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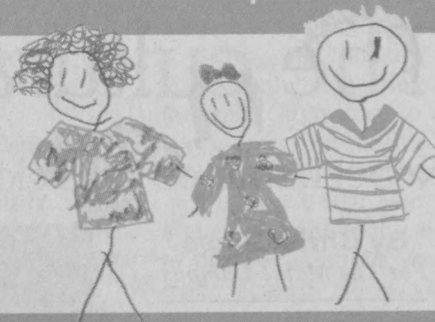
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UMaine leaders axed

Senate impeaches Carson

Student body president sees little cabinet support in trial

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Reporter

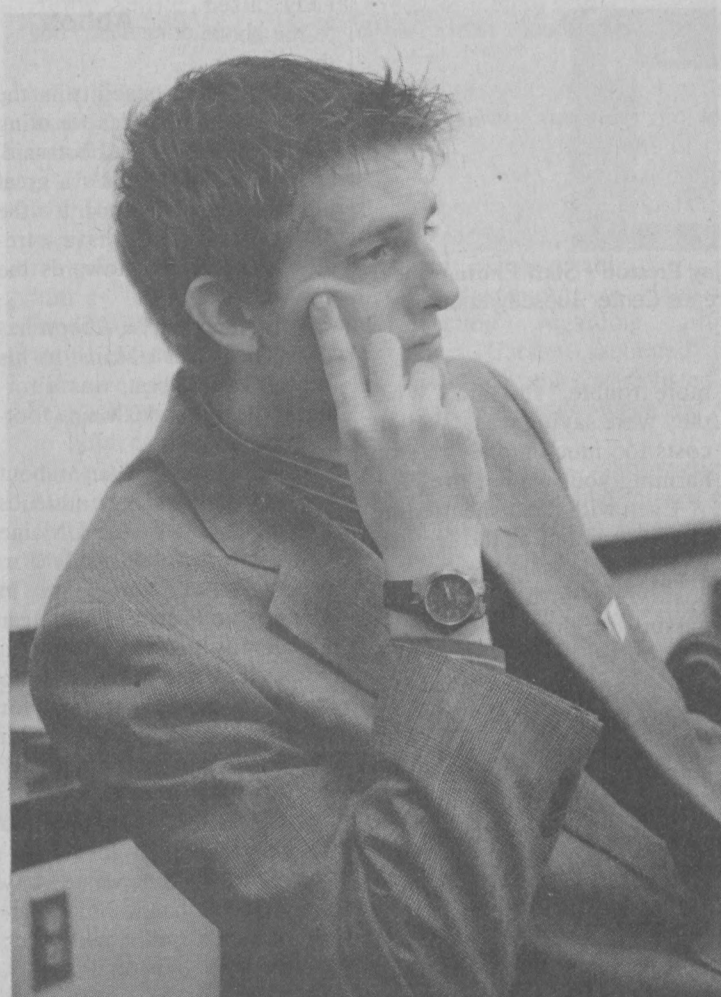
At a special trial Tuesday, University of Maine Student Government senators found Student Body President Nelson Carson guilty on articles of impeachment, voting 31-2 to remove him from office.

The senate's decision took effect immediately. UMSG Vice President Anthony Ortiz will assume the presidency and a new vice president will be appointed by the senate at the body's next weekly meeting on April 5.

Sen. Peter Christopher presided over the trial, which began with opening statements from prosecution and defense. Witnesses were called on behalf of the prosecution and were cross-examined by the defense. Both sides then delivered closing statements.

During opening statements, Sen. Sam Helmke, who served as lead prosecutor, outlined the circumstances under which the General Student Senate may remove the president. Helmke said Carson had failed to communicate and fulfill his own goals.

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Paul Perkins • The Maine Campus
President Nelson Carson looks on as three executives in his cabinet call for his impeachment during Tuesday night's meeting in the Bangor Room.

Clock runs out on Blodgett

24-94 record cited by AD Abbott as reason for dismissal

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

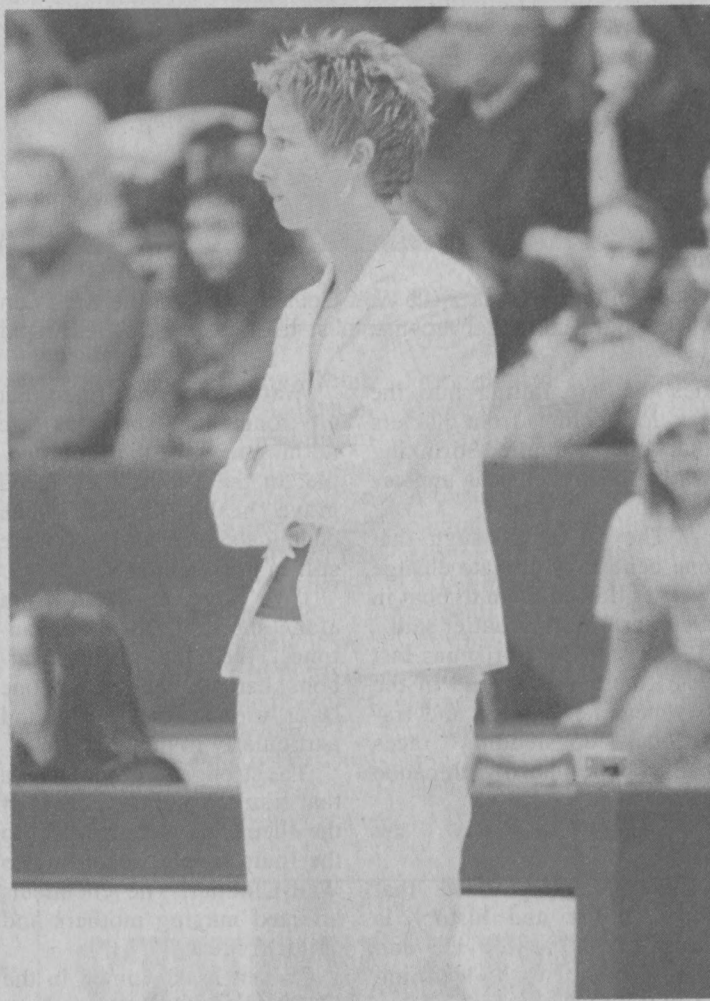
Less than one year after extending University of Maine women's basketball coach Cindy Blodgett's contract, the former UMaine basketball star and state legend was fired, effective immediately.

On Tuesday, one day after being named the UMaine athletic director on a two-year contract, Steve Abbott made a splash on his first decision and let go the women's basketball coach.

"We all respected and appreciated Cindy," Abbott said. "She's our program's greatest player and has contributions to the UMaine women's basketball program. But, ultimately, you have to look at performance."

Blodgett, who excelled in her playing days as a Black Bear, scoring 3,005 points and still holding 20 UMaine records, couldn't translate that success as a coach, going 24-94 in four years.

Former UMaine Athletic Director Blake James, arranged the majority of a two-year contract extension in September 2010, just before Abbott took



File photo

Cindy Blodgett was relieved of her duties as the University of Maine women's basketball coach early Tuesday afternoon.

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4.5 percent tuition hike expected

Budget would aid students' burden

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

Flat appropriations to higher education in Gov. Paul LePage's proposed biennial budget would assist the University of Maine in holding tuition increases at their lowest in nearly a decade and help narrow a funding gap by several million dollars.

Janet Waldron, vice president for Administration and Finance, said in a public discussion in the Wells Conference Center on March 29 that students can expect to see a 4.5 percent tuition increase in 2012 if the preliminary biennial budget is approved.

"We will be going ahead with a 4.5 percent tuition increase request," Waldron said, adding that the proposed flat appropriation level "is a real testimony to all the hard work" by both system officials and legislators in reaching a compromise.

University of Maine System Chancellor Robert Pattenaude, in an address before the Maine state Legislature on March 30, commended moves by lawmakers and higher education

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Early college examined

LePage plans could interface with established programs

Part 2 of 2 in a series on the governor's impact on higher ed

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

AUGUSTA — It is not yet known how Gov. Paul LePage's plan for early college offerings to high school students would interface with three already established programs in Maine.

Maine's hypothetical education revamp — which is still not close to full development — has been described by many in state government as a fifth year of high school when college credits and associate degrees could be earned locally while still outside of the traditional college environment.

According to Commissioner of Education Stephen Bowen, he and the LePage administration are "talking in broad terms about it and getting a sense of what is out there," while making sure they can execute the program nearly cost-neutrally due to state budget constraints.

In his February biennial budget proposal, LePage suggested higher education not receive any more or less funding than in the previous biennium.

In an October 2010 blog post on mainefreedomforum.com, Bowen, then an employee of the Maine Heritage

Policy Center, a conservative think tank, proposed cutting remedial college courses, cutting non-instructional costs in higher education and redirecting resources spent on classes taken in high schools during senior year to fund the hypothetical program.

"It's not about adding another year [to high school], but it is about providing opportuni-

ties for kids to access college courses in some way or other while they are still in high school," Bowen said in an interview earlier in March.

Preliminary plans are built around LePage's penchant for supporting technical education, something he has touted since the 2010 Republican primary.

In a November 2010 article in The Maine Campus, when LePage was the governor-elect, he said Maine's K-12 education system does not focus enough on encouraging students to enter two-year vocational programs.

"No matter what happens in education in this state, not every

student is bound for college," LePage said then. "There's got to be room for plumbers, electricians, designers, architects. These are all jobs we can build for the future, but our high school system doesn't go down that path."

Maine already has a number of programs in the university and community college systems that provide college credit and experience to high schoolers.

One such program, "Early College for ME," is perhaps the most logical program to combine with LePage's technical education-heavy agenda — is run through the Maine Community College System.

The program's director, Charles Collins, said last week that his program annually impacts from 1,400 to 1,500 students in their last two years of high school and first two years of college. He said 750 new high school juniors from 69 Maine high schools and five centers of technical education are targeted each year. Schools nominate their own students.

Through counseling, support and other services, students in the program's first two years are helped to make

Gov. Paul LePage
In a November 2010 interview
with The Maine Campus

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The cultural toll of climate change

Nobel nominee talks global warming's impact on those living at top of world

By Chris Chase
For The Maine Campus

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a renowned advocate for fighting climate change, presented a lecture on the interconnected nature of major world issues at the University of Maine Thursday night.

The lecture, titled "Everything Is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century," was attended by more than 200 people.

Watt-Cloutier is one of the leading voices in the battle to stem climate change. Born in Kuujuaq, Nunavik, in northern Quebec, her perspective as an Inuit presented a view of climate change with a vantage point from the top of the world.

For the first 10 years of her life, she traveled primarily by dogsled and was raised in the Inuit tradition, which she said gave her a grounded view of climate change.

Comprised of just 160,000 people and with a way of life that heavily depends on the environment, the Inuit view climate change differently than most, she said.

Advocating for the Inuit, Watt-Cloutier and 62 others were the first group ever to take legal action on the grounds of climate change when they alleged unchecked greenhouse emissions from the United States were a violation of their human rights.

"Together we showed the human face to the problem — a problem most people understood as only scientific," she said.

"We wanted to ensure that [the lecture] also included the impact on human health," she said.

The idea that climate change is more than a scientific problem was the central theme of the lecture.

Watt-Cloutier pointed out the physical toll climate change has had on the Inuit people, including communi-



Canadian Inuit activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier speaks at the Wells Conference Center Tuesday about her views on the current environmental state of the world's Arctic regions.

Jay Preston • Staff Photographer

ties that are falling into the sea, ice declines from glaciers that once supplied drinking water and frozen seas appearing later each year.

"They used to laugh that one benefit of climate change was it allowed them to boat in October," Watt-Cloutier said.

She said by Christmas last year, there was no ice in the bay near her village and traditional dogsledding races had to be replaced with canoe races.

"It isn't funny now," she said.

Watt-Cloutier added that Inuit culture and history is directly tied to the ice and snow. Now, with warming temperatures, the loss of sea ice is forcing native peoples to forego their traditional way of life.

"Climate change is about our right and our ability to remain a hunting people," she said. "Everything is connected, and if we can understand that connection, no matter where we are in the world, we can start moving forward."

Watt-Cloutier affirmed that environmental struggles are nothing new for the Inuit people. In the 1980s, they faced grave health impacts when chemicals such as DDT were still in prevalent use.

"We were poisoned from afar," she said. "In the meantime, the [chlorofluorocarbons] had weakened the ozone layer around the world and particularly in the Arctic."

The stronger ultraviolet rays that resulted and the effects of the chemicals were harmful to the Inuit people, according to Watt-Cloutier. The chemicals affected nursing mothers and children most.

"When Inuit women in the '80s had to think twice about nursing their children, that's when it was very personal," she said.

Watt-Cloutier also cited the economic impacts of climate change, saying that financial costs have become a main part of the issue that can hit hard when a culture is at stake.

"The cost of inaction is what is going to create even

more trouble," she said. "What they were saying was, 'Well, it costs too much money to stop harming your way of life.'"

Even with the disheartening picture painted at the lecture, Watt-Cloutier said she remains positive about her role in the pursuit for change. Recognizing the link between climate change and human rights will help to push the issue forward, and she plans to do her part to help move it in that direction.

"One audience at a time, one class at a time, and I'll just carry on," she said.

The one thing she urged audience members to take away was the human impact climate change has, and to remember not just satellite photos of the atmosphere but to also consider "those of us on the ground."

"When you hear about climate change, it is not just about the ice and snow and polar bears. It is about communities," Watt-Cloutier said. "We have to bring the human face, the human dimension, to this issue."

Abbott accepts 2-year contract

Interim AD tag taken off Orono native

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

The University of Maine has appointed Interim Athletic Director Steve Abbott to the full-time position for the next two years.

"President Kennedy talked to me about the importance of having stability in the athletic department as we bring in a new president," Abbott said. "I love being here. It's a great job and a great campus. It's the place I grew up and have a tremendous affection towards the university."

An Orono native, Abbott has strong ties with UMaine as his father, Walt Abbott, was a former professor and UMaine football coach.

"The greatest part about working in college athletics is being a part of the UMaine community," Abbott said. "I'm somebody who grew up in Orono. I've been a Black Bear fan literally my entire life and now to have the opportunity to contribute and do what I can for the success of the programs is a real honor and an opportunity I'm very grateful to have."

The appointment goes into effect on June 1, 2011.

Abbott didn't waste any time making changes, terminating women's basketball coach

Cindy Blodgett one day after obtaining his appointment.

In addition, Abbott has his eyes set on three major renovation projects: the installation of a new chilling system and other work to Alford Arena, renovations to the Field House and renovations to the Memorial Gym, specifically the Pit.

"Those are critically important projects that will greatly benefit our teams and greatly benefit our students and fans," Abbott said. "I really want to keep those going and try to push those forward as much as possible."

The Alford renovations are scheduled to begin as soon as graduation ceremonies are done.

"We look to complete it in time to play hockey there this fall," Abbott said. "It's critical to not lose home ice for any of our games. This is going to be a challenge. It's a major renovation when you look at putting in a new chilling system. It's a big project."

The two-year term was determined by Abbott and President Kennedy as an adequate amount of time to get the projects fully underway, Abbott said.

"Talking with President Kennedy, [the two-year appointment] worked really well for me," Abbott said. "I'm so determined to push those projects, and in that time frame I feel I would have the time to make a real contribution. That would give me three years and give me the opportunity to do some things to help stabilize the program and move us forward."

EDITORIAL

Carson's last stand must be followed by UMSG success

The Tuesday night impeachment of former University of Maine Student Body President Nelson Carson was, hopefully, the culmination of months of conflict in Student Government.

Numerous wars of words over the body's still-unfinished website and opinions of the former president's general efficacy and effort have played out in General Student Senate and this newspaper.

Carson, in his testimony before lead prosecutor Sen. Sam Helmke, was right on one thing Tuesday — the president was not the only issue with Student Government. He has not seen the support of senators, but for various reasons mostly of his own making.

The former president's defense counsel, Andrew Johnson, derided the prosecution's arguments as utilizing "second-hand" sources.

But later, a firsthand source in the specter of Carson himself plainly said he has not communicated well with senators, did not go to many of his scheduled office hours and admitted sending at least one text message to embattled website developer Ryan Gavin, egging him on to testify at the trial if he was "man enough."

Carson's issues have been highly publicized. But, one story lost in the shuffle of headlines have been claims that Student Government will function better without Carson in office.

"With new leadership, we hold a better shot at moving forward than what we had with President Carson," Helmke said after the trial.

During the trial, there was a noticeable over-awareness of The Maine Campus' coverage of Student Government events on Johnson's end. He read from an editorial and numerous article titles, criticizing our characterization of Carson as part of a "smear campaign" coordinated by Gavin that also involved WMEB, the University of Maine's radio station.

Someone truly presidential should not be as concerned with media portrayals as they are with progress.

If they were, most leaders would be on the brink of insanity, holed up in executive estates buried in pages of newsprint, bombarded by search results. If editorials are truly wrong, as many are, results would show regardless.

But results were not seen during Carson's short presidency. Now, it is time to move forward, which is the body's largest concern at this point.

A lack of progress within the body from here on out would be a more devastating blow than any impeachment trial. If there is inaction to lead among senators, it could confirm, as Carson has said before, a senate "witch hunt" for Carson's office.

We implore Student Body President Anthony Ortiz and his successor to the vice presidency to represent students the way Carson should have — with prompt attendance at office hours, the concise outlining and execution of plans and open avenues of communication with senators.

The impeachment of a president is never a positive experience. If this body is to move on, Ortiz's leadership must be reliable.

Proactive resolutions, with genuine consequences for students, must be passed. Mere attendance at meetings to give money to clubs does not constitute true representation.

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Lee's iconic, only novel to hit Bangor stage

'To Kill a Mockingbird' production by Penobscot Theatre Company opened March 30, is running through mid-April

By Betsy Caron
Design Assistant

The Penobscot Theatre Company continues its 2010-2011 season as it presents a dramatized version of Pulitzer Prize winning novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" written by Harper Lee and originally published in 1960.

The play, directed by Producing Artistic Director Scott R.C. Levy, was adapted for the stage in 1990 and opened at the Bangor Opera House on March 30.

Set in Alabama during three years of the great depression, "To Kill A Mockingbird" follows the memories of young narrator, Jean Louise "Scout" Finch. Scout reflects on growing up with her father, Atticus, brother, Jem and friend Dill experiencing racial controversies and consequences among other important life lessons.

"Over the last few years, I've been producing pieces that explore racial issues," Levy said, referencing last year's production of "Spunk," a series of vignettes by Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston. "I've been very interested in producing theatre that could be considered an American masterpiece. I think ["To Kill A Mockingbird"]

is an American masterpiece."

"This play is not only multi-racial, but also multi-generational," Levy said.

He said each character's role in the 19-member cast is equally important, despite a broad range in age. He said the generation gap gives younger actors an opportunity to interact with experienced adults, helping them learn the ins and outs of the theater world.

The show calls for three children's roles, which are shared among five young actors. Nick Danby, 13, performs as Jem Finch, Scout's older brother, while Ali Cottrell, 10, and Brooke Jones, 9, take turns playing Scout. Nathan Manaker, 10, and Noam Osher share the part of Scout's best friend, Dill.

Penobscot Theatre brought in talent from New York and Washington, D.C., to play the parts of Atticus, Calpurnia and Tom Robinson, but local actors make their mark as well. Alice Philbrick, a sophomore at the University of Maine, appears in the show along with Marcia Douglas of the UMaine theater department.

Levy said both those who know the story and others who have yet to enjoy it would appreciate the play.

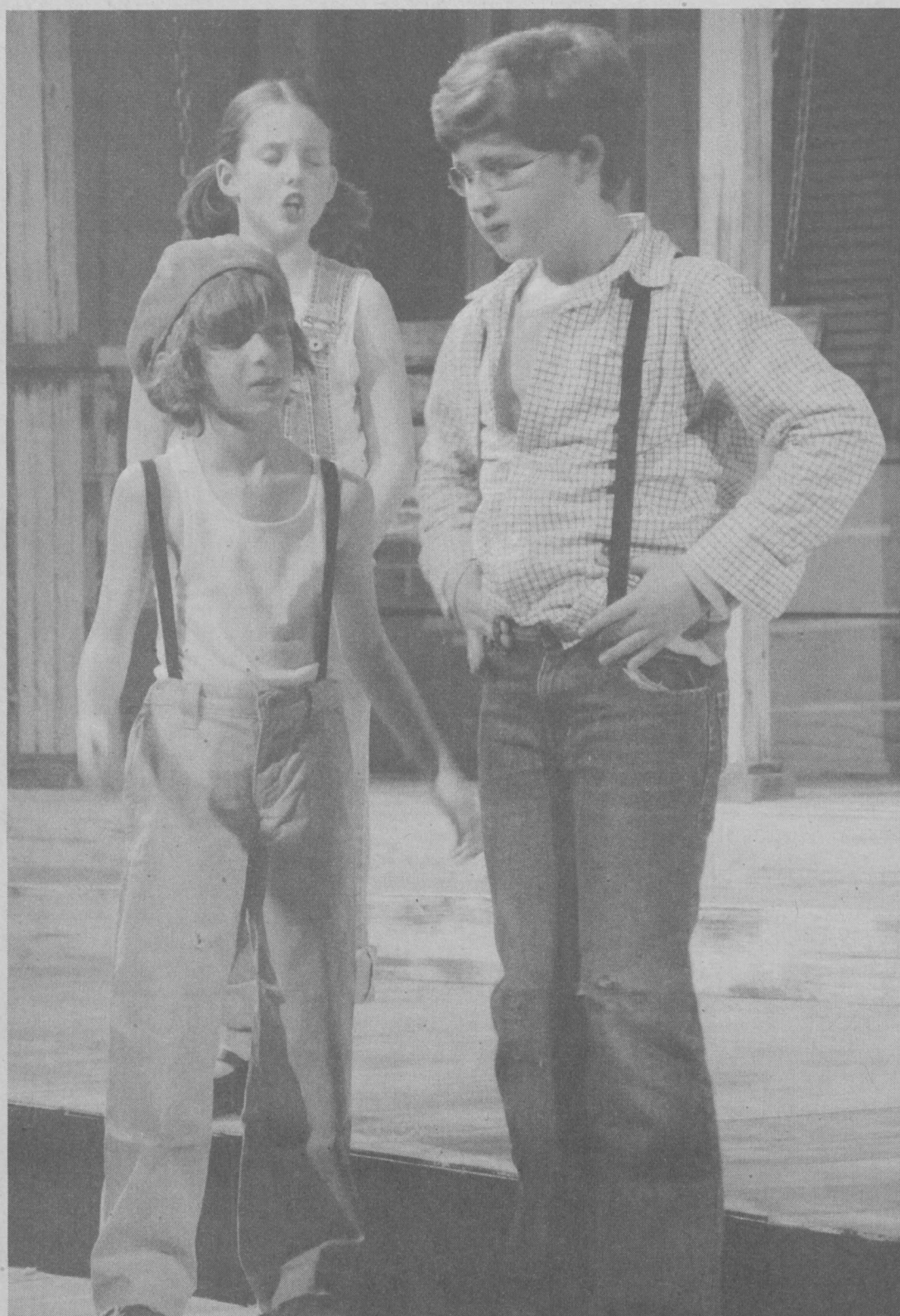
ciate the play.

"I hope people who are familiar with the book have an opportunity to see these wonderful characters and wonderful story live in color," he said. The 1962 film is in black and white. "I hope to introduce a new generation of audience to the power of theater and the power of adaptation."

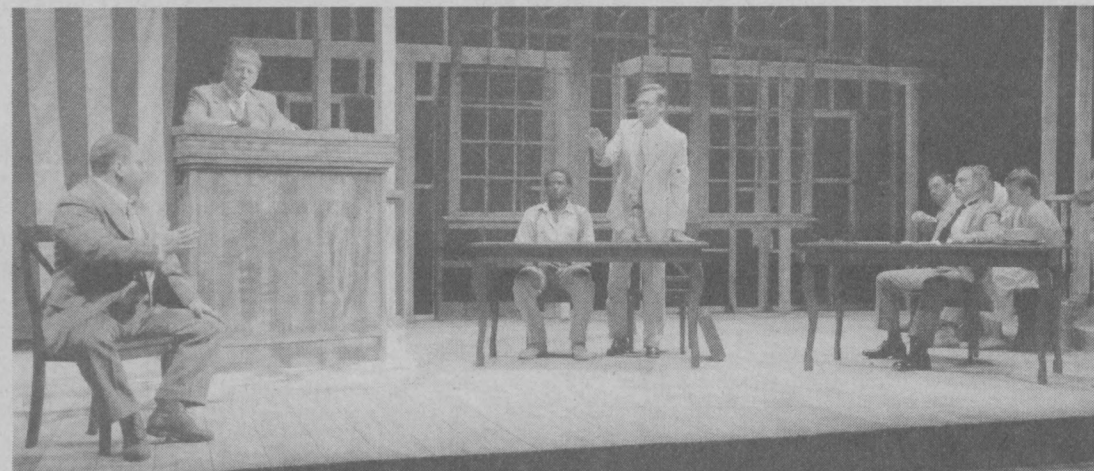
Tickets for "To Kill A Mockingbird" are available at the box office by calling 942-3333, or online at penobscottheatre.org. The show runs through April 17.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of "To Kill A Mockingbird," and coinciding with Penobscot Theatre's production, UMaine will host special guest Mary Murphy as she screens her documentary, "Hey, Boo: Harper Lee and 'To Kill a Mockingbird.'" Murphy, a producer at CBS news for 20 years and winner of six Emmy Awards, presents her film as a part of the university's Cultural Affairs / Distinguished Lecture Series.

Sponsored by the UMaine Humanities Initiative, the screening, followed by a discussion, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of Nutting Hall.



Michael Weston • Penobscot Theatre Company



Above: An adaptation of the classic American novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" by the Penobscot Theatre Company opened March 30 and runs until April 17 at the Bangor Opera House.

Right: Young actors, as pictured here playing the roles of Scout, Dill and Jem, share the stage with adults in The Penobscot Theatre Company's production of "To Kill A Mockingbird," running until April 17 at the Bangor Opera House.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

Sherlock not needed

A Con-Way Freight 2011 truck making a delivery to Fogle Library March 28 backed into a parked 2001 Dodge SUV in the parking lot between the library and Holmes Hall at 1:29 p.m. The Con-Way truck was not damaged and the damage to the Dodge is estimated at \$600.

Burgled Benjamin

At some point between 12 p.m. March 21 and 6 p.m. March 23, a sum of money less than \$100 was stolen from a backpack left in a women's locker room in the Memorial Gym.

Hot-knocking

The University of Maine Police Department received a report of five individuals smoking marijuana in a car parked in the Knox Hall lot at 2:16 a.m. March 25. All five admitted to smoking marijuana and drinking. Officers seized a pipe filled with marijuana. Justin Briggs, 20, was issued a summons for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and was referred to Judicial Affairs. Of the four others in the vehicle, one male and two females were referred to Judicial Affairs. According to Sgt. Bob Norman, no action was taken against the fifth individual, who was a male.

Changing courts

Officers on patrol at 12:41 a.m. March 25 noticed two males smoking marijuana in a car parked in the tennis court lot by the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Officers seized a pipe filled with marijuana. Benjamin Jerome, 18, was issued a summons for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and was referred to Judicial Affairs. The other male, 18, was not a UMaine student and was asked to leave campus.

Maryanna or Maryjane?

Officers on patrol in Knox Hall at 9:04 p.m. March 26 detected the smell of marijuana coming from a fourth-floor room. Maryanna Hatch, 19, was issued a summons for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and referred to Judicial Affairs after officers confiscated 1.4 grams of marijuana.

Failed fraud

UMPD received a report of attempted fraud at 6:53 p.m. March 24. A UMaine student believes someone attempted to steal funds from a bank account at some point on March 23 after obtaining a debit card number. According to Norman, the student is not aware of any loss; therefore, this case is being handled by the bank rather than by UMPD.

Han-chock full

UMPD received a report of underage drinking on the first floor of Hancock Hall at 11:19 p.m. March 26. When officers arrived, they found seven people and evidence of a party, such as open alcohol containers and alcohol in a mini-fridge, in the room. One female and five males were referred to Judicial Affairs for underage drinking. No action was taken against the seventh individual.

Dope date

UMPD received a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a second-floor room in Hancock Hall at 11:18 p.m. March 24. Officers located a male and a female who both admitted to smoking off campus. They were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Alcohol by volume

Two male individuals were referred to Judicial Affairs March 26 when officers responded to a noise complaint on the second floor of Knox Hall at 9:47 p.m. After entering the room, officers saw alcohol containers. Neither individual had been drinking, but both were referred for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Littering? Lame.

Officers on patrol noticed broken glass and smashed furniture on the ground outside Hart Hall at 6:15 a.m. March 27. They located the two male individuals responsible for the littering, which had happened earlier in the morning. Both individuals were referred to Judicial Affairs.

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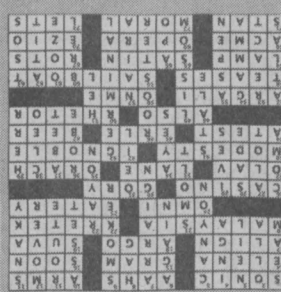
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officials that helped lower tuition increases.

"This year we have the smallest tuition increase in eight years," Pattenau said. "Affordable tuition is a key to student retention and graduation."

In 2009 tuition increased by 9.6 percent, the culmination of a sharp upward spike in rates that began in 2004. Waldron said lower university enrollment rates during this time — down 4.1 percent over the same five-year period — were a major contributing factor to the hikes in tuition, but this trend could be coming to an end.

Waldron traced the downward trend in enrollment rates to lower high school graduation numbers across the Northeast.

"It appears we are tracking the high school demographics in the state," she said, adding that the other New England land-grant institutions are "struggling in the same way we are with declining high school graduation rates."

She referenced a map of the United States compiled by the Western Interstate Com-

mission for Higher Education showing the projected drop in high school graduation rates from 2009-2010 to 2019-2020 nationwide. According to these statistics, Maine is facing the smallest drop at 8 percent, while Vermont could see up to 23 percent fewer high school graduates by the end of the decade.

In terms of UMaine enrollment, Waldron said these numbers could lead to 756 fewer full-time students by 2016 compared to fall of 2008. By the start of fiscal year 2012, lower enrollment rates will have amounted to losses of more than \$3 million.

UMaine saw 354 fewer full-time students from 2008-10 and it is projected 2012 will see an additional 206 cut from Black Bear ranks for a total loss of 561.

"The positive news is that we are about two-thirds of the way to where we could possibly level off," Waldron said.

Among the various campuses within the University of Maine System, UMaine carries the highest tuition. The closest campus in terms of price for in-state students is Farmington, coming in at \$1,350 less than Orono in 2011.

Out-of-state students seeking a bargain would do better

to look to Augusta or Presque Isle, priced in 2011 at \$9,167 and \$9,172 respectively.

Waldron said the higher tuition rates are "certainly for good reason because of all that we have here at the institution and [UMaine] being the land-grant research institution."

Despite this drop in student enrollment, Waldron said the outlook for fiscal year 2012 is better than expected due to LePage's proposed biennial budget that holds state appropriations at their current level.

Originally, the university faced a projected \$8.3 million budget gap which has since been readjusted to \$6 million when factoring in the biennial proposal. In order to cover this gap, the university is seeking to reallocate funds from several areas.

Several employee positions will also be either lost or reclassified in a move designed to save on expenditures. Only two employees will be laid off — one classified and one professional.

With those moves, UMaine will cut an equivalent of 22.14 full-time employee positions. Conversely, seven faculty, one professional and one classified position will be created, for a total of nine new full-time equivalent employees.

Education from A1

a decision on higher education based on their goals, he said.

When students choose the path they want to follow after high school, the program offers two-year scholarships worth up to \$2,000 to pay for classes, books and other academic necessities.

"I think the work we're already doing does some good," Collins said. "I haven't heard enough or seen enough out of the governor's plans ... to know what it is they want to see."

Early School for ME, he said, "was never designed to get somebody a degree during high school," as some in LePage's camp have suggested.

"What we have done is engaged students who are not on a path to college to start thinking about it," Collins said. "A full degree within a year of high school is a tall order."

Early College for ME, he said, cannot expand past the schools already on board with the program due to staffing constraints. The program employs the equivalent of 11 full-time staffers — some of whom must visit schools statewide and deliver services "on the ground."

Collins said nobody in the LePage administration has indicated that they would like to use his program as a springboard, but he would be willing to discuss it.

"Certainly, if someone sees this as a gateway or entryway into something bigger, then, yeah, absolutely, we'll sit down and talk," he said.

The University of Maine System features two major programs that offer college opportunities for younger students — web-based Academ-e and the oldest program, the classroom-based Maine High School Aspi-

ration Incentive Program.

According to Ashley Burns, a graduate assistant and coordinator of Academ-e, which is based at UMaine, the program serves roughly 300 students per academic year. Burns said she has not heard of any developments in Augusta that would affect her program for better or worse.

All public high school students in Maine are eligible for nomination by guidance counselors and must have, at least a "B" average to qualify for different slates of online course offerings. These courses are run simultaneously with regular college courses but with special sections for Academ-e students.

The Maine High School Aspirations Incentive Program, established in the 1980s by the university system and the Maine Department of Education, utilizes \$280,000 a year in state

UMaine, said LePage's focus on technical education has been striking compared to previous governors but that the plan is convoluted due to a lack of specificity at this time.

"If it is another year that is going to apply to college, I just am not sure how they implement that," Fried said. "Why would they be considered to be in high school at the same time at that point rather than just being a college student? If they're ready to go to college, they can go to college."

Though skeptical of released plans, Collins praised LePage's technical focus and said Maine's higher education system has been using an outdated model from a time when agriculture and manufacturing dominated the state's economy — a time when college wasn't socially perceived as necessary for a better life.

"We haven't really looked at bridging the need for higher ed. to accept a widening group of students who may not be as academically prepared as students

20 years ago were. They weren't expected to go college [back then]," Collins said. "They were going to go out into other options. Those options aren't there anymore."

Reached for comment last week, University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenau praised LePage for his "focus" on higher education. He also said that the governor's focus on vocational programs was "interesting."

"I think it is important to support all of the vocational, community college, university continuum," Pattenau said. "I think baccalaureate education provides the most value added for students, but for the student who isn't interested in that, it's useful and important to have a quality technical program."

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a two-part

"A full degree within a year of high school is a tall order."

Charles Collins
Director
Early College for ME

funding to allow students, for reduced rates, to take courses at any of Maine's community college and university campuses, including courses at distance-learning centers.

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An email request for comment from LePage's office was not returned for this story.

Amy Fried, an associate professor of political science at

Blodgett from A1

over the job full-time.

"In retrospect, [the extension] was unfortunate," Abbott said. "I know Blake had high hopes as did I. We were both optimistic."

Unable to improve on a subpar 2009-2010 season where the Black Bears went 8-21, UMaine finished this season 4-25, the worst in the program's history.

Blodgett declined to comment, as she expects to hold a press conference on Thursday at Paddy Murphy's, a downtown Bangor pub, at 2 p.m. Blodgett reportedly has hired an attorney, Tom Nale of Waterville, but has no plans to sue the university.

"She's making a statement [Thursday] at 2 o'clock in the

Bangor area," Nale said. "I negotiated her WNBA contract a few years ago. She called and asked if I would assist her in working through this issue with the University, which I feel we've done and she's going to make a statement [Thursday]

a few of them.

"I talked to a number of the women's basketball players and they all worked very hard under Cindy," Abbott said. "We all liked and respected her, but as an administrator it's not my job to make decisions based on

"I know it's disappointing for [the team] and I'm sympathetic, but when it came down to it, she didn't perform."

Steve Abbott
Athletic director
University of Maine

afternoon."

Blodgett will receive a year's salary, \$109,772, as a part of the termination agreement.

The remaining members of the women's basketball team were upset with the decision and Abbott said he talked with

those factors rather on what's best for UMaine. I know it's disappointing for them and I'm sympathetic, but when it came down to it, she didn't perform."

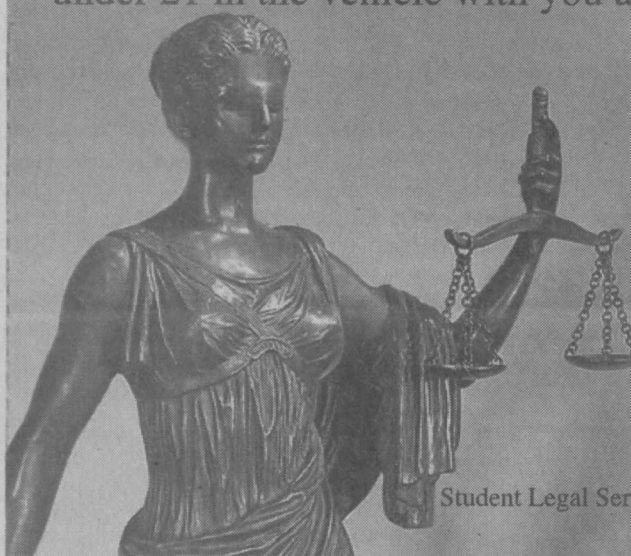
Abbott said a national search will begin immediately.

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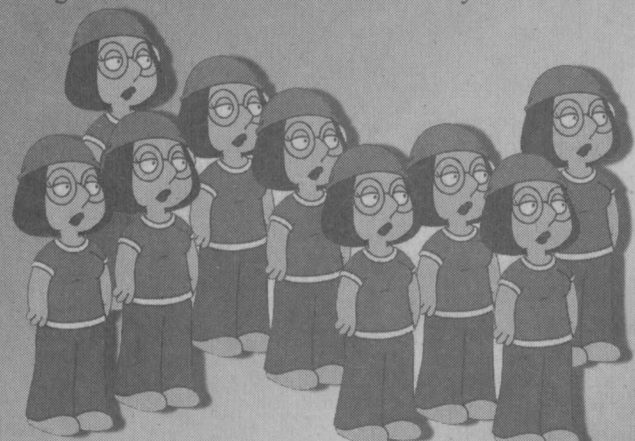
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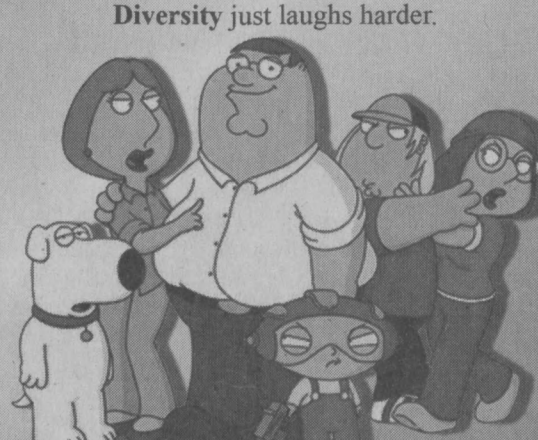
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Impeachment from A1

"President Carson, I believe, knows during his term in office thus far he has not met the requirements of his job description and his leadership has been inadequate," Helmke said. "It is solely his responsibility, and again he has mismanaged this great responsibility."

UMaine alumnus Andrew Johnson spoke on Carson's behalf. Johnson said accusations against Carson were "vague" and "paradoxically absurd," urging senators to protect a "vocal and public advocate of the University of Maine Student Government."

Johnson said although the primary complaint against Carson was the failed website contract, the fault laid with website developer Ryan Gavin, to whom Student Government has paid almost \$1,000 to date.

"Mr. Gavin's failures being projected as faults of Carson's administration is laughable if it weren't so real," Johnson said.

Johnson also argued that Gavin had led a "smear campaign" against Carson's administration.

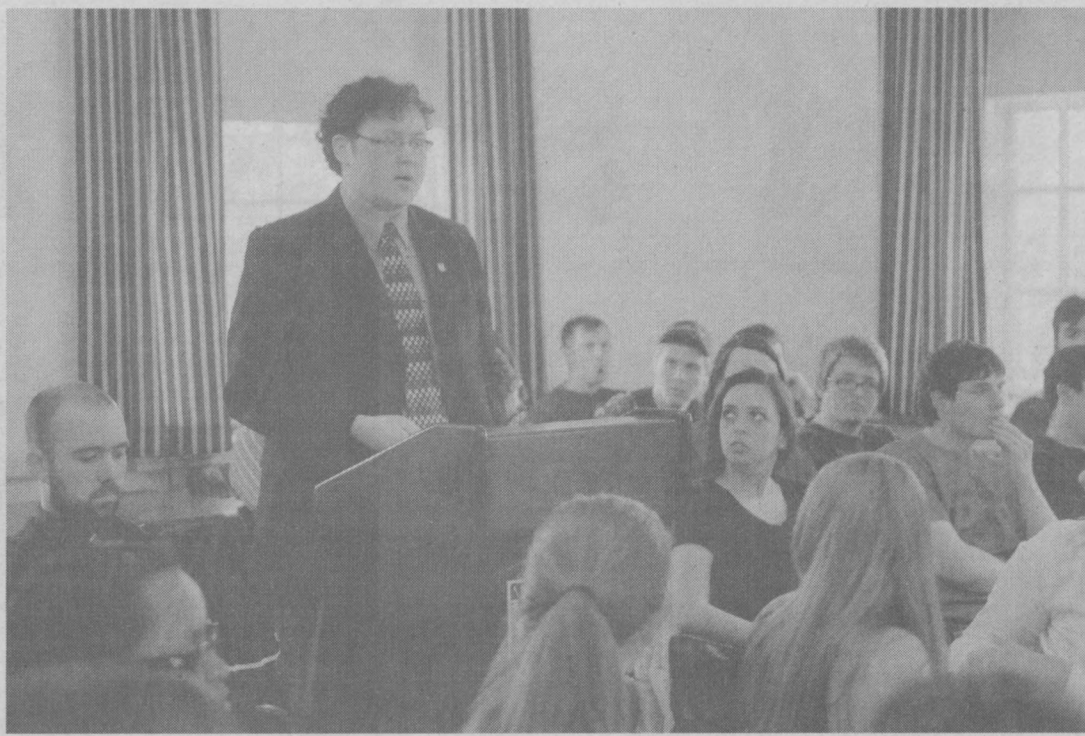
"This campaign has involved his numerous radio shows, his personal website, newspaper editorials and backdoor conversations with active members of Student Government," he said.

Johnson described what he felt was a public campaign launched to discredit Carson's presidency. He quoted a Feb. 24 editorial in The Maine Campus that compared Carson to Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," believing such comparisons "are good prep for a literature paper," but "references to him being nice or friendly are not faults, but proof of the de facto hostile environment that has aligned itself against him."

Johnson encouraged senators not to believe the accusations, saying, "You're going to recognize in President Carson someone who gets the job done despite distractions."

Three members of Carson's cabinet — Vice President Ortiz, Vice President of Student Entertainment Joseph Nabozny and Vice President of Student Organizations Hannah Hudson — took the stand to say Carson should be removed from office. They all cited experiences when Carson missed executive meetings, failed to attend office hours and acted in a way unbecoming of a president, leading them to say he lacked leadership qualities.

Ortiz said Carson attended only half of his office hours and said he witnessed Carson get in "screaming matches"



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Former Senate parliamentarian Ryan Gavin reads a text message sent from ex-President Nelson Carson challenging him to testify "if you're man enough to defend yourself in public."

with Gavin. Ortiz characterized the behavior as "unprofessional."

Hudson said Carson failed to inform her about executive meetings. She characterized the two meetings she had with him as "unprofessional," adding she did not believe he could fulfill his duties if allowed to continue as president.

Nabozny said Carson failed to hold cabinet meetings. He agreed the president had not "served effectively and competently" during his time in office and said he warned Carson before spring break that he could face impeachment if he failed to meet his goals.

"We all know Nelson is a great person — no one's questioning that," Nabozny said. "In my opinion, in the three [presidents] that I have personally seen, by far the worst example of leadership we have seen has been President Carson."

Nabozny said Carson articulated his goals well but was unable to achieve them.

"It's easy to come up with ideas and aspirations but to follow up on them is where the hard part starts," Nabozny said.

Director of External Affairs Jose Roman was also called to testify. Roman thought Carson was involved in work "way outside his job description" and failed to delegate duties. He said the public displays of UMSG problems "centered" around Carson were "embarrassing."

Roman and members of the executive cabinet were not allowed to vote.

Taking the stand, Carson said he didn't believe an impeachment trial was the correct route to settle disputes he felt could be addressed in private, saying he felt "blindsided" by the accusations.

"It's your job to back me up or take my ideas and run with them. Not a single one of you has run with them. My failure is forcing you guys with taking my ideas and passing or failing them," Carson said.

Responding to Helmke's question regarding office hours, Carson elaborated that his office hours were listed as "any time I was awake and out of class."

Carson acknowledged claims that he had missed executive meetings and office hours, though he disagreed that strictly abiding by them was necessary. He explained he was often meeting with administration or engaging students on how to improve campus life.

"I reach out and go have lunch with students or see what clubs on campus are doing," Carson said. "That's what I feel the president should be doing — not sitting down and filling out X, Y and Z and then washing my hands of the job afterwards."

Responding to Carson's comment that he had never received a message from a student after missing office hours, Helmke asked, "So you're trying to tell me the voicemail or pad of paper is an effective method of communication? The students are paying you with their money and you find it acceptable to take that money and leave a notepad?"

Carson said he didn't.

Helmke asked whether the failure to abide by the terms of the website contract constituted a breach in a direct order from GSS. While Carson acknowledged the site remained incomplete, he claimed Gavin should share the blame.

"Where does my responsibility lie?" Carson asked. "Do I have to be on his doorstep to

ensure that this gets done? Do I have to walk him through the process? I paid him \$1,000 because I am a president that has other things to do."

Carson said he felt "misunderstood" and accepted that he communicated poorly with his senators during his time as president.

"The biggest failure I think I have made is not creating an atmosphere for you guys to come in and talk to me. Students will come in and talk to me. I can talk to faculty and the administration. But for the 35 senators — that's where I need to work on," he said.

Carson said he knew it was impossible for him to fulfill his goals alone and asked senators to move ahead with him.

The defense did not call any witnesses.

Helmke closed his argu-

ments by saying all of the witnesses he had called testified, "Nelson has failed to lead the organization."

"If you want progress, you need tangible results," Helmke said. "A vote of guilty is a vote for progress and swift action. This body needs to show it has strength."

Johnson claimed the prosecution's arguments were based on "secondhand" information and failed to establish the burden of proof.

"A general sense of professionalism and leadership is exactly what Nelson has been showing in the past months and four years he's been at the University of Maine campus," Johnson said. "I don't think that anyone here has demonstrated an adequate description of what leadership or professionalism is, or how Nelson has failed that."

Johnson also read a statement from Carson.

"No accusations made against me are strong enough to require my removal," Johnson read. "Pressing the 'next button' to get someone new in my position will only slow us down further and will create a new strong man to attack."

Before the trial moved into executive session, Sen. Alex Ortiz moved to suspend the standing rules to allow UMSG faculty representative EJ Roach to witness the deliberation. Afterward all non-senators, including GSS executives, were excluded from debate.

During deliberation several students criticized the senate.

"One of their essential points was that [Carson] was being unprofessional, and I couldn't believe they were texting and signaling across the table," Alex Clark said.

The trial then reopened to

the public to hear the verdict.

During the senate's regularly scheduled meeting before the trial, Gavin rose to read a text message he received from Carson earlier in the day.

"I would like you to be around tonight to be witness to these accusations you have made against me if you are man enough to defend yourself in public," Gavin read. "Well, I'm here and I'm not going to testify."

Carson did not deny he sent the message.

In a statement after the meeting, Carson said he felt he had been "robbed" from office.

"I wasn't able to make any changes that I was told needed to be made and I wasn't told about these changes until now," Carson said. "They're happy, they're all on the same page now. Hopefully they can move forward as an organization. My plans are still to work, to follow through with the goals I want to create. I didn't need this position to voice for the students."

"Unfortunately I can't do it with the backing of the student senate, but I can do it with the backing of the student body," Carson said.

Helmke said he was saddened with the proceedings.

"I was there when we wrote our new standing rules and I never thought we'd have to use this mechanism, but obviously the vote reflects tonight that it was necessary," he said.

Helmke noted that Carson wasn't the only obstacle hindering UMSG, saying "everyone has room for improvement."

"With new leadership, we hold a better shot at moving forward than what we had with President Carson," he said.

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\$1,731 was allocated to the Animation Club to attend an anime convention in Boston. The funding will cover lodging and travel.

\$1,340 was funded to the Cycling Club for an upcoming bike race in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. \$520 will be spent on lodging and \$820 will cover race fees.

The International Students Association was funded \$1,350 for the International Graduation Dinner to be held April 30 in the Buchanan Alumni House.

The UMaine Equestrian team was allocated \$135.01 for its regional tournament at Dartmouth College.

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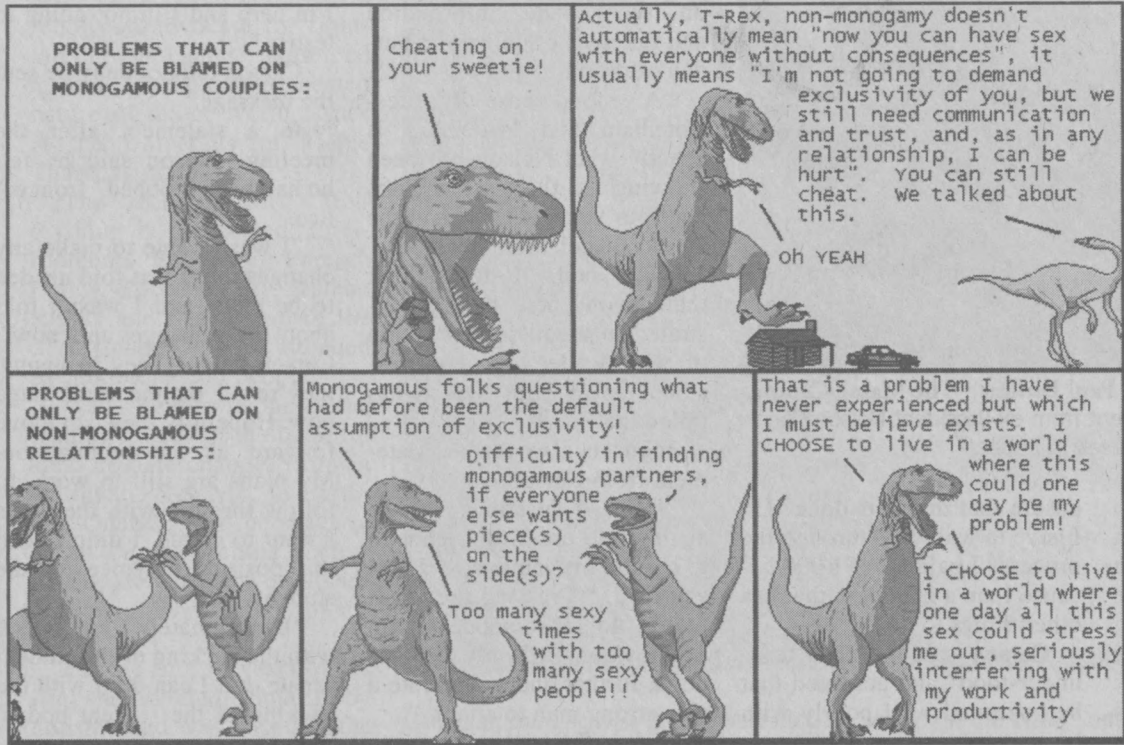


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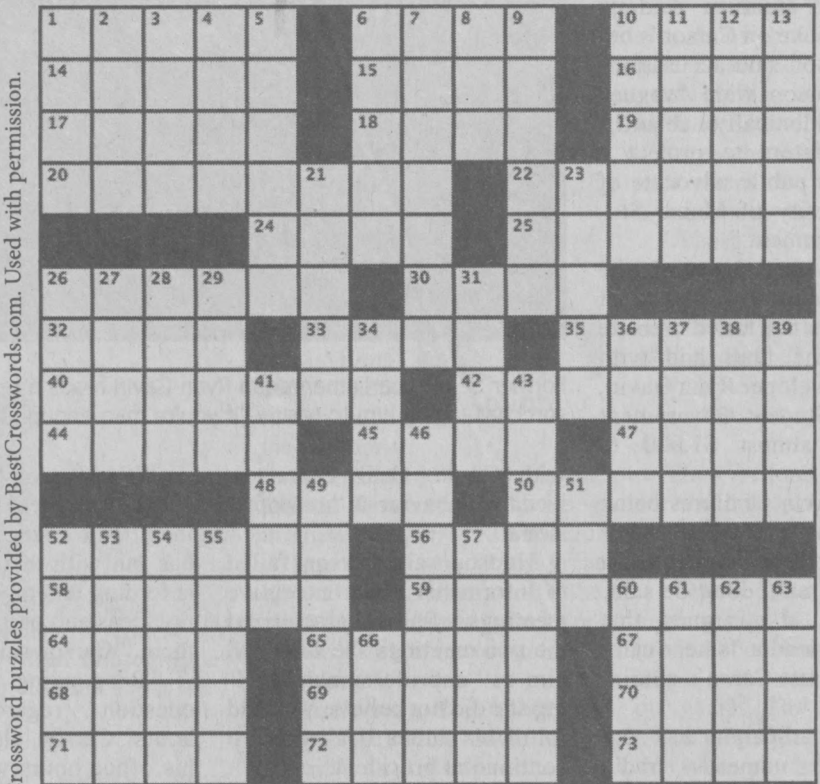
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By Ryan North

Crossword Puzzle



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There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Across

- 1- Pertaining to sound
- 6- Exclamations of relief
- 10- Upper limbs, weapons
- 14- Actress Verdugo
- 15- Metric unit of mass
- 16- Before long
- 17- Set straight
- 18- Jason's craft
- 19- Capital of Fiji
- 20- SE Asian country
- 22- Indonesian cigarette
- 24- Old Dodge model
- 25- Diner
- 26- Gambling house
- 30- Bloody
- 32- Norwegian king
- 33- Alley
- 35- Mountain spin-ach

- 40- Lack of vanity
- 42- Base
- 44- Bikini blast
- 45- Della's creator
- 47- Ale, e.g.
- 48- "_____ sprach Zarathustra"
- 50- Daniel Webster, e.g.
- 52- Wild sheep of Asia
- 56- Treater's words
- 58- Tantalizes
- 59- Catamaran, for one
- 64- Genie's home
- 65- Glossy fabric
- 67- Spoils
- 68- Apex, pinnacle
- 69- Musical drama
- 70- Pinza of "South Pacific"
- 71- Ollie's partner
- 72- Ethical
- 73- Permits

- 1- Thin stratum
- 2- Earthen pot
- 3- Singer Sedaka
- 4- Swenson of "Ben-son"
- 5- Gorge
- 6- Anew
- 7- Censure
- 8- Crone
- 9- Deep-sea volcano
- 10- It's a good thing
- 11- Path
- 12- Man with a van, perhaps
- 13- Serpentine
- 21- Young salmon
- 23- Semisynthetic textile
- 26- Deep uncon- scious state
- 27- Bunches
- 28- "No Ordinary Love" singer
- 29- Folk singer Burl
- 31- Trompe l'_____
- 34- Affirmative votes

- 36- Cloak
- 37- Assist, often in a criminal act
- 38- 1963 role for Liz
- 39- German Mister
- 41- Hackneyed
- 43- Zola's novel of life in the French mines
- 46- Cock
- 49- Supple
- 51- Norse goddess
- 52- Collection of maps
- 53- Hit back, per- haps
- 54- Type of ray
- 55- Colorado resort
- 57- Currency unit in Nigeria
- 60- Songwriter Jacques
- 61- Exude
- 62- Arguing
- 63- General _____ chicken
- 66- Mil. address

Down

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You are best not to say too much to colleagues. The distance may make you appreciate each other more. You should be traveling to that exotic destination you've been dreaming about.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Love can be yours if you get out and about. Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. Rewards for past good deeds will be yours.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - This is a great day to start that new health regimen you've been talking about. Stick to your own projects and by the end of the day you'll shine. Your disciplined attention to jobs will enhance your position.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Use your inventiveness to find solutions. You can make adjustments in your domestic scene today. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - You won't be able to keep a secret. Try to include friends and relatives in your activities. Try to visit a country that excites you.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - Get involved in competitive sports. Friends will appreciate your attention and playful nature. Don't push your luck with authority figures. You mustn't be so trusting.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - You can enhance your cash flow if you pick up additional skills. You'll find it easy to talk about your feelings today. Don't hesitate to find out what your friend's intentions are. You can come up with solutions to the problems responsible for inefficiencies at work.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Get involved in fitness programs that will bring you in contact with new friends. Work hard on improving your living quarters. Put all your energy into moneymaking ventures.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - A little rest will do wonders. Rely on yourself and you will look good to superiors. Expect to have more people on your domestic scene.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - One-sided relationships are likely. You should spend your day trying to get things completed at work. You need to spend some time pampering yourself.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Throw yourself into your profession. Try to get everyone involved; it will help bring you closer together. You may have problems with children. You're undergoing changes.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Do a little investigating if there is someone at work you don't trust. You'll find love and you'll get into tiptop shape at the same time. You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm.

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Market Recap

SPIFFY would like to thank Guest speaker Jim Bittman from the CBOE for speaking at SPIFFY. His message was "attention to detail and patience is what it takes to be a successful arbitrage trader."

Sector Head Quinn Bardon pitched target prices for the Conglomerates sector. His target prices for our two holdings: (GE 21.39) (SI 178.89)

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With 19 days remaining ralfeg7 has taken another incredible lead. His holdings in Majestic Entertainment has shot him flying high again at a miraculous back into the realm of +80% gain. Justin G has held the same securities as last week Realizing a steady gain. Make it Rain has decided to turn the water off by still not holding any investments in his portfolio. He must of decided that his ~15% gain will be sufficient to win the competition.

Investment Tip


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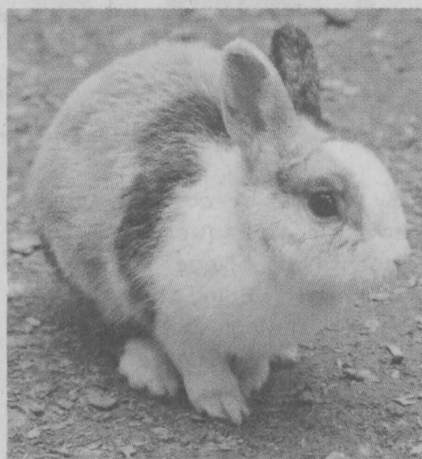
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Mr. Nibbles died and we are all very sad :(

By BK 
Head Rabbit Caretaker

Today, Mr. Nibbles is dead. He was our rabbit, and he was a good rabbit. He did all the things rabbits did. He hopped around the room during story time and he ate carrots from our lunchboxes that we didn't want to eat. He did bite Maddie that one time, but Ms. Dingbat said Mr. Nibbles was sorry and he even looked sorry. Besides that, Mr. Nibbles was



Mr. Nibbles

always a good rabbit.

When we came into class yesterday, Mr. Nibbles looked really sick. His ears were flopped over into his eyes. We went to music class after lunch and then after music class we were supposed to do our multiplication tables but when Ms. Dingbat came to pick us up after music class we had a surprise recess and we were the only ones on the playground so there was barely any line for tetherball.

After our surprise recess, we went inside to do our multipli-

cation tables, and Katelin noticed that Mr. Nibbles wasn't in his cage.

"The cage was empty," Katelin said. "I thought maybe Mr. Nibbles was visiting the second grade class, because he does that sometimes, and so I didn't think it was weird."

When we got to school this morning, though, Mr. Nibbles still wasn't there and Ms. Dingbat told us that Mr. Nibbles was dead.

"I'm gonna miss Mr. Nibbles," Betsy said.


Even Jesse looked sad, but Jesse is always in trouble anyway and always looks sad.

We had a funeral for Mr. Nibbles. Ms. Dingbat buried him under the big oak tree at the end of the playground yesterday after the late bus left. So we went to the tree and left cards to Mr. Nibbles that we drew.

Ms. Dingbat said maybe we could get a new rabbit or maybe a gerbil. But not fish, fish are dumb.

"I hope we name it Bunnicula," Kegan said.

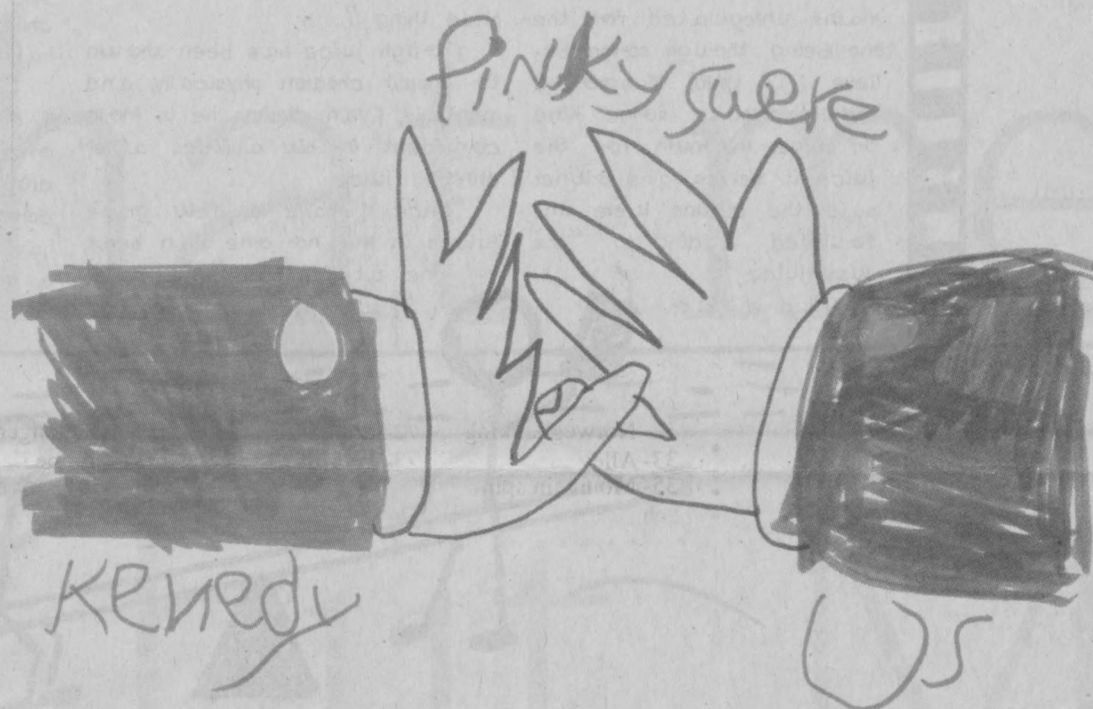
We want a new playground!!

By BK the Spy 
Best Eavesdropper Ever

Superintendent Kennedy broke his pinky swear and he isn't going to get us new playground equipment. We found out during snack time, and we were all so sad and no one wanted to finish their milk or Goldfish. But then we did, because we were hungry.

He said he was going to get us a new swingset and a new slide with bumps in it. We were also going to get a treehouse in the big oak tree at the end of the playground, but now he says it's too dangerous and the other stuff is too expensive and so we aren't getting em.

We were all so mad and so we bugged our teacher Ms. Dingbat to let us go talk to Principal Dana but she said no. And so then we bugged her more and finally she let Rob and Mike go



and talk to him.

"It was scary," Mike said when he got back.

"He told us the same thing," Rob said. "He said the treehouse was too dangerous and the other stuff cost too much."

"So I told him to just

get some more money from the ATM because that's what my mom does," Mike said.


"And he laughed," Rob said.

So I guess we aren't getting a new slide or a new swingset or a new treehouse. But Principal

Dana said we could have a funny hat day on Thursday and a PJ day on Friday to make up for it, so I guess that's cool too.

"I'm going to wear my Duke PJs," Jesse said. And he was really excited.

EEWWWWWW!!!!!!! Cooties are here

By Robby 
Doctor Wannabe

A bunch of fifth graders have said that the girls in our third grade class have cooties, which is really gross.

They also said that we need to get cootie shots, otherwise they would give us swishes to clean them off or lock us in lockers to "cootie-in-teen" us. When I asked what that meant, they said "look in a dictionary."

The news of the cootie problem was first told to the third graders by Pete from fifth grade at recess yesterday. He said almost all the girls in our class have cooties and that our teacher Ms. Dingbat is also probably infected. A group of other fifth graders standing next to Pete were saying it too.

After recess, all of the third grade boys asked Ms. Dingbat why she did not tell us about the cootie outbreak and she acted like we were crazy. She said cooties are not real and that none of the girls in the class had any, even Ms. Dingbat.

Since we all thought Ms. Dingbat was lying, Jesse faked a tummy ache and went to the nurse's office to see Mrs. Cutler. Jesse told her that his stomach hurt because the girls gave him cooties, but she said not to worry because cooties aren't real.

Mrs. Cutler said for him to drink a glass of fizzy water she gave him and to lay down for a while. When Jesse asked her about the cooties again, she said the bubbles in the water would cure him but that she only had a little bit so not to tell anyone because she didn't have enough for everyone.

After like half an hour, Jesse got up to leave and Mrs. Cutler said "Well, I guess you're all better now, but remember about our secret" and winked before sending him back to class.

When Jesse told us the nurse told him that cooties are real and gave him medicine for them, the third grade boys decided not to talk to the girls until we could find a way to protect ourselves. Mike called an emergency clubhouse meeting for after school today and the fifth graders said they would come tell us how to get rid of the cooties.

How to not get cooties

My friend Billy and I asked Billy's mom who is a doctor if cooties are real but she said they aren't but then we didn't believe her. Pete from the fifth grade said we need to get cootie shots to protect us.

We spent recess on the swings coming up with this list because girls are mean and don't like it when we push them in the mud or throw our Goldfish at them in the cafeteria.


☞ Cootie shots: you need to go to a doctor because they are the ones who give shots. Then they take their finger and make a circle-circle-dot-dot on your arm and then you can talk to girls again sometimes. But only sometimes.

☞ If you can't get the shot, STAY AWAY! Girls are yucky anyway.

☞ Then the bell rung and we went inside and did math. I hate math.

The tooth fairy is in trouble!!!

If you lose ur tooth, you may not get money

By Matty S 
Always Tardy

The tooth fairy is real and still collecting teeth for a living but may be struggling to pay up on lost teeth left under the pillow due to the tough economy following his vacation.

My brother lost his tooth Wednesday afternoon and the tooth fairy left \$1 under his pillow last night as well as a note that said the tooth fairy was super happy he lost his tooth. The note also said that Mom and Dad are proud of how brave he has been while losing his tooth.

The gift left by the tooth fairy is the first reported appearance by the tooth fairy since recess on Monday when Johnny Hopkins said that the

tooth fairy was not real because he had not given him anything for the last 2 teeth he lost.

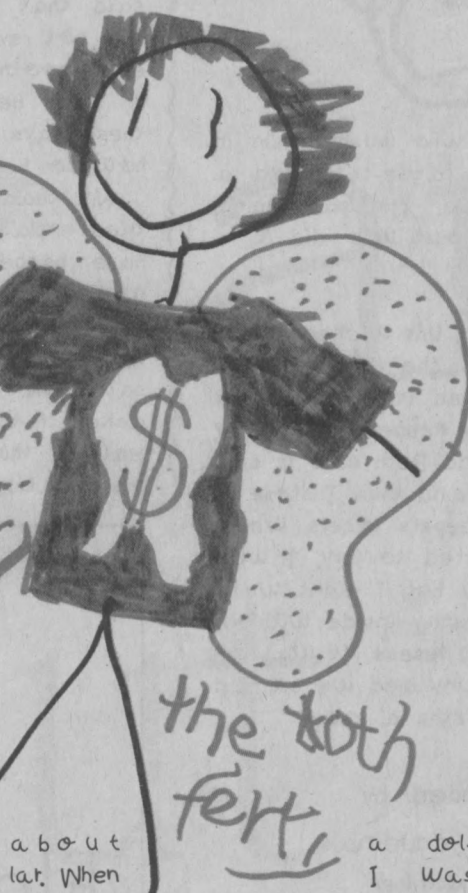
The Maine Campus could not confirm the connection

between the tooth fairy and parents but the \$1 that was left under my brother's pillow is a full dollar short of what the tooth fairy left under his pillow last year. Reports from classmates at recess show that the tooth fairy has been leaving smaller rewards, if anything at all, for teeth since we started third grade.

"Well buddy, the tooth fairy must have cut back on how much money he is spending this year," my Dad said. "The tooth fairy must want to save up some money so he can get a new flat screen TV or add an addition to the -- I mean his house or something like that."

My Dad said the tooth fairy is not the only one who is having trouble paying off his debt and that people all over the United States are getting shorted on their tooth returns.

"There are people all over the country that don't get anything from the tooth fairy, or just don't have teeth for the tooth fairy to take," my Dad said. "You're complaining



about that. When you're my age I would be lucky if I got a quarter let alone a dollar from the tooth fairy."

See Tooth Fairy on A2

Kidz drink two much joose. Its krazy!

By Jennifer Vincent
Fifth grade correspondent

Excessive consumption of juice, often lasting long after snack times, is causing growing concern among experts and the local community.

This alarming new trend, popularly referred to as Thirsty Thursday, has become what one parent calls an "epidemic" with a number of negative consequences.

"Sometimes after a long week of coloring and silent reading, the weekend can't come soon enough," said Billy Ryan, the class gerbil-keeper. "So I might have a few juice boxes. Maybe I start drinking straight from the bottle. It's not a big deal. I keep it under control."

Cindy Jones, a self-identified tattler and goody-two-shoes, has a different story to tell.

"I've watched a lot of friends get caught up in Thirsty Thursday. Sometimes they're so hopped up on the sugar they

even skip double-dutch."

Increased confidence is an unfortunate side effect of juice, according to Sidelko. The sugar and strong flavors can cause a feeling of euphoria in children, leading them to attempt things they wouldn't if they were dry.

"I've heard from parents whose kids have tried running away from home after a particularly bad juice binge," Sidelko said. "They've never made it further than the neighbors' house before turning around, but the possibilities are worrisome."

Jones said she has felt pressure from friends to drink juice and that it can be hard to resist during social situations like birthday parties or snack time.

"It's embarrassing to be the only one not doing it," she said. "I usually carry around a glass of milk just to fit in. Plus my mom said it will help me grow up big and strong."

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Sidelko said many students do not know how much sugar is in their juice drink. High concentrations lead to a fast high followed by an emotional and mental low. Some juices may cause sleeping in class, fidgeting and frequent trips to the bathroom.

"I encourage students to keep track of how much juice they have had and always drink with a buddy," Sidelko said. "It is easy to overdo it, but even easier to prevent. It is as simple as alternating your juice with a glass of milk or a few animal crackers."

Because so much juice-drinking occurs outside of school, especially on Thirsty Thursday, it is difficult to control. The owner of local juice hot-spot 103 Ultra Playground defended his business and said he is bringing a new kind of entertainment to Qono.

"This is a well-run recreational establishment. We're not providing a place for kids to drink juice. We're providing a place where they can play kickball or four-square," he said. "Beyond that, they make their own choices."

The risks of juice-drinking have been recognized only recently and juice remains unregulated for the time being, though some believe 103 Ultra Playground should impose some kind of age minimum for the juice it serves. The owner said the claims were unfounded, adding, "It's just juice."

Sidelko

stands by the need for an age restriction.

"I just don't think a first- or second-grader can make an informed decision about juice. So many juice advertisements are targeting that young age group with cartoon characters and bright colors ... a line needs to be drawn," she said.

Motts, a popular brand of apple juice, has recently come under fire for their products.

I've watched a lot of friends get caught up in Thirsty Thursday. Sometimes they're so hopped up on the sugar they can't take an afternoon nap. I feel like I don't recognize them now. I won't even touch juice anymore.

risky nature. A company statement released Tuesday blamed incidents of binge juicing on child error, adding that a reasonable serving size and nutrition facts are printed on every package. A representative could not be reached for comment.

Ryan, a frequent playground visitor, said juice helps him to have more fun with his friends and makes him feel more comfortable with other kids.

"Everyone plays juice-drinking games now. They're hard to get away from," he said. "Kids make stacks of the juice boxes they've finished. It's kind of a pride thing."

Though juice has been shown to impair children physically and mentally, Ryan claims he is more confident in his abilities after drinking juice.

"Once I have a few grape juices in me, no one can beat me at kickball," he said. "I can tag anyone and

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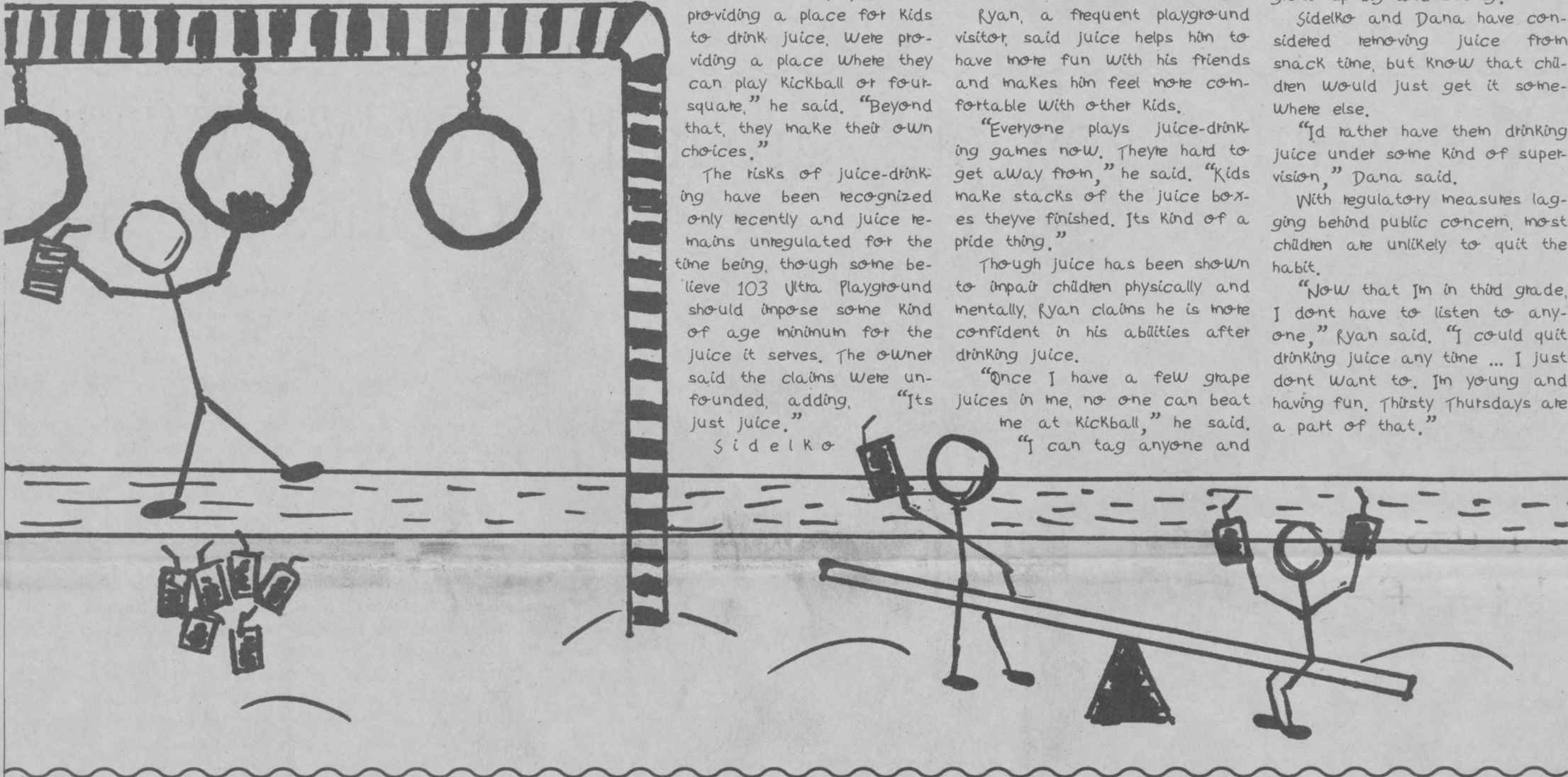
"Now that I'm in third grade, I don't have to listen to anyone," Ryan said. "I could quit drinking juice any time ... I just don't want to. I'm young and having fun. Thirsty Thursdays are a part of that."

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Please Don't

Debbie Downer

Deb got in trouble at the lunch room today. Principal Dana got Deb shooting spit balls at the other tables at lunch. Because she did that, she had to sit with her head on the desk during recess which is stupid, because those people were making fun of Deb first.

I know you are but what am I?

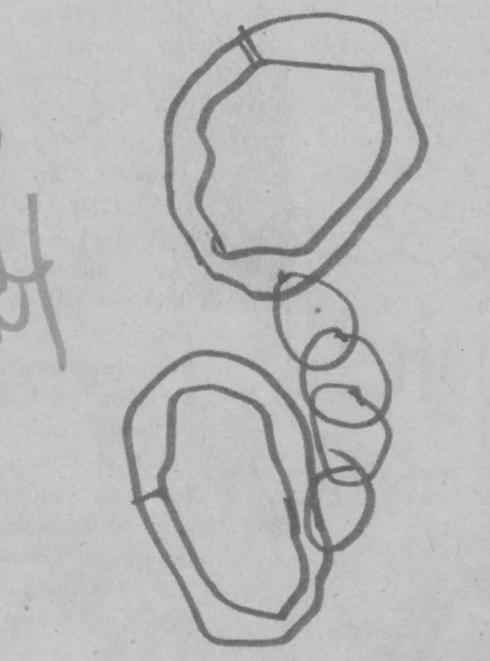
Jimmy Whitehead got mad because Jack Cosgrove called him Jimmy Buttthead. Jimmy went and told on Jack and got him in trouble but then Jimmy got in trouble because Mr. Abbott said nobody likes a tattletale.

King of the swing

The other day at recess Nelson Carson wouldn't get off the swing set after his turn was up. Mr. Roach, hehe, came over and kicked Nelson off the swingset. He was really upset, but everyone agreed he broke the rules.

Caged Crosby

Chris Crosby was locked in a locker for almost a whole hour yesterday. He didn't see who pushed him in there but when he got out and got tooked to the nurses office, he



said the person who pushed him in said he was a tattletale and a liar-lar-pants-on-fire. Principal Dana promised to find out who did it.

Finders Keepers

Yesterday, I saw this wicked sweet eraser sitting on the floor in the classroom. I picked it up and kept it, because finders keepers. But later, I was using it and Beth saw it and said it was hers and that I stole it. I said finders keepers losers weepers and she started to cry. I was told to say sorry but I didn't want to so I had to stay inside with my head down during recess. It was OK because it was rainy and we all had to stay inside. Beth's a loser.

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Hall Monitor

Tooth Ferry from A1

My Dad said that kids these days are spoiled and expect way too much to be given to them. He said that when he was my age he had to walk 10 miles uphill both ways to school and that once he was done with school his dad made him work on the fields in the farm until his fingers bled. My dad said he had to do all of this just so he could eat. He said that the tooth fairy did not even visit him for every tooth and said that it may be because kids these days just don't know how to behave.

My teacher Ms. Dingbat tried explaining what could have happened to Johnny and my brother.

"Of course the tooth fairy is real," Ms. Dingbat said when Johnny Hopkins asked if the tooth fairy is real. "I think he was just on vacation when you lost

the teeth you didn't get anything for, and we can't expect as much for our teeth when money is so hard to come by for everyone these days."

Ms. Dingbat said that my brother getting a dollar for his tooth is proof that the tooth fairy is real. Ms. Dingbat said that the tooth fairy maybe didn't go to Johnny's house because he didn't believe in the tooth fairy anymore, and that if you don't believe in it then the tooth fairy will not leave a reward for your tooth. She also said that if we stay greedy in what we expect from the tooth fairy we could drive him out of business.

"The tooth fairy has to pay a lot of money traveling around house to house," said Ms. Dingbat. "He also has to pay a lot of money for teeth, which are just not worth as much as they used to be."

The tooth fairy could not be reached for comments but the recent pat-

tern of shortages and no returns for teeth may be evidence of a dying business as well as the result of too much sugar in the diets of kids.

"I have to pull all kinds of teeth out of kids your age because they eat too much sugar and get cavities," my dentist said. "When kids are losing their teeth in my office the tooth fairy cannot take them and that means he is losing money and cannot afford to travel to collect every tooth, let alone leave \$2."

No matter what reason though it seems like the tough economy has rubbed off on the tooth fairy and has left children across the playground wondering why the tooth fairy is holding on to all of their money.

Stay tuned for further coverage of the tooth fairy's struggle to maintain his position on top of the tooth return world.

Third Grade Rulz!

If you don't go to
D. M. Carter Jr.
Elementary School you're
a doo-doo pants.

We had
a really
awesome
girlz fort but
Butthead
Chris
recked it.



He stole our ax
and chopped away.



Hes a
big fat
meenie.
:(



So we pushed him
on the ground.



Show & Tell



D.M. Carter Jr. Elementary School Newsletter

123 Fox Brook Rd, Saint Francis, ME

Spring 2011

From the teacher's desk ...

Hello parents, students and fellow staff members,

As many of you have heard by now, I will be leaving at the of this school year; sadly, this will my last column.

I am sincerely grateful that in the 9 years I have spent at Dwayne Carter Elementary, I have touched the lives of so many children to pass through these halls. In my mind, the 3rd grade is one of the most important times in any young person's life. Each and every day it brings a smile to my face knowing that I have gotten to share this experience with a generation of some of the best and brightest kids in the world.

But the time has come for me to move on. As I have watched my students grow up and follow their dreams in middle school, high school and beyond, I have had to constantly battle with the fact that my dreams have been put on hold. With the money I have "acquired" through a lengthy and involved divorce procedure, I will finally have the support I need to pursue my passion — my lo-fi R&B / free jazz project.

Don't get me wrong, enriching the lives of year after year of god's earthly incarnations has been as fulfilling an experience as any. Still, nothing can top the feeling of losing myself in the ambience I've created. When I'm in the moment, as the dim rays of light catch the cocaine dust billowing off the keys of my tenor saxophone, I feel infinite.

Teaching cursive and long division to what feels like a never-ending flow of these "little monsters" has been my life's work and I am truly thankful to be a part of their growth and development. But long nights spent grading macaroni art makes me yearn for a chance to express my own creativity.

It hasn't been an easy decision to make — although last week's spat with Jimmy's mom, Karen Amato, left a bad taste in my mouth. M'am, your son CAN'T read so do something about it. I've done all I can for that little brat and all he does is stare at my chest.

Still, most of the students I've met in the last few years have been little angels. They've put up with my long stories about my alien abduction when I was their age. They've sat in silence every time I've had a hangover. Except for last week, right class? We couldn't shut the hell up for five minutes because you wanted to play Heads Up, Seven Up ... GUESS WHAT KIDS?! That game is a joke — everyone cheats by peeking or choosing their friends. It's all a goddamn popularity contest and it will be for the rest of your lives. I'm sure Susan and Kimberly and Jessica and Angelina and every other whore my dirtbag of an ex-husband Steve screwed in the home we bought together were all much more popular than I was — they probably got picked every time in Heads Up, Seven Up and made the cheering team in middle school and got taken to high school prom by football players instead of staying home crying and masturbating to pictures of David Bowie. JUST A FAIR WARNING: if the snot-nosed miscreants I've had to babysit while the prime of my life flashed before my eyes are the FUTURE of this nation than I'm sorry to say we are all doomed. Parents, maybe you should all take even just five minutes out of your own miserable lives to give these kids the love they deserve and maybe they wouldn't be the way they are.

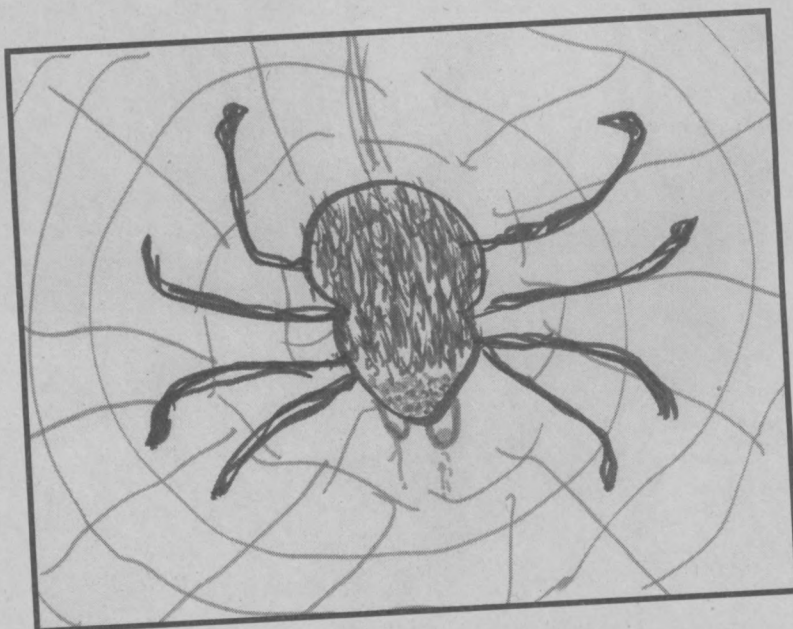
This place has made me sick since the moment I walked in fresh out of college. Come June you can find me bent over on the front steps of this school so everyone who is coming or going gets a chance to kiss my ass goodbye.

See you in hell,

Ms. Dingbat

Art eggsibbit at school

By Kegan Z.



We all did art and parents should come see it. Everyone worked real hard, even though it looks like some kids tried harder but that's just because they are better at art but it's OK because they aren't good at soccer.

Ms. Dingbat said that everyone's art is going into the jün for the eggsibbit, which is what the teacher said it's called when everyone shows their art to their parents. I don't understand why though because there are no eggs anywhere. Anyway, that makes me worried because I like jün class the best and if there is art in the jün how can we have jün class in the art room? The art room is small and there are no basketball hoops.

Everyone painted bugs. I made a spider but the teacher said that spiders are attackids not bugs but I still think they are bugs. My friend Jan drew two dragon flies attached to each other because he said that he saw two dragon flies flying around attached to each other at his camp and his brother who is in seventh grade said that meant they were doing it but I don't know what exactly it is.

Lots of people drew other stuff too like dogs and houses and cats and stuff. My friend Josh drew his dad because he said his dad is really nice. I think his dad must be a gardener or something because Josh said that one time he found funny smelling plants growing in his dad's closet and I thought why would you grow plants in your closet. And then I thought you would only do that if you were a gardener but it was too cold to grow stuff outside.

I think some of the fourth graders are also doing art for the eggsibbit. The fourth graders are probably a lot better at art than us. We are all trying to do the best job we can so that we can beat the fourth graders at art.

The BAD PLEY ABOUT CATS!!!!!!!

By Clint S.

LASTS Nite my mom mad me C the wurst pley Ifv seen in my lives EVER!!!!!!@ It was caled Cats, but there wer not even eny cats!! I nvr thout sum guy could rite such a stuped play ever. They startd danceing an saying how they wer jelly cats, but they nevr even exsplain whut a jelly cat, even thoi its just people dressd lik cat is... A CAT THATE LICKES JELLY????!! Then thers a realy ugly cat and shie singsa BOREING SONG about hoew shees like the bets cat in the world fro remebrin stuff, but its dumb cause shse lik not evn realy aCAT!

SON as the lites wen up I said WOOOOOOOOAAAAH-HH! Thgis showe is gunna suck bigtime. And boy, I wuz so rite. I wase basicaly yawuning the hole time because it was THAT BADD!!! If I wanted to i cldd just stare at my cats 4 hoiers and it wuld b way better then watchin that. My cat culd do beter tricks two. Lik for starts he can throw up on myeye porch and roll over sumtimes.

Mye sistr alsow used to hav a cat but we thik a racone ate it or sumthing or I gues mayb it got hite by acare. Thats wat alwas hapens in the movees or on the disney chanel on tv.

Mye cat's name is dr.awesome. I combinde dr. peper the drink and awsome to make his name. you culd tell it's a he by

lookin underneeth him to see.

Bak to the play.. the dancing was the the best parte of it all. It wus lik the only thing the fake cats new how todo rite. They seam to b dancing tho ever e where they go witch makes like NO SENS AT ALL!!!!!! If I was allways dancing evere place I went I wuld be soo tired. I don't know wher the fak cats got all ther energe beacaus all the cats I no lik to slep a lot!!

Y don't peeple think about thes things wen they r makin a show beacuse they donut have to make it complecated you just bneed to think about characketer and cats are esy charackters to be. Just watch them.

The wurst thing abot this pley is the basick idea. The cats are not doin nething spechal. They just say theyare jelly cats and dance around 4 A LONG LONG TIME!!!!!! WAT IS THE PONT? The evel cat I don't even now what he is abot. I think jhes a den-test or sumthing. He has a lot of cavitys. An all the kintens want to bring him tothpast I think.

Laste of all ther was no nachoes durnin the break. I tolde my mom I sed I want to leav rite now and get tako bell or som thin cause som takos or a nacho wuld be WAY BETTER than this play. May-be evin feed sum nachoes to my cat dr.awesome that wuld b funny com to thik ofit. That is all. Thee end.!!!!!!

I like snack packs

By Sarah H.



I like snack packs. Specially the chocolate ones layeled with vanilla. My mommy puts them in my lunch box. I also like it when johnny trades me his snack pack for my Goldfish. Thats why he is my boyfriend. When a boy likes a girl he will give her his snack pack.

One time TJ hit me in the face with a dodge ball and I cried. Daddy said that TJ must like me, but I just think TJ is mean. Daddies dont know nothing about boys. If a boy hits you in the face, dont be his girlfriend. He is stupid.

Our friend Josh has lots of girlfriends. He plays dolls and house with us and lets us put make up on him. He is not very good at playing house though because he always makes the Ken dolls be Mommy AND Daddy. When he grows up I bet

he will have lots of girlfriends.

If you like someone and want them to be your boyfriend or girlfriend you have to pass them a note. Yesteday Sam gave me a note to give to Jenn who gave it to Mary that asked if she wanted to go out with him. She checked the yes box and gave it to Johnny who gave it to Charlotte who gave it to me and I gave it to Mary and now they are going out and now gives Mary his snack pack. Friends are the best for asking someone out or breaking up with them.

So basically if someone hits you in the face with a ball their stupid, if someone plays with you and you are dolls there amazing but also have a lot of other girlfriends, and someone who gives you their snack pack is the best.

Dear Gary,

Im practicing my cursive all the time now.
Sometimes I forget letters because I go too fast
and I have to count all the loops and Im
bad at math so I usually just dont.
Then Ms. Dingbat always catches me and then
I ned to write my homework all over again
and I usually have to lose recess time and
thats no fun. Thats why Im practicing
all the time now. Sincerely Kaylie Reese

Muppets Movie



By Johnny S.

“The Muppet Movie” is a movie about all the Muppets getting together and going to Hollywood. I guess this happens before their TV show, since no one knows each other yet and a lot of the movie is about Kermit meeting Fozzie, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, and Rolf while he travels from Florida to Hollywood. The movie isn't very long, so I guess Florida and Hollywood aren't too far apart, but getting there is just as much fun as what happens when they get there, you know how it ends they get a TV show, but seeing how these guys got together is really cool.

Kermit is singing a song in the swamp and playing a banjo and then an agent stops by and tells him he has talent and that he should be in movies, so Kermit gets on his bike and rides into town. Johnny Hopkins said that the Muppets were puppets, but we see Kermit ride a bike and we can see his legs on the pedals and everything, so he's wrong.

Kermit's bike gets run over but he meets Fozzie, and Fozzie has a car, which he calls his natural habitat, and the two sing while driving to Hollywood. They also meet Doc Hopper, a

fat guy who runs a restaurant serving frog legs, yuck, who wants Kermit to be in his commercials, like Ronald McDonald or Wendy. Kermit says no, and the fat guy chases him across the country, so while the Muppets are getting together they also have to be fast so the fat guy can't catch up to them.

One time he does catch up to them, but the Muppets paint their car a different color and sing a song in a church, and it's a lot of fun. The Muppets are silly a lot, making jokes and never taking anything too serious. When they get to Hollywood, they get rich and famous, but the cool thing is that isn't why Kermit started out. The agent tells him you could make millions of people happy, and that's what he wants to do.

Another time the fat guy catches Kermit, and Kermit actually yells at him, calling him crazy for chasing him, and telling him that his dream of running a good restaurant is only worth it if he has people to share it with. At the end of the movie, Kermit's dream comes true, and he has friends to share it with.

Grade: A plus plus

Rebecca Black and Ark Music Factory are the BEST EVER

By Derrick R.

OK, so I don't get why everybody is making fun of Rebecca Black. Friday is the best song I've ever heard. It's at least the best thing ever since Justin Bieber's acoustic songs. I liked the way he played the guitar on them, so you can tell he is really good at music. I also saw a video of him drumming on YouTube and it was, like, really very good.

Anyway, Rebecca Black's song is really really really good. It's also great for learning the days of the week. I don't care that I am a boy and this is a girl's song. My friends can call me a Wiener and say other bad words and I swear I will tell on them the next time they call me an idiot jerk but Friday makes me happy and want to have fun on Friday or every day. The video must have like a thousand views, so it can't be bad. Also, I don't have cooties, don't listen to Tom, he's not nice and he's dumb and his parents are divorced. I checked divorced on Wikipedia, but I couldn't understand the big words like marital union and bonds of matrimony, but I heard it is really bad.

So I typed Rebecca Black on Google and found out that the Ark Music Factory makes her music. The site said that she loves to dance and act too, so she's really talented like my gym teacher. He can make a basketball shot all the way from the foul line. So yeah, I was on the Rebecca Black page, and I saw a picture of another girl on the side of the page. I found out that they make music for other singers too.

So I clicked it and found out a girl named Alana Lee. She has blonde hair and her song is about a boy who puts butterflies in her body. I think that's gross. Why does she keep hanging out with him if he does that. She seems to like him anyways and I like the song. It is almost as good as Friday, but the words aren't as good. I can understand Friday better, and when I sing them along fast with her



I feel like a rapper guy.

There were other good singers on the website, too. There was this other girl named Madison Blae and her music sounded like it was by Usher or Big Time Rush or somebody really good like that, but she's really young so she is gonna be better than both of them when she gets older. She had a song called Girl Swag On and the drums were loud, the drummer was so good.

There are some older people on Ark Music Factory too. I clicked on one girl named Ishraq, but I didn't get to see much because my mother made me get off the computer because she wasn't wearing enough clothes in the pictures. I did hear one of her songs for a few seconds and it sounds like she is from Mexico because she was saying words in Italian or something like that in the beginning. It sounded really good so I snuck on the laptop when Mom was at the store and listened to it again really loud.

There were other people on the site that you can listen to, and I was going to listen to them all but my dad needed the computer to pay bills and find out what time American Pickers was playing on the History Channel. They were all really pretty and looked like they would be good, too, so you should listen to them if you like Rebecca Black. Thanks for reading.

- Students in the News -

Students suspect teacher of being a jerk

By Katie Keurig

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ST. FRANCIS — Third grade students of D.M. Carter Jr. Elementary School report that their teacher, Ms. Dingbat, has probably been a meanie-head since the day of her birth.

The allegations arose soon after Ms. Dingbat announced that she would assign one chapter of “Charlotte Web,” written by New York-born author E.B. White, to be read and for the odd-numbered questions on page 31 of the “Math Connects” textbook, published by Macmillan / McGraw-Hill, to be completed with all work shown.

The work will be assigned to the class on Friday, meaning the students will have to complete the work on Saturday or Sunday, days during which school is not in session and students are not forced to do a bunch of work for nothing.

“This is stupid,” said third grade student Thomas Hebert, 8. Me and Zach were going to ride our bikes to that really old building by his house Saturday and throw rocks at it, but now I have to do homework for, like, a

hundred hours. What the hell is her problem?

“Don't tell my parents I said hell, please please please,” Hebert added.

According to Hebert, Ms. Dingbat said the assignments could be completed by the students on Friday after school is dismissed, effectively clearing up the weekend and allowing them to do as they please.

But student Dom Pinkham, 9, said he and his classmates would be too tired from looking at Ms. Dingbat's stupid face and her dumb shirt with the pink flowers on it to complete the assigned work on the same day he had already attended a full day of school.

When she talks for a long time, this white stuff gets on the sides of her mouth. It makes me want to barf, Pinkham said.

One student proposed that members of the class have their parents wake them up early Monday morning and get the work done then, but that proposal was quickly shot down. Students were heard saying that waking up early would make them feel like they were in the Army or something.

I already wake up super early on Sunday

to go to church, I'm not doing that twice on the same weekend, Hebert said.

According to Hebert, this whole situation could have been avoided if Ms. Dingbat wasn't such a fat dummy who hates kids.

I swear, she just wants to see us suffer, added Hebert. She'd probably cut off our fingers and feed them to her cats if she wouldn't get arrested or whatever.

Further controversy arose when Hebert announced to his classmates that the math assignment contained problems involving division.

What Shes crazy, said student Chad Cullinan, 8. We have only gone over division one time in class. Ms. Dingbat just hates us.

I bet she didn't have any friends when she was a kid, added Cullinan.

When contacted for an interview, Ms. Dingbat was unable to talk, saying, I'm making cupcakes for the kids on Monday. They've been so good with catching up on their work after the two cancellations earlier this week.

They're such good kids, they deserve a treat, she added.

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What does your cookie say about you?

By The Girl Scouts of America

To some people, Spring means butterflies, green grass, kickball and clothes shopping. To kids with a sweet tooth, it means something else: Girl Scout Cookies are back. They come in many different shapes, sizes and flavors and each box has a distinct color so even from far away you can tell what kind of cookies your friends are eating. As you look around the cafeteria, munching on America's favorite treat, use this guide to learn what your favorite Girl Scout Cookie says about your friends, and you.

The Orange Box: Peanut Butter Sandwiches

You're a traditionalist, looking for kicks from basic entertainments while every one else is chasing the flashier flavors of the week. You're a firm believer in home grown values, a conservative at heart, and the simple pleasures are more than enough for you.

The Red Box: Tagalongs

You're rather indecisive, unable to choose between peanut butter or chocolate so you go for both, and that reflects your life choices. You believe you can have it all, and maybe you can, since being a jack-of-all-trades is working out OK for you. You like to be flashy and out there, but you can be a bit overbearing for some. Who cares though? Life is for the living, and you're having a ball.

The Yellow Box: Lemon Chalet Cremes

You live a healthy life, eating well balanced meals and going with the flow. If you went to Hogwarts, you'd be in Hufflepuff, and you wouldn't raise a fuss. People acknowledge you on occasion, but most of the time you hang in the background. Either that, or your parents don't let you have chocolate. Either way, everyone else just kind of feels bad for you.

The Purple Box: Caramel DeLites

You appreciate the finer things in life, looking for the highest of arts and the finest of beverages in an effort to seem cultured and sophisticated. Your peers find you stuffy sometimes, but you do have a knack for finding the next cool thing before everyone else does. You're an eternal hipster, and wouldn't be caught dead with the Orange Box crowd, who are far too simple to get your latest cultural discovery.

The Green Box: Thin Mints

You like to go with the easy, popular crowd. You stick to safe options and don't go too far out of your comfort zone. But why would you? Staying right where you are has been perfectly satisfying for a long time now, and you're pretty content. You've thought about trying new things, but your life strategy has led you to popularity and adoration, so why rock the boat?

Upcoming Events

April 6
PTA Meeting
Gymnasium
7 p.m.

April 15
\$15 due for art museum field trip

April 25
Parent/ Teacher conferences
Various classrooms
5 p.m.

May 2
May Day celebration
All day

June 8
Field Day
All Day



Featured Artist



Nathan Brown, 8, “Mom and Dad”

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GAME
Tag
Red Rover
Knockout
Hopscotch

WINNER
- me
- me
- me
- me

4 Square
Double Dutch
Capture the flag
Kickball
- me
- me
- Mr. Morse and Woodward
- it was a tie



Warren Smith captured the flag and won the game

By Jesse Scardina
coolest kid in class
Last week was the annual capture the flag game between Mr. Woodward's and Mr. Morse's class against Mr. Trumper and Mr. Alfonds class.
It started out kinda slow but Warren Smith

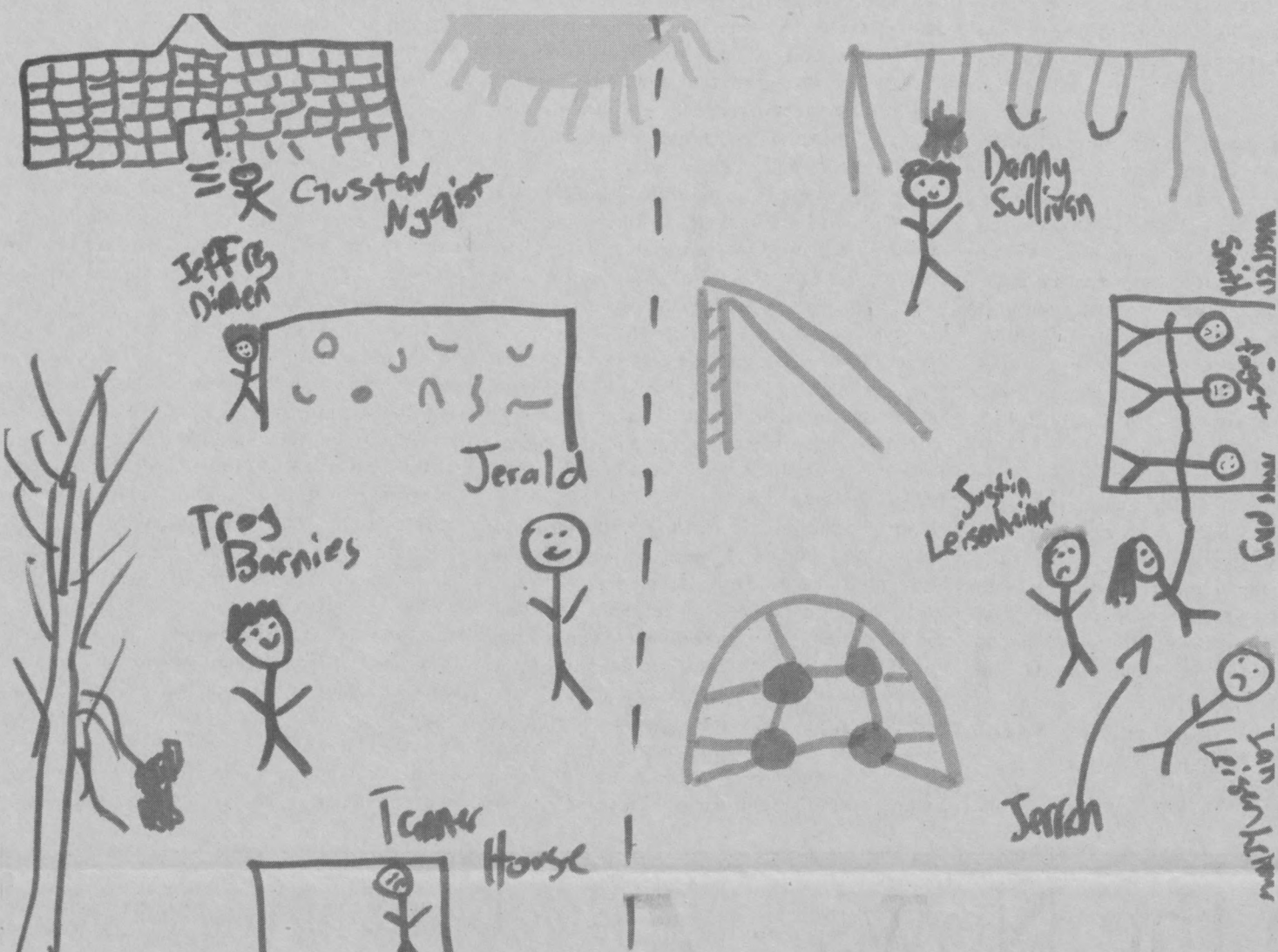
from Mr. Morse's class tried to go after the flag first but Danny Sullivan from Mr. Alfonds class was guarding the flag really good.
He was actually able to grab the flag but Danny was able to tag him before he got away and

he was put in jail.
On the other side of the playground Jeffrey Dimmen from Mr. Alfonds class was trying to sneak his way to the flag. He crawled past the jungle gym and almost made it to the flag but was caught by Troy Barnes from Mr.

Woodward's class.
After a while it looks like Mr. Trumper and Mr. Alfonds classes were going to win because almost all of Mr. Woodward and Mr. Morse's classes were in jail. But Jerald MacInnis from Mr. Morse's class ran past the twins from

Mr. Trumper's class Jan and Justin Leisenheimer to tag Murphy Bumtooski from Mr. Woodward's class who had formed a chain so that everyone was out of jail at the same time.
It was a whole new ballgame from there.
Right after Murphy got everyone outta jail, the twins started to shove each other, blaming each other for letting everyone outta jail.
"It was your fault!"

of the way there but was called into the school by Mr. Babcock and had to leave early.
It got even crazier when Taylor Lewis from Mr. Trumper's class had the flag and dove to his side of the playground but was tagged right before he made it by Jerald MacInnis from Mr. Woodward's class. Taylor thought he made it over in time and threw the flag at Gerald's face and was put into



"WELL YOUR STUPID FOR TRIPPING ON THE STICK"

ian Leisenheimer
MR. TRUMPERS CLASS

Justin said, "Nuh-uh!" Jan said, "It was you who let them by!"
"No I tripped on a stick and couldn't get him," Justin said, "It was your fault."
"Well your stupid for tripping on the stick," Jan said.
The two started to fight and Mr. Abbott had take them both to time out.
The exchange student from Mr. Alfonds class, Gustav Nyquist had the flag and was three fourths

time-out by Mr. Abbott.
That really changed things in the game because now that team had one less player but he was really fast and one of their best players.
At the end Mr. Woodward and Mr. Morse's classes won because Troy and Jerald and Murphy all ran on oneside and distracted Danny while Warren snuck up and grabbed the flag. Because they one those two classes get to have a pizza party the day we leave for summer.
I like pepperoni pizza

Athletes of the Week



Warren - Captured the flag
Warren got the flag and won



Keegan Zema - Kickball
He kicked it far

longer resess is funner for kickball games

By BK
the natural
Wednesday's recess kickball game ended in a tie because the bell rang and we had to stop.
Mike from Team Purple T-Rexes got to kick first because he was the fastest runner to get to the oak tree across the playground first. Rob from Team Fishsticks was the pitcher. Mike kicked the ball - the good red one, not the squishy green one - and it went over the slide, so he made it to second base.
Maddie kicked next, but she kicked it at Katelin, who was playing at third base for Team Fishsticks, so Mike got out at third even though Maddie got to first. Mike yelled at Maddie and called her a poop-stain. Maddie got mad and threw the base at him, and then Principal Dana said Maddie couldn't play any more so that was the second out.
Jesse kicked next but he was already mad because he got picked last. He kicked it past the swings all the way to the outfield. Crosby was stomping on anthills in the outfield, so he missed the ball and let it go by him and so Jesse got a



home run. He wasn't very high but then she forgot to run to first base. So then Betsy was out
cause he was the pitcher and the pitcher gets to kick first. Rob kicked it at Mike who was pitching and he almost hit Mike but then Mike ducked and so the ball went into the outfield. Rob almost had a home-run but then Maddie threw the ball back in from the outfield because

and we switched sides. Rob got to kick first for Team Fishsticks be-

cause he was the pitcher and the pitcher gets to kick first. Rob kicked it at Mike who was pitching and he almost hit Mike but then Mike ducked and so the ball went into the outfield. Rob almost had a home-run but then Maddie threw the ball back in from the outfield because

she was done with time-out and so Rob had to stay at third.
Carly kicked second for Team Fishsticks and she made it to first base. Rob got stuck in a pickle between Betsy, who was playing third base, and Jesse, who was playing catcher. And then Jesse got Rob out.
So Carly stayed on first base and then Keegan kicked. He kicked it foul two times, so that was two strikes, but then he kicked it up real high and got to second base and Carly got to third.
And then Katelin kicked and it was kinda wobbly off to the left and she made it to first base but Carly got out because Betsy picked up the ball and threw it at Carly. Only it hit Carly in the face and Carly cried a lot and so then Betsy had to go sit in the time-out corner.
Keegan got the only run for Team Fishsticks when Crosby kicked the ball between second and third base. Just as Amy was getting ready to kick she had to stop because the bell rang and Principal Dana said we had to go inside and then we had a spelling test.
The end.

Upcoming Games

THURSDAY, MAR 31
DARE SEMENAR
AFTER LUNCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
FIELD DAY!!!!!!
ALL DAY!!!!

MONDAY, APRIL 4
STRANGER DANGER SEMENAR
1230 P.M.

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dont kno wat
that meens
but My
Daddys
really angry
about it.

Feelings

EDITORIAL

YES, WE WILL DRAW PICTURES FOR MR. GOVERNOR MAN!

We really, really, really want Mr. Governor Man Paul LePage to know we like to draw on walls.

But before we do, we heard somebody stole his art and we want to help him find it! Our friend Timmy has a spy kit that is really awesome with a magnifying glass and a plastic spy pipe and he can help look for fingerprints. And Harriet the Spy is like our 6th favorite movie too so we know a lot about being good detectives.

On Easter last year, Patty found the one Easter egg that nobody else could find no matter how hard they looked. She found it in the paper mill! It was real hard too because nobody would think to go there. It was empty and scary and there was nobody working. Patty can help Timmy search for clues.

We just want some pizza and some comfy chairs and juiceboxes. Don't worry, Mr. Governor Man, we are really hard workers and we know how much you like when people work hard and don't ask for too much money.

My mommy told me that North Korea doesn't have a lot of art, so if we find it I think we should send it to them. Gretchen is really really good at drawing puppies and sunshine and lion manes so when we send the art away, we can still draw on your wall for you to have art two Mr. Governor Man!

When we find the hamburger who did this we will be sure they have to eat so much spinach and get a good 340 hours in time out while we all eat lollipops and laugh at the bad pictures we make them draw because they are bad at drawing and that's why they stole the art.

Its mean how all the people on T.V. are saying Mr. Governor Man is bad. He has lost his favorite pictures so how is he supposed to smile when his heart is sad? He can't so you can kiss his butt you bunch of butthead bullies!

Maybe if he just got more hugs and had an ice cream party he would feel better. And we will get down to business right away as long as we get pizza and can eat it in the comfy chairs.

We don't really understand what everybody is so mad about. We can replace all the art for free and we heard our stencils are much better than the other artist.

We also have really good balance. My daddy said the old mural you lost didn't have that but Timmy can also walk on the monkey bars upside down on his hands without falling down and I do jimmastiks so we think you should let us come down and help you with your mural as soon as you get back from Jamakea OK? Bye.

THE END

AARON STOTLE'S FILLOSOFEE

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DENTISTS BREAK SMILES AND KILL FAIRIES

I was just a normal human before it happened and I don't know why it had to happen but it did and because it did this thing has changed my life to infinity and beyond.

I was just waking up from my dream- ing when my mom came in my room and told me to hurry up. I had dreamed about dinosaurs battles with my best friend Chuck who has bronkitetis because he eated a pine cone and kissed the cootie queen, Ashley Kisserface Clemens. I got to ride a T-rex and then I hunted savor tooth tigers with a light-saber. It was my most favorite dream ever.

Mom said "brush your teethe" and so I washed my face. When she asked me if I brushed my teethe I said "Yes!" but then she said "Today?" and I said no and I got in trouble. I dont get why she cares about if I brush my teethe every day, they arnt even her own teethe. It is like she expects me to be 50 years old or what?!!?

Then after that we got in the car and I played in my coloring book and it was a blast of fun, but I had no idea the terrible, mean, bad things that were waiting for me. Mom is the worst singer on this universe and she wood not bee quiet no matter how hard I kicked her seat.

She sounds like the dying snarly cat that lives with old lady Kennedy. Chuck poked that cat with a twig once and it scratched him and may have given him that mouth foaming thingie that dirty animals get but he hasn't attacked any body yet sooo its okay with me. I am so, so jealous of his scar, but I told him I can't even see it so he doesn't no and sometimes I draw one just like it on my arm with a magic marker and pretend I got it while I was fighting lions.

Anyways after me and my mommy ran a red light and she called a stranger a



MADDIE MONKEY

name she should get her mouth washed out with soap for, we got to the house of pain called Dr. Smiley's Dentil Kare for Happy Teeth. This is a bad place. The big smiley face outside is a lie. It should be a big screamly face with really big tears and one of those talk bubbles like in my comics that just says "RUN."

But I didn't no until it was two late. I did not no that my mommy was a no good, snotty traitor and I walked into Dr. Smileys torture room with a big smiley on and climbed on to the elec-

Corn on the cob is my favorite, but I dont jump on a thampoline after I eat it cause I might get sick and my tummy will stakt making popcorn and then I will have to stay inside all day.

tric chair of terror like a dumby. All the people working in there pj's seemed really, really nice and they gave me a red bib that is my favorite color.

Then they tried to steal all my teeth. I think they wanted all the tooth fairies money so they could by more pj's and more toys, but I did not let them have all my teeth. I kicked and bit them and screamed until they put cotton in my mouth. They said not to swallow it but I

did cause they are not the boss of me.

Mommy the liar had tolded me all they wood do was look at my smile and that if I had the best smile I would win a goody bag. She did not say they wanted to brush my gummies with a metal pointy thing and then try to drown me with a little squirter. I almost coulda dyed!

All the children haved to be warned because the selfish sneaky pj people want your teeth because they are people who never got to hold a stuffed animal and they didnt like hugs when they were childs. And Dr. Smiley tries to drill your teeth to make farry dust so that he can fool the farries and steal there magic from them.

For the sake of the farries, we must stop going to the dentist. They pretend they are really, really nice and give you a goody bag after they try to break your smile but the goody bag only has an ugly sparkle toothbrush and some string in a tiny box. Then they tell you you can't eat candy or anything yummy

and you can only eat broccoli and you have to like it.

So don't eat the broccoli and don't let your mommies or daddies ever take you anywear to get your smile checked. Everytime you do a farry will die.

Maddie likes chips, puppies, candy, Lions, sunshine and swimming the backstroke. She wants to work at Disney World when she is a grown up!

THE COOTIE QUEEN SPEAKS AGAIN!

EVERYONE'S BEEN CALLING me ASHLEY "COOTIE QUEEN" CLEMENS, and i'm sick of it. FOURTH GRABERS hug all the time and i don't see why THIRD GRABERS can't handle it. i don't have cooties just because i'm FRIENDS with the BOYS in CLASS. i think the OTHER GIRLS are just JEALOUS because they don't have BOYFRIENDS.

it isn't funny when KIDS

TRY to GIVE me cootie SHOTS because i don't have cooties and i never have because cooties aren't a REAL thing. not at all. i asked MY OLDER SISTER and she said that THIRD GRABERS ARE DUMB FOR BELIEVING in cooties and that ALL YOU THIRD GRABERS SHOULD JUST SHUT UP. MY SISTER'S in SEVENTH GRADE. she KNOWS STUFF.

so anyway, i'm going to

KEEP PLAYING with the FOURTH GRABERS on the PLAYGROUND because they'RE WAY COOLER than THIRD GRABERS and YOU SHOULD JUST STOP CALLING me cootie queen because SOME- DAY MAYBE they'LL find out cooties DO exist and then you'LL get them and then you'LL be SORRY.

ASHLEY CLEMENS <3

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