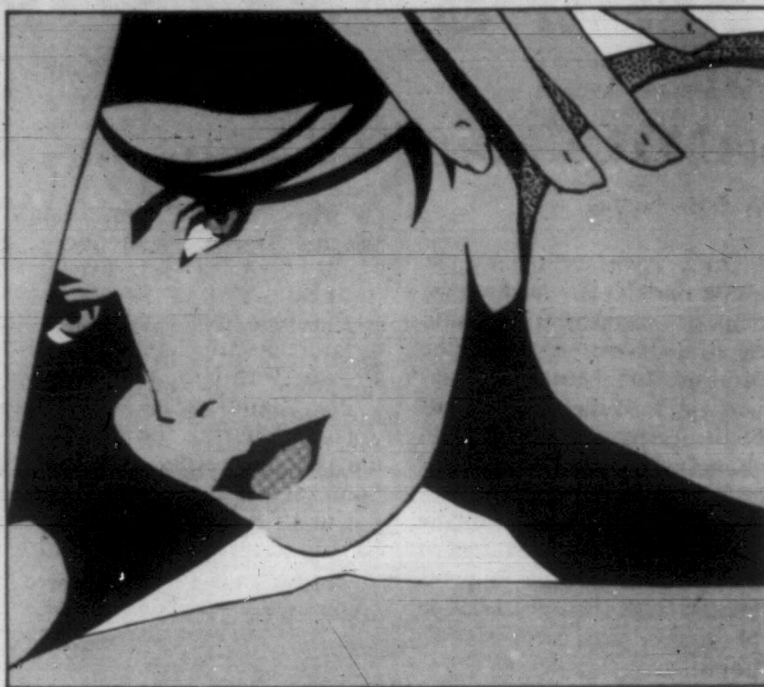
Writing with terse precision, he surveys an astonishing range of figures and issues: The French novelist Michel Tournier; Milan Kundera: the plight of immigrant workers in France and Germany; the Breton and Welsh movements for regional autonomy in France and England; John Paul II and his role in the rise of Solidarity in Poland; the socialist fiasco in France; the flowering of the ecology movement in Germany. Despite his focus on dissenting voices, Hughes offers a useful introduction to the contemporary intellectual scene in Europe: his summaries of thinkers as different (and difficult) as Jurgen Habermas, the West German neo-Marxist philosopher, and Edward Schillebeeckx, the Belgian Catholic theologian, are models of lucid economy, authoritative in tone, usually generous in spirit.

There are some notable exceptions.

For the "post-modern" prophets of extremity like Jacques Lacan and Michel Foucault, Hughes has little use: he deplores their histrionic style and rhetorical abuse of humanism. He rebukes Francois Mitterand not only for abandoning his party's program of socialist reform, but also for exuding "a whiff of Bonapartism."

About Europe's new breed of conservative — Margaret Thatcher, for one — he says virtually nothing.

This is not surprising. Despite its scholarly mien, this is, finally, a work of advocacy: a distinguished historian's brief for "those who thought or think otherwise." He admires soft spoken social democrats,



men like Heinrich Boll, the Nobel Prize-winning West German novelist who gave fictional voice to the old Catholic virtue of compassion; Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident who has eloquently defended the value of global human rights; and Olof Palme, the late Swedish prime minister, "flexible, outgoing, good-humored, even charming."

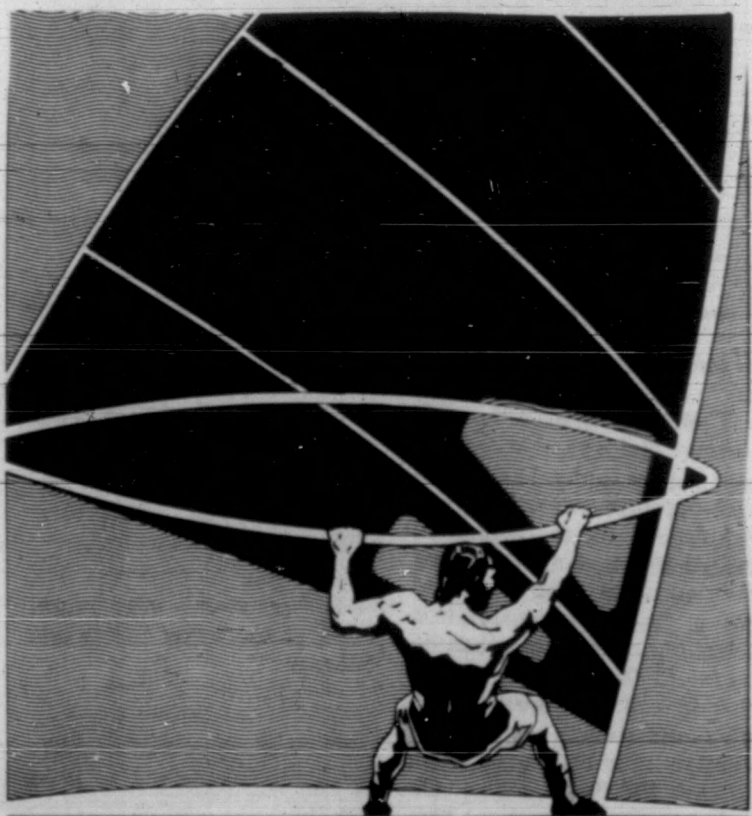
These are all men after the historian's own heart — rebels willing to practice "subversion in a minor key," "sophisticated" in their wary realism, yet unswerving in their insistence on humanism, freedom, democracy.

Neo-conservatives and deconstructionists may wince at such quaint and outmoded earnestness: the moralist's vision of rebellion is not currently fashionable. As Hughes himself concedes, any of the movements he sympathetically describes — for regional self-determination, nuclear disarmament, and the humane treatment of immigrant labor —

"are beginning to look like lost or near-lost causes." Hughes characteristically refuses to run up the white flag, however. Evoking his own roots in a typically American political culture of dissent, he recalls a familiar religious imperative: "Speak truth to power": this fundamental Quaker maxim reminds us of how down the centuries ethically minded people have marshaled their puny resources against establishments of all descriptions.

Naive, even foolish, the Quaker impulse may seem. But as the end of our often terrible century approaches, a "plea for common decency, for justice, for compassion, backed up as a last resort by nonviolent civil disobedience" and sustained by a serene moral confidence, is surely, as Hughes suggests in this fitting capstone to a distinguished career, not the worst of political persuasions.

—Washington Post Book World



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# Response

## America did start the war

To the editor:

Andy Ayers is again right about one thing — as he says, "the government is paranoid that the whole protest thing (the protests of the '60s) could happen again, so they subsequently silence plans of action and keep the public uninformed." Andy's assumption that north "Americans didn't even initiate the war" and that the threat of communism is the impetus behind U.S. intervention in Nicaragua are two cases in point.

The U.S. began making war in Nicaragua in 1911 when the Taft administration overthrew the Nicaraguan ruler and put U.S. Marines in control.

The Sandinista movement began in 1926 under Augusto Sandino who believed that "the sovereignty and liberty of a people are not to be discussed, but rather defended with weapons in hand." Sandino wanted to rid the country of ex-

plorative U.S. business interests and U.S. Marines. The Marines left in 1932 but a U.S.-trained National Guard remained to establish the oppressive Somoza dictatorships which reigned for 46 years with U.S. assistance.

The Sandinistas, newly organized during the '60s by university students, ran the Somozas and U.S. monopolies out in 1978, gave the country back to the people and initiated an impressive recovery program committed to education, housing, medical care and human rights even for the poor, something we have yet to do here in the U.S.. The opposition newspaper *La Prensa* is still available on newstands, and the literacy rate in Nicaragua is higher than in the U.S., and the land belongs to those who work it. Is this communism?

I propose that the real threat that this tiny, impoverished nation poses, and as Philip Agee concluded in his November 9

lecture at Hauck Auditorium, is not communism but rather the example of what a united population can accomplish when their struggle comes from the heart not from the wallet. The Sandinistas mobilized nearly every level of society — the elite, the Church, the urban and rural poor — under the agenda of making most of the people happy most of the time, not just the few at the top who strove for personal wealth and power.

The few at the top escaped into the mountains where U.S.-trained organizers gathered them together into a contra terrorist army which brought torture, death, destruction, starvation. If this is what democracy is all about, help! Let me out!

Pam Bell  
Belfast, Maine

## If RA's can't stand the heat...

To the editor:

Let's stop the whining, and put things in perspective. As regards the rebuttal (11/2/88) by the York Hall R.A.'s. We as residents feel the letter was in bad taste, for several reasons.

First, it was the responsibility of the R.A.'s to get all the facts before signing on board for their jobs. We pity the poor souls who forget or lose their

room keys and have to "hassle" the R.A.'s to get their room opened. What compassion! It's only their job, a job they are paid to do. It isn't too strenuous, we hope, to have to walk up and down a few flights of stairs to open a door.

As regards the counseling aspect, we feel we have several over-zealous R.A.'s who relish the authority. Who wants to talk to a Dirty Harry? The "Big

Brother" mentality is winning no friends amongst the upperclassmen here at York.

The bottom line here is responsibility. As Dirty Harry would say, "clean up your act...or get outta town."

Stewart Moss  
Jim Donovan  
York Hall

## Proposed parking \$olutions

To the editor:

Clearly there is a parking problem on campus. Recent efforts have helped somewhat, but here is a proposal for a complete solution.

I suggest that sufficient spaces be constructed as soon as possible, and that more spaces be built whenever needed. Spaces cost money. That money should not come from tuition or from state appropriations. The total cost of maintaining, plowing, constructing, repairing, and policing the parking areas should be calculated. Parking permits should then be priced high enough to cover all these costs.

This is fair. Those with cars pay for parking spaces.

There are two possible premises for setting parking fees. The current flat rate system would charge everyone the same fee and keep the same color codes for assigning parking lots. The advantage of the higher fees would be that there would then be enough spaces for all registered cars.

The second system, the "good old American" system, would charge fees according to what the spaces are worth. Any space would be open to purchase by any person, student, staff or faculty. Spaces in the center of the campus would sell for perhaps \$200 to \$500 or

even more a year, while stickers for the Steam Plant lot might sell for as little as \$1 to \$10.

The most expensive spaces might even be reserved for those specific persons who pay for them. Parking fines would be perhaps half the annual rental for the space the offender usurps. Thus you pay for the convenience you want to afford. If you don't mind walking a bit, you pay less.

Naturally I personally do not want to pay more than I have to, but the time is here when we drivers should pay the real cost of parking.

Clayton W. Dodge



## A school in decay

To the editor:

Two years ago, I attended UMaine. After a couple of years in the military, I'm back again. I had no idea a decent college campus could degenerate so fast. So much price inflation on everything. So many services in pitiful shape. So much misuse of money, mismanagement of living and parking space, and apathy in the administration.

I entered school this fall in the nursing program. I am now planning to transfer to the University of Southern Maine next year. It sickens me to see this campus go straight to hell. I'm not hanging around to have my nursing degree tainted by this university's poor record. I've had it. God help this university.

Vincent J. Brunette

## Thursday is fast day at cafeterias

To the editor:

A reminder to all students: The Oxfam America Fast will be Thursday, November 17, during lunch at all dining commons. If you signed up for the Fast, your meal card will not be accepted at lunch time.

Oxfam America is an inter-

national agency that funds self-help development projects and disaster relief in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Oxfam Fast Committee  
Terry Doiron  
Chairperson

## Just imagine how hot it is Florida

To the editor:

I'm sick of all the complaining that goes on at UMaine. I mean sure things are tough here but we could be much worse off.

We could go to the University of Miami. While attending there our education would take a beating because we would probably miss all our classes riding the waves. We'd also have to look at all the cancerous tan bodies day after day. Plus we would all miss the wonderful sub-zero degree weather. And wouldn't we all miss the delightful slide to class where the ice hasn't been cleared on the paths.

Then again we could get stuck going to Syracuse. They

have to go to the Carrier Dome to watch the current concerts. We get to watch... Well we get to call up requests on WMEB and hear the DJ say "sorry that has been stolen," or hear them say "I can't find that so here is a little Fishbone instead." Syracuse also has to watch their basketball team on their campus in their own city. It's almost too convenient. I would rather drive twenty minutes into Bangor to see our team.

So all you complainers out there, stop what you're doing, if you're doing anything at all, and give a cheer to the president of our educational institution, whoops! I meant the sporting institution, sorry Dr. Lick.

Robert Wilson

Letters to the editor should be 300 words or less and guest columns should be about 450 words. For verification purposes, a name, address, and phone number must accompany letters.



# Campus Comics

Fred

by Matt Lewis



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



CLONING AROUND

by Dave MacLachlan



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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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pus more accessible to students living in Bangor, Manville-Graham instituted a new shuttle-bus schedule that runs until 1 a.m. each day.

"There're not a lot of night-time activities being offered here," she said. "The students have to motivate themselves to go to Orono. We encourage them to take advantage of the activities being offered at UMaine."

Because she doesn't drive, Manville-Graham says she also relies on the shuttle to transport her from Bangor to Orono.

The students, however, dislike the limitations imposed by the shuttle.

"I don't like it," said Jim MacArthur, a freshman and president of Belfast Hall. "I spend more time waiting for it than I do in class."

The students also said the ride to Orono hinders their extra-curricular activities.

"I'll go to the weight room in Lengyel Gym sometimes," said Thibodeau, "and I went to (Fogler) library once, but it's a hassle."

The students were also disturbed by the relatively inefficient travel of news.

"We get all the information late," MacArthur said. "By the time intramural sports information gets here, it will have already happened."

"It's so stupid that they accepted so many students when they didn't have the room to accommodate all of us," Gallant said.

But Manville-Graham said there are students who like living in Bangor. "Some students have indicated that they're coming back."

## •GSS

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She viewed the creation of a parking committee as redundant.

"There's already an administrative committee on parking," she said. "And as part of the people who don't control the purse strings directly, the best way to get through to them is by pressure."

But off-campus senator Gary Fogg disagreed with the idea of a parking ban for freshmen. "There's no need to single out freshmen for a problem the administration has caused," he said.

Fogg agreed, however, that pressuring the administration was necessary.

"It would be a much more constructive use of our time if we went right to (Lick)," he said. "That's the only way to get something done."

Fitch proposed senators return to their respective constituencies and combine student input about the parking problem.

"We need to coagulate opinions of hundreds of students into a committee of 10," he said.

Fitch was concerned the creation of additional parking spaces would detract from the environment of the university.

"This is the University of Maine, not the Bangor Mall," Fitch said.

"It's ridiculous to think we can add spaces. Maybe it's time for someone to not have a car on campus. I know it's going to hurt somebody out there, but maybe it's time for the 's'-word: sacrifice," he said.



# Sports

## Dodgers' Gibson is National League MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Kirk Gibson, who inspired the Los Angeles Dodgers in the clubhouse and carried them at the plate, was named the National League Most Valuable Player on Tuesday.

Gibson drove in only 76 runs, the fewest RBI by an MVP since Pete Rose in 1973, but did enough to finish comfortably ahead of Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets. Orel Hershiser, the playoff and World Series MVP, finished a distant sixth.

Gibson got 13 first-place votes and finished with 272 points. Strawberry had seven first-place votes and 236, followed by Kevin McReynolds of the Mets with the other four first-place votes and 162.

Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke got 160 points. San Francisco's Will Clark got 135 and Hershiser, who received just one third-place vote, had 111.

Two members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America in each NL city did the voting prior to the postseason. The American League MVP

will be announced Wednesday.

Gibson hit .290 with 25 home runs and stole 31 bases in delivering what he promised, a championship to the Dodgers. He left the Detroit Tigers and signed with Los Angeles on Feb. 1 after becoming a free agent in the Collusion I case.

All four hitters who finished behind Gibson had better statistics. Strawberry led the league with 39 homers and drove in 101 runs. McReynolds batted .288 with 27 home runs and 99 RBI. Van Slyke hit .288 with 25 homers and 100 RBI and Clark led the NL with 109 RBI and hit 29 home runs.

But Gibson gave the Dodgers the drive they needed to rebound from their first consecutive sub-.500 finishes since 1967-68.

He was the symbol of their determination, never more evident than in the World Series. Unable to start because of hamstring and knee injuries, he limped to the plate and hit a two-run, pinch-homer off Oakland's Dennis Eckersley

with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning that won Game 1. It was Gibson's only at-bat of the Series.

Gibson also hit two key home runs in the playoffs, although he batted only .154 against the Mets.

Gibson set the tone for the Dodgers early when he stormed out of camp before the team's first exhibition because of a practical joke. Teammate Jesse Orosco put eye black inside Gibson's cap and Gibson didn't think it was funny.

The rest of the Dodgers got the message, and as Hershiser said after the World Series, Gibson "made it right and he made it cool to work hard and be a hustler."

Gibson, often plagued by injuries in the past, played 150 games during the regular season, the second-most of his nine full years in the majors. Gibson hit 28 doubles and was fourth in the NL with a .377 on-base percentage and ninth with a .483 slugging percentage.

## Former Memphis coach convicted of tax evasion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Former coach Dana Kirk, who parlayed his basketball success at Memphis State into lucrative business deals, was convicted Tuesday of cheating on his income taxes and trying to intimidate a grand jury witness.

"I have never shot, raped or robbed," Kirk said after a U.S. District Court jury announced its verdict. "I am not a criminal and I was never given the opportunity to look at my taxes and say pay this and pay that."

Kirk, 53, faces up to 24 years in prison and fines of \$275,000. A sentencing hearing is expected in 30 days following a routine investigation by the federal probation office.

Kirk took over a struggling basketball program at Memphis State in 1979 and led the Tigers to the NCAA's Final Four in 1985. He was fired by the university in September 1986 shortly before he was indicted by a federal grand jury.

"I'm thoroughly, thoroughly disappointed," Kirk said. "I never thought it would come to this."

Kirk's trial began Sept. 12 and he was accused by government witnesses of accepting money collected by boosters for athletes, of selling basketball tickets for up to five times their face value and of seeking personal payments from pro-

motors of college basketball tournaments.

Former All-American Keith Lee, now with the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association, said Kirk paid him \$400 to \$600 a month for four years. Lee said he also got \$500 a month for a year from Tiger boosters and his mother got \$6,200 from Kirk.

Kirk had numerous promotional deals and other business arrangements that pushed his annual income to near \$300,000, witnesses said. His coaching salary at Memphis State ranged from \$35,000 to \$62,500.

He was charged with understating his income by a total of \$162,000 in 1982 and 1983.

Kirk was convicted on one count of obstruction of justice, one count of income tax evasion and three counts of filing false tax statements. He was acquitted on one evasion and one false statement charge and two obstruction of justice charges.

U.S. Attorney Hickman Ewing Jr. said the amount of money Kirk owes in back taxes will be assessed by the Internal Revenue Service and will be unaffected by the jury's verdict.

Kirk said the jury was confused by the (see KIRK page 10)

## Three Keeling recruits sign letters of intent

by Dave Greely  
Staff Writer

The early signees are in and, if they are any indication, the University of Maine men's basketball program is on the upswing.

Francois Bouchard, a 6-8, 221 lb. power forward from Cheverus High School in Portland, Dan Hillman, a 6-8, 240 lb. center/power forward from Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford, N.J. and Tom Irvin, a 6-9, 185 lb. center/forward from Spoon River Junior College in Canton, IL have all signed national letters of intent and will attend UMaine next year.

Bouchard led Old Orchard Beach High School to the Class C State Championship last season while averaging 28 points and 14 rebounds per game. He was named to the All-Maine second team before transferring to Cheverus last spring.

"Francois Bouchard, we feel, is the best player in the state of Maine," said UMaine assistant Fred Hill, who Keeling called "very instrumental" in the three signings. "He is very aggressive and versatile and a real key to our commitment to getting the best players in Maine."

The signing of Hillman was a recruiting coup for the Black Bear program, according to Hill.

"He only attended one camp and that was before we were allowed to watch him (because of NCAA regulations), so not many people got a chance to see him," Hill said. "We really think we got one before anybody else had a chance to."

Hillman averaged 21 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots per game and was an All-North Jersey selection last season. He has also been named All-Bergen County Scholastic for the past two seasons while leading Becton Regional to consecutive 20-win seasons and appearances in the state sectional playoffs.

Irvin is the most versatile player of the



Rudy Keeling

group, possessing the ability to play high post center as well as the small and power forward positions.

"He has three-point shooting range...and is a great kid and a hard worker," Hill said.

Irvin averaged 15.7 points and nine rebounds per game last season while shooting 58 percent from the floor and 73 percent from the foul line. In his first game this season, he scored 20 points and added 12 rebounds.

UMaine is also interested in Morse High School standout John Conley. Conley led the Shipbuilders to the Class A State Championship last season but Keeling said the 6-5 forward is considering attending an Ivy League school.

"He will know in December if he is going to go Ivy League or not," Keeling said. "When he decides, then we will know if we are in the hunt."

Besides Bouchard and Conley, Keeling also hopes to sign a couple of players from Maine Central Institute.

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## Bills keep on rolling

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"They're solid in every area," Shula said of the Buffalo Bills, who were heading toward their first AFC East title since 1980.

"They're physically strong. They can do it both ways offensively, running and throwing it. And they're certainly one of the top defensive teams that's been around for a while."

Shula's praise came after the Dolphins' worst home loss since 1970. The Bills trampled Miami 31-6 Monday night to improve their record to 10-1, best in the NFL.

The Bills' superiority was evident in every phase of the game. They converted 14 of 17 third downs, had the ball more than 13 minutes longer than Miami and held the Dolphins to 33 yards rushing.

"We had good performances from a lot of people," Buffalo Coach Marv Levy said. "We had so many great plays from key players."

Buffalo looked like a team capable of returning to Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium in January for the Super Bowl.

"We'd love to come back here," linebacker Shane Conlan said. "But we've got a long road ahead."

The Bills can clinch their first AFC East title since 1980 with a victory Sunday against the New York Jets.

"We've never been put in this position before," said Jim Kelly, who threw for 211 yards and one touchdown. "I don't think anybody is looking any further than the New York Jets. We'll take 'em one at a time."

The Bills have won six straight games, their longest winning streak since 1974.

While Buffalo continued to ascend, Miami fell into last place in the AFC East. The defeat was the Dolphins' worst in Miami since a 28-0 loss to Cleveland 18 years ago.

Miami, 5-6 overall and 0-5 against other AFC East teams, likely will miss the playoffs for the third straight year.

## •Kirk

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complexity of the government's case, but Ewing disagreed.

"The jury thoroughly understood the case. They gave him the benefit of the doubt. They gave him more than he deserved," Ewing said.

The government called 54 witnesses for the trial while the defense summoned two, a bank teller and Kirk's wife, Ann.

Kirk claimed his tax problems were caused by mistakes and Mrs. Kirk said she was responsible for keeping up with the family finances. She said she was so inept she had trouble filling out bank deposit slips.

Kirk said he did not testify because he thought he had the case won.

"I felt confident everything would be not guilty," he said.

Kirk said he will meet with his lawyers to discuss an appeal. The lawyers declined comment.

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# Duke, Louisville to be tops in the south

by Tom Foreman Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

Duke and Louisville, both with considerable experience from last season's NCAA tournament team, appear sure picks to carry the South back to the Final Four in 1989.

The Blue Devils, picked No. 1 in the Associated Press preseason poll, are making a habit of the Final Four. Coach Mike Krzyzewski's first trip was in 1986, and after reaching the final 16 in 1987, the Blue Devils went to Kansas City last March, losing to eventual national champion Kansas. Three returning starters, some key reserves and three newcomers make Duke an early choice for Seattle.

"I just think we need to go about business the right way, have fun with what we're doing, experiment and somewhere around the end of February, first of March, hopefully all the decisions we made ... will be good ones and we'll be healthy," Krzyzewski said.

Coach Denny Crum has led six Final Four teams at Louisville, including four this decade. He will have four of the starters from last year's team that went 24-11 and reached the final 16.

"There wasn't any area we didn't make progress in last season," Crum said. "I see no reason why we can't be better, despite our personnel losses."

Florida and Georgia, not Kentucky, are the picks to win the Southeastern Conference, and North Carolina-Charlotte has that city's new 23,500-seat coliseum in which to defend its Sun Belt title.

Krzyzewski lost defensive specialist Billy King and scorer Kevin Strickland from last year's team. The Blue Devils have plenty of offense in senior forward Danny Ferry and junior forward Robert Brickey. Senior guard Quin Snyder will direct the attack, but Krzyzewski said the underclassmen have to be ready to take command as well.

The best of Duke's three newcomers is 6-foot-10 Christian Laettner, who like Ferry, can score from anywhere.

"Christian Laettner looks like ... a youngster who can help us a little bit more than the other two at the beginning," Krzyzewski said. "He is more versatile. He can play inside ... he can go outside a little bit."

North Carolina starts without junior J.R. Reid, who underwent surgery to repair a stress fracture in his left foot and likely won't play until January. Coach Dean Smith has a heavier Scott Williams to help Reid inside when he returns and senior guard Jeff Lebo to direct his newly adopted up-tempo style.

Georgia Tech strengthened itself by recruiting three junior college players,

which allows 6-9 Tom Hammonds to play power forward instead of switching between forward and center as he did last season. Despite experience at the other four positions, North Carolina State needs help at center and may have to rotate three players to duplicate the production of Charles Shackleford, now in the NBA.

Louisville returns 6-9 senior Pervis Ellison, the cornerstone of the 1986 championship team. Seven-foot center Felton Spencer seems improved from last season, when he produced seven points and four rebounds a game as a reserve. Guards LaBradford Smith,

Craig Hawley and Keith Williams have the necessary experience.

"We will have to stay injury free," Louisville assistant Jerry Jones said, "and not have a number of disruptions. Teams that are national contenders have cohesiveness. A lot depends on how each player accepts his role and also how lucky you are."


A close loss to Iowa in the first round of the NCAA tournament ended a surprisingly successful season for Florida State and coach Pat Kennedy. Forward Tony Dawson and 6-7 point guard George McCloud will try to lift the

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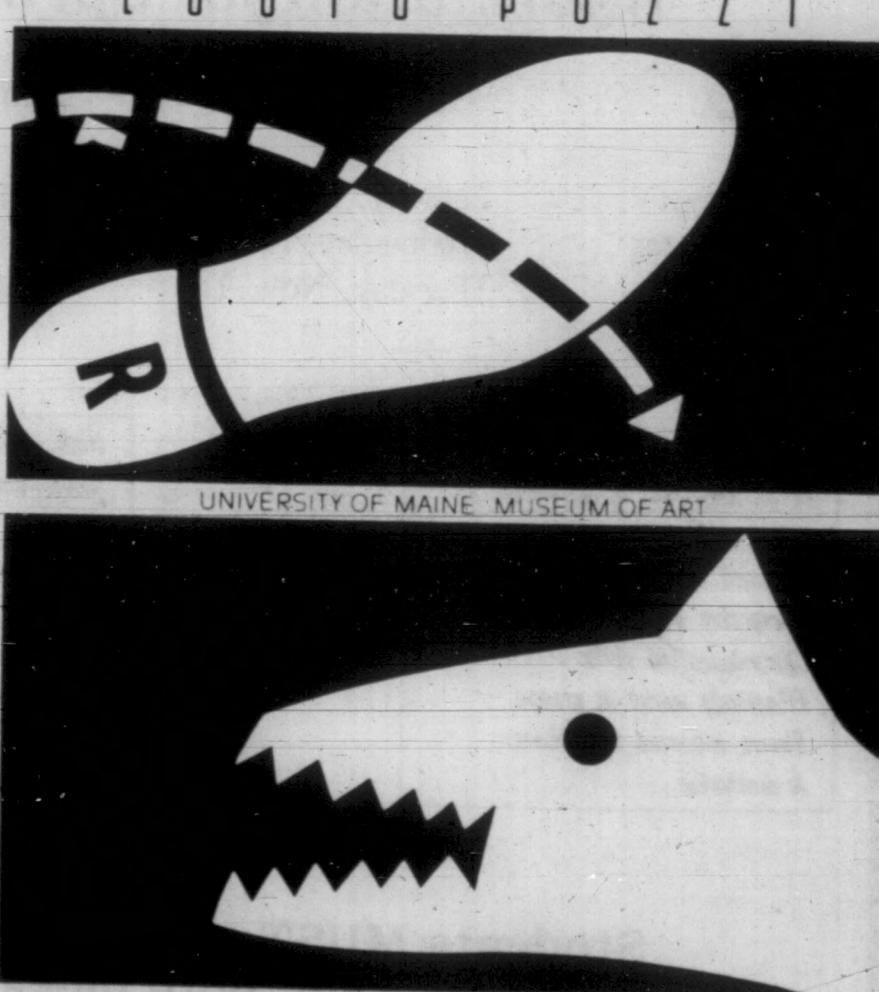
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## •South

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Seminole above successive 19-11 seasons.

Florida is without 7-2 Dwayne Schintzius for the start of the year due to disciplinary reasons. The Gators will have an imposing front line when he returns with 6-7 Livingston Chatman and 6-7 Dwayne Davis.

Losing Vernon Maxwell and Ronnie Montgomery in the backcourt leaves a huge gap, and Clifford Lett is Florida's lone senior. Two freshmen are battling for the point guard position.

"This is the youngest team, most in-

experienced team I've ever opened a season with," said Norm Sloan, in his 37th season of coaching. "It's not only the first-year players we have that makes us young. Of the guys returning, we have one senior, one junior and two sophomores."

Tennessee has five starters back from a 16-13 season. If defending scoring champion Dyron Nix gets help, the Volunteers would be a contender again. Georgia, picked to win the league, lost Toney Mack to academics, and three of the probable starters will be in major college basketball for the first time.

Kentucky's program is clouded in turmoil, and further dimming hopes for success is the loss of four starters from last season.

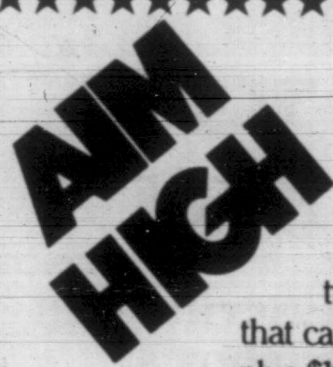
North Carolina-Charlotte was a

preseason choice to win its second straight Sun Belt title. Three years ago, the 49ers were league doormat, but Jeff Mullins turned the team around and led it to a 22-9 mark last season, its first 20-victory season since 1978-79.

The 49ers' backcourt of Phil West and conference most valuable player Byron Dinkins will help chances of repeating, and despite losing Dan Ploncke at center, 6-10 sophomore Sam Robson will give Mullins more height in the middle.

Old Dominion has four double-figure scorers coming back and South Alabama has brought in two junior college players as the two teams chase the 49ers.


Murray State knocked off N.C. State to reach the second round of last year's NCAA tournament, where it gave Kansas a scare before losing. Four starters are back for the Racers to defend their Ohio Valley title, but losing their experienced centers could open the way for Middle Tennessee.



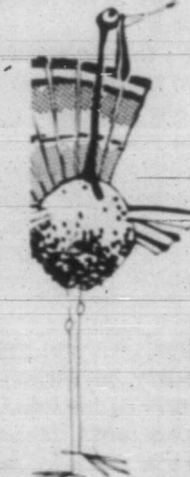
### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for a scholarship? Air Force ROTC has two- through four-year scholarships that can cover tuition and other expenses, plus \$100 per academic month, tax free. Find out if you qualify.

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### GO COLD TURKEY and win a cold turkey!

As a part of  
**The Great American Smokeout**  
Take a day off from smoking  
**Nov. 17, 1988**

**UM FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENTS:**  
**FREE RAFFLE DRAWING, November 17 at 1:00 in the lobby of the Union (You need not be present to win)**  
To register: "You must be a smoker who pledges to go cold turkey on Nov. 17."  
Pick up raffle "At the Memorial Union lobby on Thurs. tickets: Nov. 17 (the day of the smokeout) from 10-11  
Other Smokeout Activities: "Adopt a Smoker" adoption papers will be available at the same location as the raffle tickets, as well as survival snacks, and free literature on how to quit.

Sponsored by the Preventive Medicine Program, Cutler Health Center and the Human Resources Office, University of Maine



## R.A. Information Session Schedule

### Information for Spring 1989 Positions Only

AREA	DATE	TIME	PLACE	The Resident Position: Fitting in to Your Scheme of Things
East Campus	Tuesday, Nov. 15	5-7 p.m.	Hilltop Conf. Rm.	<p>What three things is your resume most in need of?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A job experience considered valuable by potential employers in most fields.</li> <li>2) A leadership experience that demonstrates good communication skills, an effectiveness in playing many roles, and an ability to work with people.</li> <li>3) Good references that can speak for your skills, commitment and contributions made in a major university department.</li> <li>4) A good proof-reader.</li> <li>5) A decent typist.</li> <li>6) Some high-grade, off-white paper.</li> </ol> <p>If you chose the top three, you may very well want to consider the Resident Assistant position.</p>
South Campus	Wednesday, Nov. 16	6-8 p.m.	Kennebec Main Lounge	
West Campus	Thursday, Nov. 17	6-8 p.m.	Wells Lounge	

*Do you consider these qualifications to be important in potential employees?*

*Relevant experience  
Leadership ability  
Communication skills  
Effectively works in groups  
Shows concerns for others  
A motivator*

*High commitment  
Involvement in a major organization*

*Potential employers do!  
They also have high regard for former Resident Assistants! Become a resident assistant and at the same time attain the important qualities.  
Come to an Information Session to get your application.*

**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 beginning to end (approximately 2 hours)**