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Christmas season?

staff photo by Laurie House

Christmas isn't that far away as indicated by this store's assortment of paraphernalia displayed this week.

Striking workers might face backlog of orders

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A spokesman for New England Telephone Co. in Maine said Tuesday that striking workers, if they return to their jobs, would face a backlog of "thousands" of service orders, "primary installations," that management fill-ins and temporary contractors had been unable to handle. "We've attempted to screen (customer requests) to the best of our ability... to do those orders that seem to be of a priority nature," John McCatherin said.

The strike, more than 3 months old, "takes a terrific toll on employees who have been a long time without regular paychecks, and management people who have more or less had 14 weeks of their lives stolen from them, and on customers who have experienced delays," he said.

Officials of the phone company and its striking union were working to resolve smaller issues Tuesday after negotiators had cleared major obstacles in the tree-month walkout and planned to ratify an agreement Friday.

"It moves fast when things happen," said Robert Silva, a spokesman for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which represents striking workers for NET.

Talks were continuing Tuesday both in Boston and New York to end a strike against NYNEX Corp., the parent company of New England Telephone and New York Telephone. About 60,000 workers have been on strike since Aug. 6.

In Augusta, the vice president of IBEW Local 2327 said Maine strikers were optimistic about a settlement, but had not

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UMFB board to return

By Bridget Soper
Staff Writer

The University of Maine Fraternity Board is bringing back the judicial board for fraternities next semester.

The function of the judicial board is to sanction the problems of the fraternities at U Maine. The board will deal with problems such as alcohol violations and illegal parties.

Currently, violations are dealt with through the conduct code and the court system. UMFB would like the board to be able to work with the university to solve any problems.

"We are now relying on the university for any sanctions.

We want to be more self-regulating," said Mark Robinson, president of UMFB.

Members of the judicial

board will include undergraduate fraternity members, faculty members, administrators and other greek-related individuals including alumni.

UMFB's first vice president will be the only UMFB member to be on the board.

Any undergraduate fraternity member can run for an office on the board.

A candidate for the board must have a grade point average of 2.2 or higher and not have any sort of university probation.

The candidates will be elected in the UMFB elections.

All fraternity members have a vote in the elections for the offices.

The judicial board was adopted initially about 6 years ago, according to William T.

Lucy, associate dean of Student Activities and Organizations.

He said that the board was used and active for a number of years but then it became something the fraternities were no longer interested in having.

"Apathy probably killed the first judicial board," said Dan Wadlinger, vice president of UMFB.

"The judicial board is needed for a stronger greek system. The greek system is energetic and on the upswing," Wadlinger said.

UMFB and the judicial board are separate entities, according to Wadlinger.

The two boards have different purposes.

UMFB schedules events and acts as a liaison between the fraternities and U Maine.

'Frasority' established

By John Begin
Staff Writer

What began as a lighthearted decision to form the coed social/service group Alpha Frasority one month ago, has since blossomed into a coordinated operation for Penobscot Hall residents.

"It didn't start out as something serious," said frasority President Anthony Bruno, "but it has since exploded into a really organized group of people."

Alpha Frasority's unique name was chosen to indicate the coed nature of the group, Bruno said.

"We wanted a name that told people what we're all about," he said.

"Frasority was always there (during the name-selection process)."

encouraged us to go forward with it," Bruno said.

The group then moved on to Tuesday evening's General Student Senate meeting, seeking approval as a University of Maine organization.

Alpha Frasority now faces a year-long probationary status. At the end of the probation, the group will be officially added to the GSS budget.

The organization is currently not receiving any funding, and members are raising their own funds for the programs on their social and charity agenda.

Bruno said the organization is not affiliated with the Greek system, and was started to give all students the opportunity to join a group that will provide services for the community, as well as social events for the university.

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**Anthony Bruno
Frasority president**

"Alpha was decided upon during the officers' meetings because we're the first frasority," said Dale Young, who co-directs the social and service events with Robin Spinner.

After the decision was made to establish the group, Bruno and frasority Vice President Andrew Avery met with William Lucy, associate dean of student activities and organizations, to see about being recognized as an organization on campus.

"Dean Lucy approved of what we're doing and

The frasority's first community service activity, a canned good drive held last Sunday, netted approximately 200 cans of food that were donated to St. Joseph's Church in Old Town.

Many other service activities are currently being planned, and include visits to nursing homes, and a Balloon-A-Gram booth on Dec. 18 that will allow students to send ballooned messages to friends to wish them a Merry Christmas or luck

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News Briefs

Fire breaks out aboard Navy ship during its maintenance

Norfolk, Va. (AP) — Fire broke out aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Inchon while it underwent shipyard maintenance today, injuring at least 29 people in the latest in a string of Navy accidents, authorities said.

The fire began around 9:30 a.m. in a hangar deck where helicopters normally are stored and was put out in 10 minutes, said Lt. Cmdr. Steve Burnett, an Atlantic Fleet spokesman.

He said the blaze may have begun in an area where several power lines were attached to the ship from shore.

Burnett said 20 sailors and nine civilians were injured and were taken to six hospitals. At least one victim was listed in serious condition.

The blaze was the seventh serious Navy accident since Oct. 29. Seven people have been killed or lost at sea

and 16 injured in the string of accidents, which included a collision between a destroyer and a merchant ship off of Malaysia on Sunday and the crash of a jet on a carrier Oct. 29.

Ten people, most of them sailors, were taken to Sentara Norfolk General hospital for smoke inhalation today, said spokeswoman Deborah Meyers. She said eight were in stable condition, one was in guarded condition and in serious condition.

A spokesman for the Portsmouth Naval Hospital said 10 to 15 victims were taken there. Their conditions were not considered serious.

The 602-foot troop and helicopter carrier has a crew of 675 and can hold up to 2,000 Marines for landings. Navy officials said the vessel was at the Metro Machine Corp. shipyard for maintenance.

Gorilla attacker committed to mental institution Tuesday

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A man who jumped into a gorilla enclosure at Melbourne Zoo and attacked the primates was committed Tuesday to a mental institution, while police checked reports his father had been slain.

On Monday, the man shouted "I've come to kill a gorilla!" then kicked, punched and chased a terrified adult female named Betsy while making monkey sounds and beating his chest with his fists, zoo staff said.

He also drove a young male, Mzuri, into a corner after snatching his plastic toy. The man finally was trapped and held in a night pen until police arrived.

The attacker, identified only as a

27-year-old Tasmanian, suffered minor injuries from his jump into the 15-foot enclosure. Betsy had a small cut on her arm.

Police refused to comment on news reports that quoted police as saying his father was found slain last week in the garden of his home in Tasmania.

The man told police that voices instructed him to attack the animals, which fled in terror.

Keepers put the gorillas under observation for any psychological harm from the attack, said zoo spokeswoman Judith Henkey. The zoo also reviewed security measures because it was the second time this year someone had managed to get in to an animal cage.

Stock prices sluggish amid uneasiness about economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices retreated in sluggish trading Tuesday amid uneasiness about the economy's weakness and pessimism about the chances for lower interest rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 16.18 to 2,610.25.

Losing issues outnumbered gaining ones by about 4 to 3 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 639 up, 831 down and 498 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 143.17 million shares, little different from Monday's total of 140.75 million.

Several new reports underscored the economic slowdown, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

But the statistics didn't convey a completely clear picture because they were influenced by special circumstances, analysts said.

A slumping automobile market helped drive down retail sales by a full percentage point in October, the

Commerce Department reported.

Industrial production was crimped during the month by a strike in the aircraft industry and the impact of the California earthquake. The decline of 0.7 percent was the steepest in three years.

Traders have been hoping that the Federal Reserve Board would spur growth by loosening its credit policy to a significant degree. So far, the central bank hasn't made any dramatic moves.

Stocks of the Big Three automakers sagged after the industry reported an unexpectedly poor sales performance. Sales of domestically made cars and light trucks skidded 20.2 percent in early November compared with a year ago.

Among heavily traded blue chips, food and tobacco company Philip Morris lost 1 3/8 to 40 7/8 on word that Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., plans to introduce a bill to bolster cigarette health warnings and sale restrictions.

Great Northern files lawsuit responses

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Great Northern Nekoosa Corp. stepped up its defense against Georgia-Pacific Corp's takeover attempt, filing responses Tuesday to two federal lawsuits and bringing Chairman William R. Laidig to Maine to offer assurances that Great Northern wants to remain a good corporate citizen.

"We have no interest in anything but staying independent at this stage," Laidig told a news conference after meeting at length with Attorney General James E. Tierney.

"What we have asked him to do is look to our record and see how we have handled our resources in Maine...to weigh it in his consideration about how he would proceed in court," Laidig said. Part of Georgia-Pacific's \$3.13 billion buyout attempt involves a challenge to Maine's anti-takeover statute.

Tierney, who says 2.1 million acres of Maine has a "for sale" sign on it now that Georgia-Pacific is after Great Northern, indicated he does not want to take sides in the merger battle. Tierney said he wants to make sure Maine jobs and the environment are protected by whoever becomes the eventual owner of Great Northern's vast land holdings and its mills in Millinocket and East Millinocket.

"I feel that the current management of this company is committed to our state and making sure Maine will be an integral part of their operations," Tierney said. Tierney said, however, that Maine has had problems with both paper companies and wants more than verbal assurances from the officers of either company because they will not be

around forever.

Georgia-Pacific has also attempted to persuade Maine officials that its buyout plans would be good for the state.

In a letter to Gov. John R. McKernan, Georgia-Pacific Chairman T. Marshall Hahn Jr. called the deal "the old-fashioned kind of transaction that benefits everyone."

The governor's office on Tuesday released copies of the letter, in which Hahn said an acquisition would be "a strategic combination of two great companies in the same business to make a stronger, better and more competitive company."

Hahn also sought to stress "the financial soundness of this transaction." "You asked about our plans for Great Northern Nekoosa's 2.1 million acres of Maine timberland and for Millinocket," Hahn wrote to McKernan.

"Our record on both land use and the operation of acquired facilities is very positive," the letter said.

Great Northern also went to U.S. District Court in Portland on Tuesday to respond to lawsuits challenging Maine's anti-takeover law and its own by-laws containing so-called "poison pill" provisions to thwart hostile suitors.

Denying that anti-takeover provisions of its by-laws were designed to entrench management at shareholder expense, Great Northern said it was ironic that Georgia-Pacific itself has a shareholder rights plan and supermajority voting rules similar to the ones it is challenging in court.

"The directors of corporations which take such steps — the directors of Great Northern no less than the directors of

Georgia-Pacific — act lawfully and responsibly when they take steps of this nature that are reasonably calculated to promote the best interests of the company and its shareholders in the context of a proposed takeover," the Great Northern response said.

Great Northern also said Tuesday it had filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission challenging an

exemption had been procedurally defective and contained false or misleading information.

"They cut corners in an attempt to circumvent the commission's jurisdiction," Hill said in a statement. "This is simply another example of Georgia-Pacific's use of questionable tactics to further their own ends."

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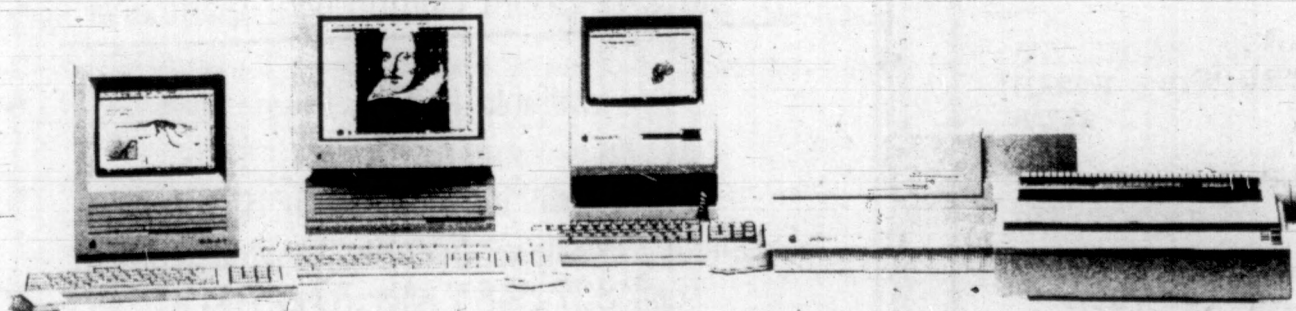
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Threat to Seabrook low, spokesman says

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Threatened state opposition to a full-power license for the Seabrook nuclear plant probably would have little effect on whether the reactor operates, a Seabrook spokesman said Tuesday.

The state's chief negotiator would neither confirm nor deny a report in Tuesday's Union Leader of Manchester, which said the state is threatening to fight Seabrook unless the Public Service Company of New Hampshire bankruptcy is settled soon.

Public Service is Seabrook's main owner, and was forced into bankruptcy under the weight of debts incurred through the plant.

"It's a very fluid situation and there are a lot of possibilities," senior Assis-

tant Attorney General Larry Smukler said Tuesday at a hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

He said the state never has given its unconditional support to Seabrook.

"I think the state has long had a policy that while we need additional (electricity-producing) capacity, we don't need it at any price," he said.

An unidentified source in the bankruptcy, quoted in The Union Leader, said the state's threat to oppose Seabrook licensing "has been clear" in negotiations for the past two or three weeks.

Smukler acknowledged that negotiations in the 22-month-old bankruptcy are at a critical point.

"I think we are at fish or cut bait

time," he said.

But he was skeptical of predictions that the fight will soon be over, noting pending and likely further appeals within the NRC and the courts over Seabrook issues.

"I don't see this resolving itself soon," he said.

Ron Sher, spokesman for the \$6.3 billion plant, said Tuesday that it's unlikely that the state's opposition would have much effect on whether Seabrook is licensed.

"We don't view this as any kind of an impediment to licensing," Sher said.

He said the state's concern is electricity rates, not safety, and that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not consider rates when granting a full-power

license.

Tuesday marked the second day of eight anticipated days of hearings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on details of three competing proposals for Public Service.

The day was spent mostly with lawyers for parties in the bankruptcy voicing their objections to various aspects of Public Service's own reorganization.

The objections mainly involved clarifying language about the plan's financial details.

A buyout offer from Northeast Utilities of Berlin, Conn., and a merger proposal from United Illuminating Inc. of New Haven, Conn., face the same grilling as the hearings progress.

Pizza deliveries end because of assaults

(CPS) — A rash of assaults on people attempting to deliver pizzas to students at Howard University has convinced some local pizza places to stop bringing pizzas to campus.

"Two or three" assaults on pizza deliverers have been reported this semester, said Lawrence Dawson, director of security at the Washington, D.C. college. "It's abnormal because we've had none in the past."

Pizza store owners, however, report more than "two or three" crimes against delivery people, citing instances of wrecked cars, physical attacks and robberies at least since last March.

Police have no suspects, although

some pizza sellers believe the assailants may be students.

Regardless of who the culprits are, the sellers are dismayed. Eric Adams, owner of a nearby Pizza Hut, drafted an open letter to Howard students at the end of October, pleading with them not to hurt his employees. Drivers' cars have been broken into and lights have been busted, Adams said, causing more than \$500 in damage since March.

Adams, who has a second restaurant that serves Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., said his problems are limited to Howard.

No one at Pizza Hut headquarters in Wichita, Kan., has heard of any similar

problems at other campuses, said spokesman Roger Rydell.

"It's a problem directed toward all the operators coming into campus," Adams said.

A few stores already have dropped Howard from their routes. Pizza Movers stopped deliveries after two drivers were assaulted in front of Howard Plaza. Another restaurant, Happy Pizza, suspended deliveries temporarily after a driver was assaulted and robbed trying

to make a trip to a Howard dorm last semester.

A Domino's Pizza deliveryman was assaulted Sept. 15 while attempting to make a delivery. And another Domino's outlet stopped service to Howard in mid-October, partly because of problems with students.

"If it's not possible for them to return to campus, the students will have to live with the decision," Howard's Dawson said.

Defendant enters guilty plea to manslaughter

ELLSWORTH, Maine (AP) — A defendant whose murder trial ended in a hung jury pleaded guilty Tuesday to a lesser charge of manslaughter as part of a plea argument stemming from the New Year's Day slaying of a Knox County clam digger.

Charles Novisky's plea was accepted by Justice Bruce Chandler in Hancock County Superior Court.

Novisky, 29, of Washington, entered the plea as part of an agreement that he receive a sentence no greater than half the sentence given to a co-defendant who also pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Chandler set no sentencing date for Novisky, who was being held in Penobscot County Jail.

Novisky was one of four men charged with murder in the shotgun killing of Randall Lind. The four were tried in Bangor under a "dual jury" system used for the first time in Maine in which the defendants were tried simultaneous-

ly, with four juries and two judges in two courtrooms.

Convicted last month of murder was Gerald Rolerson, 32, of Appleton and Joseph Bowman, 29, of Washington.

David Turner, 32, of Portland pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge and testified against the other three defendants.

Murder carries a sentence of 25 years to life imprisonment while the maximum prison term for manslaughter is 20 years.

"The cap on the plea agreement is one-half of whatever David Turner receives," said Novisky's lawyer, Ronald Bourget of Augusta, adding that he could argue for a lesser penalty at his client's sentencing hearing.

Turner is expected to be sentenced next month, with Novisky's hearing to take place a week or so later, Bourget said.

Novisky's case ended in a mistrial after the jurors were unable to agree on a verdict.

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(CPS) — A proposal now in Congress could leave students needing to get a note from their professors to buy a computer at the special discount prices that have become common at many campuses.

The Unfair Business Income Tax Proposal (UBIT), aims to end the increasingly bitter competition between off-campus stores and on-campus outlets, which typically can sell things more cheaply because they are tax-exempt.

"The main purpose is to make sure that university programs are able to provide educational resources, yet keep within their nonprofit intentions," said Dave Mason, an aide to Rep. J.J. Pickle (D-Tex.), whose subcommittee is now debating the proposal.

Off-campus businesses always have had a difficult time competing with on-campus, tax-exempt stores. The problem has worsened in recent years as schools, which used to sell only assigned texts, have branched into selling clothes, knick-knacks, music, videos, dorm furniture and computers.

Computers have become the main focus of the argument because computer companies, anxious to build brand loyalty that could stretch through a student's lifetime, are willing to sell hardware and software to on-campus stores for much less than they sell them to off-campus stores.

Off-campus stores, in turn, cannot afford to resell them to their customers for as little as the on-campus outlets can.

Jerry Brong, owner of Community Computer Centers off the Washington State University campus in Pullman, reported he buys copies of Lotus 1-2-3 from a distributor for \$297, and sells them to customers for \$495.

Washington State, however, sells Lotus 1-2-3 to students and faculty for less than \$200.

"We've lost thousands of dollars," Brong said.

"The total campus computer market is causing the independent retailers to complain, and with some merit," conceded Hans Stechow of the National Association of College Stores, a Cleveland-based group that represents on-campus outlets.

Most college computer sales, Stechow said, are made directly through distributors and manufacturers who offer special deals through the schools, not the bookstores.

If UBIT, which is due for broad congressional debate in 1990, becomes law, students could get discounted computer ware only if they had a note from their professors saying they needed the computer for their classwork.

The law would bar faculty members from getting discounts at all. In addition, the number of discounted computers sold on campus couldn't exceed half the enrollment of the university, or the school would have to pay taxes.

Computer companies are upset by the prospects of the law.

"We are selling computers to a huge segment of students who would otherwise not be inclined to purchase a computer," said Chuck Jacob, Apple Computer Inc.'s lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

Some states already have adopted laws that prevent schools from competing with local businesses.

For example, in Iowa, all state agencies — including college and universities — are banned from "competing with private enterprise," and public cam-

puses in Colorado cannot sell items unless the sale "fulfills one of the missions of the university."

In April, the California State court of Appeals upheld an earlier ruling that California community colleges can't sell books that aren't required for specific courses. In February, a company filed suit against the University of Utah, claiming that the university was using state dollars and its tax-exempt status to directly and unfairly compete with off-campus private enterprises.

Selling computers in campus bookstores is "absolutely unfair," said Kay DeCarli, owner of Inacom Computer Centers in East Lansing Mich., close to the Michigan State University Campus.

When DeCarli opened her business eight years ago, sales to students and MSU staff accounted for about 70 percent of her revenue. Now, she said, they are probably 5 percent.

"The big vendors — IBM, Apple and Zenith — want their share of the market, and will do anything to get it," she said, including giving equipment to colleges for much less than what they will sell it to DeCarli.

"I know students need computers. I'm not questioning that. I just want fair competition," she said.

"We don't want to take away business from local retailers," said Bonnie Davis of the Co-op Store on the Indiana University of Pennsylvania campus. "We're here to put the computer in the hands of students who need it."

"We work with local merchants and actually send customers to them," added Jim Duffy, bookstore director at the University of Minnesota.

Kurt Peterson, owner of Kurt's Computer and Electronic Repair, Inc., near the University of Wyoming campus in Laramie, thinks the problem could be solved easily if the computer companies offer the same equipment discounts to off-campus stores as they do to on-campus outlets.

A law requiring students to get notes from their professors would be "meaningless garbage," he maintained.

"It would just be one big loophole. Universities would just say that all of the students need computers," Peterson said.

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Students say protests are likely to continue

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Students and others who have demonstrated against Dartmouth College's investment in companies that do business in South Africa say their protests likely will go on.

James Breeden, the dean of Dartmouth's Tucker Foundation and a divestment activist, said he is confident protests will continue because the trustees have significantly — but only partially — met the protesters' desire to isolate South Africa economically.

Last weekend, the Ivy League school's trustees voted to divest from companies with economic ties to South Africa by the end of the year. But critics say the trustees didn't go far enough.

The trustees stopped short of ordering divestment from companies that license other companies that do business in South Africa, such as Coca-Cola.

"I'm pleased by (the decision)," Breeden said Monday. "(But) the issue that remains ... is the issue of licensees in South Africa."

Asir Ajmal, a student from Pakistan

who belongs to the Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa, also said he was happy with the trustees' decision, but he too stopped short of saying the fight is over.

"(Licensing) is our next battle," he said.

The fight for divestiture from South Africa has gone on for 20 years and reached a peak in November 1985, when students built shanties on Dartmouth Green to protest the South African government's apartheid policies.

In January 1986, 12 students, including nine members of the off-campus Dartmouth Review, said the school should not be held hostage by any group, and attacked the shanties with sledgehammers, saying they were erected illegally.

The school pressured the students to move the shanties off campus and the last one was removed that February after the college had 18 students who stood in the way arrested. Dartmouth later dropped all charges against the students.

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Striking phone workers in N.H. rejoice after contract

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Some 2,000 striking telephone company workers in New Hampshire were rejoicing Tuesday following a tentative agreement on a new contract, and they hope to be back at work Monday.

Union members are expected to vote on ratification by Saturday, and both sides hope to have workers back on the job by Monday.

Richard Higgins, a spokesman for New England Telephone in New Hampshire, said local issues, such as working conditions and contractor help, still must be settled, but they usually offer few problems once the major regional issues are worked out.

The stumbling block that kept the strike going for 15 weeks was the company's demand that workers contribute to the health benefits program for the first time.

The company withdrew that demand in the settlement, and workers agreed to pay raises of 6 percent over three years instead of the 9 percent originally offered, with no incentive clauses that also had been offered.

"What that basically means is we have won the major battle. They have made proposals throughout that are similar to the agreement about to be reached. We want the company to pay for health benefits and we consider this a win," said Kit Bradbury of Local 2320 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

For Paul Laliberte of Concord, who has eight children, it means he can give up the two side jobs he took to pay the bills while his wife also got a job.

"I really don't exactly know how we've managed," he said.

"Somehow or other, I've been able to make ends meet and make my mortgage payments...and not really suffer to the point where I'm in debt over my ears."

But some people haven't been as fortunate as I am.

But he said it was worth it.

Diana Currier, who works in operator services in Manchester, was among those happy with the settlement.

"Everybody is just so relieved and happy," she said. She said no one she talked to was unhappy about giving up part of the wage package to get the health benefits.

Higgins said concessions had to be made on both sides.

"I think historically it has been proven there is never a clear-cut winner in a strike," he said. "We are just delighted that the work stoppage is over, and that our people will be returning to work as soon as possible."

Waiting for them in New Hampshire will be a backlog of about 8,000 installation orders, although some of them won't require service calls.

"You can't be out of work 15 weeks and not expect to have a lot of work waiting for you when you get back to work," Higgins said. He said it might take up to four weeks to catch up, and "we'll need a little public understanding when we start tackling the backlog."

Those who have been waiting the longest will be served first, he said.

Repairmen, however, have been able to keep up with the most trouble calls, he said.

Operator assistance calls, which had been delayed by the strike, also should be back to normal almost immediately, he said.

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Georgia-Pacific rejects \$3.13 million bid

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia-Pacific Corp., plotting its next move Tuesday after Great Northern Nekoosa Corp. rejected a \$3.13 billion takeover bid, often has used acquisitions to grow from a small lumberyard to one of the world's largest forest products companies.

If it is successful in its attempt to buy Norwalk, Conn.-based Great Northern, the acquisition would be among the largest in Georgia-Pacific's 62-year history.

Great Northern on Monday rejected the unsolicited \$58-a-share offer, calling it too low, possibly illegal and holding the potential for disastrous debt. Georgia-Pacific, maintaining the offer is fair and sound, said it will pursue the transaction.

On Tuesday, Great Northern said it had filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission challenging an

exemption granted last week to Georgia-Pacific so it could take over Great Northern's railroads as part of the buyout.

Great Northern spokesman Stephen M. Hill said Georgia-Pacific's exemption had been procedurally defective and contained false or misleading information.

In an interview Tuesday at the company's downtown Atlanta headquarters, Georgia-Pacific President Ronald P. Hogan declined to say what strategy would be used in the wake of Great Northern's rejection of the bid. He said all aspects of the offer, including the price, are negotiable.

Hogan also dismissed concerns raised by Great Northern about antitrust implications of the proposed deal, saying there were none. He said he was not worried, either, about any anti-takeover regulations in Maine — where Great Northern is incorporated — which some

say could block the deal.

Hogan said a variety of conditions — Georgia-Pacific's confidence in the strength of the industry, the company's ability to handle the debt and the compatibility of the two companies — made the time right to launch the takeover.

A successful acquisition for Georgia-Pacific, he said, "certainly would rank near the top in terms of size and importance in our expansion program."

You'd have to go back a long ways to find one as important to the company overall.

Acquisitions have played an important role in Georgia-Pacific's growth and development, and continue to do so. Last year, for example, the company spent \$841 million on acquisitions.

Georgia-Pacific started in 1927 as a lumberyard in Augusta, Ga., when founder Owen Cheatham made a

\$12,000 investment to start a hardwood wholesale business known originally as the Georgia Hardwood Lumber Co.

The company soon began to manufacture hardwood lumber, too.

During World War II, the company was the largest supplier of lumber to the U.S. military.

After the war, in 1947, the company made its first West Coast acquisition, a plywood plant in Bellingham, Wash. It was during the 1950s that the company changed its name to Georgia-Pacific and moved its headquarters to Portland, Ore., where it remained until coming to Atlanta in 1982.

The company's roster of acquisitions continued to grow in the '60s and '70s; purchases from coast to coast included paper mills, a gypsum company, chemical plants, a kraft pulp mill, timberlands, sawmills and an oil company.

Wells property figures expected to be revealed

WELLS, Maine (AP) — Residents of this coastal tourist town may have a better idea Wednesday about how much it would cost to purchase property along Moody Beach and restore access to the public.

The long-awaited figures developed by an appraiser who studied the value of 10 beachfront properties were expected to be made public Tuesday night at the town hall.

The town hired appraiser Norman Gosline of Gardiner to come up with figures following a state supreme court ruling earlier this year that restricted public recreational rights to mile-long strip of sand.

The appraisal figures include the value of the beach and the value that the beach adds to the owners' lots, said Town Manager Jonathan Carter. He said the 10 properties incorporate a total of roughly 500 feet of frontage.

In a decision based on a 17th-century

colonial ordinance, the divided court ruled that public rights in the area of the beach between the seawall and low tide are limited to fishing, bird hunting and navigation.

The court's majority rejected the town's appeal that the rights be updated to include swimming and sunbathing, favorite pastimes of the thousands of tourists that converge on Wells during the summer.

The ruling prompted by a lawsuit filed by 30 of the 126 beachfront property owners. They said police and town officials failed to respond to complaints of unruly behavior on the beach.

Selectmen have discussed various options to restore public access, among them a town purchase of beachfront property to be taken by eminent domain.

The board has assured town residents that no action regarding such a purchase would be taken without town meeting approval.

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Editorial

Mandatory

One sure way to know you've signed up for a boring course is to look at your syllabus and look for those infamous words: attendance is mandatory.

Mandatory class attendance is, at best, proof that the professor in question isn't confident with his or her ability to interest students.

It is, at worst, a coercive measure designed to make a professor look good to his or her department, at the expense of students.

Mandatory class attendance makes no sense, and for several reasons.

First, students pay to attend this university. As a result, they should be allowed to choose whether or not they want to attend class. It's their investment; it's their time; it should be their call.

Second, many students do not need to attend class lectures to learn course material. Many courses, especially survey-level courses, merely regurgitate textbook lessons during lecture periods.

Why, if a student learns said material from the book, should they be required to attend the class?

Finally, one cannot coherse a person into learning. Because a student is forced to show up to a class, that does not mean they will get anything from that lecture.

Mandatory attendance is also completely counter-productive. Suppose a student skips 20 lectures in one class. Suppose that student was allowed only four "unexcused" absences. Suppose that student loses one point off her or his final grade for the other 16 skipped classes.

Now, let's suppose a lot of important material is covered in this class' lectures, and, as a result, the student failed - let's give him or her a 50. A 34 isn't much different to that student.

But, suppose that student earned a 95 (because the lectures were simply a pointless exercise in tediousness). That student now has a 79 - quite a difference, and he or she is being chastised for not wanting to waste time.

Why does mandatory attendance exist? Because, freinds, poor professors exist. It's completely no-win: you either waste your time listening to a monotonous voice in 101 Neville Hall, or you fail the class.

Doug Vanderweide

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Career opportunities

I need a job.

This startling revelation came to me the other day like a beam of light cast down from the heavens above. Well, not really. But it sounds good, doesn't it?

Actually, it's not as if I haven't given this employment thing a lot of thought. But the stark reality of my plight dawned on me a few days ago while I was trying to calculate the massive debt I've accumulated during my four-plus years here at UMaine. (It was not a happy occasion, but that's another story.)

Nevertheless, it was at this time that I began to become aware of that vicious cycle called life: I have debts, I need money to repay my debts, therefore I need a job to get money to repay my debts. Depressing as it is, that's how life works.

But I don't want just any job. I want a job with some pizzazz, some prestige, some glamour.

That entry level stuff is for the birds. I want to start at the top. No pounding the pavement for me, boy. If there is one thing that I have learned over the years, it's that you have to think BIG if you want to make it BIG.

That's why I've decided to seek a position as supreme ruler of the universe. It has a nice ring to it, doesn't it.

What a great job. If things got a little too boring down here on Earth, I could stage some sort of alien invasion. Or I could just let Jim Bakker out of jail.

Okay, maybe I'm setting my sights a tad too high. But think about it. The hours are great, you can't beat the benefits, and best of all, I'd be my own boss. What a life!

There is only one problem with my plan - Who do I send my application to?

I could only think of one place, and since the position of God seems to be filled at the moment (at least that's what

people keep telling me), I guess I'll have to settle for something a few rungs down on the corporate ladder.

Okay, supreme ruler of the universe is out. Not to worry, I have a backup plan.

In the event that the supreme ruler of the universe gig didn't work out, I prepared a list of alternate jobs.

The next job on my list may not have quite the same prestige as supreme ruler, but it does have an equal amount of flair. And what is backup position No. 1 - Hollywood director, what else?

Just think, someone would actually pay me ridiculous amounts of money to sit around and yell at people who interrupt my creative flow. What more could you ask for out of life.

I realize the hours aren't quite as good as God's, but I guess I can live with that. Besides, I could be as weird as I wanted, and people would just think I was being eccentric.

I, of course, would not be your run-of-the-mill, one-film-a-year director. There's no excitement in that.

As I see it, my directorial debut would be so spectacular that it would bring me everlasting fame and fortune. It would be the epic to end all epics. (So you see, this is strictly a one-shot deal.)



Lisa Cline

And what would I choose for my script? Why the history of the world, of course. Sex, violence, comedy. What more could a director want in a script? Besides, how could I possibly pass up the opportunity to recast the world.

For example, for the parts of President Bush and Vice President Quayle it was a toss up between Gumby and Pokey or Big Bird and Snuffalufagus.

But after much thought, I decided to go with Mr. Rogers and Chairy from *Pee Wee's Playhouse* fame.

Now, I chose Mr. Rogers for two reasons. First, he looks a sort of like George. Second, I think the chance to hear the president sing "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, it's a wonderful day in the neighborhood. Oh won't you be my, oh won't you be my neighbor?" to Mikhail Gorbachev would be well worth the price of admission.

I went with Chairy for obvious reasons. She has that inanimate quality that is so characteristic of Quayle. (And the gender thing can be taken care of with makeup.)

For the role of the Ayatollah Khomeini I would cast Pee Wee Herman. My reasoning? Because I think the Iranians need to loosen up.

Picture it. He could whip the masses into a frenzy with his Big Shoe routine as *Tequila* plays in the background.

Some other possible additions to the cast would be Jim and Tammy Bakker as Ferdinand and Immelda Marcos and the pathological liar as Richard Nixon.

With a cast like this, my movie is sure to be a box-office success. Besides if my career as a director is a bust, there's always McDonald's.

Lisa Cline is a slightly warped senior journalism major from Calais, Maine.

Response

Good lesson in ethics

To the editor:

I would like to thank you for the remarkable lesson in wisdom you awarded me this semester through your presentation of the "CIA On Campus Recruitment" issue. I found your effort to be an excellent contemporary example of noble and virtuous "Socratic" commitment to temperance, courage, and justice. The spirit of the "ideal" was displayed in a practical and concrete manner, right here on the University of Maine Orono campus, through the series of lectures, debates, movies, and demonstrations that you helped to organize. The "ideal" of education and personal and social awareness and responsibility was hammered home.

I attended several of your presentations and I find that my

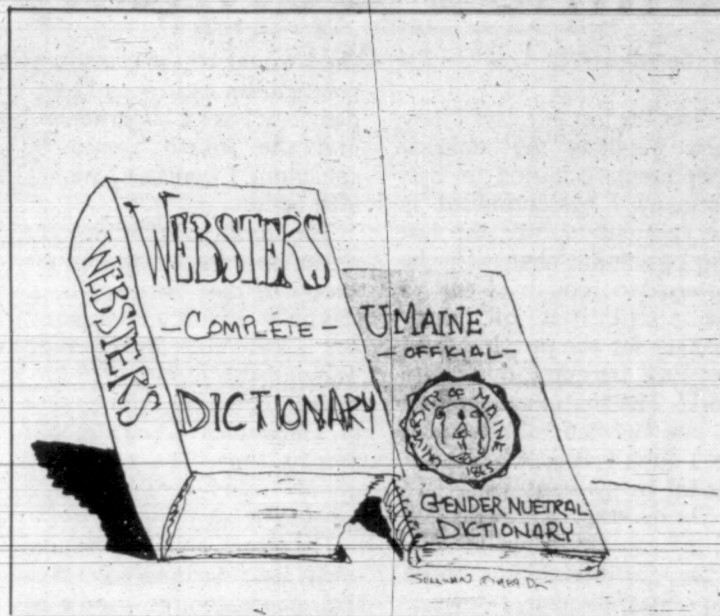
sense of social responsibility has, indeed, risen to a higher level. I have been left with the firm belief that certain principles *do* rise above the current laws and regulations. Many hideous crimes have been committed in the history of this planet before there were laws banning the actual activities. Socrates explained to Euthyphro, as these debates have explained to me, that the eternal verities of "truth" and "goodness" rise above the "gods." The CIA has committed and continues to commit crimes of gross international misconduct. I realize now, more than ever, that it is the responsibility of us, the people, to become educated on such matters and then take a thoughtful stance on these basic and fundamental moral questions that this issue has presented us with.

The "Socratic" prerequisite of conscientious objection was brought to light in this debate. You admirably fulfilled your "duty" to your "university" and "fellow citizens" in your effort to bring about peaceful enlightenment and make this world a better place to live. You worked with respectful obedience to the laws of this country and at the same time you appealed to the university's faculty and student body intelligence to compare both sides of the issue at hand and then decide for themselves whether or not we should give the CIA the *privilege* to recruit on our campus.

Judging from the pathetic attendance shown for these events, it seems apparent that this campus continues to sleep and slumber in apathy and misinformation (much like Athens did in Socrates' time). I, for one, appreciate the "gadfly" that I see in you. You have given my mind a sharp "bite" of awareness, and for that I thank you.

It is encouraging to know that the spirit of education is alive and well in Orono, Maine and that all we as students and citizens need to do is to open our ears and eyes and learn to think for ourselves. Thank you, Dr. Howard, for a valuable lesson in ethics.

Ben Thelwell
Senior



Recycling is in Maine's future

To the editor:

Disposal of solid waste has quickly become one of our largest pollution problems. Now even in rural Maine, a place once thought to be buffered from the nightmare, our lakes and rivers are being contaminated by our throw-away society. Although the landfill shortage is much more acute in major metropolitan areas, we must all take action now by adopting a new waste ethic.

Recycling material to keep it from landfills is only a segment of the problem's overall solution. The ultimate answer to our excess waste dilemma is reducing the amount of waste we produce.

The most important step in reducing waste-related problems on our planet is promoting awareness among the population. Before any conservation and recycling initiatives can ever gain acceptance and replace our disposable mentality, every single person must be willing to change their wasteful habits.

To face our nation's worsening waste disposal problem with action, the State of Maine and others have passed legislation mandating all state-run institutions introduce recycling programs to their facilities.

Recycling "Task Forces" have been formed on each of the seven UMaine campuses. On our campus, over a dozen buildings are being equipped with wastepaper receptacles, with the long-term goal being total conversion by 1991.

The week following

Thanksgiving break a "Recycling Awareness Week" will be held here at the University of Maine. Look for information on how you can do your part in the paper recycling program. A series of lectures which you are encouraged to attend are scheduled from Nov. 27 through Nov. 30. Topics discussed will include "Waste Recycling in the UMaine System," "Waste Reduction and Conservation," "Maine's New Recycling and Reduction Laws," "Purchasing Recycled Supplies" and others. Please check the listings posted in the Union for details.

The cooperation of everyone is necessary if recycling and conservation practices are to become an effective, permanent part of our future. Even though one little act in your daily routine may seem a waste of time, millions of identical actions can and will improve the waste crisis situation.

Taking the time to separate paper, cardboard boxes, magazines, newspapers etc. from regular garbage and placing it in a waste paper barrel for recycling will reduce flow to landfills and ease the burden on our forests. (Did you know there is a bin in the Union?)

Look for more information on waste reduction and reuse in the Union and around campus during the upcoming Recycling Week. The admonition of St. James reminds us to "Be Ye a Doer of Word and not a Hearer Only." Thank you.

Brad Johnson

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National issues are important

To the editor:

The *Daily Maine Campus* recently printed a letter condemning the General Student Senate for allocating funds to the Maine Peace Action Committee. The GSS gave \$3,000 to the MPAC because they feel an organization which promotes peace deserves support. The authors of the letter, Robert Kendall and Herb Warren, state that it is unwise to support MPAC because it "could be construed as the university and GSS expressing a political opinion."

The GSS is a democratic body free to express or support whatever it wishes to. Rather than it being wise for the GSS to not "express an opinion on national issues"; it would be foolhardy not to. The GSS is, or should be, the voice of the student body. Student organizations cannot ignore national or

international issues, for such issues concern and affect all of us. Had the authors attended the session of the GSS where the money was allocated, they could have opposed it.

Mr. Kendall and Mr. Warren also criticize the appearance of figures such as Phillip Agee and John Stockwell as being partisan. Doesn't the presence of the CIA recruiter and the ROTC program balance out the conservative-liberal equation? I do agree that a conservative speaker would be welcome, unfortunately Barry Goldwater and G. Gordon Liddy are hard to get.

I commend the authors for focusing on a real issue. While I disagree with most of what they had to say, their letter was well written and concise; a most welcome change.

Cory Shepherd
Augusta Hall

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Good work

To the editor:

We would like to add the following comment to the ongoing debate in your op-ed pages.

Right on, Tracey Richardson! Keep up the good work. We admire your perseverance and we thank you for your efforts. It certainly is an uphill endeavor!

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Response

Unified Germany won't work, student says

To the editor:

Over the last few days I have been watching the amazing news events occurring in East Germany. I was enthralled by the speculation over the last year of possible changes in the eastern bloc countries and to the possibilities of major changes for the people of not just East Germany, but of the world. The continued question of one Germany always turns up. I don't believe this is possible for many reasons.

The question of reunification of the two Germanys involves many possible circumstances, but only really comes down to three or four practical realities. The first would involve the possible, but unlikely event of, turning back of events and the continuation of some form of Communist rule; The second would be the more likely modification of communism/socialist doctrine; the

third would be the ousting of communism entirely to form a democracy as we understand it; and the fourth would be something I wouldn't have any idea about.

The likelihood of having the communist crack down on the people of East Germany is, at this point, almost unthought of. But the idea of having the Berlin wall probably seemed as unlikely then, as having children shot in Tiananmen Square in our present time. The truth and unholy reality is communism is capable of anything.

The second possibility is more likely. Free elections will allow the chance for the people of East Germany some form of self-determination, but it is unlikely the government will totally get rid of all communism and the communist party in East Germany. Opposition parties will be formed to create a new kind of socialist government. The fact is that to change

and get rid of the communist party, would be getting rid of the order that now exists.

To remove the military force would do much damage. The economy needs much assistance to change from government to privately controlled enterprise, and this can't be done overnight.

The third possibility would be complete change of government and military rule. This would be unlikely, for it would require the removal of all the warlike forces currently in East Germany. This would also require some other peace keeping force to be installed in the country. The countries economy would probably collapse.

In fact the likelihood of more dramatic changes than what have already occurred would be unlikely. Is reunification possible? First it would require that East Germany to have some similar form of government. Then the will of self determina-

tion to want to work for that goal. It is for all intensive purposes its own country now with its own 40-year history. Then West Germany would need to have the same will of self determination to want to reunite with East Germany. West Germany is now near a new beginning with the West European community in the 1992 agreement. They wouldn't be able to assimilate into the union and carry a whole different economy and nation on its back. This wouldn't be possible even for the amazing West German economy.

The other point that is overlooked is why Germany was divided to begin with; to maintain a balance in Europe and peace. The need for NATO still exists and the threat of war from the Eastern bloc hasn't disappeared yet. The cold war may have made great strides in being over, but it does still exist. The western alliance is still

a necessity, and peace keeping forces are as well. The threat may not come directly from a divided nation, but from other outside aggressive forces.

The way I would foresee the fate of East Germany is of small changes made over great amounts of time. First they will need to set a new form of government, from what I hear I called a Democratic Socialism. They they will need vast resources to help change their economy from government to the private sector. Then once this new form of government exists, they can determine their own fate. I have no doubt that freedom will exist for the people of East Germany. As I heard from Peter Jennings reporting, one woman said "No turning back now ... we'd leave them in ashes!" I do believe it and pray for the best for their people.

Roland W. Charles III
Stodder Hall

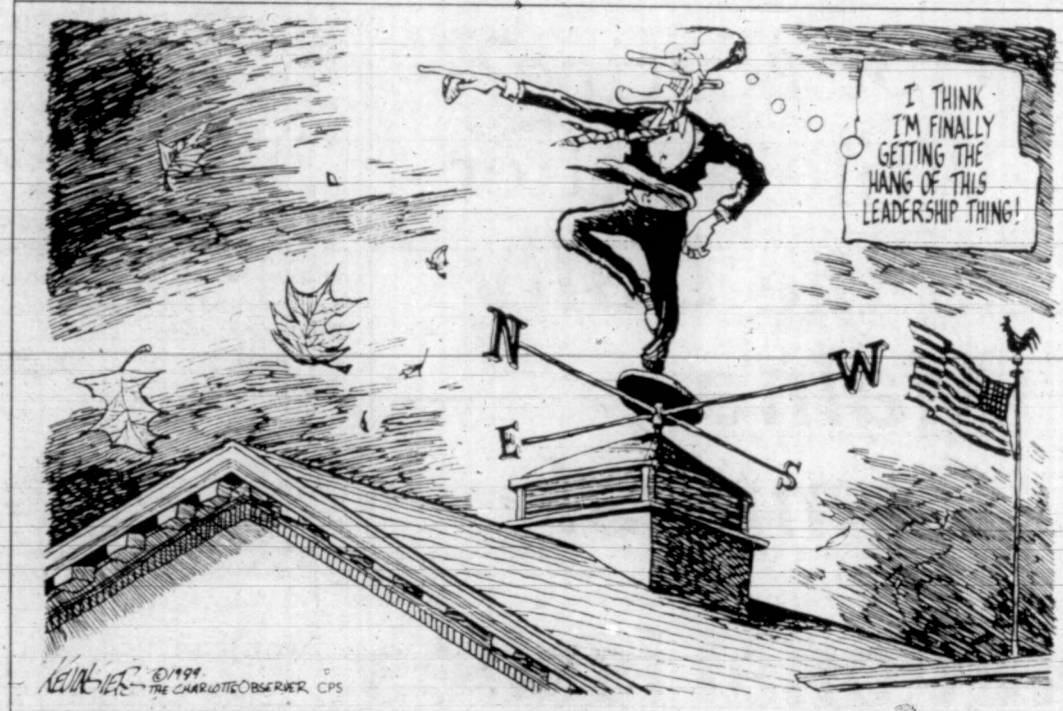
Political cartoon is 'edge of pornography'

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the political cartoon that appeared in the Daily Maine Campus November 13 by S. Kurth. The cartoon depicted President Bush with his arm around a seedy looking character who was holding a wire hanger in his hand. President Bush is addressing a VERY pregnant woman stating, "I'm just trying to drum up a little business for my friend here..." The woman in the cartoon appears to be shocked and scared by this unnerving scenario. As we hope many other people were when they saw this graphic depiction

of abortion. We do not think your sense of humor is funny S. Kurth, not in a political sense or any other sense. An issue of such importance should not be portrayed in a campus newspaper that is almost on the edge of pornography. We found this cartoon offensive and a slap in the face to those who are honestly concerned with the abortion issue.

Kerryn Daley
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MacIntosh stolen

To the editor:

A student-owned Macintosh SE and a LaserWriter II NT were stolen last Friday night (Nov. 10) from the basement of Barrows Hall. Two weeks before a Mac Plus with external Data Frame hard disk was stolen from Barrows.

The Department of Surveying Engineering will pay \$200 to anyone providing information which leads to recovery of any or all of this equipment or identification of the thieves. Contact Dave Tyler at 581-2207 or leave a message on the

answering machine at 581-2188.

Mostly the grad students suffer from the thefts as the equipment can not be replaced shortly although the students need it for their work.

The serial numbers and value of the stolen equipment is:
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MPAC misconceptions

To the editor:

First, let us correct MPAC's misconceptions. We never said that MPAC was responsible for bringing John Stockwell to campus. We never said that the Peace Studies program is part of MPAC. The point we were trying to make was that too much money is allocated to MPAC related issues. We have never tried to organize a right wing group! We clearly stated that MPAC should always have the right to free speech and assembly. We are trying to silence nobody!

We were not aware of the GSS Constitution. After reading the copy, it is obvious that GSS is violating its own Constitution by funding MPAC. According to Article 6, Part 3, Section 2, "No substantial part of the activities of stu-

dent government shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and student government shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

MPAC claims to fall within these guidelines, that is, MPAC recognizes that the above rule applies to it. MPAC's newsletter is clearly an example of propaganda. We mean this as a technical term, not as an insult. The last issue dealt with the cruise missile referendum. It was clearly biased in favor of banning cruise missiles from Maine's skies. This is a view we support - it's getting pretty dangerous up there! However, since MPAC does distribute this propaganda and attempt to influence elections, it is against

the GSS Constitution.

To repeat a point, we are not opposed to the Maine Peace Action Committee. We firmly believe that MPAC is a very political organization and funding it goes against the student government constitution.

There are more important areas to spend \$3,000. The money could be used to give physical and moral support to half of the campus students. The University's anti-rape program is pretty sad. The money could be used to improve the escort service. It could be used to buy night surveillance equipment for the police. This is a serious issue and we hope that GSS considers this matter at its next meeting.

Robert Kendall
Estabrooke Hall
Herb Warren
Milford

Pick-up truck collides with diesel tank truck

COSTIGAN, Maine (AP) — A pickup truck collided with a tank truck carrying 8,000 gallons of diesel oil Tuesday, spilling about half the fuel onto the ground and into a stream that feeds the Penobscot River, state police said.

But an environmental response team quickly built a gravel dam at the spot where the stream meets the river, blocking most of the oil from flowing into the Penobscot.

No serious injuries were reported in the crash which took place around 8 a.m. on U.S. 2, said Trooper Peter Stewart of the Maine State Police.

A response team from the state Department of Environmental Protection's Bangor office erected the dam about 100 yards downstream from the scene of the spill.

"We brought in about 300 to 400 yards of gravel and used it to build a dam where the stream meets the river," Stewart said.

"They've got it contained," the trooper said, estimating that only about 100 to 200 gallons escaped into the river.

The DEP crew was expected to remain at the scene into the night and return Wednesday to skim off the oil trapped in the stream.

The accident damaged a utility pole, severing an underwater cable and cutting off electric service to about 1,000 customers of Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. in Argyle, utility spokesman William Cohen said.

Service was expected to be restored later in the day, Cohen said.

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received final notification from negotiators.

"We're waiting to hear ourselves," said George Woods, whose local represents about 1,500 strikers throughout Maine.

On Monday, NYNEX announced a settlement on a key issue in the strike coverage. The company agreed to pay all health benefits, but it dropped a lump-sum bonus and a profit sharing plan.

"As far as we're concerned, we have a tentative settlement," Silva said, adding that negotiators in Boston still had to resolve local issues, such as contract working and amnesty for strikers accused of picket-line violence.

But he said he expected agreement on those issues to come quickly, and he said a ratification vote was tentatively scheduled for Friday. Silva said, however, he expected the IBEW to show solidarity with the York, and would wait for the CWA to reach a settlement before agreeing to return to work.

The CWA had issued a statement late Monday, calling reports of a settlement "premature."

"We're inching along. We've still got a lot of work to do in committee," Jan Pierce, a vice president with the CWA, said Tuesday morning in New York.

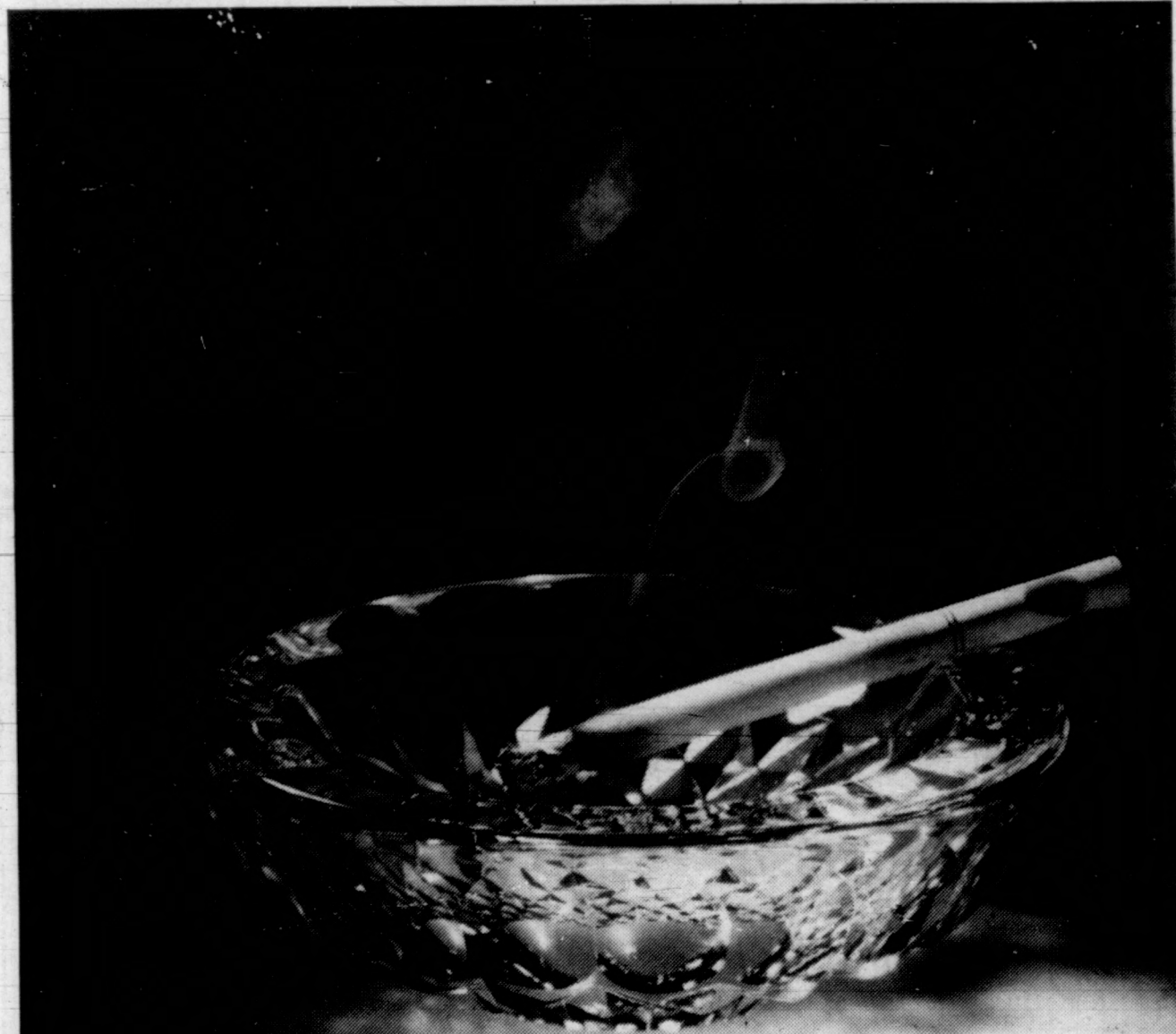
But NYNEX spokesman John Bonomo said he considered the IBEW and CWA to be essentially at the same stage in bargaining.

Bonomo said the company expected workers to return to their jobs next week, barring any unforeseen complications.

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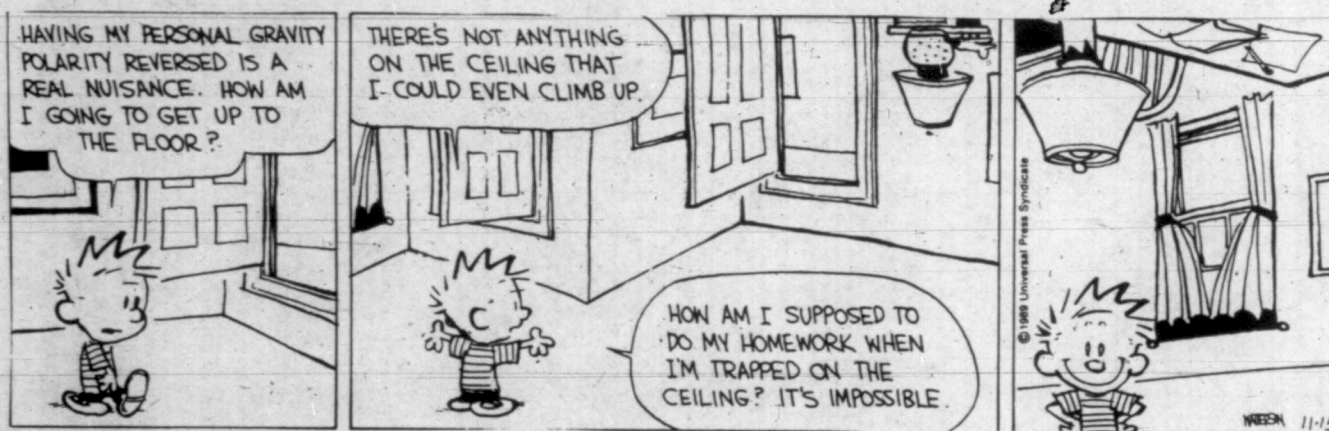
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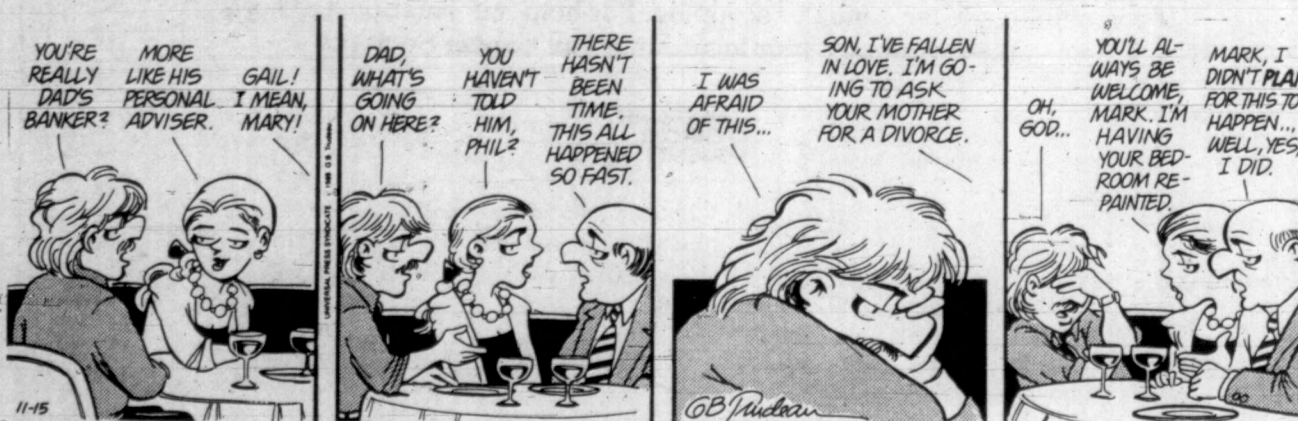
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•Alpha

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on their final exams, Young said.

Christmas carolling, a semi-formal dance, and a trip to Quebec City next semester highlight some of the activities on Alpha Fraternity's social platform.

Organizational meetings have been conducted by Alpha Fraternity's officers throughout the semester, and the first full fraternity meeting will occur Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. in Memorial Union's North Bangor Lounge. After that initial meeting, the group will meet on a weekly basis.

"The meeting is intended for the entire campus community, and we encourage everyone to attend," Bruno said.

Each student, after completing a pledge period, will have certain obligations as an Alpha Fraternity member.

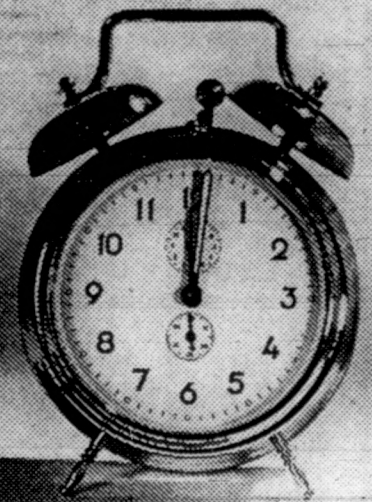
"Members will have to pay \$5 dues each month after the pledge period, maintain a 2.0 grade point average, and be involved," Young said.

"We made the dues low to make the fraternity accessible to anyone who wants to join it," Bruno said. "We don't want to exclude anyone because of dues."

Accessibility is an important aspect of the fraternity," he said.

Bruno said that interest in the organization has been strong thus far, even though the group is still fairly new.

"We asked around campus to find out what the reaction to the fraternity was going to be like. From the people we've talked to, the interest has been pretty good," he said.



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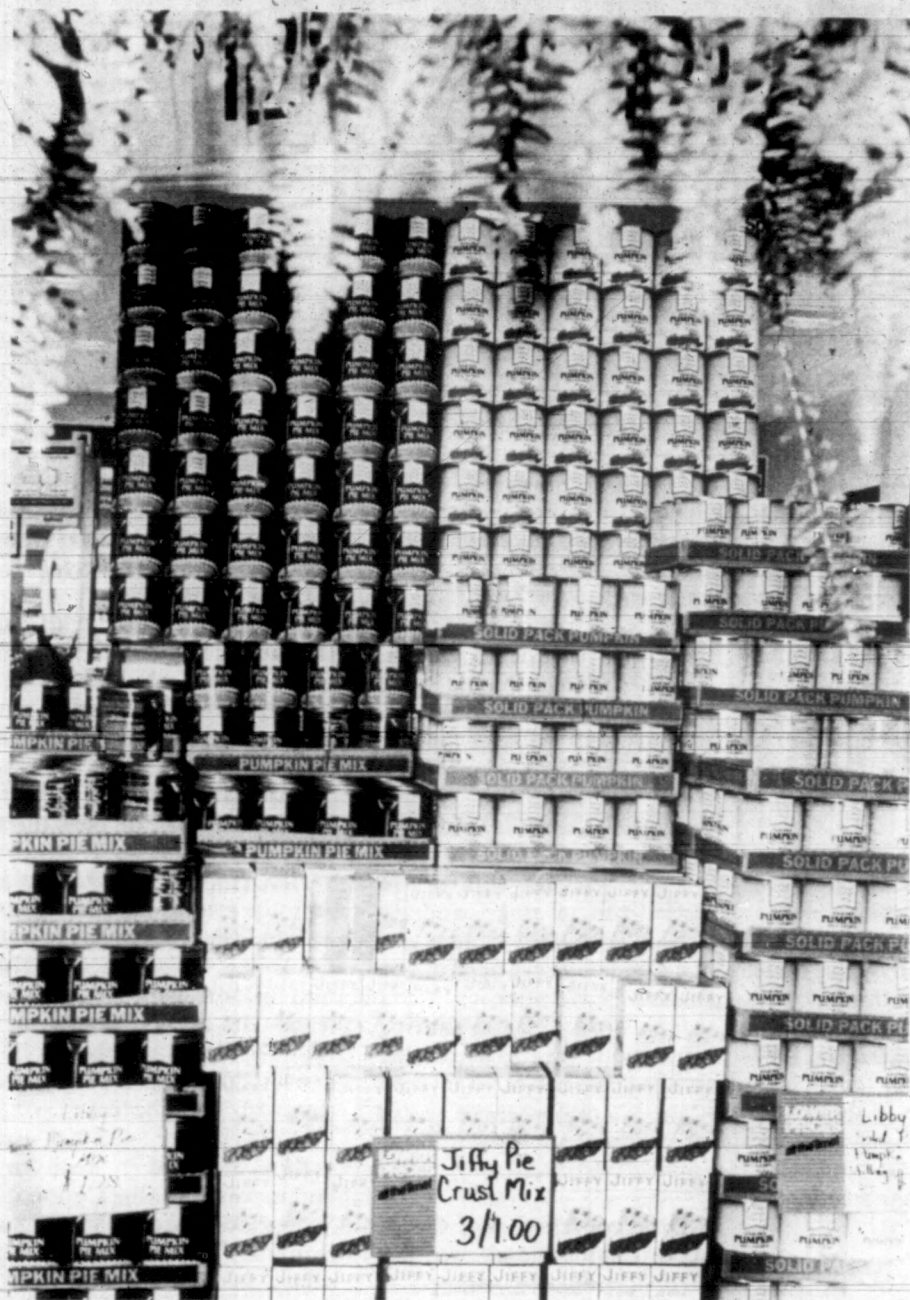
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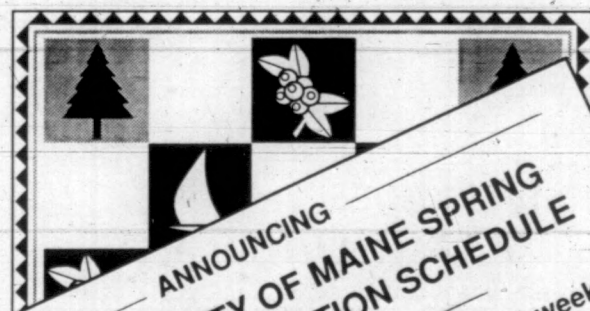
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The time-honored favorite at Thanksgiving time — pumpkin pie — won't be hard to find, or make, this year. Doug's Shop 'n Save is well-prepared with this gargantuan display, and, as the signs show, pumpkin pie is still one of life's great bargains.

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PA passes tough abortion law

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The Senate approved a bill Tuesday making Pennsylvania's abortion laws the toughest in the nation, as the first state to take advantage of greater authority allowed by the Supreme Court.

The bill, approved on a 33-17 vote and passed three weeks ago by the House, goes to the House leadership today for a formal signature, then to Democratic Gov. Robert P. Casey, who has said he would sign it.

Pro-choice forces introduced nine amendments in an attempt to delay its passage and soften its effects. But all the amendments were defeated within five hours and the legislation was approved about half an hour later.

Approval of the bill came just two weeks after voters in New Jersey and

Virginia elected governors who succeeded in winning their races partly because of their pro-choice positions. Both candidates made abortion a campaign issue.

Last month, an attempt by Florida Gov. Bob Martinez to restrict abortion fell flat when the Legislature rejected a package of bills.

The Senate debate was suspended less than half an hour after it began when legislators voted 26-24 to suspend rules and allow amendments. Republican and Democratic caucuses held private meetings on the bill.

Debate resumed two hours later. An amendment to make a technical change and another to allow some exceptions to a proposed ban on abortions after the 24th week of pregnancy were the first to be defeated.



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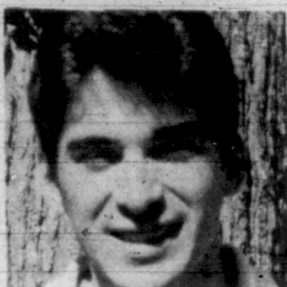
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Days of wine and gut-checks

I've come up with an appropriate nickname for the time period known as mid-November (which has always been called mid-November for lack of a better name...before now).

My suggested nickname for the period beginning around Nov. 11 and ending around Nov. 20 is "Gut-Check Days."

"Say what?" you ask. "Gut-Check Days?!!" What possible reason could this guy have for wanting to call mid-November Gut-Check Days?

Well, for one thing, this 10-day period is one of the most trying times of the year for a lot of people.

Here are just a few good examples:

Gut-check No. 1: Many college students start feeling intense pressure in mid-November. This pressure is due to fast-approaching deadlines for papers, projects and/or test dates — all of which are typical signs that the end of another semester is just around the corner.

Gut-check No. 2: Another of life's little gut-checks in mid-November should be apparent to many big-time college football fans.

This is the time of year when college football bowl representatives start lining up teams for their bowl games. Because of this, the pressure to win goes up another notch since every school wants a bowl bid, along with all the revenue and publicity that accompanies one.

Gut-check No. 3: Even smaller-college football programs like the one at the University of Maine are not immune to the pressure this time of the year.

The UMaine football players are suffering through a week of anxiety and impatience as they anxiously await word from the NCAA about who they will play and where. Add that to the daily pressures of tests and homework, and you've got a lot of stress building up.

It seems as though the intestinal fortitude of almost every person is being severely tested by various events and pressures such as these. Thus, the idea for Gut-Check Days arose since a gut-check is what life seems to be giving most of us these days.

Well, still not sold on the name? Just think about it for a little while. Maybe it will grow on you...maybe not.

Speaking of the pressures arising from college football bowls and playoffs, the Division I college-bowl picture seems to be shaping up a little faster than usual this season.

The bowl game that will determine who wins the National Championship appears to be the Orange Bowl, and it looks like the top two teams in Division I will meet to determine the national champion in a major bowl game for the third year in a row.

The top-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish apparently will accept a bid to play the No. 2 Colorado Buffaloes in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day for the National Championship. This matchup appears to be a lock even if either of the undefeated teams loses its next game.

In the Sugar Bowl, it was reported by the wire services Monday that the No. 7 Miami Hurricanes are committed to play No. 4 Alabama if Alabama wins the Southeastern Conference.

The other probable major bowl matchups are as follows: No. 5 Florida State vs. No. 6 Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl, No. 3 Michigan against No. 8 USC in the Rose Bowl and tenth-ranked Tennessee vs. the winner of the Arkansas-Texas A&M game Nov. 24.

Since we're on the subject of bowls, I might as well go way out on a limb and make a prediction for the Division I-AA "bowl" game.

I'm predicting a matchup between No. 2 Furman University of Greenville, South Carolina and (drum roll please) No. 8 University of Maine, with Furman winning by a touchdown.

A word of advice — don't bet the house. Don't even bet your bicycle.

Andrew Neff is a senior journalism major from Brewer who is keeping plenty of Roloids on hand to help him through the Gut-Check Days of November.

Davis named NL MVP

Padres reliever breezes past Astros' Scott with 19 first-place votes and 107 points

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Davis of the San Diego Padres won the National League Cy Young Award on Tuesday, easily beating Mike Scott of the Houston Astros.

The 29-year-old Davis, who led the majors with 44 saves, got 19 first-place votes and four seconds for 107 points from a 24-member panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Scott, the 1986 winner, got four firsts, 14 seconds and three thirds for 65 points.

Greg Maddux of the Chicago Cubs was third with three seconds and eight thirds for 17 points. Orel Hershiser of the Los Angeles Dodgers, the 1988 winner, was tied for fourth with one first and two thirds for seven points, along with Joe Magrane of the St. Louis Cardinals, who got one second and four thirds.

Tim Lincecum of the Dodgers and Scott Garrelts of the San Francisco Giants were tied for sixth with four points, follow-

ed by Rick Reuschel of the Giants with three points and Mike Bielecki and Mitch Williams of the Cubs with one point each.

Davis, a free agent, is only the fourth reliever to win the NL Cy Young, joining Steve Bedrosian (1987), Bruce Sutter (1979), and Mike Marshall (1974). Davis is the third San Diego player to win; Randy Jones (1976), and Gaylord Perry (1978) are the others.

Davis was 4-3 with a 1.85 earned-run average and 92 strikeouts in 92 2/3 innings and had a win or a save in 48 of San Diego's 89 victories.

He was dominating throughout the season and finished just two short of Dave Righetti's major-league record for saves and one short of Bruce Sutter's NL record.

Davis converted 44 of 48 save opportunities and allowed just 13 of 75 inherited runners to score. He saved 12 games from Sept. 1 on and stranded his final 19 inherited runners, allowing

just one of his last 29 to score.

He finished the year with a streak of 24 2/3 scoreless innings, and gave up just eight hits over the span.

Davis also was dominating at the start, beginning the season with 17 saves in his first 17 opportunities. The streak was broken against Houston on June 6, the start of his only inconsistent period this year. From June 6-24, he blew three saves in six chances.

His contract negotiations with the Padres have not gone well and Davis could be the first Cy Young winner to start the next season with a different team. His agents, Randy and Alan Hendricks, say there is only a 10-percent chance he will resign with San Diego.

Davis made \$600,000 last season and didn't have any bonus clauses for the Cy Young. Scott, however, got \$50,000 for finishing second, raising his salary for the year to \$1.375 million (including a \$25,000 bonus for making the All-Star team).



Junior Ken Dufour works out in the new Latti Fitness Center at the Memorial Gymnasium.

AP names hoop All-America team

Two of college basketball's newer stars and three well-known seniors are on The Associated Press' preseason All-America Team.

Sophomores Chris Jackson and Alonzo Mourning joined upperclassmen Rumeal Robinson, Derrick Coleman and Lionel Simmons on the team announced Tuesday.

Jackson, a guard from Louisiana State, was second in the nation in scoring last season at 30.2 points per game. He was named on 62 of 65 ballots by the same nationwide panel which selects the top 25 and edged Mourning as the top vote-getter. Jackson, the Southeastern Conference player of the year last season, was only the second freshman

ever to be named All-America and his average was the best ever for a member of that class.

The 6-foot-10 Mourning averaged 13.1 points and 7.3 rebounds in Georgetown's balanced attack, and he and 7-2 teammate Dekembe Mutombo combined for 244 blocked shots last season. A third-team All-America last season, Mourning was named on 58 ballots.

Robinson was one of the keys to Michigan's march to the national championship last season. He made two free throws for the Wolverines' final points in the 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall in the title game. The 6-2 point guard averaged 14.9 points and 6.3 assists in Michigan's improbable title run

under interim coach Steve Fisher.

Coleman averaged 16.9 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.4 blocks per game last season for Syracuse. The 6-10 Detroit native considered turning pro during the summer but opted to return to Syracuse, where he will team with Kentucky transfer LeRon Ellis and sophomore Billy Owens on a talented front line.

Simmons was No. 3 in the nation in scoring last season at 28.4 per game and tied with Coleman for fifth in rebounding. The 6-6 swingman from La Salle has been Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference player of the year the past two seasons and has a good shot at becoming the fifth Division I player to score 3,000 career points. He also can become

the first to reach that figure while grabbing at least 1,500 rebounds.

Hank Gathers of Loyola Marymount, who led the nation in scoring and rebounding last season, led the remaining vote-getters. The 6-7 forward averaged 32.7 points and 13.7 rebounds for the Lions last season to join Wichita State's Xavier McDaniel as the only players to lead Division I in both categories in the same season.

The only other players to be named on at least 10 ballots were UNLV teammates Stacey Augmon and Larry Johnson, the junior college player of the year last season, and Mississippi's Gerald Glass, the fourth-leading scorer in the nation last season at 28.0.

Oiler is out of the doghouse, into the limelight

HOUSTON (AP) — It would have been difficult for Leonard Harris to make a more spectacular exit from Houston coach Jerry Glanville's doghouse.

Harris stepped into the glare of prime-time Monday night for injured Drew Hill, caught his first NFL touchdown pass and snagged several other key passes, helping the Oilers beat Cincinnati 26-24.

"I knew the whole world would be watching and I knew that I could still play," Harris said. "Coach Glanville told me at the half Drew was hurt and I'd get a chance to play."

Harris, who caught one pass for 13 yards this season, surprised Cincinnati with a 36-yard reception during a three-play, 80-yard drive that gave the Oilers a 23-21 lead.

Harris completed that drive by catching his first touchdown pass in 2½ seasons with the Oilers, a 23-yarder from Warren Moon.

"All Leonard Harris did was come in and make big plays for us," Glanville said.

Those were comforting words for Harris, who had played in Houston's first six games but was on the inactive list two games and did not play in a third.

"I was in the doghouse," Harris said. "I fumbled against New England and the next couple of weeks I didn't get a chance. I'm just fortunate that I was able to contribute when I got the chance."

Hill, the Oilers' leading receiver, suffered a back injury and sat out the second half.

Harris spent much of the game on the bench but was ready when Glanville called.

"I know Jerry has confidence in me and I think that showed," Harris said. "Once I was in there, we were fortunate to come up with some big plays."

"Once I got that first catch I slowed

down. I was excited before that. Once I make that first catch, I feel a lot better."

After Harris' touchdown, Cincinnati's Boomer Esiason completed a 40-yard pass to Tim McGee and a 20-yarder to tight end Rodney Holman, setting up a 38-yard field goal by Jim Breech that gave the Bengals a 24-23 lead.

Moon directed the Oilers into position for Tony Zendejas' game-winning 28-yard sideline completion to Haywood Jeffries. Later, he ran 10 yards on third down to keep the march alive at the Bengal's 37.

The victory gave the Oilers a 6-4 record and undisputed possession of second place in the AFC Central Division, one game behind Cleveland (7-3). Cincinnati dropped to 5-5 and third place.

Zendejas kicked four field goals and was ready for the challenge at the end of the game.

"Anytime you make some earlier in a game, you go out feeling a little better," Zendejas said. "It was easy because I'd been out there before. I just went out with my mind blank and (the kick) went straight through."

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PSNH may go bankrupt

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Public Service Company of New Hampshire would ask for initial rate increases of nearly 50 percent more than those named in its reorganization plan — if it decided to bypass bankruptcy negotiations and if the Seabrook nuclear plant operated commercially, the company said Tuesday.

But a company spokesman said Public Service would rather negotiate an end to its bankruptcy with the state and other parties than adopt the "rate case" scenario submitted at Tuesday's hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The rate case discussion was requested last month by bankruptcy Judge James Yacos, against the wishes of state negotiators who said such an outline would be too speculative.

In a rate case scenario, Public Service said it would request annual rate increases of 8 percent for two years, and 4.5 percent for five years, should Seabrook come on line soon, as the company expects.

Public Service's reorganization proposal, discussed Tuesday in the hearing before Yacos, calls for two annual increases of 5.5 percent and five increases of 4.5 percent with Seabrook operating.

Once Seabrook begins operating, its owners can raise rates to begin recovering the costs of building the plant. They are barred by state law from doing so before the plant produces electricity.

Public Service, Seabrook's main owner, was forced into bankruptcy under

the weight of debts incurred through the plant, which has yet to operate commercially.

Public Service spokesman Nick Ashooh said the reorganization plan is based on a speedy settlement with rate increases starting in January.

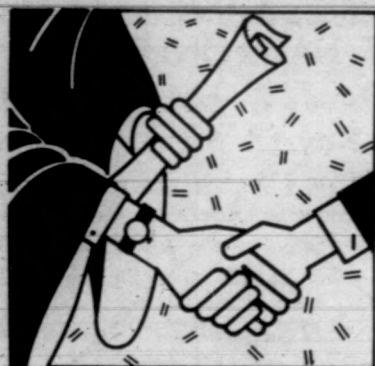
The rate case calls for higher initial increases because opposition or the state Public Utilities Commission's approval process could delay the starting date for the rate hikes by many months, this increasing the amount of money Public Service would need to recover.

"Also, there's more risk involved in a rate case. A reorganization is a plan everyone agrees with," Ashooh said. "This is a potential course of action, but I do want to emphasize that we prefer pursuing a consensual plan and reaching agreement with the state through a consensual process."

A negotiated settlement with its lower proposed rate increases is more palatable "because it's a more certain plan," he said.

Meanwhile Tuesday, a Seabrook spokesman said threatened state opposition to a full-power license for the nuclear plant probably would have little effect on whether the reactor operates.

The state's chief negotiator would neither confirm nor deny a report in Tuesday's Union Leader of Manchester, which said the state is threatening to fight Seabrook unless Public Service's bankruptcy is settled soon.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because of the large response from students wanting to attend the December 16 Commencement Ceremony, the location has been **CHANGED** to the Memorial Gym.

Each graduate attending the ceremony will receive five or six tickets. Tickets may be picked-up at the Registrar's Office in Wingate Hall December 7 through December 13.

A letter with more specific information will be mailed to each graduate attending the ceremony after the Thanksgiving break.