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## Mitchell blasts proposed budget

by Sean Brodrick  
Staff Writer

Sen. George Mitchell, in a speech at UMO Thursday, said President Reagan's proposed 1983 budget "charts a wrong course for the country." Mitchell also spoke on the nuclear arms race and aid to El Salvador.

Mitchell, who is running for the Senate in the next election, spoke before a crowd of 100 gathered in 101 English-Math.

"I disagree with several aspects of the proposed budget," Mitchell said. "The projected deficits are too high, and even they are understated."

Reagan has projected a \$92 billion deficit for fiscal year 1983, Mitchell said, but the actual deficit will probably be \$130 billion.

Reagan had the same problem with this year's budget, Mitchell explained, originally predicting a deficit of \$43 billion, upping it this week to \$98 billion, and now some sources say it may reach \$109 billion.

"Reagan has a mistaken set of priorities," Mitchell said, citing a \$33 billion increase in defense spending and a \$27 billion decrease in funding for domestic programs.

"I am for a strong defense, I don't know an American who isn't," Mitchell said, "but a strong defense doesn't mean spending unlimited amounts of money on strategic weapons."

The president also has a mistaken set of priorities within the defense budget itself, Mitchell said, which is overpreparedness for nuclear war and underpreparedness for a conventional war. "It is contrary to the national interest," he said.

### Expert says

## Dairy farmers depend on milk commission

Editor's Note--

This is the third in a series of articles dealing with the Maine Milk Commission, the state regulatory agency for the whole milk industry in Maine. A bill has been introduced in the state legislature calling for abolition of the commission. In this article, the effect of passage on the bill on dairy farmers is examined.

by Paul Tukey  
Staff Writer

Abolition of the Maine Milk Commission would have an unsettling effect on area farmers that could potentially force many of them out of business, area farmers and milk experts said.

"Maine has one of the lowest attrition rates among dairy farmers in the country," Mark Anderson, professor of agriculture and resource economics said, adding the drop out rate would probably increase if the commission is disbanded and price controls are lifted.

According to a study published by Anderson in August 1981 about 60 percent of Maine's 1200 dairy farmers sell their milk to Maine dairies for



U.S. Sen. George Mitchell criticized President Reagan's new budget before a crowd of 100 in 101 English/Math on Thursday. (Storey photo)

On the revenue side of the budget, Mitchell said Reagan was unjustly taxing the poor in favor of the rich and the big corporations. He said Reagan could raise large sums by repealing the major reductions in oil taxes he has included in the budget. "If there's one group which doesn't need a tax break it's the oil companies," Mitchell said, and he said oil companies account for 40 percent of all corporate profits.

The new leasing provision of the tax laws, which enable corporations to sell tax benefits back and forth to each other, was also criticized by Mitchell.

"This abolishes corporate income tax," he said. "If any American corporation pays taxes this year it ought to fire its accountants."

Mitchell said that with the repeal of this provision the government could save as much as \$14 billion in revenues.

Mitchell called student aid cuts an unwise decision, stating that they didn't save any money. He said the fact was the more education a person has, the more money they make, and the more taxes they pay.

One of two things will happen when it finally comes down to passing the budget, Mitchell said. "If the economy rebounds in the next few months, the President can say 'I told you so,' and the budget will pass in much the same form as it is now," he said.

But if the worsening trend of the

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## Yearbook nears completion

by Naomi Laskey  
Staff Writer

The 1981 PRISM yearbook will be completed in about two weeks and sent to be published after a long delay and a lot of work, said Laurel Morrison, PRISM business manager.

"Cathy (Denning), the 1982 yearbook editor, is working on the 1981 yearbook now," Morrison said.

The delay in putting the yearbook together was due to the negligence of the 1980-81 PRISM editor, Carol Wilshire, Morrison said.

"When school got out in the spring of 1981, Carol moved to Colorado, where she said she would complete the yearbook and would send it in to be published from there," she said.

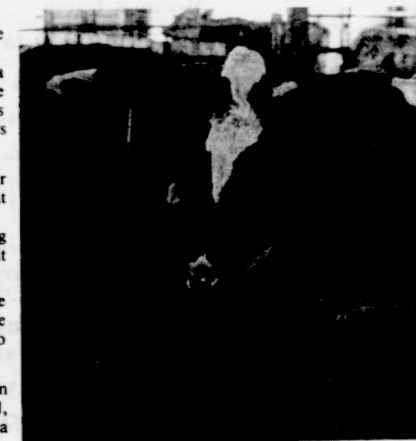
PRISM Advisor, Jack Walas said under normal conditions, the yearbook is sent to the publisher, Hunter Publishing, N.C., in June.

When classes began in September, 1981, the yearbook still wasn't finished, but Wilshire said it would be completed within a week, Morrison said.

After a number of failed attempts to get in touch with Wilshire to obtain the rest of the yearbook, Morrison called upon Walas, who had an equally difficult time finding her.

"It was ridiculous, like cops and robbers. Laurel finally

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The Maine Milk Commission may be abolished and experts say this may have an impact on local dairy farmers. (Tukey photo)

## Anti-hazing speaker is scheduled

by Bruce Clavette  
Staff Writer

Eileen Stephens, the founder of the Committee to Halt Uselss College Killings, will be on campus Mar. 10 to speak against hazing, and all the brothers of Phi Eta Kappa are going, said PEK President, Donald L. Payne.

Stephens formed CHUCK after her son, Chuck, was killed in a hazing incident at Alfred University in New York. She is not against fraternities--just hazing.

Payne said it will be good to hear her point-of-view. "She has a right to do

what she's doing, her son was killed and I understand."

Payne said Stephens' speech would help change hazing practices on campus. "Just her presence makes a difference, we've already been affected," he said.

Phi Eta Kappa is on probation for a hazing incident in which two pledges were hospitalized allegedly from a reaction caused by eating too many onions.

Payne said PEK no longer hazes, but will not say why PEK hazed in the past. "Everybody has their own reasons, our own are best kept among us," he

said.

Delta Tau Delta brother, Jeff Rand, met Stephens at a DTD national convention. "She's really super, very sincere--not against fraternities at all."

Delta Tau president, Brad Marston, said Stephens will affect people who see her talk. "It'll make a lot of people stop and think about hazing."

Marston didn't know why fraternities haze. "I don't know, it's just tradition, that's 98 percent of it."

Paul Thibodeau of Tau Epsilon Phi, said Stephens' son's death was unfortunate. "I think it's good she's not bitter toward fraternities."

John Aceto of Lambda Chi Alpha thinks Stephens will make a good impression, but Lambda Chi brother, Dino Spugnardi, doesn't think the impression will be a lasting one. "People will be convinced at the time but they'll forget about it."

Bob Sullivan of Sigma Chi also has good words about Stephens. "I think it's fine she's trying to do something constructive. She's trying to stop something bad," he said.

## Reagan budget

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economy continues then significant changes could be wrought in the budget in its way through Congress, Mitchell said.

The "New Federalism" practiced by Reagan was also criticized by Mitchell. One of its tenets is that the federal government would assume full cost of the Medicaid program in exchange for which the states would completely take on the Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC), food stamps and other welfare programs.

Mitchell gave a general cautioning against listening to the proponents of so-called "state's rights," reminding his audience that until 1965 state's rights were used to keep blacks from voting in the deep south.

Mitchell also said the New Federalism was particularly bad for

Maine, which only pays a minor (30 percent) share of Medicaid payments as compared to other states. "This is not a good deal for Maine," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he supports a plan which would put a freeze on most domestic spending, but not all. "There has to be a sharing of sacrifice in our society, some fairness in distributing the pain," he said.

Mitchell explained that the President is experiencing declining support because his program seems more unfair all the time, especially to the poor and elderly.

"In this state there are 140,000 people living on social security, mostly elderly women," Mitchell said. "The average benefit they receive is \$300 a month, how can you live on that?"



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# 'Jupiter Effect' a hoax says physics professor

by Ed Manzi  
Staff Writer

The semi-alignment of the planets in our solar system called "The Royal Conjunction" will not cause "The Jupiter Effect" astronomers say.

Christian mystics like The Gospel Tract Society of Independence, Missouri, say earthquakes caused by the "effect" will echo the second coming of Christ, but most astronomers, among them UMO's Neil Comins, say these assertions are foolish.

Comins, assistant professor of physics, said the controversy started in 1974 when a book written by astronomers John Gribbin and Stephen Plagemann called "The Jupiter Effect" predicted massive earthquakes around the world and a drastic change in weather patterns.

The prediction also said California would slide into the sea and the country would face "a mini Ice Age."

"It may well happen one of these

days, maybe in a couple centuries, but it won't be caused by the astrological alignment," Comins said.

Comins said John Gribbin dismissed his own predictions recently after scientific insight proved his predictions to be false. However, he said many Christians continue to believe Gribbin's predictions.

"Astronomers like Gribbin make bold predictions to sell books," Comins said.

Comins said Gribbin made his "Ice Age" prediction because Gribbin believed the alignment of the planets would increase sunspot activity thus producing bad weather on the earth.

However, Comins said, increased sunspot activity occurs as part of the sun's natural sunspot cycle. The especially cold weather we face this winter is due to this, Comins said.

Comins said that during the "Jupiter Effect" the planets will not line up in a straight line. Instead, he said, most will be visible in the night sky.

## Yearbook near finish

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tracked her (Wilshire) down," Walas said.

Morrison said Wilshire gave her all of the materials she had when she found her late in the fall semester.

"She finally gave us 42 pages which brought our total up to 115 out of a 314 page book," Morrison said.

Denning, who is presently putting the 1981 yearbook together, said the work load has been heavy, but that she is almost finished with it.

"There were 170 pages that had to be done. Right now 120 are done, so in about three weeks I should have all three pages done," Denning said.

As for the content of the yearbook, Denning said that the only aspect that has been affected by the episode is the number of photographs available for the 1981 PRISM.

Morrison expects the yearbook to be available at least by the time the school gets out in May.



The fraternity snow sculpture contest is underway for the Winter Carnival this weekend. Above, members of Sigma Chi pose with their as yet unsculptured snow. Below, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity are hard at work building their snow sculpture. (Lloyd Rees photo)

## Lowdown

Fri., Feb. 19

7 p.m. Planetarium show. "The Sky Tonight." Admission.  
7 and 9:30 p.m. S.E.A. movie. "The Graduate." 101 EM. Admission.

7 p.m.-midnight UMO observatory open for public viewing.

7 and 9:30 p.m. MPAC film. "Hearts and Minds." 130 Little.

8 p.m. Chuck Berry in concert with Rebecca Hall and the Doctor. Sponsored by S.E.A. Field house. Admission.  
8 p.m. Talent Show (BCC Programming Board). Student Union, BCC.

Sun., Feb. 21

11:00 a.m. Religious Services will be held by the Protestant Ecumenical Worship Service at the Maine Christian Association Building on College Ave.

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# Opinion

## Out of their league

The struggle which most university employees must go through to gain any sort of raise is never easy. The faculty union, AFUM, struggled with the administration for nearly a year to gain an annual salary increase of nine percent for the next two years.

Currently, the professional employees union, UMPSA, is fighting for a nine percent pay increase as well. The university, even after a fact-finding committee suggested the nine percent increase, is standing firm with its offer of eight percent.

Yet not all members of the university must struggle with the administration to get a raise. A noticeably elite group of university employees have received raises which are not even in the same ballpark with other members of the university community.

This elite group of employees consists of Chancellor Patrick McCarthy and the host of vice chancellors and assistants who are in charge of everything from the university treasury to employee relations.

Since 1979, Chancellor McCarthy's salary has increased from \$46,746 to \$65,340 in 1982. This constitutes a whopping increase of 39.7 percent over the chancellor's 1979 salary.

Yet in terms of percentages, McCarthy's salary

increase has not been the greatest in the chancellor's office. Controller Russell B. Smith had a salary of \$24,380 in 1979. As of Dec. 1, 1981, Smith's salary had gone up to \$40,000. The increase in this case has been an unbelievable 64 percent.

When these percentages are compared to the average faculty salary increase in the UMaine system, the figures are truly astonishing. In 1979, the average faculty salary for the University of Maine was \$17,782, according to the National Education Association. The current average figure is \$20,481. The percentage increase in the faculty's case has been a mere 15.2 percent over the 1979 figures.

Overall, the average salary increase in the chancellor's office has been 41.1 percent.

Other university employees must struggle for every penny they can get. The negotiations take up valuable time and money. Yet, as the negotiations go on, members of the chancellor's office receive more and more money every year.

Nepotism, not concern for the university community as a whole, seems to be what rules salary increases in the chancellor's office.

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## Guest column

DONNIE OAKES

## A day in the life...

It is not what you might think it to be. As a matter of fact it hasn't even been quite what I imagined it to be. Soon others will come to know and understand what the meaning behind this is.

What am I speaking of? Why. Student Government of course.

As our term slowly comes to an end Charlie and I can now reflect back on this past year we have spent in office. We would also hope that the future officers will be able to gain something by our portrayal of exactly what the job encompasses.

We may have not had a total picture of the duties before us when we took over last February but we now know all that the positions entail.

Time is a precious commodity and allocating it properly is undoubtedly the most difficult problem. It did not take us long to realize that we could not keep the 40 hour a week plus schedule we had undertaken during the first months in office.

Leaders of the student body must also realize that the greatest majority of the effort we expend will offer go unrecognized. Therefore, we must be able to derive satisfaction from accomplishment of the task and not need much praise from the beneficiaries. Realization that President and Vice-President of Student Government are not glory positions comes rapidly. Qualities of perseverance and unselfishness must be taken on quickly in order to attain any measure of success.

A typical week includes: a senate meeting, a cabinet meeting, and a budget committee meeting; a meeting with President Silverman, Vice-President Aceto, at least several phone conversations with Dean Rideout, and probably a minimum of one run-in with one of many administrators!

Not a day has gone by when a 'major' issue hasn't arisen. There has always been and always will be issues to be addressed and problems to be resolved. These normal day-to-day occurrences seem always to have some impact on the lives of students and the community of this university.

Aside from dealing with the administrators and the inner workings of student government we have also worked to assist individual students and groups with their needs. There is seldom a day that goes by without someone coming up to the office needing some type of assistance. We have always done our utmost to please them and help in any way possible.

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To the editor:

Last spring, Government decided budget allocated to Legal Services. tremendous assistance University in the students who are in As a Board Member have seen the effects of this cut.

With the budget number of cases has drastically reduced. this reduction was a users fee which instituted by Government to generate funds for budget cut. Unfortunately the \$372 collected by fee did not come replacing the monies budget cut (\$5,390).

Two of the candidates for the office of President Vice-President of Government, Philip and Tom respectively, have co





# Response



## EQUAL TIME

The Maine Campus welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief, (300 words or less) and include a name and telephone number. Names will be withheld only under special circumstances. "Anonymous" and open letters, although welcome, will not be published. The Maine Campus reserves the right to edit letters for libel, clarity, taste and to fit available space.

### Oakes column

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In addition to this it must not be forgotten that the officers of student government are also full-time students.

Overall, we have enjoyed our year. It has been a year of success and achievement as well as setbacks. It was a fulfilling year for us due to the fact that we were able to attain most of our established goals.

I am sure that if we had to do it all over again we would do it just the same.

## Candidates to help SLS

To the editor:

Last spring, Student Government decided to cut the budget allocated to Student Legal Services. SLS is a tremendous asset to the University in that it aids students who are in legal need. As a Board Member of SLS, I have seen the devastating effects of this cut.

With the budget cut, the number of cases handled were drastically reduced. Part of this reduction was also due to a users fee which was instituted by Student Government to help SLS generate funds lost in the budget cut. Unfortunately, the \$372 collected by the users fee did not come close to replacing the monies lost in the budget cut (\$5,390).

Two of the candidates for the office of President and Vice-President of Student Government, Philip Pancoast and Tom Blodgett respectively, have come out in

favor of allocating more money to SLS than was given last year, and finding a fundraising alternative that works. The users fee, while it did provide the service with some money, was obviously not sufficient.

If SLS receives more money, then more students will be able to receive needed legal aid. Students seeking aid in landlord-tenant disputes or criminal charges, etc, will once again be able to receive legal aid in these matters.

I am in strong support of Pancoast and Blodgett, in this and other areas, and urge everyone to do the same. SLS is a relatively unique service that we cannot afford to allow to weaken. I believe that Pancoast and Blodgett will help SLS and in turn, the students of the University of Maine at Orono.

Lynne Hamler  
Board Member  
Student Legal Services

## El Salvador conflict 'concerns' MPAC

To the editor:

Joe McLaughlin's assessment of U.S. involvement in El Salvador is right on target. The parallels between Vietnam and El Salvador are frightening. However, McLaughlin's assessment of student apathy is not entirely correct. There is a peaceful student organization that is concerned with El Salvador. The Maine Peace Action Committee has a subcommittee on El Salvador that meets every Friday at 3:00 in

the Weisz Room of the Maples (Philosophy) building. All concerned with this issue are invited to participate.

On Friday Feb. 19 in 130 Little Hall MPAC will show the film "Hearts and Minds," an academy-awarding winning documentary on the Vietnam War. There will be shows at 7 and 9:30 and admission is \$1. The film will also be shown as a part of the regular Saturday night film series at BCC.

In addition, the slide show, "El Salvador: A Country in Crisis" will be shown twice on

Monday Feb. 22. Showings will be at noon in the North Bangor Lounge and at 7:30 in the Damn Yankee. This presentation focuses on the current situation in El Salvador and U.S. involvement there. For an informative article on this issue see the current MPAC Newsletter available free all over campus.

MPAC meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Maples. Please join us.

Chris Bradley

## Don't just regret errors, do something about them

To the editor:

Whenever you journalists make a blatant error, and it is pointed out to you, there is always a correction and the tired, old line, "The Campus regrets the error." How long are you going to keep on regretting your irresponsible journalism instead of doing something about it?

I am referring to the article

in the Feb. 17, 1982 issue titled, "Track team places sixth in Easterns." It is a perfect example of poor reporting. Primarily, you didn't include the two most significant and newsworthy performances of the meet, namely those of Kevin Tarr and Jim Palo. Kevin won the 60 yard dash, running against some of the best competition in New England. Jim broke a school record in the pole vault, clearing 14'9", which enabled

him to tie for third place.

Furthermore, the information you did print, for the most part, was erroneous. Bill Kadlec, not Kuddel as your article spelled it, placed third in the high jump, not fourth. Also, Jim Kilbride placed fifth in the long jump, not the high jump.

Finally, as "journalists", you should realize the importance of timeliness. If you can get the results of a Black Bear hockey game

ending a nine p.m. in print the following day, you surely should be able to complete an article about a meet held on Saturday in the paper the following Monday.

Need I remind you that accuracy and timeliness should have been learned in JB 1 and there is no excuse for neglecting these aspects of responsible reporting in any newspaper.

E. J. Vongher  
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## commentary

brenda bickford

### They call him 'Flash'

Last night when I was on my way back from Waterville, a car sped past me.

I looked at my speedometer to check my speed, as the car made me look like I was standing still. I was doing about 58 mph.

At first, I thought the car might be an unmarked police car in the midst of a hot chase.

But upon closer inspection, I found it was a government car, license 51887. I'm not usually a watchdog for people who speed on the interstate or any other road, for that matter, but the speed at which this car was traveling intrigued me.

I wonder who was driving this car and why they were going so fast.

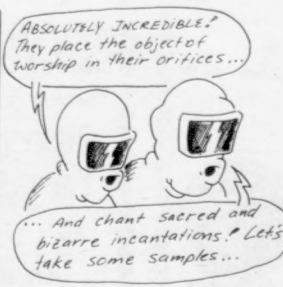
Where were they going in such a hurry? Were they late for a meeting at 7:15 p.m.? Were these people tracking down some national infiltrator? Maybe they were on the tracks of something hot.

If these were government people, aren't they the ones who make the laws (i.e. pass laws for the good of the people), and aren't these the same guys who make other laws which punish people who disregard the law? Are they exempt from these laws which they have made?

The person driving the car obviously failed to break the sound barrier. I hope they didn't fail to make it to their destination in one piece.

I kept wondering as the car sped off until it was out of sight, where the state police were. I realize they are not capable of being everywhere. I wonder if some policeman's radar, somewhere, picked up the sailing car. It would have been very difficult to miss the car. It was dark at that hour of the evening, but you still could see "the streak" flash by.

Somewhere, in that big government office, there is an employee who leads a double life. By day, a mild-mannered government employee, by night, he sheds his gray pin-striped suit, dons his leather, and becomes... The Flash.



# World News

## Communist martial law take steps in attacking the Church

WARSAW, Poland (AP)- Communist Poland's martial law regime stepped up its attack on the Roman Catholic clergy Thursday, and a West German newspaper quoted reliable sources in Warsaw as saying a nationwide roundup of priests is planned.

In its second broadside against the church in two days, Radio Warsaw said that some "lower Catholic clergy" were rekindling "old sources of conflict" such as placing of religious symbols crosses in public places, state institutions and schools.

The broadcast accused one broadcast accused one priest in northern Poland of appealing to parents of oppose efforts to remove crosses from schools "even if they were fired on the in the process."

Another broadcast criticized the church for speaking out against internment of leaders of the independent union Solidarity and said some priests sought to "criticize the policy of the authorities towards extremists."

One Western diplomatic observer who maintains close ties with the church said, "Such criticism is likely to misfire. Why criticize the church now, after being silent for months since it began working in behalf of internees."

The observer, who requested anonymity, said of 1,800 interned union activists released from camps, 1,100 were set free at the behest of the church. The regime says some 4,000 people are still detained.

The church counts some 80 to 90 percent of Poland's 36 million citizens as members, and the primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, has spoken out in the past against internment and other aspects of martial law since it was imposed Dec. 13 and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa detained.

Glemp has maintained public silence since returning from Vatican talks last week with Polish-born Pope John Paul II, but church sources said the primate will deliver a sermon Feb. 26 and it is expected to outline the church's policy toward martial law.

In West Germany, the respected newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine quoted "reliable sources in Warsaw" as saying the Polish regime plans a major attack on the clergy in two or three weeks, with nationwide arrests of priests and broadcasts of forged tapes.

The paper said the Polish secret police have been secretly tape-recording sermons by parish priests, and with the help of East German agents hope to falsify the recordings into statements of loyalty to the regime that would be broadcast "with the goal of discrediting the church amount the people."



## Reagan declares no troop plans; But they're not ruled out

WASHINGTON (AP)-President Reagan declared Thursday that he has "no plans to send American combat troops into action" in El Salvador or anyplace else, but refused to flatly rule out that possibility in the future.

Reagan also refused to say whether he has authorized covert action to undermine the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

Meanwhile, Francisco Fiallos Navarro, the new Nicaraguan ambassador to the United States, said his government is arming because it fears U.S. military action in Central America.

"We are worried about that," he told his first Washington news conference. "It has led us to organize a defensive army." He denied again that his country is helping supply the Salvadoran rebels.

Reagan, however, said in his televised news conference the Nicaraguans are acquiring weapons "of tremendous size, beyond what they

need for possible defense."

Reagan's news conference was dominated by questions about U.S. policy toward war-torn El Salvador and Central America. But the president repeatedly declined to discuss U.S. options.

"I just don't believe that you discuss those options of what you may or may not do," he told reporters.

He was specific only on the question of U.S. troops, saying he dealt with that in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

"There are no plans to send American combat troops into action any place in the world," Reagan said.

The Reagan administration has charged that Cuba has been funneling Soviet-bloc weapons to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador through Nicaragua.

Fiallos, however, said Nicaragua is giving only "moral support" to the insurgents fighting the U.S.-backed military-civilian junta in El Salvador.

## Maine's gasoline prices lowest in months, says retailer

AUGUSTA, MAINE (AP)- Gasoline prices in Maine are the lowest they've been in more than a year, and could drop to about \$1 a gallon during the summer tourist season, a gasoline retailer's spokesman said.

Because of plentiful reserves and conservation by drivers, "The consumer ought to be jumping for joy," said Phillip Pimentel, executive director of the Pine Tree Gasoline Retailers Association.

The average price of regular gasoline in Maine was \$1.296 a gallon in January, according to the American Automobile Association.

The average price of regular gasoline in Maine was \$1.296 a gallon in January, according to the American Automobile Association. That compares to \$1.356 in March 1981, said James Christensen of the AAA office in Portland.

The national average for regular gas, in January was \$1.346, he said.

Unleaded gasoline in Maine averaged \$1.349 a gallon in January, said Christensen.

The average price in Augusta is now \$1.25 for a gallon of regular gas, while in southern Maine, it's as low as \$1.16, Pimentel said.

The combination of well-stocked supplies, lower crude oil prices and Americans' conservation have led to lower prices at the pump, he said. "Competition is real fierce" among retailers, he said. "The dealers just aren't making a profit on the gas right now because of the so-called gas war."

Nancy Wentzel, an official in the state Office of Energy Resources, said that Maine's gasoline consumption has dropped steadily since 1978, when 582 million gallons were used.

In 1981, some 487 million gallons were sold, she said.

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## Clay

by Ernie Clark  
Staff Writer

Clay Gunn's scrapbook probably has many clippings from the headlines; reserved for the so-called "game for the pseudo-basketball" only relevant in basketball-points.

No, as the 6-6 Bear captain nears the front of the home afternoon (2:00 p.m.) Gunn's fondlest basketballers are likely to face-to-face commiserate with the rebounding and dunks.

Those close to the ball, however, are Gunn's four-year Maine basketball game during his



Clay Gunn, an outfielder for the Bears. (E)

more year when they first appeared in North playoffs, forward to center defense which saw the Bears within an official's making the conference-leading game that same adjustment to a 1981-82 club rockers injuries and impossibilities.

This season surely ting for the Great native. Beginning customary forward forced back to the immediately due to Jeff Cross.

Upon Cross's return the Black Bear line of Clay Pickering made might carry a guarantee.

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# Sports

## Clay Gunn to play last home game Saturday

by Ernie Clark  
Staff Writer

Clay Gunn's college basketball scrapbook probably does not contain many clippings featuring his name in the headlines; those are usually reserved for the scoring machines who sometimes forsake the rest of their game for the benefit of what pseudo-basketball fans consider the only relevant individual statistic in basketball—points per game.

No, as the 6-6, 224-pound Black Bear captain nears his final game in front of the home fans Saturday afternoon (2:00 pm) against Colgate, Gunn's fondest basketball recollections are likely in the form of face-to-face comments from basketball purists who know the value of rebounding and defense.

Those close to Black Bear basketball, however, are fully aware of Gunn's four-year contributions to Maine basketball; his 10.6 points per game during his abbreviated soph-

father than expected.

This all changed Jan. 2, when Gunn suffered a broken toe during the Black Bears' 72-66 win over Towson State. The injury proved to be a nuisance more than anything else, as the accompanying pain allowed Gunn to practice sometimes, while on other

days it was simply unbearable.

Eight games were to pass before Gunn was fit to see some action, and three more before he could return to his customary spot in the starting lineup.

Since then, Gunn's performance has been a bright spot during a nine-game

Black Bear losing streak. Fourteen rebounds against Marist, 12 points, nine rebounds and three assists in a heartbreaking 65-63 loss at Boston University Monday; these are the type of statistics which have earned Gunn the respect of his peers in the ECAC-North.



Clay Gunn, an outstanding performer for the Bears. (Lloyd Rees photo)

more year when the Black Bears made their first appearance in the ECAC-North playoffs, his switch from forward to center during a junior year which saw the Black Bears come within an official's call from possibly making the conference finals, his conference-leading 8.0 rebounds per game that same year, and his adjustment to a leadership role on a 1981-82 club rocked with transfers, injuries and impossible scheduling.

This season surely has been frustrating for the Great Barrington, Mass. native. Beginning the season at his customary forward slot, Gunn was forced back to the pivot almost immediately due to a knee injury to Jeff Cross.

Upon Cross's return to the lineup, the Black Bear line of Gunn, Cross and Clay Pickering made overtures like it might carry a guard-deficient club

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## Black Bears in 'spoiler role' against Cornell

by John Toole  
Staff Writer

When the UMO hockey team plays the Big Red of Cornell Saturday afternoon, the ECAC Division I playoffs won't be of much concern to the Bears. Maine is 3-15 in Div. I play and a playoff spot for the Bears hasn't been a realistic possibility for the last couple of weeks.

Maine is now cast in a "spoiler's role." The Bears can't make the playoffs, but they can still keep other teams from getting there.

The Bears have nothing to lose. They can go out and just play hockey for the fun of it. The seniors can be content on trying to play their best to

end their careers at UMO on a high note. The underclassmen can concentrate on improving their skills in order to get Maine into the playoffs next season.

This could cause some problems for Maine's remaining Div. I opponents. Take the Big Red, for example. Cornell is very much in the race for the Ivy Region title in the ECAC.

Cornell is battling Harvard and Yale for the all-important region title, which would give the Big Red an automatic playoff spot and home ice advantage in the quarterfinals of the ECAC playoffs.

A loss to Maine might be just enough to keep the Cornell players out

of the post-season festivities.

Eight teams from the ECAC will make the playoffs. The three regional winners (East, West and Ivy regions) will qualify and the five teams with the best winning percentage (outside of the regional champions) will also qualify.

Through last weekend's games, the ECAC reported Boston College and the University of New Hampshire leading the East Region with identical 12-5 records.

Northeastern (9-4-1), Providence (8-8), Boston University (5-9-3), and Maine (3-14) rounded out the region standings.

In the West Region, Clarkson led at 11-3-1. Colgate (8-4), St. Lawrence (8-

6-1), Vermont (7-8-1) and RPI (5-9-1) trailed the Golden Knights.

The Ivy Region was led by Yale at 8-7-1. Harvard (7-7-2), Cornell (7-7-1), Princeton (5-8-2), Dartmouth (4-9) and Brown (4-9) were all in pursuit of the Elis.

### Saturday's Game

Location: Lynah Rink, Ithaca, New York.  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Opponent: Cornell Big Red  
Record: 10-10-1, 5-8-1 in Div. I.  
Head Coach: Dick Bertrand  
Letterman returning/lost: 15/6  
Series vs. Maine: 3-1-0  
Leading Scorers: Roy Kerling (18-19-37), Gary Cullen (15-14-29), John Olds (10-18-28), Joe Gailant (3-25-28)

## Senior tracksters to see final action Saturday

by Paul Tukey  
Staff Writer

The men's track team will feel the loss of nine talented seniors who will perform in the last indoor meet of their UMO careers against Vermont Saturday afternoon in the field house, Coach Ed Styrna said.

"We've won the State Meet the last four years with these guys and we've gone undefeated in dual meets three of their four years," he said.

Styrna said that with the way the recruiting for next year looks, the team won't come close to filling the void left by the departing seniors. "Brad Gilbert, Jim Palo, Cameron Bonsey, and some of the others scored consistently for us and their points will be hard to make up," he said.

Assistant coach Jim Ballinger called

Gilbert, from Marblehead Massachusetts, "a good all-around athlete." Gilbert is one of the team's best performers in the high jump and quarter-mile and has qualified for the New England Meets next weekend in the 60-yard hurdles, Ballinger said.

Jim Palo, from Old Town, set a new school record of 14'9" at the Eastern Meet in Connecticut last weekend and will also be competing in the New England meet.

Styrna said Cameron Bonsey from Falmouth, Maine has been the team's most consistent scorer during his four years. Bonsey placed second in last year's New England Meet in the half-mile and he has qualified for the meet this year as well.

Roger Johnstone, from Old Town, said he feels capable of running the 60-yard hurdles in 7.8 seconds which

would also qualify him for the New England Meet.

Cross-country specialist Don Ward, from Great Barrington, Massachusetts has also done well running a 4:21 mile, Ballinger said. "I like the longer distances better but the mile will help me with speed for road racing later on," Ward said.

"Brian Donovan (from Norwood, Mass.) has been our most consistent high jumper during his years here. He is always up around 6'4" to 6'6"," Styrna said.

Ballinger said Barry Nelson, from Old Town, has done well in the quarter-mile after playing football his first two years at UMO.

Rick Casselbury, from Acton,

Mass., said he hopes to pursue weight lifting competitively after graduation. He has been a valuable versatile performer in the high jump, 35 lb. weight, and long jump on occasion, Styrna said.

Jeff Bengtsson, from Bath, Maine, competed in the mile for UMO and he said he will compete in road races and marathons after graduation. He has already run in the Boston Marathon.

All of the seniors said they have enjoyed running at Maine and they all like the coaches. "Any time a runner expresses sincere interest to be helped, they (the coaches) are always there to help," said Ward.

Johnstone said, "There are no scholarships offered here and there are no real stars. The real character of the team is that we have a lot of good tough runners."



## Personals

Bunny Ears Up! Scott and the VWs...you're the greatest. Thanks for a real special event. Such friends are rarely found. Brador, parade, fireworks, Coke machines...Quebec will never be the same. Let's do it again soon. Love J.D.

Looking for a tall, dark & handsome young man. Enjoy having fun. I told you I'd do it. Laura

Anorexic. Aren't secretaries wonderful? Just showing off cause I thirst for attention.

Don't be left out. See one to the legends of rock n' roll - Chuck Berry in concert tonight at the Field House. plenty of tickets still available. Remember no smoking or drinking please!

Myron: I apologize for not giving you the benefit of the doubt. Your Co-President.

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Shelly, Want to play racketball? How can I contact you? Kerry

J.C.H.M. Happy 20th! Thank-you for everything. May our relationship continue to shine. Love B.J.B.

Happy Birthday, Sads! From your buddies in Hart.

Vsem moim studentam na pervom klasse. Zanimajtes! Barenka

Nancy, Thanks for being a great roommate. I appreciate all your help more than you realize. Michelle

Missy How about a date Saturday night?

LKS: Happy Birthday! Hope you have lots of "fun"! S.L.T.

Missy, Was it good for you, too? Daddy Dear Otter and Wille, It's 7:00 am on some weekend morning. do you know where the "Big E" is, or where he is SUPPOSED to be? That's right, fellas. I know all about where he is SUPPOSED to be, but isn't. Come see me for more details. Signed, That's right, you've been had just like me.

"Haymaker" Thanks for trips to the mall, chocolate chip cookies, lunch at MacDonalds, and asking me to marry you! (I do-I do!) Pizza tonight? Love you forever, "Fancy Dancer"

To a Goodfriend, In the world according to Huckel, everything goes to zero or one. J.J. Coupling and Co.

Oh My God, Bubs! It's your birthday! Have a good one!

Hey Baboo & Frank, Any new developments in town? I know it will be hard without me there, but have a Real Nice Anniversary. Say "Hi" to everyone for me and have a delectable dinner. Miss & Love ya, Daisy P.S. Hope you like the flowers.

Hey Sabes: Maybe so but R.D.'s are the best yet. Woo-woo-woo-woo! Love, M.A.P.

Tom, There's nothing wrong with being cute and cuddly. Think of it as being like a very tall teddy bear. Maybe the Lacrosse club could use you as a mascot. C.

Sunshine, Thanks for the happiest year of my life... You're beautiful! Yours forever, Alyson

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To Jim Duplissie: French Cuisine

Will keep you lean  
In the right amounts  
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just you & me  
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If you can't see the recipe

Which Kevin cannot print,  
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To L.W.: Take care of that touch, We'll need you in the big one. S.H.A.A.

To M.G. & VGIII: I'll love you, forever. Vic.

I love you Tom, Kevin, Correy, Brian, Bill, Paul, Bob, Kerri, Jeremy, Doug, John, Don, Vance, Terry, and Kathy. EOE.

To all my teachers out there: thank you for contributing your share to one hell of an awful week. Have fun correcting those tests this weekend, D.

Dear Munchkin: I'm doing better this week "huh". Meet you under the bridge at noon Sunday. Love, H. Bear, alias Dick

Geoffrey Brooks: Come to dinner soon. Let us know soon. A. & A.M.

Maria: Need lessons in being cool? Just see me. Jose

To Henry: Long live Franco, Aldo Moro and the political philosophers of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew

To Batwoman: Please don't wear your yellow boots on the nights I work. Besides they slow down your typing. J.M.E.

Scott: I hope you are finding out that peanuts are indeed better than jelly beans. Don't worry 1984 will come soon.

Robert: Just be careful... Ed.

S. Already I miss you. But the BEST is yet to come. P.

Dick: You're still an animal, so keep your knives sharp. Merle the Pearl is stalking you! Eddie

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Can you believe we bagged Slammer? Of course we did. Q City was Horror. Slammer, you were key. Rhonda, (the sporty Mustang) and crew.

Mon.Petite Petite Amie,  
It has been a great week and I hope for many more. Hair tonight, gone tomorrow. And tomorrow promises the bed...sleeds! (of course). Love, D.