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## Parents debate curricula for preschool programs

by Rhonda Morin  
Staff Writer

Two of the three child care programs at the University of Maine are geared toward teaching children structured preschool skills.

Some parents say they enjoy the structured curriculum of the programs, while others dislike the programs because they say they are too rigorous for preschoolers.

Linda D. Mosley, who is studying for her doctorate in parks and recreation management, has her 3½-year-old daughter enrolled in the preschool program at the Child Study Center, located on Sebago Road.

She says she favors a program that will prepare her daughter Christine for grammar school.

It is important for Christine to learn "social skills and learning situations...more than supervised play," Mosley said.

For example, for the Thanksgiving season, she said the children learned about American Indians and were taken on nature walks to learn more about autumn.

Martha S. Honeycutt, a single mother who attends UMaine full time, disagrees with Mosley.

She says she prefers a program like the one offered by the Children's Center, located on College Avenue between Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which has a limited academic structure.

The center's program, she says, places more emphasis on teaching children social skills, manners, participation in small groups and how to take directions from teachers.

### Mud baths

The Children's Center employs a program that allows children to explore themselves, their families and effectively communicate with the world around them, said Gary Quimby, director of the center.

"It's where children can be children," said Quimby. "The environment is still structured to allow children to learn and grow at individual rates."

The Children's Center consists of five separate programs with age ranges from 6



Tiffany Cummings, 3, sports the results of a mud bath at the Children's Center. The mud bath was part of the center's 'experimental education' program.

months to 5 years. The facilities are located throughout Orono and at the University College in Bangor.

The Bangor program is a cooperative effort with the center and Penquis Community Action Program, a federally funded social service agency, said Jamie Germond, child care admissions coordinator.

Every Tuesday morning, children at the College Avenue center participate in what Quimby calls "experimental education."

They experiment by painting their bodies with shaving cream, making painted drawings with their feet and learning that they do not have to get in trouble when playing with mud.

One sunny Tuesday the children were dumping buckets of water into a plastic swimming pool filled with peat moss that sat in the middle of the play room.

(see CHILD page 5)

## Arafat accepts Israeli state

PLO leader renounces terrorism

GENEVA (AP) — Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, today said he renounces terrorism and insisted that his past statements mean he recognizes the right of Israel to live in peace and security.

His comments came at a news conference one day after U.S. officials said his speech Tuesday before the U.N. General Assembly did not meet U.S. conditions for accepting the PLO in peace negotiations.

Those conditions are explicit recognition of Israel, renunciation of terrorism and agreement with U.N. resolutions 242 and 338.

"I repeat for the second time that we totally and absolutely renounce all forms of terrorism, including individual terrorism, group and the state terrorism," he said of the

Palestine Liberation Organization.

He said he made clear Tuesday the PLO accepts "the right of all parties concerned in the Middle East complex to exist in peace and security, and as I have mentioned including the state of Palestine, Israel and other neighbors."

He said the PLO accepts U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, which call for Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands and acceptance of the right of all states in the Middle East to safe and secure borders.

But Arafat showed impatience over a question asking him to say "yes" or "no" on whether he accepts Israel.

"Didn't you read my statement?" he asked. "It's entirely clear. What do you want? Do

(see ARAFAT page 8)

## Women not at top of med school faculties

BOSTON (AP) — The number of women faculty members at the nation's medical schools has grown 73 percent in a decade, but women doctors still rarely make it to the top ranks of academia, a study shows.

The author of the report recommended that medical schools adopt more flexible rules so that women can both raise families and compete for the most prestigious positions.

Medical schools dramatically increased their female enrollments during the 1970s

and in recent years have appointed many women to their teaching staffs.

But even though they now make up 19 percent of medical school faculties, women hold only 7 percent of the full professorships.

"So many women are still at the assistant professor level. Not as many as one would have predicted from the numbers that have progressed to the full professor and department chairman level," said Janet Bickel, the study's author.

(see WOMEN page 8)

## President defends policy supporting athletics

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

University of Maine President Dale Lick defended himself against attacks on the emphasis he has placed on athletics during an open forum Tuesday night.

Lick came to the General Student Senate meeting in an attempt to reach "a new level of dialogue" with students.

He said athletics have the potential to instill pride in a school, create school spirit and make people want to come to UMaine.

Concerning funding matters, Lick said he is spending \$300,000-\$500,000 less in state funds for athletics than previous UMaine presidents had been spending.

"I haven't supported athletics any more than I've supported anything else," he said. "It's sad that students have taken my support for the athletic program and blown it out of proportion."

"I'm working my tail off supporting other programs," he said.

Lick attributed the reasons for some of the inaccurate student perceptions his

policies to a lack of newspaper coverage of positive events.

"Those things don't get in the newspaper," he said. "The Bangor Daily News has only one reporter who covers education, but they have five sports writers. It's a sad indictment of values."

When asked where students were placed on his list of priorities, Lick responded, "Students come first, absolutely. Students are number one."

Responding to a question about the selling of pre-Columbian artifacts to finance a baseball clubhouse, Lick said

he has "put no item on sale" since he has been here.

Some of the artifacts, he said, were given to the university to sell. Fifty thousand dollars from the pending sale of a portion of the collection will be used to fund construction of a baseball clubhouse and lounge in honor of donor William Palmer III.

"I have agreed to spend \$50,000 from the sale of that collection to honor that man and to keep his name and image alive," Lick said.



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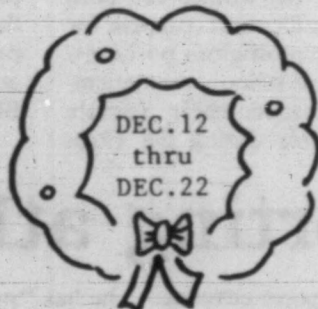
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## News Briefs

### Navy helicopter crashes; crew safe

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Maine (AP) — Three crewmen escaped injury Wednesday when the pilot of a Navy helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing after the aircraft developed engine trouble, authorities said.

The SH-60 helicopter, designed for anti-submarine warfare, was participating in trial maneuvers with an Aegis cruiser from Bath Iron Works when it reported engine trouble and was lost by radar trackers about 19 nautical miles from the base, officials said.

Attempting to return to the

Brunswick Naval Air Station, the helicopter struck a strand of trees, went down and overturned in a wooded area near the Boothbay Harbor-Edgcomb town line at 10:58 a.m., Lt. Cmdr. William McLaughlin said. The landing took place about 10 nautical miles from the naval station.

There were no injuries to the pilot, co-pilot or technician, who are stationed at the Mayport Naval Air Station near Pensacola, Fla., according to a news release from Brunswick Naval Air Station officials.

### Man suspected of killings arrested

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A 35-year-old man reportedly suspected in the killings of six women whose bodies were found along Interstate 95 has been arrested on charges of kidnapping and raping a woman along the highway.

Neil Anderson of New Bedford was scheduled for arraignment today in New Bedford District Court on charges of kidnapping and aggravated assault stemming from an August 1987 attack along the interstate in Dartmouth, a prosecutor said.

Raymond Veary, an assistant district attorney in Bristol County,

declined to comment on a report by WBZ-TV in Boston that the man was a suspect in the highway killings.

Anderson was arrested at his home Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

The Boston Herald today also quoted unidentified sources who said Anderson was considered a suspect. "He would go from a list of loose suspects to the top of the list," said a source the newspaper described as close to the investigation.

The partially clad skeletons of the six women have been found since July in a six-to eight-mile radius along I-95 and Route 140 in Dartmouth and Freetown.

### Bush names agriculture secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush today named Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter to be his agriculture secretary, the latest in a long line of Reagan administration officials appointed to high-level jobs in the incoming Cabinet.

Bush said Yeutter, 58, was the "best man for this very important job."

"He knows farm policy domestically. He knows it internationally," Bush said.

The president-elect presented Yeutter at a meeting with reporters. It was

the first appointment in a week for Bush, whose pace of nominations has slowed dramatically in recent days after a fast start.

Yeutter said he had long planned to leave government at the end of the Reagan administration, but said Bush was one of the few people who could persuade him to change his mind.

Yeutter has represented the United States at international trade negotiations since July 1985, and has been point man for the Reagan administration's so-far unsuccessful effort to abolish all farm subsidies by foreign governments.

### Vietnam to return soldiers' remains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Vietnamese government has informed the United States it plans to return what is believed to be the largest group of remains of missing American servicemen from the Vietnam War, the Pentagon announced Wednesday.

The return has been scheduled for Thursday in Hanoi. It will include what the Vietnamese believe are the remains of 38 individuals, the Pentagon said.

The largest previous group of re-

mains, returned in April, totaled 27 individuals.

"Arrangements have been made to receive the remains in Hanoi and fly them to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii for subsequent evaluation in an effort to achieve individual identification," the Pentagon said in a brief statement.

"The U.S. government appreciates the initiative taken by Vietnam to repatriate these remains and hopes to continue the increasing cooperation to resolve this long-standing issue."

### Relief flights planned for Armenia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three additional U.S. government earthquake relief flights will arrive in Soviet Armenia before the weekend, carrying plastic sheeting, tents and other supplies, the State Department said Wednesday.

Two Air Force C-141s were due to

leave Wednesday and Thursday and a civilian plane will depart Friday, department spokesperson Charles Redman said. The last flight, in addition to relief supplies, will be carrying replacements for U.S. government personnel who are now on site.

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By Charlotte Saik  
Staff Writer  
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# Court appointments mark Reagan legacy

By Charlotte Saikowski  
Staff Writer  
The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan's crusade to reshape the judiciary may prove to be the most significant and long-lasting legacy of his presidency.

By appointing hundreds of judges, President Reagan has put a more conservative stamp on the federal courts. Assuming that George Bush will nominate several Supreme Court justices as well as many lower-court judges, the balance could tip decisively in a conservative direction.

The courts would then be in a position to alter legal policy on a host of controversial issues in the civil rights area, from affirmative action and abortion to prayer in the schools.

"This is the first time an administration has looked on judgeships not just as symbols but as the instruments of presidential power — which goes well beyond the attempts of FDR and even Nixon to pack the courts," says David O'Brien, a legal scholar at the



University of Virginia. "As of 1982 Reagan knew he could not get his social agenda through Congress, so the only way was to concentrate on the courts."

Mr. Reagan has nominated three new justices to the Supreme Court and elevated William H. Rehnquist, a Nixon appointee, to be chief justice. He has also picked more than half of the 743 judges in appellate and district courts.

Not only are the appointees conservatives who were rigorously screened for their philosophical views, they are also predominantly young, white, upper-middle-class males.

According to data cited by Mr. O'Brien in "The Reagan Legacy: Promise and Performance," Reagan ap-

pointed some of the youngest judges in history. Close to half had a net worth of more than \$500,000, he says, and 1 in 5 of the district judges was a millionaire when appointed.

Also, O'Brien writes, Reagan appeared to take into account religious background. Whether coincidentally or because of a desire to appoint opponents of abortion, the scholar observes, he set a record in appointing more Roman Catholics to the federal bench than any other president since Franklin Roosevelt.

In terms of ratings of professional qualifications by the American Bar Association, O'Brien says, Reagan's judges on the whole compare favorably with those appointed by earlier administrations. In the case of appellate judges, for instance, Reagan appointed a higher percentage of "exceptionally well qualified" and "qualified" judges than did President Carter, though a

lower percentage of "well qualified" judges.

Reagan's objective has been to foster judicial restraint, lay the ground for a potential rollback of "liberal" rulings, and promote his social agenda. In these efforts the President has responded to political and social forces in the country, including the religious right, that take strong issue with the direction of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts over the past several decades.

Within the executive branch, too, the President has pursued his conservative goals, seeking to reshape executive enforcement of civil rights in such areas as minority hiring quotas, school desegregation, and housing discrimination. Early on, the administration created a furor in the civil rights community when it tried to reverse Internal Revenue Service policy of denying tax-exempt status to private schools that discriminate racially.

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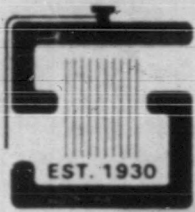


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# Campus issues keep Tamara Davis busy



Tamara Davis  
...Learned a lot from experience.

by Christina Koliander  
Staff Writer

Tamara Davis has one word to describe her term as president of the University of Maine student government.

"Busy," she said.

Davis, a senior international affairs major from North Yarmouth, said one thing after another has happened on campus this semester.

She said issues began brewing in September with complaints about overcrowded classrooms, the campus parking shortage and the Department of Public Safety's towing policy.

"(Being president) is an enormous time commitment," Davis said. "And it is frustrating. It is hard to start a project and finish it in one year."

Davis and her political partner, John O'Dea, were elected student government president and vice president last February.

Davis noted that the end of book bag searches in the library and more hockey and Maine Center for the Arts tickets

for students were two accomplishments of the Davis/O'Dea administration.

Davis also said a nurse will be hired at Cutler Health Center next semester, allowing the infirmary to stay open for 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday.

"The infirmary is working for full 24 hour care," Davis said.

Student government recently sent letters to parents of UMaine students, detailing the nursing shortage at Cutler.

"I think it helped bring attention (to the problem) and bring in new ideas," she said. "We gave (Cutler) an outside way of looking at the situation."

Another accomplishment Davis noted was a resolution that was recently passed by the student senate to hire a press secretary for student government. The press secretary will inform students about what is going on in student government.

"Students are aware of the issues, but are not aware of what student government has done on these issues," she said. "The students need to know what is going on."

Davis said that before she was elected, she thought the students at UMaine were not being well represented by their student government president.

"I hope this (the Davis/O'Dea administration) marks a change in student government, so that it will be the type of government that will continue to represent the students," she said.

Davis commended the student and faculty support she has received during the past semester.

"You can't do it alone, you need the student force behind you," Davis said. "Numbers are what make things happen."

What does Davis think of her term as student president?

"I would have liked to have done more, but realistically, there are issues that arise that you must confront," she said.

"I learned a lot from my experience, and it was a good educational opportunity."

Davis offers advice to students who are thinking about running for the office of student president.

## The Department of Residential Life and Interdormitory Board

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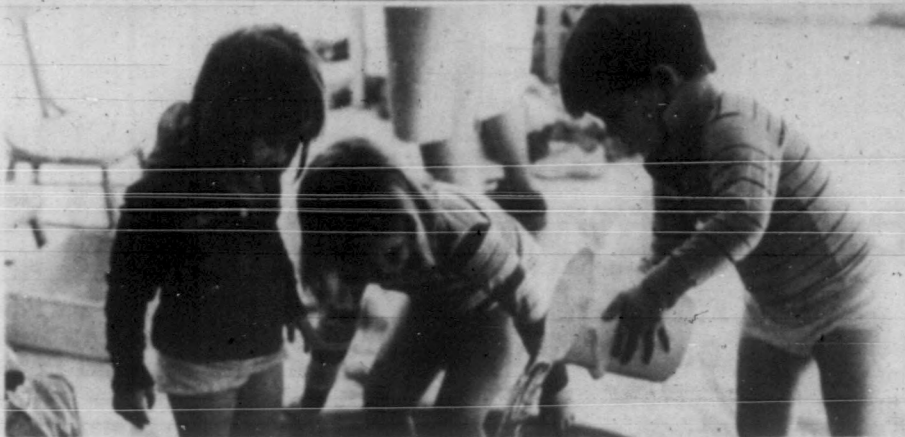


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Brittany Damon, 3, Tiffany Cummings, 3, and Daniel Bolduc, 4

## •Child

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The four 3 to 5 year olds scooped up the mixture in their hands and sat in the gooey mud pool while covering their legs and feet.

Meanwhile, the teacher aides asked the children questions such as, "Should we use this for stuffing a turkey?" and "Can I take some and throw some?"

Quimby said this kind of education is a statement to parents.

"It's all right to let children walk through a mud puddle."

### Pre-academics

The Child Study Center and Child Development Learning Center programs follow a more academically structured procedure.

The Study Center teaches cognitive and social skills to 2½ to 6-year-olds, said director Donald Hayes.

The day is broken up into play time, premath, prereading, music and song periods; snack time; and outdoor play. "I think this is what sells the preschool — having free time but also having a concentration," Hayes said.

During the academic period, the children sit at small rectangular tables and respond to their teacher's questions or learn to grasp thick crayons while writing numbers and letters on paper.

There is a similar program at the Learning Center, located in Merrill Hall.

Within the curriculum of the preschool's two nursery groups and single kindergarten program, children

are encouraged to develop imagination and leadership skills, to share, and to take turns, according to a brochure.

During story time the children sit on a rug in front of the teacher to listen and maybe ask questions.

A new wooden structure has been built in the corner of the school room, where children participate in drama, said Shirley Oliver, director of the Learning Center.

Outside in the fenced-in play area, children can climb, jump, swing and slide on a newly constructed multi-level wooden climber.

Oliver said that field trips are a common outside activity for both the nursery school children and kindergarteners. Although, she added, the younger children usually tour the UMaine campus while the kindergarteners go on trips to air force bases.

### Mixed views

Parents have mixed views about the different programs. Some feel the planned curriculum fulfills their needs for their children and others say preschool is meant to be the period before vigorous structured systems are forced onto the children.

"We need to slow down our paces as adults," Quimby said, "to appreciate the fact that our children need time to explore their worlds."

## Petrik notes turn-of-century changes in courts' attitudes toward housewives who kill

by Lisa Cline  
Staff Writer

As perceptions about women's roles changed in the 20th century, society more readily accepted the capability of housewives to kill, said a University of Maine associate professor of history.

Paula Petrik told about 50 people Wednesday at the special collections room in Fogler Library that this shift in attitudes about women resulted in the willingness of courts to prosecute housewives for murder in Montana from the late 1870s to the mid-1900s.

In her lecture, "Killer Angels: Woman and Murder in Montana, 1865-1940," Petrik outlined the increase in the number of housewives convicted of murder during the 75-year period.

She said the "cult of true womanhood," or the perception of women as "selfless, submissive, domestic and the moral guardians of society" was often used as a defense in cases involving alleged female murderers.

Petrik said courtroom testimony about a woman's domestic behavior usually took precedence over evidence pertaining to her guilt or innocence.

A woman's failure to fulfill her domestic duties as a housewife or her promiscuous behavior, Petrik said, was more damaging to a woman's defense than evidence about the murder itself.

She said that such deviations from societal norms often resulted in the accused being judged to be insane.

"In the early 1870s, if a housewife killed, she was insane. But by 1915, Montana was ready to believe wives and

mothers were capable of murder," she said.

According to Petrik's research, 28 women were imprisoned in Montana for murder from 1870 to 1939. While no housewives were convicted on this charge in the 1870s, by 1939, they accounted for 70 percent of the women imprisoned for murder.

Petrik said the courts and society treated prostitutes, single mothers and minorities differently than housewives accused of the same crime.

Since society "expected the worst" from these "marginal" women, she said, they were treated much more harshly.

Petrik said these women were not considered "true" women, therefore the cult of true womanhood could not be used as a defense.

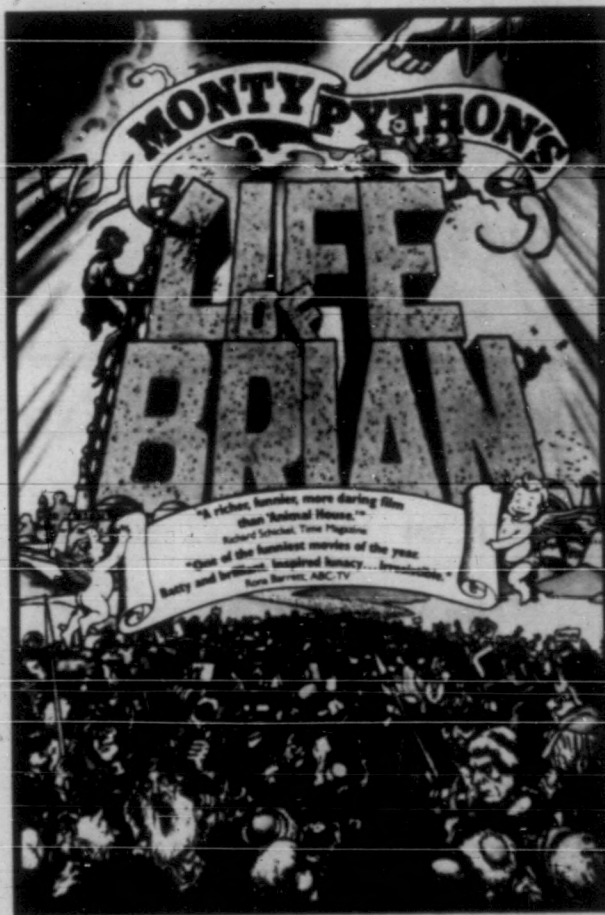
Although trials involving women murderers attracted large female crowds, Petrik said their stoic and unemotional behavior in the courtroom is evidence that women of this time period did not believe in the cult of true womanhood.

She said that while men "had difficulty with the perception of homicidal women," the female population knew that women were capable of murder.

The idea of a "true womanhood belonged to men," she said.

Petrik said although the perception of a true womanhood still exists in some pockets of society, World War II largely changed society's perceptions of sexuality and female roles.

Although her research was restricted to Montana, she said she believes the cases are typical of similar cases throughout the United States during the same period.



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# Editorial

## Police force

**I**t was announced on the news a few nights ago that the Orono Police Department received a recommendation to increase their force.

Now wait a minute, it seems like there are more problems in the quality of police work in the OPD than in the shortage of officers.

The students may not have been here over the summer but something motivated a number of Orono officers to seek employment elsewhere.

Now those men who proudly serve the people of this college town seem to have something to prove.

Have you ever seen an Orono Police car when they have someone stopped? It is humiliating enough to have people you know see you stopped but there are more lights on the police car than on the biggest Christmas tree in town.

Four-way flashers, blue lights, high-beams and low beams blinking so they could blind even the best oncoming driver. One may wonder if they have a multi-colored strobe light in the glove compartment.

And it may comfort you when you're at an off-campus party that is being broken up that the trusted OPD probably won't be carrying a night stick but a huge flashlight that takes about 19 'D' batteries.

It seems like the police 'force' wants to stop all of these so-called rowdy, obnoxious, inconsiderate, and immature college students from going out and doing what they have done for many years before now.

And if they want that change, please tell me what alternatives these 'rowdies' can expect.

Oh, one could always go to Governor's Restaurant for the chicken special on Thursday night instead of a bash on Mill Street or the weekly event of being wasted away again at "Margarita's"-ville.

Come on OPD, think back a few years when you were young (even though some of you don't look old enough to drink) and maybe just a little foolish. Most of the kids from the campus are NOT the complete jerks you make them out to be and until some LEGITIMATE alternatives are established, you won't be able to force away the problems.

*Joe Grant*

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## The party to end all

My roommate and I have decided to stop drinking.

"Oh, sure," you say, "and I promise not to breathe."

Well, if you had the harrowing experience that we had, you'd be riding the wagon too.

You see, Dave and I are new to off-campus living. And, as such, we've had a hard time finding things to do. So, we've made things happen.

That is to say, we've thrown parties. And allow me to say, to anyone who respects their home and plans to throw a party, DON'T DO IT!!!

Our last party is just that, we've decided - our last. Here's a brief rundown of what happened.

The day: Friday, December 2. The time: 7:30 p.m. Dave and Doug prepare for the party. How? They get drunk ahead of time.

8:23 p.m.: The first of the party guests arrives. Doug is sent out into 15 degree weather, without a coat, to retrieve 1/2 barrel of Milwaukee's Best beer. He carries the keg back by himself. Miraculously, he survives.

8:45 p.m.: More guests arrive. The number of partygoers is now a comfortable 25. My three-room apartment is now an amiable environment.

9:01 p.m.: Additional

### Doug Vanderweide

revelers arrive — in fact, they arrive in hordes. It seems a party at Main Street got broken up, so they came here. Total number of so-called "guests": 53. The place is getting crowded.

9:19 p.m.: The night's first puker.

I remind Dave that the proceeds from the keg will be going towards a rug shampooer. He agrees wholeheartedly.

9:27 p.m.: 10 people leave. I breathe a sigh of relief, but it is short-lived, because at 9:27:30 p.m., 18 people show up. There are now 61 people in 70 square feet of floorspace.

9:58 p.m.: One of only four people I personally invited shows up. She tells me she just stopped by to say that she and I will never be more than friends, then leaves. I go and get another beer.

10:03 p.m.: I think the football team's bus made a bad turn and wound up in my apartment's lot. No, I'm wrong.

Dave invited a few weightlifting buddies over. We now have an additional 10 people. The party count now stands at 71.

10:25 p.m.: The police force decides that I'm a public

nuisance. They come and roust the place. All the girls leave, and all the guys swing around the building and come back six minutes later. Total reveler count: 32, all males.

10:50 p.m.: Most of the people have cleared out, abandoning all hope of hooking up with anything more than a hangover, save four weightlifters and a guy we call "Clam."

10:59 p.m.: Some of the girls come back, with about 10 guys in tow. The party is back at full force.

11:14 p.m.: The weightlifters decide an armwrestling championship is what this party lacks. In the process of imitating Sylvester Stallone, they break two chairs, a glass, and punch a 1-foot hole into my wall. I smile and shake hands with the winner. Dave insists he was robbed of the title.

11:29 p.m.: The police decide a summons is in order. They also decide riot gear, dogs, and tear gas are also in order.

11:29 p.m.: "Clam" engages in a verbal (yet slurred) argument with an officer about his fundamental right to bevy. The officer cuffs him and drags him off. Dave and I promise to bail him out.

11:32 p.m.: Dave and I  
(see PARTY next page)

## Defeat at Chez Ron

The source was mine. I had consulted my bible, *Getting Reluctant Sources to Tell You Everything, Even Bad Stories About Their Mothers*, and followed the instructions to a tee.

I had hounded. Then I had played the nice guy. Then I had told the source that her interview wasn't really too important, but I thought that she might want to go get some dinner, and talk in general terms about the topic. I told her I'd pay, knowing that the power brokers of this paper would be so pleased with my scoop that they'd give me the expense account I've been asking for.

We had made the trip to Chez Ron, under the Golden Arches in scenic Stillwater. I wined her with a strawberry shake, then dined her with a 20 piece order of McNuggets. She drooled and gobbled, and ate like a pig, while I sat drinking ice water, waiting to put the final stage of my plan into action.

The time came. She popped the final McPoultry into her mouth, chewing slowly, trying to coax the chunk of unidentified fried produce into her already bulging midsection.

I knew she would have no choice. My book told me it would work, and I believed it. This method had never failed.



**John Holyoke**

I leaned across the table to tell her my devious plan, knowing she would tell me everything I wanted to know.

The old belly punch. I found the strategy on page 862 of my bible, *Getting Reluctant Sources to Slanderize Their Mothers*, or whatever it was I called it earlier. It didn't really call for an actual punch.

It said, "If you can get a source to gobble and drool and wolf down 20 McNuggets, threaten them with a belly punch and they'll tell you whatever you need to know."

But just then, at the point when my expense account was so close that I could have reached out and grabbed it, in came Howard.

He's employed at Chez Ron, and seems to be a nice man. But it seems that his job is to walk around with a spray bottle and mingle with the guests. And mingle he did. I tried to brush him away, refusing to meet his eye.

He continued with the questions, the ones I had heard so

many times before. Major? Classes? Town of Origin? Do you play hockey? Basketball? How about those Bears?

I wanted him to leave. I didn't go to Chez Ron to talk with him. But he was too nice, the grandfather to everybody, and I couldn't tell him I was mad because he was doing his job.

I thought back, of all the other times he had walked up to my table. Never had the stakes been so high.

A few times I had sprayed quarter-pounder residue on his uniform while I tried to answer his questions. Once in a while I had made up answers just for fun.

The official Chez Ron conversationalist continued with his questions, and I glanced at my source, wondering if I would ever be able to implement the final stage of my plan.

When I looked at her she smiled, loosened her belt a notch, and belched.

I knew that I had been beaten again.

Digestion had begun. The chance for a belly punch was lost.

*If John Holyoke wanted to have mealtime conversation with the employees of Chez Ron, he'd apply for a job.*

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To the editor

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# Response

## Student hockey fans should get seats

To the editor:

I am a great UMaine hockey fan and I try to see any home game we have. I am a student here, and I have a sports pass as well. But this Friday, I came to see the game, and arrived an hour early to get a standing room only ticket, and a student seat before they were all taken. To my dismay, however, I found out that there is no student seating whatsoever! This got me quite upset. I had pre-paid for 100 sporting events here on campus, and I am a student here, and I figured that entitled me to a seat. I feel that if

students who pay at least \$4,000 a year in tuition, and has a sports pass should be able to get a seat in order to see a game that his or her school is participating in.

Now I know that there are problems with getting everyone seated. Everyone wants to see Black Bear hockey now that they've had two really successful seasons, and heading in to there third. But not allowing students to get a seat will not alleviate the crowd problem. Aifond only holds 3,800 people in seating, yet there are usually 4,900, approximately, at a game. It is good that there are

so many people who want to see the games. But that's just too much for the building to handle — a potential disaster if the building needs to be quickly evacuated. But where would all these be placed so that everyone can see the game, and students can get seats? I feel that there are two possible alternatives, of which have drawbacks, but can help the problem. First, maybe new bleachers could be added like the ones on the north side of the building. This will seat at least 1,000 more people. However this will cost more money. Another alternative is to give priorities to seating. My

view is this way. The students are given a section to themselves. They would be followed by faculty. Then, elderly, and handicapped come next. They would be followed by family and close friends to both teams, and finally, the rest of the public.

If the place is to capacity, then allow no one else in to avoid crowding. The disadvantage here is that there will be people turned away. These are ways in which students can get seats to watch their team. Everyone, especially students who play or have pre-paid, should get seats.

In conclusion, I feel that if we students who go to the games regularly do so, and either have money or sports passes, we should be able to get seats. I know I could get the tickets on the day of the sale, but who has time? There is so much to do that I couldn't spend an hour in line to get to the box office. I feel that we should get seats. After all, who are the Black Bears biggest supporters? *Who are the people out on the ice — besides hockey players?*

Yours truly, and hockey fan to the end,

John Smith

## Harassment serious

To the editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter on sexual harassment from Victoria Dietz which appeared in the December 9, 1988 issue of *The Daily Maine Campus*.

I did not attend the December 7 lecture on sexual harassment referred to in Ms. Dietz's letter. However, I can assure Ms. Dietz that the sexual harassment of any member of this university community is considered to be a very serious matter. Obviously, the accused is entitled to due process and, if the charges are confirmed, it could lead to dismissal from one's position as faculty

member of administrator or to dismissal from the university if one is a student. During my ten years at the university I am aware of people who have been dismissed from their positions because they engaged in sexual harassment.

I encourage any member of the university community who feels that s/he has been the victim of sexual harassment to bring the matter to the attention of Dr. Sue Estler, director of Equal Opportunity, third floor, Alumni Hall, 581-1226.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Aceto  
Vice President for  
Administration

## No money for Watras

To the editor:

I am writing in response to President Lick's haphazard decision to continue Victoria Watras's scholarship — scholarship that was given to her not contingent on playing basketball. For those of you who are confused by the wording "not contingent," it simply means that whether she plays or she doesn't play, President Lick is picking up the tab for her education.

Coach Trish Roberts and Athletic Director Kevin White put their butts on the line to get Vitoria eligible to play basketball again and now who decides to quit again. (Same story, different characters.) To me this seems to be a slap in the face to Coach Roberts and Athletic Director Kevin White.

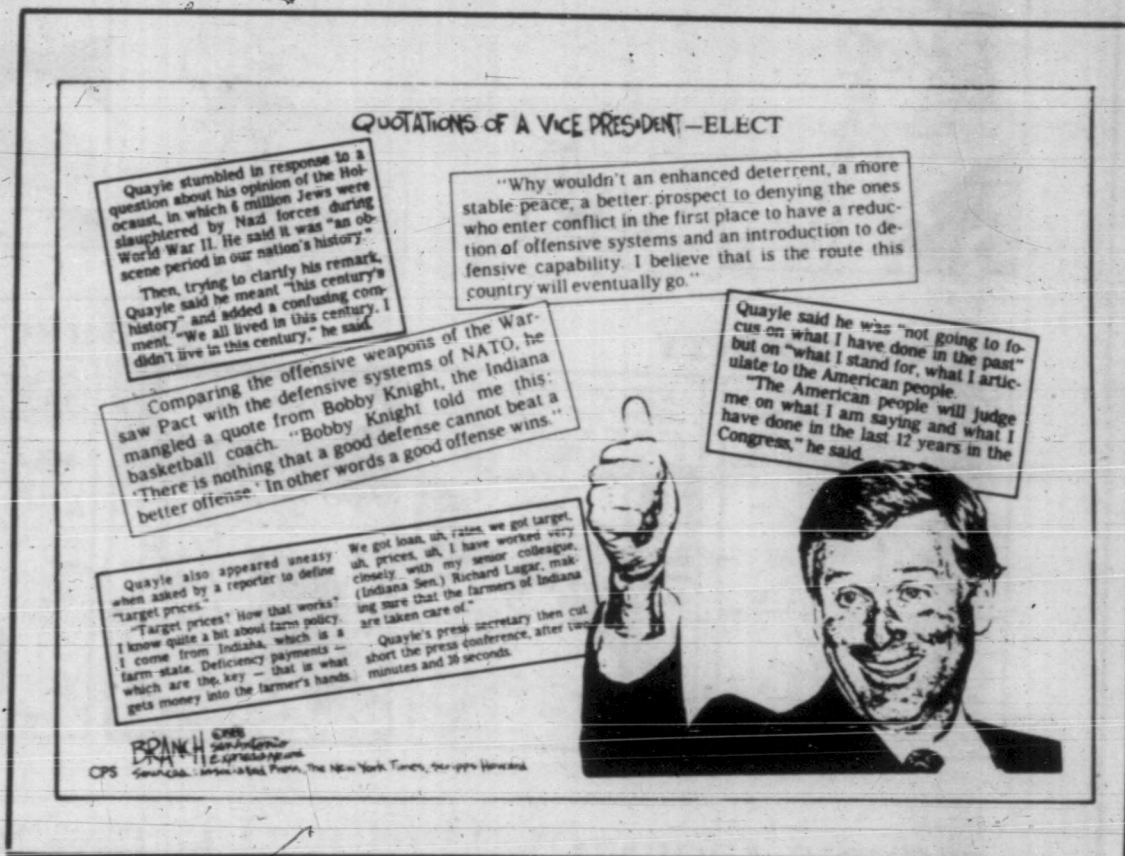
How can you, President Lick, justify maintaining her scholarship? This appears to be yet another blunder in the use of the now legendary President Lick Discretionary Fund. This latest blunder has surely put one final nail in your coffin.

Thus the end of your brief and somewhat turmoil-ridden tenure at the university.

One question that I must ask if you are going to pay for Victoria's education and pay Peter Gavett for a job that he hasn't done, then why can't you take some money out of your discretionary fund and pay for my education? After all I am a student employee in the Athletic department and a full-time student just like Victoria. Better yet, why don't you pay for the other 11,000 students on this campus to get their education? I think that this would make for a very nice Christmas present!

As a coach once said, college athletics is a business and the student athletes are the employees and are therefore getting paid to perform. If they don't perform on or off the court then they don't get paid. Well, Victoria hasn't performed and will not be performing so why should she still be getting paid? Just a point for you to ponder, President Lick.

John Ryan  
Hart Hall



## Student camera equipment stolen

To the editor:

I live in Cumberland Hall and had someone come into my room on Sunday or Monday when I wasn't there and take my camera equipment. I would really appreciate it if the person who took it would return it to me or an R.A. in the dorm. I spent a long time working to be able to buy that equipment and would like to have it back. Think if it were your equipment. How would you feel? I

am offering \$100 for any information leading to the return of my camera equipment, no questions asked. So think you could still make a hundred dollars and I could get my equipment back, then we could both have a nice Christmas. I don't care who took it I would just like it back.

The equipment was in a blue camera bag with black trim and a black strap. It is a little bigger than a shoe box.

The equipment inside con-

sisted of:

Nikon Camera—N2020

3 lenses:

1) Nikkor 50mm

2) Nikkor 35mm-70mm zoom

3) Nikkor 70mm-210mm zoom

Vivitar Flash

Some filters, film, and batteries.

If any has any information contact me.

Rob Jucovics  
Cumberland Hall

## •Party

squander our party's proceeds (and Clam's bail money) at Super Shaw's. We buy several cans of Smurf pasta and 14 bags of Humpty Dumpty Ketchup chips. (Hey, remember, we were drunk.) Then we go to Pat's for a pizza.

The next day, when Dave and I awoke, we checked out

the apartment.

Beyond the typical spilled-drink, cigarette-butt, beer-vomit and tobaccospit-cup-spill mess, we noticed something else was wrong.

We were missing some stuff. A complete list follows.

We lost: a telephone shaped like a football, a small round

mirror, a 10inch frying pan, two cans of baked beans, a half-loaf of bread, Dave's full collection of "GI Joe: The Greatest American Hero" drinking glasses, and a recliner. If anybody's seen this stuff, could you return it? Thanks.

Oh, and by the way...no party at my house this weekend.

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# Campus Comics

Fred

by Matt Lewis



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by Bill Watterson



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## •Arafat

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you want me to do a strip tease? It would be unseemly."

Earlier today, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, urged Israel to recognize the need to withdraw from the territories it occupies and to accommodate legitimate Palestinian political rights.

The comment came in a speech by Walters that never explicitly mentioned the PLO or Arafat. The speech reiterated longstanding U.S. policy calling for Israel's withdrawal from occupied lands for peace with its Arab neighbors.

Earlier today, the Israel delegate said the PLO remains committed to the elimination of the Jewish state and can never be a negotiating partner for it.

## •Women

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"On the positive side, there are the sheer number of women who are applying to medical school, getting in, graduating and entering competitive residency programs."

Bickel, director for women's programs at the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, reported her findings in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The work is a follow-up to a study co-written seven years ago by Dr. Marilyn Heins of the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

"The numbers look better," Heins said.

"There are more women students and residents. But in terms of women in top positions, really nothing much has changed."

In an interview, Bickel said she doubts that women fail to reach the top at medical schools because of direct discrimination.

Instead, she said, it appears that many women doctors either consciously choose not to compete for tenured faculty jobs or can't find time to do research while raising families.

Typically, junior faculty members are given seven or eight years to earn tenure. If they fail to get it, they leave or take other jobs at the school that don't involve tenure decisions.

They rarely are given a second chance to earn tenure, which is a crucial step toward high-level positions in medical schools.

Whether or not young doctors get tenure rests largely on how many research papers they have published.

Bickel said other studies have shown that women faculty members do less research than men.

It's possible that a woman doctor with small children "gives up her research interests because she is already working 60 hours a week teaching and taking care of patients," Bickel said. "The research and publishing that are necessary to present oneself for tenure are lost."

She said medical schools could make tenure easier for women by providing more flexible schedules, parenting leaves and opportunities to work toward tenure later in their careers.

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## Sports

# Bears look to Beers for leadership

Big defenseman credits former playing partner Nonis with helping him mature

by Kim Thibeau  
Staff Writer

Experiences and changes can bring about either the best or the worst in people's lives. For senior defenseman Bob Beers, his experiences and changes in his life on and off the ice have inspired maturity.

After a successful campaign at Northern Arizona University with two goals and 24 assists, the Northern Arizona hockey program folded because it would be without a home arena for over a year. Beers then headed north to the University of Maine for his final three years of college hockey.

Beers stepped into one of the top defensive units in collegiate hockey, skating with Jack Capuano, Eric Weinrich and Dave Nonis. After two successful seasons with this defensive unit, things abruptly changed.

Nonis graduated, and his leaving was expected. But, last summer both Capuano and Weinrich signed professional contracts and left Maine. Beers and remaining his defensive partners would have to fill in the holes that they left behind. He accepted the task put to him by Head Coach Shawn Walsh.

"With Jack and Eric gone, a big part of us left. Coach Walsh said we would have to score more and gave us the go ahead to get more involved with the offense," Beers said.

Getting more involved with the offense is something new for Beers. He skated with Nonis on defense for two years. Nonis, one of last year's captains, was a defensive leader and Beers learned everything he could. With Nonis gone, Beers' play has taken a new turn.

"When Dave was here, he was the leader. Now, roles have been reversed and I'm a senior skating with a freshman (Keith Carney) as my partner. It was a change, but I was ready for it," Beers said.

Knowing that his offense would have to improve, Beers concentrated on developing that this summer. He played in summer leagues in Hingham, Mass. and Buffalo, near his hometown of Cheektowaga, N.Y. Beers also taught at the Phillips Exeter Hockey School in Exeter, N.H.

"I worked a lot on my skating this summer. I was skating five times a week when I was teaching and playing," Beers said.

All of this determination and hard work has paid off for Beers. He is having his best offensive season thus far with three goals and eight assists, which is three assists shy of his final total of the 1987-88 season. He was also picked as one of this season's captain by his teammates.

"Bob is a great skater and is the



Since transferring from Northern Arizona after his freshman year, Bob Beers has been an unsung hero for his team. This year, though, Beers is starting to get the credit he deserves.



definite defensive leader of this team. He is a great guy and a great player," teammate Vince Guidotti said.

Beers has been influenced by many things. One was the night that Walsh sat him out a game and he watched his teammates play Northern Michigan University from the stands.

"Coach Walsh had every right to sit me that game. I wasn't playing well. At the time, I didn't agree with his decision. But, after a couple of days, I was glad he had sat me out because it opened my eyes and helped get me back on track," Beers said.

While Walsh has helped Beers with his play on ice, Beer's former partner on defense helped him with life off the ice.

"Dave (Nonis) was my partner for two years and I learned a great deal from him. In the beginning, I wanted to play hockey and school was not that important. It was a stage I went through.

Dave concentrated a lot on school and his example influenced me to take interest in my work," Beers said.

Beers is now readying himself for the second-half of the season which will open up with the Dexter Hockey Classic on Dec. 27-28, with high hopes.

"We take one game at a time. I want to win the league title and the Hockey East Tournament championships that we have lost the past two years. I'd also like to get back to the Final Four," Beers said.

Through all of the experiences and changes Beers, a 10th-round draft pick of the Boston Bruins in 1985, has developed into a top all-around defenseman.

"Bob has emerged as the leader of our defense. He has improved his shot, has gotten a quicker release and improved his defense," Walsh said. He has definitely matured into a fine player."

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## The dust is yet to clear

Dan Bustard

Monday night. I sit in the basement of Lord Hall, calmly working during my usual copy editing shift, when BAM! The women's basketball resignations hit the newsroom.

A couple days later, the team is preparing for a tournament Saturday and Sunday in Augusta and looking to improve on a 2-4 record.

Sounds alright, right?

Well that's how the local media appears to be handling it.

Dale Duff Tuesday night on his sportscast led into his piece on the situation by saying that the dust had settled.

The *Bangor Daily News* had a story on the tournament Wednesday and nothing on the controversy surrounding the University of Maine.

Now that is not all too unusual, as Head Coach Trish Roberts closed practice to the media Tuesday and hasn't been too talkative. She seems to want her team to get this behind them and concentrate on performing well this weekend.

But to say that the dust has settled is a bit premature in my book.

No assistants, missing three players, one of whom saw considerable action, and now, only two days later, the situation has calmed down? I doubt it.

Hopefully, I will be able to venture down to that tournament, which will be held in Augusta, to try to see just

what will become of this unfortunate group of athletes who just happen to come to UMaine at a time when negative stories about scandals, fraternity and sorority problems and a beleaguered president are more common than weather reports.

Tuesday, when several reporters, including myself, were escorted out of Memorial Gym, Duff did get to talk to Roberts on camera. Not to surprising, as WLBZ and WCSH, Ch. 6 in Portland, will be covering the team on television.

Players were interviewed, some of us cornered (literally) John Robinson to see what he could tell us, it was a media circus.

But when practice let out, hardly a soul was around and seldom was heard a discouraging word.

Does that mean everything is hunky dory? As Dave Greely finished his column off with yesterday, "To be continued."

This is not an attempt by the local members of the fourth estate to blow off the issue. But to say that things are back to normal will never fit well until next season, when we've all had a chance to watch the team and the

new parts have been fitted and replaced.

Dale Lick said that the image of the university overall was still good Monday, but questions linger on the sports front. Since Lick has come to UMaine, the emphasis on building on top-notch sports program increased, as has the the visibility of the school.

The master plan, which may still include a domed stadium, must be reeling from this big bump in the road to being a respectable Division I school.

To me, this school is becoming a new place for the media to hang out and wait for things to happen. And it doesn't take too long.

Publically, some of the alumni I know aren't too happy with all of this activity (not to mention my father, who is a former Phi Eta brother).

And the image of UMaine must be taking a beating, although such attention may raise applications and admissions, so maybe even sophomores can experience triple mania.

Nope, the dust has not settled yet. And it won't settle for quite some time.

*Dan Bustard is a junior journalism major from Presque Isle who, besides shoveling his driveway, will be watching to see just how well the women's basketball team does over break.*



# CBS wins baseball TV rights

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS, a failure last month in its bid for the Barcelona Olympics, shocked baseball and the television industry by beating out NBC and winning network rights for \$1 billion over four years.

NBC, which has prided itself as the "baseball network" since 1947, said it was outbid by a substantial margin and its rival of irresponsibility.

The new contract is the largest ever awarded one network for sports. It gives CBS the World Series in 1990 along with both league playoffs, the All-Star Game and a 12-game package during the season.

Brent Musburger, who hosts CBS's coverage of major events, was beaming.

"Today was like having an early Christmas and a dream come true," said Musburger, who umpired in the Midwest League in 1959. "I've worked for CBS for 20 years and it's the one sport we never covered. Never in my

wildest dreams did I think we'd get it all."

Baseball will award a contract for cable rights next month and expects to earn an additional \$75 million to \$100 million a year.

NBC and ABC, who have shared baseball since 1975, will televise games next season for \$240 million under the final year of the current six-year \$1.1 billion pact.

NBC did not release details of its bid and Arthur Watson, the president of NBC Sports, criticized CBS.

"We made every effort to keep it," Watson said. "Regretfully, someone bid far more than was responsible. Everybody evaluates things differently. That bid was beyond our reach. Let them explain that bid."

Neal Pilson, president of CBS Sports, said losing the Barcelona rights had nothing to do with his network's desire to wrest baseball from NBC. "I think

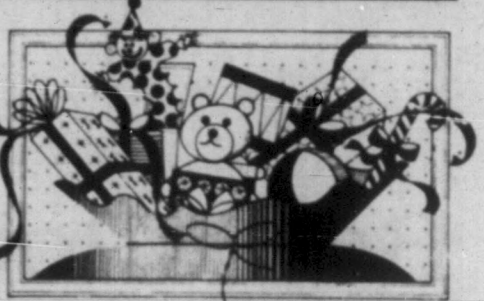
that's a common misperception," he said.

Pilson and Watson continued a public squabble that began after CBS spent \$243 million for the Albertville rights.

Watson, at the time, said CBS overbid. But after NBC won the Barcelona rights for \$401 million, Watson implied his earlier comments were intended to trick CBS into lowering its bid for the Summer Games.

Asked if he thought Watson's remarks were uncalled for, Pilson said Wednesday: "Art Watson can run his business and I'll run mine. You can ask him what happened to NBC's bid on baseball."

"Looking at the numbers, I think we're better off spending a billion dollars over four years than half a billion over two weeks."



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## Israeli military training troops against nerve gas

ZE'ELIM, Israel (AP) — The Israeli army is giving top priority to training its troops to withstand nerve and mustard gas attacks, fearing Arab enemies could unleash such weaponry at any time, senior military commanders say.

The commanders briefed reporters Tuesday at this base in southern Israel during combat drills in which soldiers staged gun and tank battles using live ammunition while wearing their new heavy chemical-repellant gear.

All soldiers have in the past year been issued the charcoal-lined uniforms, gas masks, poison detection tape, rubber gloves and boots.

They take it with them in their kitbags whether they are assigned to combat duty in Lebanon or to police the occupied territories, said Lt. Col. S., an organizer of the anti-chemical warfare campaign. Under Israeli press regulations, commanding officers may only be identified by the first letter of their first or last names.

"We are taking the threat of chemical war very seriously, especially after the

Iran-Iraq war," in which such weapons were widely used, Lt. Col. S. said.

Drills such as one in which two dozen troops stormed a mock village of cement shacks nicknamed Chicago are taking up at least a quarter of the average soldier's training time this year. Some soldiers are ordered to wear the gear in almost every exercise the army conducts, the officers said.

The aim is to train the soldiers to protect themselves and fight despite a rain of poisonous gas, they said.

The gear is so uncomfortable that some of it, such as the gloves, are not worn during the drills to avoid shooting accidents, some officers said. They said that in some cases commanders have to prompt soldiers to put on their masks by hurling tear gas canisters near them.

Israel is concerned that Syria, Iran and Iraq have the capabilities of carrying out chemical attacks, said Lt. Col. Y., another senior commander at the base.

## Champagne harvest vintage, industry officials say

EPERNAY, France (AP) — The wine harvest of 220 million bottles from the Champagne area promises to produce wine and champagne of "exceptional quality" next spring, industry officials said Wednesday. Viticulturalists say this year's

harvest is "average" in size compared with the 264.4 million-bottle yield in 1987, in line with a production pattern where two good years are generally followed by a poor or moderate season.

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## Septuagenarians still in sync after 3 years

By Meribeth Snively  
The Christian Science Monitor

MARBLEHEAD, Mass. — Strains of Beethoven fill the pool area as Louise Wing dives into the water. Her synchronized swimming solo begins with difficult underwater work with her arms as she extends her legs out of the water, her toes reaching toward the ceiling.

She finishes the routine, rests momentarily, and then joins Fred Wing, her husband, to work on their duet. As the couple runs through the routine, Mrs. Wing slows down slightly to keep synchronized with her spouse, who has been doing synchronized swimming for a shorter time than his wife.

Mixed-gender duets are unusual in this sport, but the Wings stand out for another reason as well — they are in their 70s.

The Wings, who now live in nearby Lynn, Mass., have both been swimming since childhood, but they became involved in synchronized swimming in very different ways.

"I always played in the water from the time I was a year old and saw water, but there wasn't any competition at all

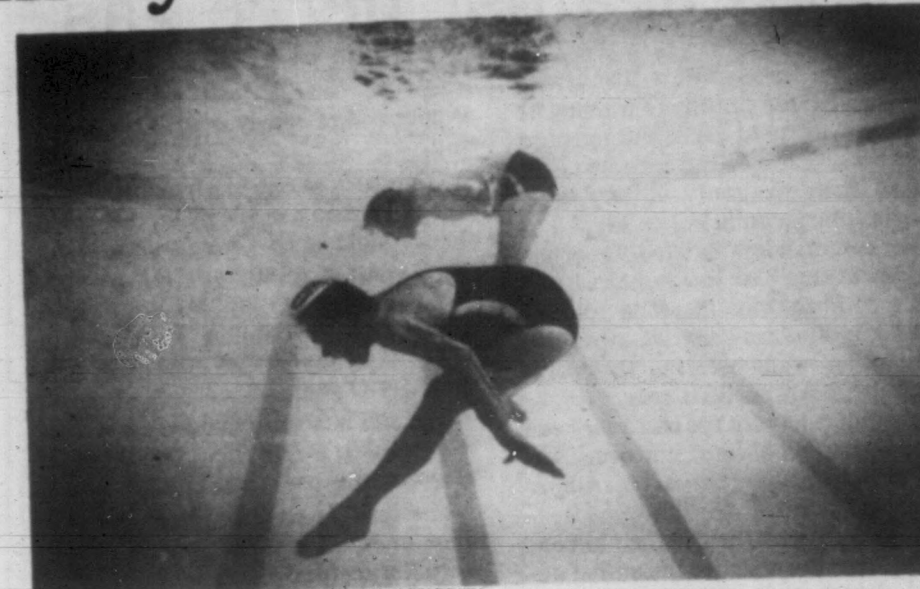
for girls, you know," said Mrs. Wing. "Ladies were supposed to be ladies and sit on the porch and pour lemonade in those days. By the time synchro came in I was already director of swimming at the Boston YWCA. So I said to the girls, 'Here's a lovely new sport, I don't know anything about it, but let's try it,' so we did."

At first the team put on water shows because there were no groups to compete against, but in 1950, Mrs. Wing and her team put on the first synchronized swimming competition in New England.

They competed against a nearby town, and since both teams were fairly new at the sport, the type of swimming was more like marching band formations than the difficult stunt-filled routines of today's meets.

Since that time, Mrs. Wing has continued to teach, and 13 years ago she began to compete herself. She has won numerous age-group medals for her solos in both national and international competitions. She has also worked with other swimmers to win medals in trios and duets.

Her husband, a retired contracting of-



Fred and Louise Wing, of Marblehead, Mass., show underwater coordination during a synchronized swimming routine.

ficer for the Department of Defense, also began swimming as a child, but he tended to stick to the lap swimming. "I have been swimming all my life, mostly distance swimming," said Mr. Wing. "I used to go to the pool and do laps. I saw Louise teaching in exactly the same pool year after year and I got tired of carrying her equipment or staying home alone while she was away at meets."

Wing decided the best way to solve those problems was to learn synchronized swimming himself. Much to his wife's surprise, he showed up one day in 1985, at age 73, and climbed into the pool with her class. He has been swimming with her ever since.

Together, the Wings have won their share of awards in duet competitions. Their living room table is laden with

ribbons, trophies, and medals. They are the national mixed duet champions of their age group, and they placed third in the 1985 World Games in Toronto.

When they are not practicing or competing, the Wings spend their time helping to promote the sport. In New England, Mrs. Wing teaches her own class of "golden agers" synchronized swimming.

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