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Jim Trimble, a sophomore general studies major and Physical Plant employee, bails paper to be recycled at the recycling center Wednesday. The paper is collected from the Dumpsters across campus and brought to the center, where it is sorted and bailed. It is then shipped to Waco to be recycled. The University throws out between 4,800 and 6,000 pounds of paper a day.

Russians pursue rebels after clash

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — The Russian military sent reinforcements to pursue rebels in the southern mountains of Chechnya after a clash that killed one Russian soldier and wounded eight others, officials said Wednesday.

The fighting broke out Tuesday near the town of Zhani-Vedeno, in the Vedeno region southeast of the capital Grozny, when rebels attacked a military convoy, said a Russian government spokesman in the northern Chechen town of Gudermes.

Russian positions in the region were attacked 13 times since Tuesday and additional troops have been dispatched there as ambushes have become more frequent, the spokesman said. Russian helicopter gunships bombed the district on Wednesday morning, he said.

Rebels also attacked a Russian checkpoint in the southern Itum-Kale district, near the border with Georgia. The attack was repelled, the military said without giving details of casualties.

Despite Russia's repeated assurances that rebels are on the verge of defeat, the government's spokesman on Chechnya, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, conceded Wednesday that the situation remains tense, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The head of Chechnya's pro-Russian administration, Akhmad Kadyrov, asserted that the war was nearly over and Russia could begin withdrawing its forces.

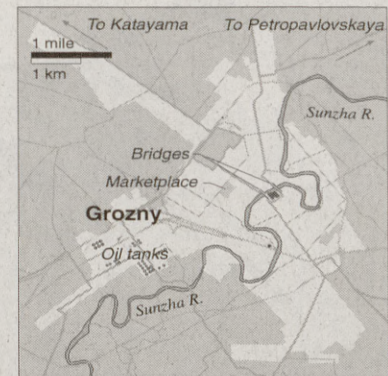
"A situation has formed in Chechnya that allows a gradual return of troops to the barracks," Kadyrov was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

In addition to nightly attacks on federal positions, the militants have been laying mines along roads and

railways in the breakaway republic. The military said that four Chechens had blown themselves up on Wednesday as they attempted to plant a mine near a highway in the Kurchaloi district of eastern Chechnya, near the border of Dagestan.

In Moscow, the Federal Security Service said it had successfully staged a sting operation on Monday and Tuesday to disband a group of Chechens who were allegedly financing the rebels. Five Chechens were detained in the operation.

A spokesman for the service said that the five-member group had manufactured pirated compact discs and other counterfeit goods, bought and sold firearms and explosives, and engaged in other criminal activities in Moscow.



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Harry Potter introduced to China

BEIJING (AP) — Children across China are being primed for a revolution, this time through the bewitching world of boy wizard Harry Potter.

A publicity and printing campaign unprecedented for China began this week to introduce the globally popular Harry Potter book series to a Chinese audience. If the plan works, Harry Potter — or "Ha-li Bo-te" as he is known in Chinese — could be the biggest thing since Chairman Mao's little red book, and shake up

the staid, preachy world of Chinese children's books.

"Children's literature in China is too earnest. Things that inspire the imagination are too few. Bringing Harry Potter to China is a kind of breakthrough," said Ma Ainong, one of four translators, all women, working on the series.

Shepherding the ambitious undertaking is the stately, state-owned People's Literature Publishing House. Its editors compressed into four months

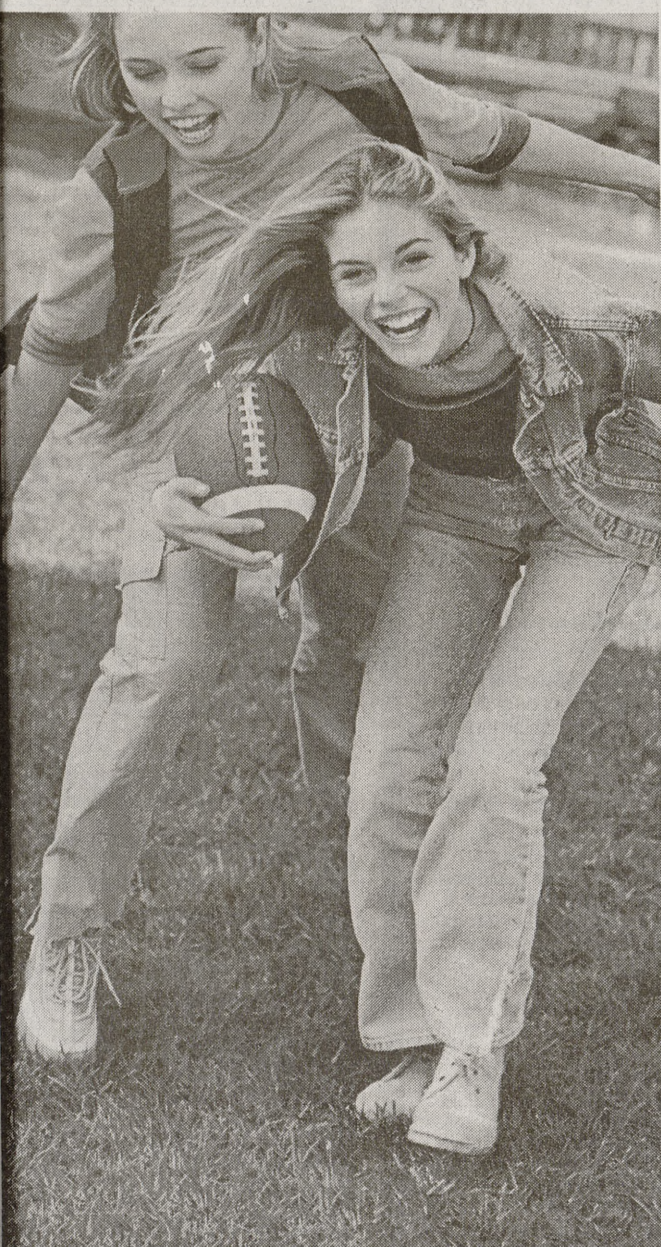
the translation, marketing and distribution of the first three of the four books in author J.K. Rowling's series for a planned Oct. 6 launch.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban will be released as a boxed set in a first-run of 600,000 volumes — the largest first printing for a commercial release ever in China, said editor Wang Ruiqin.

Roommate SURVIVAL Tips

College might be your first chance to live with someone else, or maybe you've been sharing a room all your life. Either way, there are compromises that must be made when you have to share space with a stranger. Here are some things to keep in mind to make the year go smoothly:

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The **most important** thing to keep in mind is this: To have a good roommate, **you** must **be** a good roommate.

Be respectful of one another's schedules. If you don't like her friends' post-midnight visits, chances are she doesn't like you turning on the TV at 6 a.m.

Decide upfront how you will split up bills and stick to it. Money issues can cause arguments, make living together stressful, and ruin even the best friendships.

If possible, get separate phone lines. Then you won't worry about getting your messages, and she won't mind when you tie up the phone all night.

Even if your roommate always lets you borrow her CDs, it never hurts to say thank you. Also, just because she lets you borrow her CDs doesn't mean that her favorite sweater, last cookie, or anything else is also fair game. Always remember to ask before you borrow.

Some Roommates Share the Oddest Things!

Although no one can explain why, it is true that women who live together often have menstrual cycles that coincide. So make sure you have plenty of Playtex tampons on hand to share with your roommate. That way, if your periods do coincide, you'll both be really comfortable - and easier to get along with.

Have fun together. Encourage each other to get out and explore your surroundings. Go for a walk, study in a local park, or catch a concert or museum exhibit. Take pictures of your adventures - because college only happens once!

Realize that most disagreements, whether they are about phone time, borrowing clothes, or late night visitors, really come down to respect. Respect each other's space, privacy, and beliefs, and you'll be ok.

Finally, remember that the school assigns you someone to live with, not someone to be best friends with. If you get to be good friends, great! But if you don't, that's ok. You have to share a room, not a life.



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