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## Lunch break



A hungry lamb, one of more than 100 born since mid-February at the UMaine sheepbarns, enjoys a meal. The barns, located on Stillwater Avenue, are open daily from 1-5 p.m.

Public Affairs photo by Michael York

## GSS fights over concert funding

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

The smoke seems to have cleared, but the battle scars remain.

Student senators still have mixed feelings about a considerable and spontaneous financial allocation to the Off-Campus Board for an upcoming concert.

In its Feb. 28 session, the General Student Senate narrowly passed a controversial resolution that provided the OCB with \$9,000 to fund a Violent Femmes concert scheduled for April 10.

"It was a debacle," said Cumberland Hall senator Dave McGowan. "I want a big-name concert here as much as the next person, but I had a problem with the way they went about it."

The resolution passed with seven senators in favor, six against and one abstention.

For any resolution to be passed, at least 14 members of the total 28 have to be present.

McGowan presided over the senate when the resolution came up for consideration. He had to momentarily step down from the chair in order to cast his opposing vote.

But Jessica Loos, off-campus senator and member of the OCB, said the OCB had to make a commitment to sponsoring the concert that week.

"You can't make a commit-

ment without financial backing," she said.

All resolutions concerning financial allocations have to go to the Executive Budgetary Committee for consideration. Loos said the resolution went to the EBC on Feb. 24.

Although the EBC voted that the resolution "ought not to pass", the senate passed the resolution Feb. 28 after it was "pulled" from its scheduled consideration date of March 21.

"You have to have money up front," Loos said. "There are expenses that you have to pay for and we wanted to pay some of those bills along the way."

Loos explained that expenses included \$6,800 for the band, publicity, stage rental, payment to the Maine Center for the Arts of 50 cents from every ticket sold, worker's wages, sound equipment, lights, and T-shirts for the stage crew.

During the Feb. 28 meeting, Dunn Hall senator Roy Ulrickson opposed the imprompt allocation and walked out of the senate. By doing so, he prohibited the senate from having the required number of senators present to consider a resolution.

After coaxing by Androscoggin senator Bill Kennedy, Ulrickson came back into the senate chamber.

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## Samuel Sezak dies at age 82

Samuel Sezak, known as "Mr. University of Maine Athletics" for his nearly 50 years of association with the state university as a student, coach and administrator, died Tuesday in a Bangor hospital. He was 82.

A native of Russia, Sezak came to the United States at age 4 and graduated from the university in 1931. He coached athletic teams at Machias, Milbridge, Rockland, Fairhaven, Mass., and East Orange, N.J., before returning to Orono in 1939 as freshman coach of three sports and as assistant athletic director.

"No man has touched more lives on this campus over the past 50 years than Samuel Sezak," said current athletic trainer Wes Jordan.

Brud Folger, head of publicity for the athletic

department, described Sezak as "caring, jovial, dedicated...always there."

Sezak's coaching record at UMaine was 472 wins, 180 losses and 11 ties.

In his last 10 years at the university, Sezak was director of intermural sports. Since his retirement in 1971, he has been active as Chairman of the Black Bear Hall Of Fame scholarship fund.

He was a charter member of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and in 1987 was named to the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel, of Orono and a daughter, Mary Anne Davis of Tampa, Fla.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono.

## East German economy growing sluggish

Despite high prices, short supplies, officials are reluctant to embrace perestroika

by William Echikson  
The Christian Science Monitor

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a three-part series.

EAST BERLIN — Jorg Schafer, a budding East German hockey star, picks up a pair of skates and smiles. After searching in five sports shops, he finally has found a pair that fits his size 12 feet.

"The skates are good," he says. "But there's little choice."

On the first floor, sales girl Korrin

Fluke arranges a pile of textiles. Her shelves overflow with purples and pinks, reds and roses. But she isn't smiling.

"It's all polyester," she complains. "We're always running short on good cotton."

East Germany's centralized economy, considered East Europe's strongest, is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. After years of expansion, sluggish growth has set in. Its industrial plant facilities are aging, and its trade balance, precarious.

Complaints over prices and supplies are mounting, while an unprecedented

debate has erupted over the wisdom of heavily subsidizing basic consumer goods.

Despite these difficulties, East Germans are reluctant to embrace perestroika (restructuring). While some officials talk of tinkering with the system, no one discusses the possibility of abandoning strict central planning. Look at the problems faced by reform-minded Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, and the Soviet Union.

"Why should we implement the Hungarian or Polish system and suffer inflation, indebtedness, and a falling

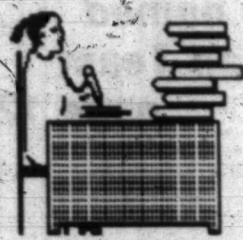
standard of living?" asks Jochen Harzer, deputy-director general of the Textima Kombinat. "We are doing better."

Mr. Harzer and other officials claim their planning system remains relatively efficient, thanks to the creation in the late 1970s of Kombinate, big state combines which group related factories and offer useful economies of scale.

Compared to the rest of Eastern Europe, not to speak of the Soviet Union, housing and consumer durables

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## News Briefs

### Consumer prices increase slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices by a drop in clothing costs and slower increases for food, rose a moderate 0.4 percent in February, the government said Tuesday in a report that claimed jittery financial markets but did little to alleviate economists' concerns about rising inflationary pressures.

For the first two months of this year, consumer prices have been rising at an annual rate of 6.1 percent, sharply higher than the increases of 4.4 percent or less turned in over the last seven years.

At the wholesale level, inflation looks even worse with prices racing ahead at an annual rate of 12.7 percent in the first two months of 1989. Some economists look for inflationary pressures on consumers to intensify in the coming months as more of the wholesale price increases are passed on.

Friday's report on wholesale prices, which showed them increasing 1.0 percent for the second straight month, triggering the biggest one-day loss on the stock market in nearly a year. The market continued to fall on Monday over inflation worries.

### S&L industry lost \$12 billion last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battered savings and loan industry lost a post-Depression record \$12.1 billion last year and is facing a continued drain in 1989 from rising interest rates, the government said today.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board said the nation's 2,949 S&Ls lost \$2.3 billion in the fourth quarter, pushing red ink for the year well past the previous record of \$7.8 billion set in 1987.

The bank board said the heaviest losses continue to be concentrated in just a few institutions, with the 20 most-troubled institutions losing \$2 billion in the fourth quarter.

For the year, the 12 percent of the industry that is insolvent lost \$14.8 billion, more than swamping the \$2.7 billion earned by solvent institutions. The agency also said the number of

insolvent institutions at year-end declined for the first time in the decade from 520 at the end of 1987 to 364 at the end of 1988. That was the result of another post-Depression record of 223 S&L closings and government-assisted mergers.

James Barth, Chief economist of the bank board, said rising interest rates in 1989 would be "obviously adverse, not good."

Much of 1988's red ink was old in the sense that institutions finally got around to recognizing bad loans that had long ago gone sour.

Analysts are divided over many loan losses remain hidden in failed, but still open, institutions, but they are unanimous that it will be tougher than last year for the profitable segment of the industry to make a dollar.

### Member of Aquino's security force convicted of killing nine people

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A member of President Corazon Aquino's security force was convicted Tuesday of killing nine people and wounding three others in a drunken shooting spree, and he was sentenced to 300 years in prison.

Sgt. Marciano Contaoe received 30 years in prison for each of the nine murder counts and a 30-year jail term for the three injuries, said military prosecutor Maj. Victorio Pabanguil.

Records showed that Contaoe was drinking with neighbors, most of them soldiers, on May 21 when an

argument ensued. Contaoe, armed with a .45 caliber pistol, killed five of his companions and wounded another, Pabanguil said.

After the shooting, Contaoe went home, fetched an M-16 rifle and barged into a neighbor's house, where he killed four more people and wounded two children. Contaoe was arrested three days later.

The 2,000-member Presidential Security Group is composed mostly of soldiers drawn from the various branches of the Philippines armed forces.

### Dechaine jury certain about verdict

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) — The foreman of the jury that convicted Dennis Dechaine in the torture-murder of a 12-year-old babysitter says members of the jury never had any doubt about the verdict.

"Nobody's got guilt about it because we were so certain about the correctness of the decision," said Bradley J. Hunter of Union, who is serving as a spokesman for the seven women and five men who decided Dechaine's fate.

Dechaine, 31, a farmer from Bowdoinham, is scheduled to be sentenced April 4, for his conviction on two counts of murder, two counts of gross sexual misconduct and one count of kidnapping stemming from the July 6 killing of Sarah Cherry of Bowdoin, who was abducted from a

home where she was babysitting.

The jury deliberated for two days before returning its verdict on Saturday.

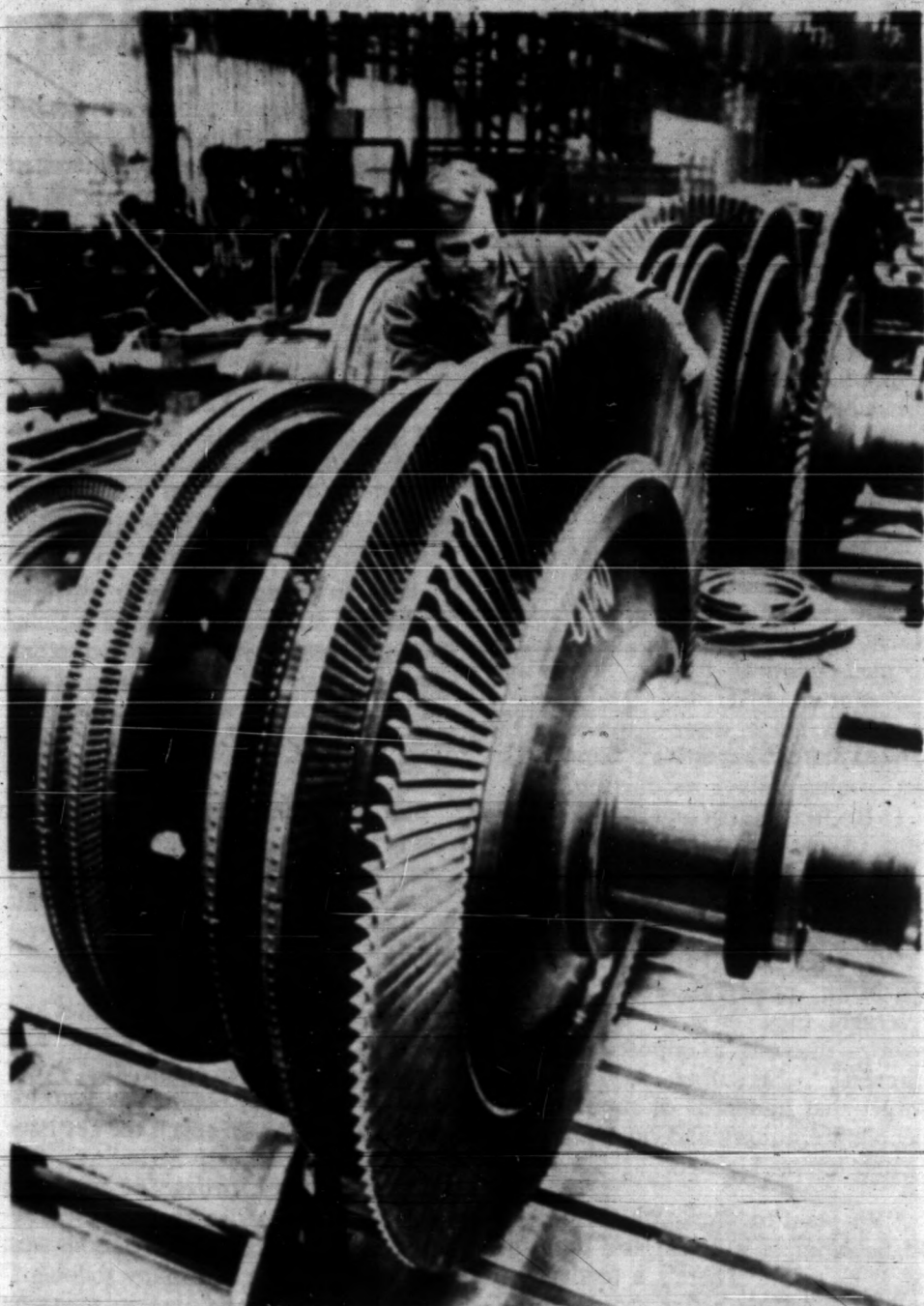
Hunter said the deliberations took so long because of the time it took to sift through the testimony of dozens of witnesses and more than 100 exhibits.

"There were no particular stumbling blocks," he said. "We were trying to be so, so cautious with the analysis" of the evidence.

The jurors agreed not to discuss how they reached their verdict, or what evidence they considered most important, but Hunter said some jurors cried after the verdict was handed down.

"We all took it so seriously," he said.





An East German machine builder puts finishing touches on a turbine motor in the town of Goerlitz.

## •German

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are abundant. Top Kombinate produce such stunning results as the announcement last October of the production of the East bloc's first one-megabyte microchip.

Rather than any clever tinkering with the planning system, skeptics point to huge infusions of money from West Germany, along with German discipline and hard work as the reason East Germany's communism is less disastrous than anyone else's. Workers throughout the country express a determination to do their jobs well, even without higher wages or incentive pay. Shops are spotless, service snappy in restaurants.

"The most important factor, without a doubt, is the Prussian spirit," says one Western diplomat. "People were brought up to do a good job, and they try to do it."

The problem is that high motivations produces high expectations. East Germans don't compare themselves to poor Poles, but to rich West Germans — and the wealth of Western consumer goods which are displayed every day on television.

What irks most is the high price of so-called "luxury goods." A television set costs a whopping \$2,500, or 846 hours of work by the average East German. It takes only 96 hours of work for the average West German to buy a better quality television. A chubby Wartburg car with a two-cylinder engine costs almost \$15,000 or 3,807 hours of work for the average East German. The average West German needs work only 607 hours to buy a sleek Volkswagen.

The high prices are needed to fund the huge well of subsidies, which keep basic social goods cheap. A ride on the ex-

cellent Berlin public transport system, tram, subway, or suburban railroad, costs only 11 cents, the same price as in 1945. In neighboring West Berlin, the ticket costs \$1.50. Rent for a four-room apartment runs only \$30 to \$40 a month. A thick loaf of bread is sold for less than 50 cents.

"We don't think everybody has to have a car," says Professor Eugen Faude at the Bruno Leuschner School for Economics. "What's important is keeping social services affordable."

But a growing number of people disagree. Earlier this month, a renowned economist, Jurgen Kuczinsky, wrote an article in the party daily defending the subsidy system for being egalitarian. He was shocked by the response.

"More than 150 people wrote me angry letters," he says. "Because most people have their basic needs satisfied, they now want something more."

Unfortunately, the present system will have difficulty providing that sweet extra for an emerging middle-class. In the past two years, economic growth has slowed, first to 3.6 percent in 1987 and by 2 percentage points, meaning, as one diplomat put it, "they had almost no growth at all the last year."

The problems are visible in a deteriorating trade performance.

Exports to West Germany, the chief Western market, fell by 2 billion marks last year, and the East Germans still sell primarily low-quality textiles and semi-finished petroleum products. Even this niche could be endangered if the creation of a unified West European market in 1992 ends the present special no-tariff inter-German trading arrangement.



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## Students make film about crisis in El Salvador

by Caroline Austin  
For The Campus

"We want to make people more aware of what's going on in El Salvador. The U.S. foreign policy is a failure — civilians are suffering," said Louis Racht, the director, producer, and co-writer of a student-made film about the crisis in El Salvador.

Racht and UMaine student Ethan Strimling recently finished making, "The Present Crisis in El Salvador," which reveals the crisis from as recently as last summer. The film will make its debut Thursday at 7 p.m. in 100 Neville Hall.

After the film, Strimling, a history major who is the film's leading actor, will lead a discussion focusing not only on the crisis in El Salvador, but also on how and why two young activists go about creating such a film.

"We think people will be interested to know where their tax dollars are going, and what the Salvadoran government does with the 1.5 million dollars the U.S. sends to them daily," Strimling said.

"During our second summer in El Salvador, we went to different human



rights organizations and talked with many people to get their testimonies and life histories."

Racht also travelled with one of the main human rights organizations and filmed excavations and other investigations into human rights violations.

The film shows a young man from the United States on his trip to El Salvador.

At first, naive to the reality he might

find, he soon realizes the complexity of the Salvadoran crisis.

"The Present Crisis in El Salvador" details this discovery as he encounters Salvadorans, both privately, in their homes, and publicly, marching in the streets, or fleeing from police.

Racht and Strimling chose to use the medium of film as a means of reaching the public for two main reasons. First, Racht, an English and theatre graduate from the University of Vermont, has experience in the film industry. And Strimling, who attended The Julliard School, is an experienced actor.

Also, in the summer of 1987, both Racht and Strimling taught and performed political theatre at various Salvadoran universities. They believe they can reach more people in the United States by creating a film than by performing a stage production.

In the film, Racht and Strimling venture to expose one of the greatest obstacles to a viable solution to the Salvadoran crisis.

"If the U.S. runs the country (through political and financial leverage), they run it for business and political interests, as opposed to human interest," Strimling said. "They forget that hundreds of thousands of people are hungry and homeless." Racht agrees.

"We want to show that the crisis in El Salvador is still real and unresolved," he said. "There's a tendency to think it's getting better, but it's not." "Plenty of people cover the

catastrophic side of the crisis by reporting events like major earthquakes or war casualties, but we're more interested in showing how the whole process of U.S. policy affects everyday life down there," he said.

From the Salvadorans themselves, Racht and Strimling received a positive response to their work.

"Graffiti says, 'Yankee Go Home,' but that refers more to the U.S. government. When we talked to the people one-on-one and told them what we were doing, they were very supportive," Strimling said.

For Strimling, the most difficult aspects of making this film are deciding how the images will follow one another, and making the narration personal enough to hold the audience's attention, but strong enough to get the point across.

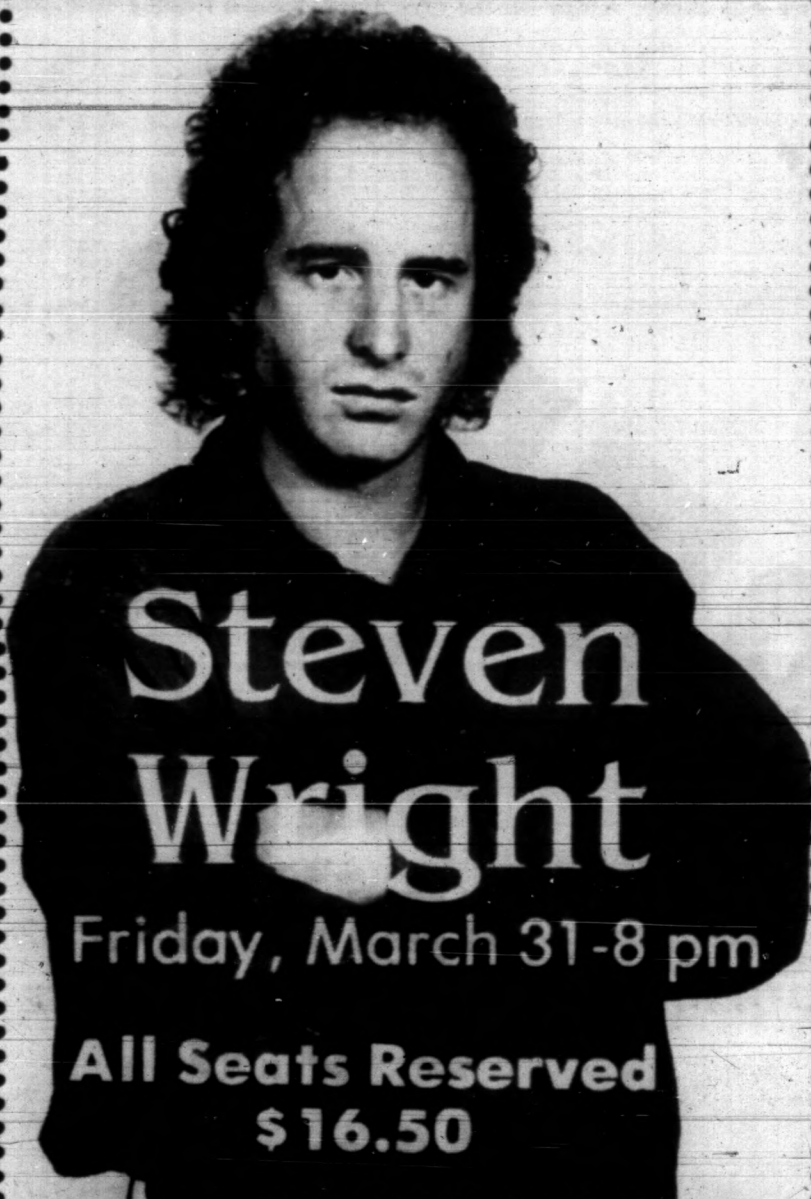
For Racht, the most difficult part, on the practical level, is financing the project. Since Racht and Strimling are working independently, they must locate and obtain all of the necessary resources themselves.

However, despite the difficulties and pressing deadline, both Racht and Strimling sounded an enthusiastic "yes" when asked if they planned to continue film-making. Awareness is the key issue for both Racht and Strimling, who believe that U.S. citizens deserve, and need, to know more about the consequences of their country's relations with El Salvador. "In too many schools," Racht says, "no one suggests anything but an immaculate foreign policy."

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## Transport Secretary denies charges

LONDON (AP) — Embattled Transport Secretary Paul Channon went before a jeering Parliamentary on Tuesday and denied he was lax in warning airlines of a new type of terrorist bomb before the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster. Channon, often shouting above calls for his resignation, said that after the jumbo jet was blown apart over Scotland on Dec. 21, he concealed from Parliament for security reasons the international alert about a radio-cassette bomb.

He also said that at the time, he thought the disaster could have been an accident.

"I told Parliament all I could," Channon said during a House of Commons emergency debate, forced by the opposition Labor Party. "In investigations where there are also important security matters it is essential that all of us exercise a certain degree of restraint."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rallied to Channon's defense, declaring that "totally unfair accusations have been made against him by lesser men."

But Channon, 54, appeared increasingly defensive, and there was no sign his appearance in the Commons, after days of refusing to make a parliamen-

tary statement, would ease the onslaught.

Critics accuse him of muddled and cavalier conduct, of bungling the warnings from West German and U.S. authorities, and of concealing information until it is forced out.

Channon also denied charges that, to try to distract attention from the furor surrounding him, he leaked a false report last week to a group of journalists that police knew the bomber's identity. Journalists disputed this.

"I think he is guilty as charged," said John Prescott, the Labor Party's transport spokesman, after the angry exchanges in the Commons. Among other things, Channon had confirmed "the British authorities took 10 weeks" to circulate a detailed warning, he said.

The latest controversy follows a newspaper revelation March 16 that the Department of Transportation warned British airlines on Nov. 22 about a radio-cassette bomb. A similar bomb destroyed the Pan Am jet over the Scottish village of Lockerbie, killing all 259 people aboard the plane and 11 on the ground.

The Transport Department dated a more detailed warning Dec. 19 but only mailed that to British, U.S. and other foreign airlines operating from British

airports in the second week of January, well after the disaster.

The warning emanated from West German authorities, who arrested a Palestinian group with the bomb in late October.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration sent the warning to U.S. airlines, including Pan Am, on Nov. 18.

Channon reiterated that the Dec. 19 warning was "unimportant," although copies show it contained additional information about the physical appearance and inner working of the radio-cassette bomb.

He said it was delayed because photographs were being prepared and because some officials dealing with it were caught up in the disaster aftermath.

Channon agreed with a fellow Conservative Party legislator who said Pan Am was to blame for letting the bomb on board.

British authorities maintain the bomb was put on at Frankfurt, where the flight originated as a Boeing 727, and transferred to a Boeing 747 at London's Heathrow Airport for the flight to New York.

The report about the bomber being traced followed a lunch Channon had with five parliamentary journalists at London's Garrick Club on March 15.

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refuge. Join Jonathon as he kayaks 90 miles down the Kongakut River, paddles 70 miles amid the icebergs, coastal plain and hypnotizing night light of the Arctic Ocean, and shares spectacular photography documenting wildlife, landscapes, and Eskimo village life. *Refuge At Risk* is a presentation not to be missed and will hopefully spark you into taking an active interest in its environment message. Your support is crucial in determining the refuge's fate.

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## Cousteau Society member to speak on ocean threats

by Jaime Osgood  
Staff Writer

David Brown, a member of the Jacques Cousteau Society will, lecture on "Threats to Our Global Oceans," tonight at 8 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium.

Brown has a broad background of expertise.

A researcher and naturalist, Brown has explored and studied the wildlife, terrain and peoples from the Caribbean to Alaska and into the South Pacific. Brown joined the Cousteau Society in 1984.

Sandy Bond, Cousteau Society supervisor of research and communication, said Brown has divided his time between exploration work and the lecture circuit.

His work with the Cousteau Society has taken him up some of the world's greatest river systems, including the Amazon, Mississippi and the St. Lawrence.

A certified diver, Brown has also observed and documented whales, dolphins and porpoises above and below the water, and has worked as a photographer on whale research projects off the New England Coast.

Brown's lecture, is sponsored by UMaine's Guest Lecture Series.

Bond, said the society is a non-profit, member-supported organization, "dedicated to protecting and improving quality of life."

She explained the society provides needed research and exploration, which is used to help educate people about the world and other people around them.

For example, the society is now engaged in a five year expedition to "rediscover the world," she said.

Both the society's ships, the Calypso, a research vessel, and the windship Alcione, are circumnavigating the world, visiting places like Haiti, Cuba, Cape Horn, New Guinea, Australia and many others, collecting data on the conditions of both animal and human life in each region.

Bond said this expedition will generate four films each year which will be broadcast on Turner Broadcasting System and independent affiliates.

In addition to presenting filmstrips and lectures about research being done by its members, the society also produces books and short publications for children and adults.

"Everything we do is for future generations," Bond said.

"All of these things are different ways to stress to importance of the protection of global resources," she said.

## Sex Matters

Q: Why are people so prejudiced about homosexuality? *Male, Junior*

A: Several factors contribute to the high anxiety some people feel about homosexuality. The subject of sex in general is not easy for many of us. We talk about it with humor, which allows us to avoid being serious. Most people have not had the chance to talk about homosexuality seriously and most people haven't had the opportunity to talk with a gay person. Like other forms of prejudice, negative feelings about homosexuality tend to be replaced with acceptance and comfort when we have the opportunity to get the facts and to make a personal connection. Sometimes too, strong negative feelings about homosexuality result from us not being sure about our own sexuality. This changes as we get to know, accept and trust our feelings. Then, the way other people live their lives doesn't seem to pose such a threat.



**Brian McNaught**

Q: How are gay people different from straight people? *Male, First Year*

A: Gay people and straight people in general aren't all that different.

We all want and need the same things in life. We want a sense of self, a sense of belonging, a sense of importance. We need nurturing, satisfying work and love. We are all called to grow to our full potential. Yet, there are differences. Those differences result from the ways heterosexual and homosexual kids grow up in our culture.

If heterosexual kids couldn't date the person of their choosing; if they had to fear for their safety at all times; if exposure of their heterosexual feelings could mean the loss of the love of their family, the support of their church and employment opportunities, then gay people and straight people would have a lot more in common. As is true for every other minority community, gay people are different from straight people because of their need to deal daily with discrimination. Yet, when gay people and straight people become close friends, their differences seem insignificant.

—Brian McNaught is a nationally known lecturer and author of *On Being Gay*. He will be speaking tonight at 7:00 p.m. in 101 Neville Hall on "Homophobia: What's Its Cause? Is There a Cure?"

Q: What's it like being gay? *Female, Sophomore*

A: Most gay people know from a very early age that their sexual feelings are different than those of their friends.

They may not know what to call it, but they're aware that they have always been attracted to people of the same sex.

Though each person's life is different, feelings of isolation, fear, confusion and loneliness seem to be common denominators for most young gay men and lesbian women. None of us — heterosexual, bisexual or homosexual — choose our sexual orientation and none of us can change it. The only choices any of us make is whether or not to accept and celebrate who we are. Once a gay person "comes out", he or she begins the process of loving themselves. Life begins to hold infinite possibilities once you have affirmed your sexual orientation. The feelings of isolation, fear, confusion and loneliness are replaced with a sense of excitement, strength, joy and celebration. Being gay becomes a gift.

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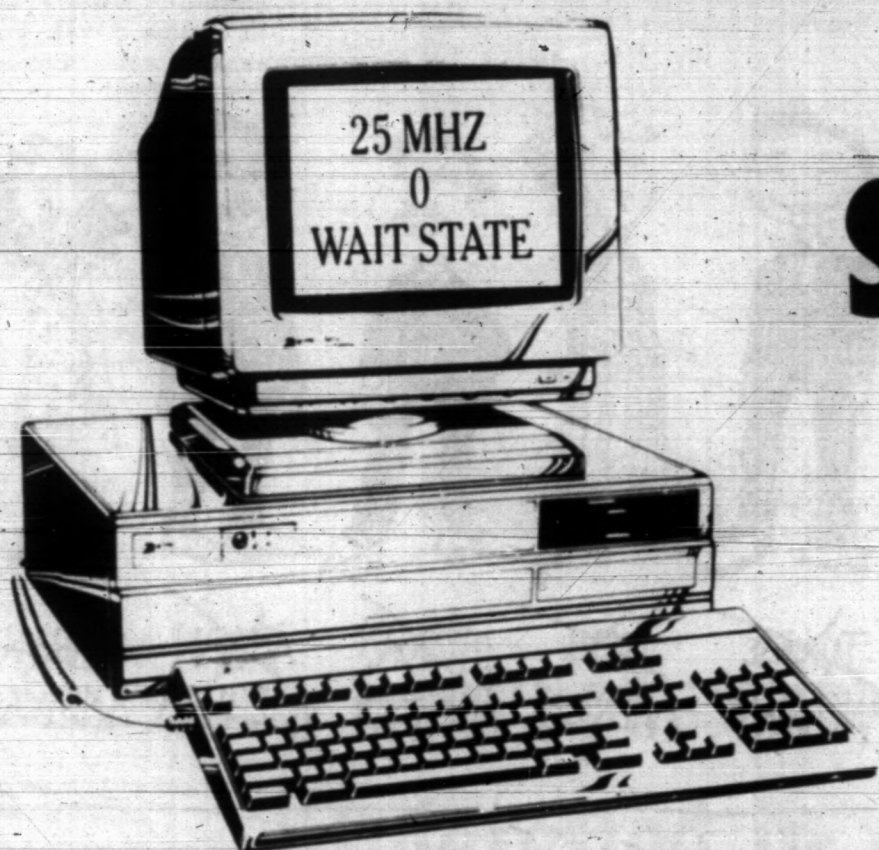
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# Editorial

## Senators need more initiative

The purpose of a student senate is to represent the concerns of students, but few if any senators go door-to-door asking students about their feelings on campus issues.

Every week, senators vote on resolutions that are primarily allocations of money. Is that because there are no controversial issues on campus?

If senators took the time to ask their constituency what their gripes are, the student body would be truly represented. It seems senators are passively attending senate, deciding whether to allocate money to a particular group. When it comes down to this, there is no place for student representation.

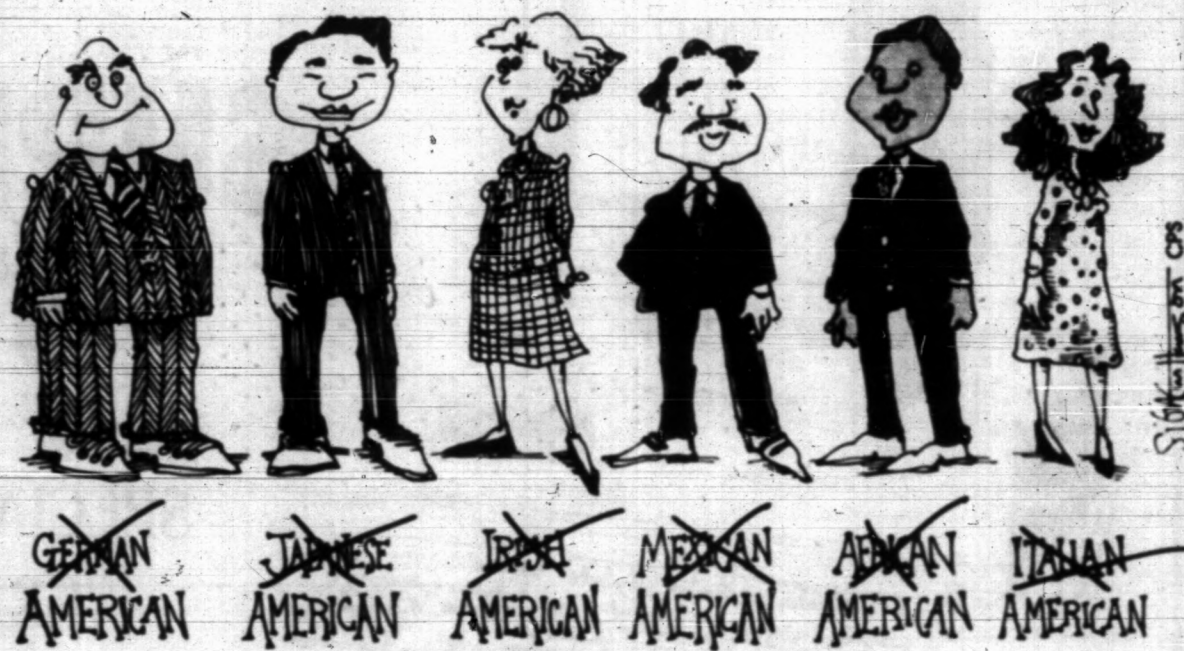
Senators need to solicit the opinions of students themselves to find out what can be done to make life as a university student easier. Senates are used to solve problems, create new legislation, and address controversies. Lately, the senate is a device that is primarily used for the distribution of the \$17 student activity fee.

On February 28, student senators voted to give \$9,000 to the Off-Campus Board for a Violent Femmes concert. This money came out of the activity fee paid every semester by students. This is one of the rare occurrences where students were asked for their input. They were polled in late November and asked what kinds of bands they wanted to see.

More initiative is needed on the part of senators to find out what students really want out of their activity fee.

It is both the senators' job and the students' job to make sure the senate is representing the views of the student population. Senators need to be a little more industrious in obtaining students' opinions, and the students need to make sure they are being represented.

### ONE SOLUTION TO THE NAMING PROBLEM:



## Shopping with Tamara Childs

Jonathan Bach

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I went grocery shopping the other day with Tamara Childs, the brilliant economist.

Everything was going fine until we stopped in the medicine and drug aisle so I could pick up some toothpaste.

Then she got a strange, dreamy smile on her face as I stood, lost in my befuddlement, and pondered which one of the roughly 700 different brands and types of toothpaste I should buy.

"You know," she said, wagging her finger at me. "It's all a plot by the dental industry to increase the divorce rate."

"What?" I asked.  
"Well, I should think it would be quite obvious," she said, looking at me as if I had asked her if the federal deficit was still hanging around.

"I mean, all these choices," she said staring at the multitude of tubes lurking on the stocked shelves. "It just confuses things."

"In a marriage the issue of toothpaste is no longer a simple question of whether to squeeze the tube from the bottom or the middle," she said.

"Now couples have to decide whether to buy toothpaste in a tube at all or go with the crowd and buy the pump. Then, of course, they have to decide whether to buy regular flavor or tarter control or wintergreen



**Michael Di Cicco**

fresh gel. Then it's Crest or Colgate or Aim or Pepsodent or something else. The list goes on and on," she said.

"Ah, I see," I said, throwing a tube of generic toothpaste in my shopping cart and quickly continuing down the aisle.

"Don't you understand?" she said, running after me, refusing to let the subject go.

"All these new choices put a real strain on a marriage," she said. "It's the kind of thing that tears at the very fabric of matrimonial bliss."

"The first thing anyone does when they get into an argument and moves out is to run to the drug store and buy a tube of toothpaste."

"A happy couple buys one tube of toothpaste," she said. "An unhappy couple buys separate tubes."

"That sounds logical," I said, as I hurried past the frozen food.

"Of course it is," she quipped. "Did you know the steady climb in this country's divorce rate is directly proportional to the constant increase in the variety of available toothpaste?" she said.

"Really," I said pretending to be interested.

"Yep," she said.

"Every time the door of love slams shut on a poor unsuspecting couple, an extra tube of toothpaste is bought and the dental industry cheers," she said.

"It's plain good for their business. And what's good for the dental industry is good for America," she said firmly.

"Yeah," I mumbled, nodding my head and jogging on to my last stop, the soap aisle.

As I stood trying to decide which bar in a myriad of soap packages I should buy, she got that strange, dreamy smile on her face again.

"You know," she said. "All this soap is really just a plot by the defense department to sell more fastfood hamburgers."

I ran toward the checkout counter and didn't look back.

Michael Di Cicco is a senior journalism major from Essex Junction, Vermont.



# Response

## Gay people's rights

To the editor:

According to recent studies, a disproportionate number of teenage suicides occur among young people who, once they figure out that they are gay, find it impossible to accept their sexual orientation or go on living in a society that is violently hostile to gay people. FBI statistics now show "queer bashing" to be the most frequently perpetrated hate-crime in America. In a social climate that encourages the murder of gay people, and in which judges from Maine to Texas give delirious sermons on the murderer's "right to self defense," it takes a lot of courage to identify oneself publicly as supportive of lesbians' civil rights.

Nevertheless, four brave souls did just that in letters to this paper (March 1 and 2) that responded to two previously published bigoted letters.

They defended gay people's right not only to go on living in the same world as straight people, but even to "flame their sexuality" (see Sampson letter of Feb. 28) by watching a slide show and listening to stories in the Memorial Union.

Members of the Wilde-Stein Club are glad to see other people in the University community approaching these issues with open minds, thinking things through and, especially, having the guts to speak out.

Membership of the Wilde-Stein Club, gay, lesbian, bisexual student support group at UM



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## Chinese mainlanders and residents make ties commentary by John Hughes

On a humid September night 24 years ago, assassination squads sped through the streets of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta.

Their targets were generals of the Indonesian army's high command.

At the generals' homes, the attackers used various ruses to take the commanders captive. Pretending to be messengers from President Sukarno, they sometimes told the generals they were summoned to a crisis meeting at the presidential palace. In some cases, generals were suspicious, resisted, and there were firefights. At the home of the top army commander, General Nasution, his small daughter was killed in the shooting. Nasution himself, though wounded, escaped by flinging himself over a wall.

The generals who were captured were taken to Halim air force base, just outside Jakarta, and there brutally murdered.

The assassins were members of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI), and by wiping out the army's high command, the PKI had launched the first step in a coup designed to bring it to power.

The PKI was particularly close to Communist China; so were key officers in the Indonesian air force. Air force officers were in a position to facilitate traffic between Indonesia and China, and the flow of weapons from China to Indonesia. Travel to Beijing by officials of the PKI was frequent.

While the air force, and the navy, leaned toward the left, the army was more traditional, more skeptical, and an obstacle to the ambitions of the Indonesian Communist Party and its Chinese ally. Hence the targeting of the army's commanders.

In the aftermath of the coup attempt, Indonesia was plunged into dangerous chaos. The army regrouped under new leadership, thrusting forward a general named Suharto — the same Suharto who ultimately became president of the country.

After waiting initially for President Sukarno to order a crackdown against the communists (an order which never came), the army moved to extract angry vengeance. The communists were vanquished. Some leaders were killed.

Some went into hiding. Others sought refuge in China and remain there today.

Many thousands who had supported the PKI were butchered by the army and by antagonistic villagers. Particular targets were Indonesia's minority Chinese citizens — partly because of public anger against China, and partly because the savvy Chinese dominated much of Indonesia's commerce.

Sukarno was ousted, the army took political control, broke relations with China, and wrenched Indonesia away from its leftward course. So it is that relations between Indonesia and

China have until now remained frigid. The Indonesian army men who lost their commanding generals in the coup attempt, and who rebuilt the country afterwards, suspect China of complicity in the affair — a charge which China denies.

But with old antagonisms fading, and alliances all over Asia being transformed, these two huge Asian countries have at last agreed to restore ties. President Suharto met Chinese foreign minister Qian Qichen in Tokyo at the funeral of Emperor Hirohito and the two agreed to start talks on the reestablishment of relations.

The price for Indonesian recognition of China is a guarantee from the Chinese not to meddle in Indonesia's affairs, and to forbid political activity in China by Indonesian communists in exile there.

It is a decision based on pragmatism. Since 1985 there has been informal trade between the two countries amounting to more than two billion dollars.

But the army will be watching the development of Sino-Indonesian ties very carefully. Chinese requests to open consulates in certain provincial cities will be discouraged. Ties between Chinese mainlanders and Chinese residents in Indonesia will be under surveillance.

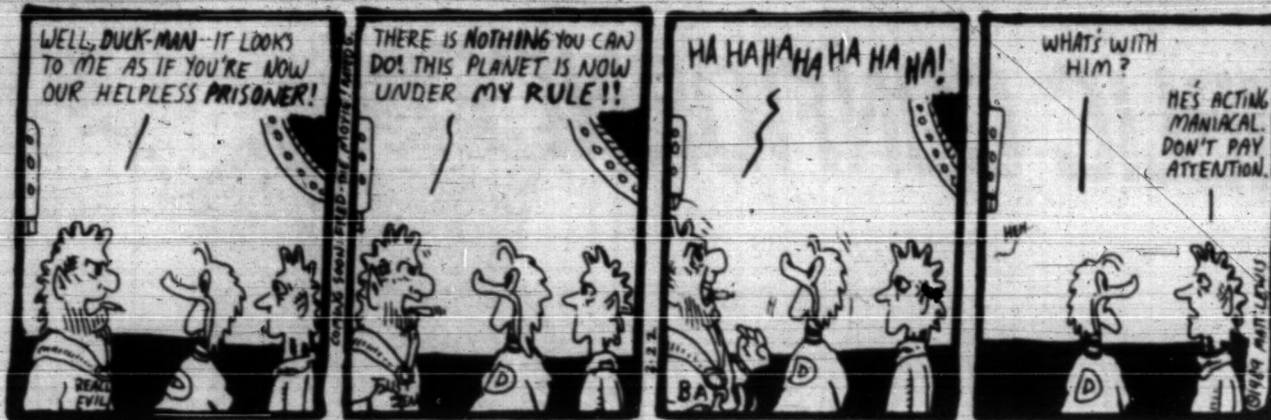
Indonesians in authority have long and bitter memories of the events of 1965 and of their perception of China's role in them.



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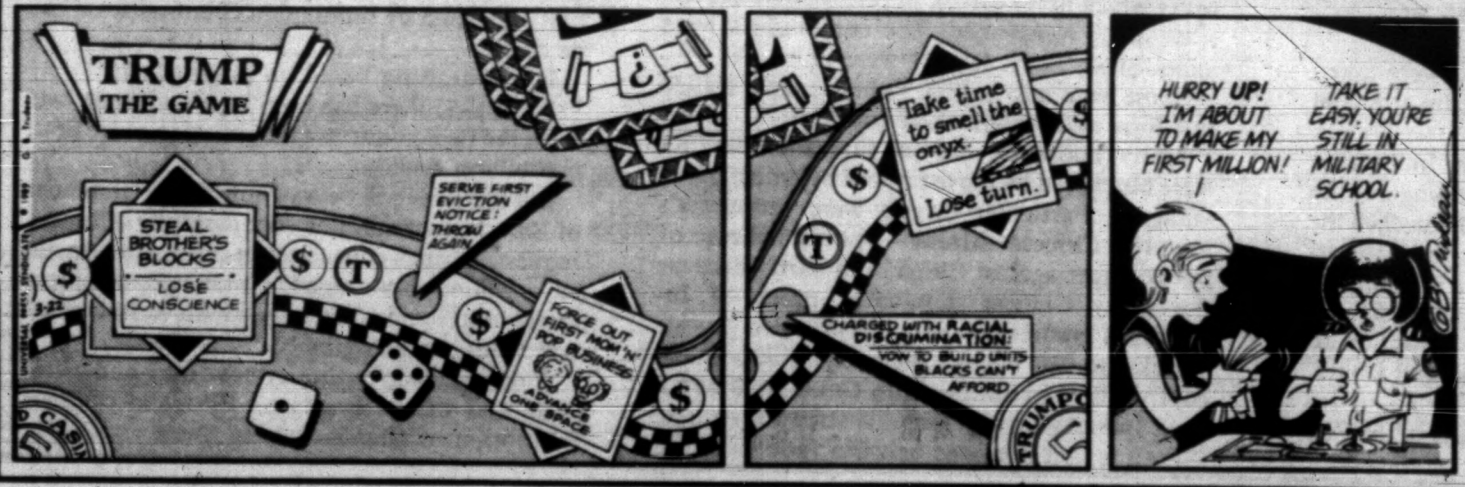
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"I was almost positive that it wasn't going to pass," he said.

Ulrickson said Kennedy urged him to return to the senate because he was sure the resolution would fail.

The resolution's acceptance surprised Ulrickson.

"I really have no idea how it passed," he said.

Ulrickson feels responsible that it passed because he agreed to return to the senate.

He called the debate "unprofessional," saying the behavior of the senators was a "circus."

"I wish they had taken their circus somewhere else besides the senate," he said. "I'm not against the concert, I'm against the need for the money and the way it was brought about."

Loos said she resented a lot of the senators who felt the OCB was trying to get more money from the senate.

Part of the problem, she said, was that senators didn't understand information on both sides.

Loos said she didn't feel it was valid for the student senate to say it was wrong for the OCB to make a profit.

"We are the most accountable board on the senate," she said. "We are the only board that manages our budget. Management stimulates growth."

She explained that the "growth" was in the form of profits — profits that are circulated back to the student body in the form of other activities.

Loos said even though the allocation is a lot of money, it's worthwhile.

"It's a thing that a lot of students have been craving for all year," she said. "There should be a major concert up here. OCB shouldn't be sponsoring a major concert, but no one else is."

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# Sports



Dan Bustard

## Winkin still has the fire

Not too many coaches would be happy with a 6-17 record.

But then again, there aren't too many coaches like John Winkin, who approaches the game of baseball with a passion so strong you can see it in his eyes.

To listen to Winkin talk about this year's team, you would think they have a shot of advancing beyond the ECAC tournament, where UMaine fell last year after dropping its first two games.

Winkin appears to have so much faith in his freshman, which can be hard for coaches to do, especially successful ones.

Three freshmen will be starting pitchers. Two will be the Black Bear double-play connection. In all, only four seniors are on the team this year.

To hear him talk of Mike D'Andrea and compare his spirit with former UMaine great Billy Swift, Winkin shows how his coaching style can allow freshmen to jump in at the Division I level.

"D'Andrea faced Texas A&M, Kentucky and Miami," Winkin said. "He pitched magnificently. Those big starts showed that he will be a good pitcher. He has Billy Swift's game temperament. He wants the ball."

In talking to the first coach in New England to reach 700 wins, you can feel the enthusiasm Winkin has for the game of baseball.

But all coaches are able to pinpoint just what is good and bad about a team, as well as who is to be the one who will challenge for the top.

For UMaine, Hartford is the team to beat, according to Winkin.

"Hartford is a very good hitting team, and they have gotten off to a good start," Winkin said. "If we are to contend, we will need good pitching and defense."

Now that may sound like something any coach would say, but Winkin deals only in truths.

With a young pitching staff, unpredictable spring weather and constant weekend doubleheaders, the Black Bear hurlers would be a key regardless.

But Winkin does have faith in his team, which was unable to go any further than ECAC New England champs. UMaine lost in the ECAC tournament, which is compromised by the five sub-division winners and one at-large team.

For the Black Bears to perform well, they will have to mature quickly.

And follow a coach who still has the fire in his eyes.

## Winkin feeling optimistic after baseball team's spring trip

by Dan Bustard  
Staff Writer

The University of Maine baseball team returned from its annual spring trip with a 6-17 record, but a win over the University of Miami Sunday has given Head Coach John Winkin reason to be pleased.

"This trip was invaluable," Winkin said. "It was a 10 (on a scale of one to 10) in terms of the purpose. We faced outstanding pitchers, good hitters and well-coached teams."

Winkin also described the swing through Texas and Florida as a good "crash course" in preparing for the rest of the season.

"Basically, we have four seniors, and the rest are young," Winkin said. "This couldn't have been a better experience for us."

"I am disappointed in the amount of losses, but we were in so many games. The other team either got the big pitch or big hit."

UMaine defeated Miami 4-3 on national television after the Hurricanes won two games over the Black Bears 8-1 and 2-0, allowing UMaine only one hit.

"Those were three great games," Winkin said. "(Miami coach) Ron Fraser said that those were three of the best games he has seen."

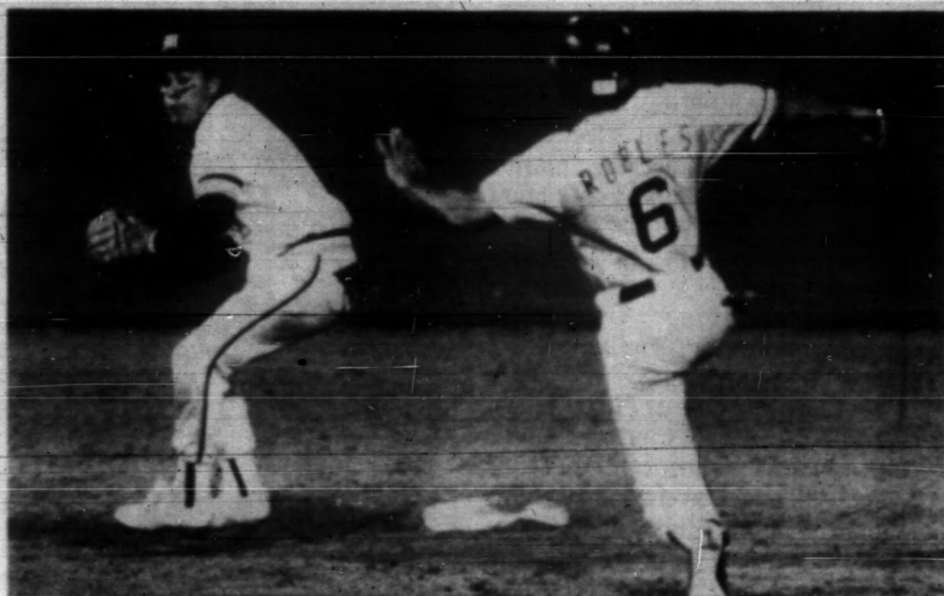
Winkin expects the trend of improvement set at the end of the trip will continue, as long as Mother Nature doesn't intervene.

"We were competitive against every team, but we were the big play away from winning a lot of games. I think we showed our mettle although our record doesn't show it."

UMaine faced some of the stiffest competition in the country, playing three of the top four teams in the nation, Texas A&M, Texas University and Miami.

"We had Texas 8-3, but (Mike) LeBlanc couldn't hold it."

Senior pitcher Mike LeBlanc, UMaine's top reliever, saw action in nine games, but had a hard time getting



The UMaine baseball team returned from its annual spring trip with a 6-17 record. Head Coach John Winkin is still optimistic that the Black Bears will challenge for the ECAC New England title.

going before getting the save against Miami.

"Mike overpitched early," Winkin said, "but the key was to let him pitch his way out of it and not give up on him. LeBlanc showed against Miami that if we can get to him, he will do the job."

Three freshmen will be a major part of the pitching rotation, and two more will man second base and shortstop.

Ben Burlingame, Mike D'Andrea and Larry Thomas will all see action, with an injury to sophomore Gary Taylor throwing a question mark into this weekend's trip to New York and New Jersey.

Taylor felt pain in his throwing shoulder Sunday and had to be pulled in the second inning.

"Taylor would be a tough loss," Winkin said.

UMaine lost its number two reliever, righthander Chuck Nadeau, probably

for the season with a tear in the ulna nerve area of his right arm.

"That leaves an open spot in the bullpen, which Thomas might fill if Taylor is ready."

The batting lineup looks set: Brian Seguin, David Martorana, Mark Sweeney, Mike DeLucia, Andy Hartung, Don Hutchinson, Tim Scott, Colin Ryan and Mike Dutil.

Winkin does not expect too much power from this lineup, making the offensive strategy hit-and-runs, bunting and, of course, key hits.

"We needed more offense on this trip," Winkin said, "but we faced such good pitching."

"Our key is to keep our momentum going, and hopefully the weather will cooperate."

UMaine faces New York Tech and Seton Hall this weekend.

## Mets remain favorites in NL East race

(AP) — Five teams spent all winter trying to catch up to New York in the National League East, and the Mets have spent three weeks this spring helping them do it.

All is not well with baseball's most successful team over the last five years. In that period, the Mets have won at least 90 games a year, averaging 97, yet have only one World Series ring to show for it.

The Mets' toughest opponent seems to be themselves.

On March 2, in Port St. Lucie, Fla., the uneasy battle for leadership on the club resulted in an ugly incident on team photo day when Darryl Strawberry took a swing at Keith Hernandez.

The day resulted in a double negative when Strawberry walked out of camp over a contract dispute. The All-Star right-fielder came back, but said he would leave New York after his contract expired in 1990.

Some Mets are asking to be traded

because they don't play and others are unhappy because of where they play.

### New York Mets

On offense, the Mets have very little over any team in the NL East but hardly any team in baseball can match the rotation of Dwight Gooden (18-9, 3.19 ERA), Ron Darling (17-9, 3.25), David Cone (20-3, 2.22), Bob Ojeda (10-13, 2.88) and Sid Fernandez (12-11, 3.03). All five also had 25 starts or more.

New York led the majors with a team ERA of 2.91 and allowed only 404 walks.

Despite the brilliant pitching, the Mets were only a .500 team from May 22-Aug. 21 (41-41).

### Montreal Expos

After challenging the Cardinals in 1987, the Expos slipped last season to 81-81. For a while it seemed they would give the Mets a run, too, but a nine-game losing streak ruined that possibility.

Manager Buck Rodgers thinks the ad-

dition of right-hander Kevin Gross from Philadelphia (12-14) and slick-fielding Spike Owen at shortstop could make the Expos serious contenders again.

The Expos had the third lowest ERA in the majors at 3.08 and may be even better this year. Gross joins a rotation of Dennis Martin, Randy Johnson and Scott Holman.

### Pittsburgh Pirates

It seems like the second-place Pirates are coming off a super season, yet they finished 15 games behind the Mets.

Former GM Syd Thrift thought the reason was the bench, so he went out and got outfielders Gary Redus and Glenn Wilson and infielder Ken Oberkfell. Management thought he was spending too much and let Thrift go.

Thrift will be remembered for making some great deals, though.

He got outfielder Andy Van Slyke (.288, 25 HR, 100 RBI) and catcher

(see NL EAST page 13)



## UMaine's Smith named to All-Academic Team for second year

Dean Smith, junior forward on the University of Maine basketball team, has been named a GTE Academic All-American, second team, in balloting by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

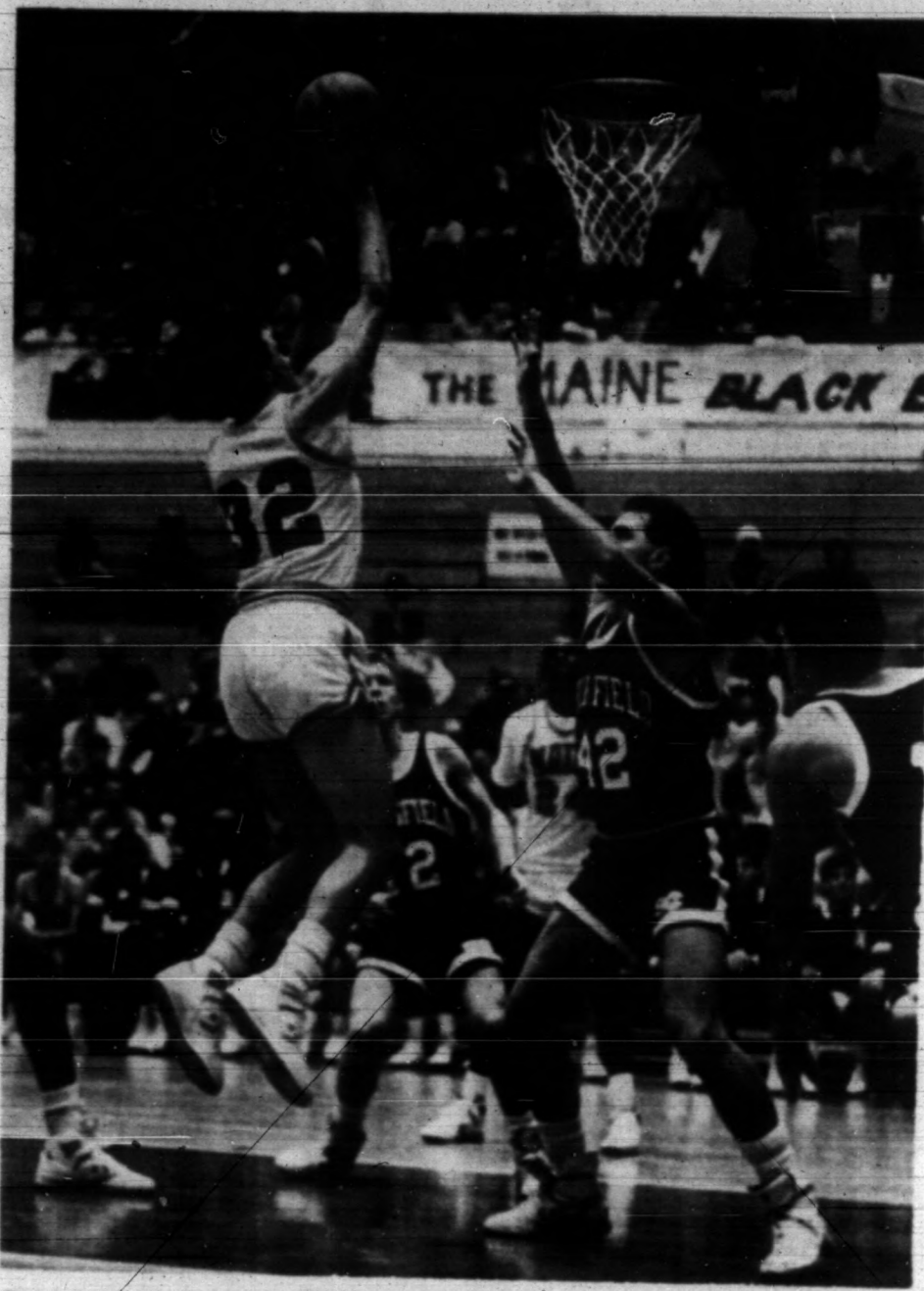
The announcement was made March 1 and included the names of those selected to three teams in the University Division. It is the second year that Smith has been named to the national Academic All-American team. Last year, he was a third-team selection.

An electrical engineering major, Smith has an accumulative grade point average of 3.86 on a 4.0 scale. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society; winner of Maine's Phi Kappa Phi Honor Award as a sophomore; winner of Tau Beta Phi's sophomore engineering award; and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Honor Society.

This season, Smith started 17 of UMaine's 25 games, averaging 10 points and three rebounds. His season high was 22 points against U.S. International, a game in which he also had six assists.

Only two players from New England were named on the first two All-Academic teams. Besides Smith, Mike Ryan of Yale also was selected to the second team.

Alec Kessler of Georgia, a 3.88 student in microbiology, was named Academic All-American of the Year.



Dean Smith was named to the second team of the GTE All-American team March 1. Smith was a third-team selection last year.

## NFL owners attempt to curb fan noise

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP)—NFL owners voted by the narrowest of margins Tuesday to cut down on what has become known as the "Dome-field advantage" by penalizing teams whose crowds keep the offense from running plays.

Under the new rule, which got the bare minimum 21 votes needed for new rules, referees will be authorized to take time outs from teams whose fans make enough noise to continually disrupt offenses.

That happens primarily in domes, although at least three teams that play in domes, Minneapolis, New Orleans and Detroit, voted for the change and proponents noted that crowds can also disrupt outdoor games.

The rule would not have been approved if Minnesota general manager Mike Lynn had been present. Lynn, an adamant foe of the proposal, had to leave the floor for a committee meeting and told Coach Jerry Burns to "vote his conscience." Burns voted for the rule.

"We have a democracy in Minnesota," Lynn later explained.

The owners also approved unanimously a resolution that would impose penalties ranging from fines and suspension to loss of a draft choice against any team feigning injury.

The most notable instance of that occurred in the Seattle-Cincinnati playoff game last year, when Seahawks nose tackle Joe Nash remained on the ground six times on third down plays so that his team could get a nickel defense onto the field.



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# LPGA still suffering from lack of exposure

by Larry Eldridge  
Christian Science Monitor

BOSTON — The Ladies Professional Golf Association is tired of its perennial role as poor stepchild to the other major spectator sports. And while it may not be realistic to expect equal billing just yet, there's clearly room for improvement — which explains the choice of marketing expert William A. Blue as the LPGA's new commissioner.

It's a tough sell for a sport that has historically had problems with recognition and image, but Mr. Blue expresses confidence that he can make it happen.

"The opportunity for growth is there," he says. "The key is to make sure that everybody in the organization knows what we want to accomplish and that we're all going in the same direction at the same time."

It won't be easy, though, as Blue is undoubtedly aware.

Women's golf just hasn't taken off over the past couple of decades the way

women's tennis has. Nor is women's golf anywhere near the men's tour—or even the senior men's tour—in popularity and recognition.

The reasons aren't hard to discover: except for the rare superstar like a Nancy Lopez, there's been a notable lack of big-name attractions. Another problem is the absence of well-known tournaments with the same sort of tradition and public recognition as, say, the Grand Slams of tennis and men's golf.

Asked how he intends to overcome all this, Blue says:

"In one word: television."

"We need a cohesive, focused approach to TV, event by event," he says. "We have to find a vehicle that can offer from six to 10 events, where we can emphasize that here are the 150 best female players in the world, and show people how good they are."

TV, of course, means commercial sponsors—which is where Blue comes in. With his professional background in national and international marketing, he

knows what corporations are looking for.

Something Blue must overcome is the belief that women don't play golf well enough to be worth watching.

"A lot of people have the perception that we're like the women who play at the country club," says Donna Caponi, two-time United States Women's Open champion. She joined Blue here at one of the meet-the-media interview sessions he has been holding around the country.

"We want the chance to show (viewers) how good we are, how far we hit it. We have a game that can appeal to everybody. Sixty-five percent of the golfers are men, and we swing more like the average man. But women can learn from us, too."

A more damaging image problem is a life style issue. Rumors persist that the women's golf tour contains a much higher than average proportion of homosexuals. The controversy was raised prominently in a recent issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

"What you're talking about is a perceived image," says Blue, responding to a question about the article. If there are any homosexual women pro golfers, he continued, "I don't know who they are." In any case, Blue says, he didn't intend to pry into anyone's private life as long as the players "conduct themselves as professionals, enjoy the game and entertain the public."

Despite its problems, the LPGA has come a long way since its inception 40 years ago. And so has the game of women's golf in general.

"I remember not being allowed on my

high school team, which was strictly for boys," says Caponi. "When I joined the tour at the age of 19, I was green as grass. I knew how to play because I was strong and I could hit, but I hadn't had any real experience."

"But today it's a whole different story with high-school golf, junior programs and college. A lot of universities have great courses and Title IX (a federal mandate for equal athletic and educational opportunities for men and women) has gone a long way toward the development of young women who otherwise wouldn't have gone to college."

"So now, by the time these women get to the tour, they're ready to win. Which is a far cry from the way it was in my day."

Blue intends to keep things moving forward, and this connection he is especially interested in building up the LPGA in terms of teaching pros, too.

"We have probably twice as many teaching pros as touring ones," he says. "It's a group that in many ways has been forgotten, but I think any of our touring pros would agree that these people constitute one of the most important marketing vehicles available."

In concluding, Blue disagreed with those who say the LPGA is beset by more problems than it can hope to overcome:

"The only problem we have is making sure people know who we are and what we're all about," he says. "This is a tour that is healthy, alive, positive and growing. And it's going to be an increasingly significant factor not only in the game of golf, but in sports entertainment in general in the 1990's"

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Mike LaValliere (.261, 47 RBI) from St. Louis, and pitchers Doug Drabek (15-7) and Brian Fisher (8-10) from the New York Yankees.

### St. Louis Cardinals

The Cardinals finished 25 games behind New York last season but they are still the team the Mets fear most. Perhaps with good reason.

Three times in the 1980s the Cards went from NL champions to sub .500 the next season. So last year's 76-86 finish must mean big things for St. Louis in 1989, right? Well, maybe.

The Cards started 1988 with an obvious power shortage and helped by acquiring Tom Brunansky and Pedro Guerrero.

Still, the Cards finished last in the majors in homers with only 71. Oakland's Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire combined for 74 homers.

### Chicago Cubs

There will be more night games at Wrigley Field this year and probably more losses for the Cubs than in 1988 when they finished 77-85.

The home team should score lots of runs in Wrigley, but don't expect much offense this year.

Chicago went from 209 home runs in 1987 to 113 last year. As a team, the Cubs hit .261 but had trouble scoring runs.

### Philadelphia Phillies

At 35, Nick Leyva is the youngest manager in baseball. It's a good thing, because he will need lots of time to build this team into a winner.

In 1988, the Phillies finished last at 65-96 because the pitching was horrible.

And, without traded top starters Shane Rawley and Kevin Gross, the numbers might even be worse this year.

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## Drug laws send mixed message to youth

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Current state drug laws send a mixed message to Maine youths, telling them a little bit of marijuana is OK, advocates of reimposing criminal penalties of pot told a legislative panel Tuesday.

But the Judiciary Committee was also warned that restoring criminal sanctions for possession of small amounts could jam court pockets and county jails.

Since 1976, Maine law has considered possession of less than 1.5 ounces of marijuana a civil violation, punishable by no more than a \$200 fine.

The chief sponsor of the new bill, Rep. Nathaniel Crowley, D-Stockton Springs, told the panel Tuesday his objective was to discourage youths from smoking marijuana. He said decriminalizing small amounts has led to confusion.

"It's like being a little pregnant, a little bit of it's all right. Well, a little bit isn't all right," Crowley said.

Backing Crowley was Public Safety Commissioner John Atwood, who echoed his complaints, saying current law suggests that "the use of marijuana was no more serious than a minor motor vehicle offense, a petty infraction."

Atwood recalled the debate before the Legislature in 1976, and said two things have changed since then.

"The smoke people are taking into their lungs today is far more potent than the marijuana of 15 or 20 years ago," he said, implying a more dangerous level of intoxication due to increased levels of THC, the hallucinogenic ingredient in marijuana.

Secondly, he said, his department now considers marijuana to be a "gateway drug," one that leads to experimentation with other, more addictive drugs.

Testifying against the bill was Sally Sutton of the Maine Civil Liberties Union, who said that smoking mari-

juana is no more dangerous than tobacco or alcohol, that there is no evidence to indicate it leads to usage of harder drugs, and that investigation and prosecution of those suspected and arraigned for possession of less than 1.5 ounces would place an intolerable burden on police forces and court systems.

"It would be irresponsible to pass this bill without looking at the county jail (overcrowding) situation," she told the panel.

Speaking neither for nor against the bill, officials from the Penobscot County District Attorney's office agreed on the difficulties the court system would have absorbing thousands of new cases if the bill was approved.

The proposed bill would be punishable by not more than \$1,000 in fines and not more than 11 months imprisonment. Additional offenses would bring penalties of up to \$2,000 in fines and imprisonment of up to two years.

The bill also stipulates that anyone knowingly in the presence of marijuana would be charged and subject to penalties similar to first offenders.

Finally, the bill states that any law enforcement officer with probable cause has the authority to arrest without a warrant, regardless of whether the violation was committed in his presence.

Atwood suggested changing the language of the section that refers to "being in the presence of marijuana" and limiting the violation to those in possession.

Atwood also suggested that the panel consider criminalizing the offense only after the first violation, giving experimenters a break. When questioned, he said his department would suggest limiting the arresting powers of law enforcement officers.

## Peace is above party politics, Israeli leaders say

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres, his political rival and partner, said Tuesday that peace is above party politics despite a battle within their troubled coalition over talking with the PLO.

Shamir and Peres, who is finance minister and leads the center-left Labor Party, held a news conference after addressing 1,600 international Jewish leaders invited by the government to express solidarity with Israel.

Their appearance followed controversy over the Palestine Liberation Organization inspired by leaks of a secret intelligence report that said local Palestinians would not enter peace talks without the PLO's blessing.

More than 400 Palestinians and at least 17 Israelis have been killed since a Palestinian uprising more than 15 months ago in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured in the 1967 war.

In Tel Aviv on Tuesday, a Palestinian

who brandished a commando knife and shouted "Allah is great!" stabbed an elderly Jewish man and wounded two other people before police shot and captured him, authorities reported.

Soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip seriously wounded a Palestinian who attacked an army patrol with an ax. Arab witnesses said the patrol tried to stop a wake for a brother killed by the army last week.

Under such a plan, Israel would accept people who supported PLO positions if they did not hold PLO membership. That could help break the deadlock created by Palestinian insistence on PLO participation and Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO, which it considers a terrorist organization.

Science Minister Szer Weizman said Tuesday he would like to meet Yasser Arafat, but said the PLO chairman must

show he is a leader who can "deliver" on pledges. Weizman is a Labor Party member known for his outspoken views.

Peres, who once accused Shamir of paralyzing the peace process, emphasized unity at their news conference.

"Every difficulty that we are liable to face in the future will not come from here," he said. "Here, there is readiness to unite as much as possible to advance peace."

"I wouldn't like there to be anyone among us, whether he belongs to the Likud of Labor, who will think that because of internal conflicts we couldn't get things started."

Shamir will visit the United States with new peace proposals in two weeks. The conference of Jewish leaders appeared designed to bolster Israel's position against mounting U.S. pressure for more flexible positions.

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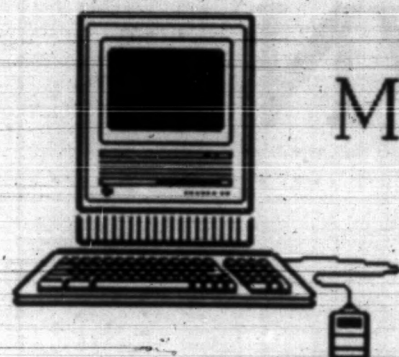
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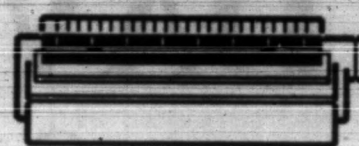




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