

# Overdue books wanted

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**GARDINER, Maine** — A woman who borrowed 18 books from the Gardiner Public Library in spring 1982 and didn't return all of them by summer 1983 has been taken to court.

In Alaska, radio stations broadcast the names of delinquent borrowers. In Baltimore, Mayor William D. Schaeffer has called delinquents on the telephone. The Baltimore Orioles have pitched in to help him out.

All across the country, delinquent borrowers are being hauled into small claims court, sued by collection agencies, and blitzed by

library lawyers. Those dear hearts and gentle people down at the library are getting tough, and for good reason.

For one thing, library budgets have been shrinking and book replacement costs are rising. Books that used to cost \$10 now cost \$20 or more. In Arlington Heights, Ill., the replacement cost of a missing music encyclopedia ballooned from the set's original cost of \$800 to \$2,000.

And some books just can't be replaced. Publishers keep their stocks slim because they have to pay taxes on their inventories, says Marcia Kuzmaul of the

American Library Association in Chicago, the world's oldest and largest library association. It was founded in 1876 and has 38,000 members.

An association study showed that many libraries are unable to keep good records on delinquent borrowers. It's still often a matter of a librarian physically checking a shelf to see if a book is in or out. But overdue notices generated by computer are helping bring back books.

The extent of the delinquency can be gauged by the experiences of the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Pratt Library system

in Baltimore or, for some people, just by looking around their own homes.

Librarians in the City of Brotherly Love declared an amnesty last April and during "Forgiveness Week," Philadelphians returned 155,000 "overdues," valued at \$1.5 million. They included one overdue since March 1922.

The Pratt Library in Baltimore began trying to get books back to its central facility and 31 branches in 1974 when 60,000 turned up missing. The library used various approaches that have been so successful over the years the state of Maryland uses some of them now.

## Ag Engineering to host lectures

by Ed Alanis

**Battalion Reporter**  
 Seminars with topics ranging from the Agricultural Revolution to water infiltration into soil will be part of this year's Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by Texas A&M's Department of Agricultural Engineering.

The lecture series, initiated last year, brings individuals to the campus to speak on timely topics

in agriculture. This year's program will host five speakers — two during the fall and three during the spring semester.

The first lecture of the series will be at 9:30 Tuesday in 208 Scoates Hall. Dr. Robert B. Fridley, a manager for Weyerhaeuser Company, will speak on engineering and its applications to forest management.

Engineers constantly are challenged by forest environments to develop equipment and systems which meet environmental needs without harming the forests.

Dr. John B. Philip of Canberra, Australia also will speak this fall. Philip, a director for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, is said to be one of the world's foremost authorities on water infiltration into soil.

Seminars scheduled for the spring semester include a lecture on the Agricultural Revolution by Robert C. Lanphier, president and chairman of the Dickey-John Corporation.

Also this spring, there will be a lecture on technology and its applications to agricultural productivity, as well as a lecture on the development of crop production systems to meet future needs for food.

Dr. B.A. Stout of the agricultural engineering department is heading the program and all lectures are open to the public.

# Los Angeles gears for 1984 Olympics

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**LOS ANGELES** — Entrepreneurs are gearing up to capitalize on sports fans staying in Southern California for the 1984 Olympics, hoping fears of heat, smog and unbearable crowds won't scare off tourists during the Summer Games.

Officials estimate that 650,000 tourists will pour into the Los Angeles area for the two-week Olympiad and check into hotels, campgrounds and private homes, including Malibu beach houses and Beverly Hills mansions.

All major hotels in the downtown area were booked for the Olympics more than a year in advance, with the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee reserving 25,000 out of a total 250,000 hotel rooms in Southern California for officials, sponsors and the media.

To accommodate the overflow

crowd, local residents eager to leave town during the Olympics and turn a profit are renting their homes to tourists. One woman rented her three-bedroom home in Westwood for \$21,000 to a corporation.

About 28 companies are soliciting homes and arranging rentals, some of them promising thousands of dollars a day.

"Our houses range from \$150 a night for a two bedroom to \$5,000 a night for an estate in Malibu with two tennis courts, pool and access to the beach," said Trudy Alexy, director of one of Houseguests International.

Some of the rates quoted are based on unrealistic crowd estimates, some officials say, noting that tourism in Montreal during 1976 Olympics dropped.

"People are not going to be able to rent their homes for

astronomical prices," said Joe Spalding of the Los Angeles Visitors and Convention Bureau said.

"People who think they are going to get thousands of dollars for renting their homes for two weeks are kidding themselves."

Southern California — with such tourist attractions as the beaches, Disneyland and Universal Studios — normally has million visitors in July. On a normal July day there are 175,000 out-of-town guests, and that number is expected to increase by only 50,000 during the Olympics.

"Our basic message to people is that there will be accommodations available," Spalding said. "People who don't have tickets won't come here, they will try to steer clear of here."

"In Montreal, their hotels did not run at capacity when the summer Olympics were there."

# Teacher strike vote set

**United Press International**

**LOS ANGELES** — Negotiators for school teachers and the nation's second largest school district, divided on more than two dozen issues, met Sunday in their last bargaining session before a union strike vote.

Drawn-out teacher strikes affected nearly 70,000 students in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Ohio and Washington state. Len Feldman, spokesman for the 16,000-member United Teachers of Los Angeles, said teachers were "neither hopeful nor optimistic."

The union scheduled a strike vote for Monday.

More than half of the district's 25,000 teachers staged a one-day boycott Friday as the 550,000-student district moved closer to its first strike since 1970.

Feldman said the walkout demonstrated discontent among teachers, who have worked without a contract since July 1982. He said it gave administrators, some of whom tended classrooms, a taste of problems teachers face daily.

"Maybe they'll have a better understanding of what teachers go through," he said.

School Board President John Greenwood dismissed the boycott. "It was just a one-day walkout and now it's over," he said. "It is

one social event."

The major issues were wages, the district's demand for the right to force teachers to transfer to 41 inner-city schools and the union's demand for an election on whether an agency shop should be established.

The district last week imposed a 7.8 percent wage hike, an act UTLA president Judy Solkovits called a bid "to undermine the union."

In Pasadena, teachers planned a Monday afternoon demonstration in front of district headquarters to protest lack of progress in their contract talks.

Teachers in Pawtucket and Warwick, R.I. have not said if they would return to work Monday as ordered last week by two judges. Union officials said the decision is up to individual teachers. The strikes have kept 18,500 students out of school.

Two strikes in Pennsylvania have canceled school for nearly 4,000 children, and teachers in a third district set a strike deadline for Monday.

A strike by teachers in Lordstown, Ohio, affects 1,200 pupils.

About 39,000 students are idled by teacher strikes in eight Michigan districts, officials said. Teachers in Howell were to vote Monday on a contract proposal and will return to work Tuesday if

approved.

Three strikes in Washington state have affected 16,600 students. A hearing was scheduled Monday in Pierce County Superior Court on a request by parents for teachers to end a strike in the area.

In Illinois, teachers in District 86 and Wheeling-Grove Community Consolidated School District 21 will strike Monday unless contracts agreed to are reached.

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Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Friday:

**THEFTS:**

• Two wallets were stolen from East Kyle while their owners were playing basketball. One contained \$35 and the other \$20.

• A maroon 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra was stolen from student parking lot west of the Ford Cain Pool.


**OTHER:**

• The Old Railroad Depot Wellborn Road was ransacked but nothing was stolen.

• Three people were trespassing on the sixth level of the Kyle Field. University Police issued them a trespass warning.

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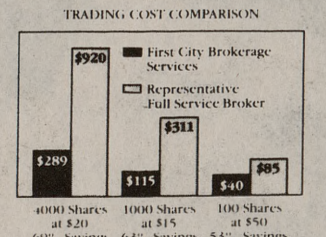


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- NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME MOVERS (Moderately-Paced Dancercise) (MW 6:30-7:15 p.m.)
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- EVENING AQUADYNAMICS (Aerobic swimming & separate water exercises) (W,Th,F 6-7 p.m. → INDOOR POOL)

These structured fitness classes are geared to improve cardiovascular fitness, tone and strengthen musculature, increase flexibility and improve self-image.

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