

At a Glance...

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Fighting Females--According to Pentagon sources, Defense Secretary Les Aspin will order the Armed Services to put women in combat aircraft and helicopters, and ask Congress to repeal a law banning women from warships. The directive to be announced today will also tell the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps that they must provide justification if they want to put any battlefield role off limits to women. This action means that Air Force and Navy women could be in fighter cockpits within a few months, but female Army pilots will be required to undergo special training before flying front-line Apache fighter choppers. The Marines have no women in any aviation unit, therefore changes will take longer in that branch. The current law banning women from warships prevents them from serving on an array of vessels ranging from small frigates to aircraft carriers.

Home from Somalia--American soldiers are beginning to come home from Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. On Tuesday, 249 men and women left Somalia and are part of the flood of U.S. troops now leaving Somalia. Fewer than 7,000 troops remain from the peak U.S. commitment of 25,800 troops in mid-January. More than 4,600 troops have departed in the last ten days and another 2,300--including the last 1,624 Marines--are scheduled to follow soon.

Kissin' Cousins--Paul and Julia Dubea were married by a justice of the peace last year and now wish to exchange vows in a church. However, the couple--he's 70 and she's 60--are cousins. Apparently the justice of the peace overlooked the Louisiana couple's "relativity," but their priest wants the go-ahead from the state legislature before performing the ceremony. Louisiana lawmakers have recognized marriages between first cousins at least twice before and have drafted legislation limiting marriages to cousins over age 55, to limit concerns about genetic danger from cousins having children together. A vote in the state senate has not yet been scheduled, but the Dubeas plan to marry immediately after the bill is passed.

Conan the Comedian--NBC has chosen Conan O'Brien, a writer-producer for the Fox animated sitcom "The Simpsons," to replace David Letterman as host of the popular "Late Night" talk show. O'Brien will replace Letterman in August as Letterman moves to CBS. The new "Late Night" is being developed by "Saturday Night Live" creator, Lorne Michaels, who was said to be pushing for O'Brien as host. However, there are reports which claim that NBC was trying to secure comedian Garry Shandling as host, but Shandling declined. NBC denied these reports.

"Dr. Death" Loses License--Dr. Jack Kevorkian lost his California medical license on Tuesday when Administrative Law Judge Alan S. Meth suspended the license, on request by the state medical board. Meth said, "Doctors do not assist people in committing suicide." Kevorkian, a retired pathologist, has no medical practice. His license has been suspended in Michigan, where he helped 15 sick people end their lives. Kevorkian has appealed the ruling.

Beaches Survive Winter--The spring inspection of Presque Isle showed that most beaches are in good shape, but three beaches will require sand replenishment. Erosion was found west of Beach 6, at Beach 7 (Waterworks Beach), and at Lighthouse Beach. The Beach 6 area will be replenished with sand that has accumulated on Lake Road, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering is currently negotiating a beach replenishment contract. The contract will cost about \$600,000 for 50,000 tons of beach replenishment sand. Government officials feel that the breakwalls attributed to the small amount of damage.

Focus on Bosnia--President Clinton announced Monday that he intends to have a "stronger policy" to deal with Bosnia-Herzegovina's civil war. New U.S. measures against Yugoslavia were also announced. Measures under consideration for dealing with Bosnia are air strikes, targeting Serb artillery and supply lines, and partial lifting of an arms embargo to help the outgunned Bosnian Muslims. In Bosnia, Serbs have been fighting Muslims and Croats, who last year declared Bosnia's independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. Bosnian Serbs also refused to sign a U.N.-sponsored treaty.

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Students and faculty recognized for their accomplishments

On Sunday, April 25, the Thirty-Second Annual Honors and Awards Convocation took place in Erie Hall.

Among the recipients were Edward A. Martone, Most Outstanding Student Organization Member; Steve Binder, Most Outstanding Student Organization Officer; Joe Mycka, Most Outstanding Student Organization President; Dr. Archie Loss, Best Student Organization Advisor. Steve Binder received the Guy W.

Wilson Award for Student Service to the College, Lori Royer was the Outstanding Returning Adult Student, and the Freshman of the Year was Alicia Hartman.

Group awards went to Student Government Association, Most Improved Student Organization; Multi-Cultural Council, Best Student Organization; Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Chapter; Sweet Daddy's World, Most Creative Program.

Healthy choices Dobbins adds menu items

by Gary Johnson
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Dobbins will feature several new Healthy Choices menu items next semester after the addition, to complement what is already available.

Beginning next semester, "students will have the opportunity to stir fry their own vegetables in woks added this summer," said Helen Kondrich, Assistant Manager of Food Services. The woks will be part of a variety counter including waffle irons that the students operate as well.

Fresh brewed iced tea will be available to those who don't like soft drinks.

Dobbins has always featured health-conscious foods, such as light dressings on the salad bar, Promise instead of butter or

margarine, sherbet and frozen yogurt, light breads and mayonnaise, and fresh fruit. They also have salt substitute, regular yogurt, and made-to-order Egg Beaters.

For those who don't like regular ham or hot dogs, Dobbins will offer turkey ham and turkey hot dogs next year.

Initiated by students who "didn't like the fact that Dobbins had no vegetarian meals," according to Kondrich, Healthy Choices has strived to offer fat-free, low cholesterol foods so that students have a wider range of choices.

"We do not add any butter, margarine or salt to any of our vegetables. We let the student decide that."

"We just want students to know what kinds of healthy foods we have," stated Kondrich.

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