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## Graduate library program proposed for UMO

by Sue Swift  
Staff Writer

Five campus administrators met Thursday to discuss the possibility of a Pennsylvania college offering graduate degree courses on the UMO campus.

Richard C. Bowers, vice president for academic affairs, Andrew D. Abbott, Jr., director of the Instructional Systems Center, Robert A. Cobb, dean of the College of Education, Elaine M. Albright, director of libraries, and Rosemary A. Salesi, associate dean of UMO's Graduate School, discussed the various ramifications should UMO once again become involved in a graduate library program with Clarion State College in Pennsylvania.

"There is a proposal from Clarion State College and the Maine State Library that they would bring a master's degree program in library science to Maine. What's under discussion at the present time is the location of the program on this campus," said Bowers.

### UMO fraternities, sororities

by Peg Warner  
Staff Writer

Leaders of UMO's fraternities and sororities are organizing a local chapter of a national honor society for their members that will parallel the All Maine Women and Senior Skulls honor societies, one of its organizers said Monday.

Joan Drake, Panhellenic Council secretary, said the organization — the Order of the Omega — will recognize the top 3 percent of fraternity and sorority members on campus in such areas as scholarship, leadership, and campus and community involvement.

Drake said the society, which is affiliated with the national Panhellenic Council, has been established "on

He said the program "would be such that Clarion would have faculty that would offer some courses on this campus during the summer for two years and then the students would have to go to Clarion to finish out the program."

Abbott said that for 10 years the Maine Educational Media Association and the Maine Library Association have been trying to implement a program in Maine.

Clarion State College was invited to start a graduate program "on site" by the Standard Advisory Committee for Continuing Education of the Maine Library Association in December, he said.

"Right now, Thomas College of Waterville has offered to host the program in the Augusta area, and we are looking at UMO to act as a host site in the Orono area, but the actual site hasn't been determined yet," Abbott said.

There has been no graduate degree program in library science in Maine since February 1975, when UMO ended its

master's degree program due to high costs.

"I don't foresee any real cost to UMO except for the actual use of space, which would be no problem," he said.

Abbott said the group is trying to find out any hidden costs that the program might incur.

He said, "Clarion is also a land-grant university so that we can offer in-state tuition rates, and we'll have to find out the costs of housing the additional students or other costs."

Acting Director of Financial Management, Charles F. Rauch Jr., said he had not heard of the proposal until last Thursday, but said "As a principal, when we think about new programs from now on, we're going to have to be very careful in considering where we are going to get the money. We are very tight in trying to run the ones we have now."

"Even though some programs sound very good to go — we can't do everything," Rauch said. He agreed

with Bowers statement that "we should do the program only within our present resources."

Bowers said the proposal came as a result of the large need for people in the high school libraries and for media specialists.

"We've seen the need of this for several years," said Walter Turenko, a media consultant with the Maine State Library and state liaison with a statewide advisory group concerned with the needed program.

"There's a growth building, a momentum. We haven't had anything, and there's been a lack of training available while there have been people and jobs out there," Turenko said (*Bangor Daily News*, 1/25).

Bowers said that no decision has been reached, but that various aspects of the program had been discussed, such as the cost of the program to UMO, the possibility of UMO offering its own program in the future and the need for a master's program in Maine.

### to organize honor society

All of UMO's Greek letter organizations, except for Phi Eta Kappa fraternity, are so affiliated. Members of the Order of the Omega must also be students at the school at which they are elected for membership for at least one year prior to joining; must have junior or senior standing; and must rank academically above the undergraduate average for the school.

Drake said each fraternity and sorority will be asked to nominate members of their organizations they feel are qualified for membership in the Order of the Omega. A selection committee that has yet to be formed will make the final selection from the nominations received from the fraternities and sororities.

Lucy said the committee may include campus leaders who are juniors and may include students who are fraternity and

sorority members as well as those who are not. Drake said the selection committee, in determining membership, will look specifically at character, scholarship, offices held within the fraternity or sorority, offices held and other involvement in the governing organizations of UMO and Panhellenic Council, service to the university in areas such as sports or student government, and service to the community outside the university.

"We're looking for the all-around student," she said.

Lucy said the organization is "a great honor for Greeks who work above and beyond the call of duty and will distinguish them for an effort well done."

He said nominations can be left in his office in the Memorial Union in care of the Order of the Omega.

## UMO planetarium to educate educators

by Chris Walter  
Staff Writer

Maine school teachers will be at UMO this week to study Project Starwalk, a new educational program aimed at teaching astronomy to elementary school students.

The program has been used in several schools across the country, but UMO will be the first university in the nation to become involved with it.

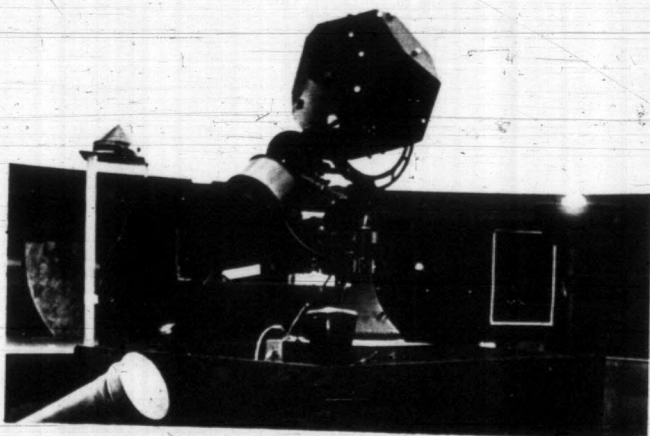
Project Starwalk is aimed at students in the third and fifth grades. During the school year they will participate in classroom activities dealing with astronomy and will make three visits to the UMO planetarium, each visit coinciding with a specific season of stars.

The program, funded by the Na-

tional Diffusion Network, a branch of the department of education, was developed by Patt Olmstead of the New Castle, Del., school system.

Olmstead, who will be at the teacher training sessions beginning Jan. 29, said, "Not only is the program an effective means of teaching science, but it has been designed to simplify the teacher's role while still giving students the opportunity to learn from professionals in a unique learning environment."

The cost of the program for schools is \$20 per class for the necessary teaching materials. Other expenses would include transportation to and from the university and a small planetarium fee.



The UMO planetarium will be involved in a week-long program to help Maine teachers teach astronomy. (file photo)

# Money needed to buy mascot a new suit

by Kelly Mullins  
Staff Writer

UMO's mascot, Bananas the bear, may not be around for this spring's baseball season unless funds are raised for a new suit, said Alpha Phi Omega's mascot coordinator Friday.

David Giroux said, "Right now we're hoping Bananas can make it through the basketball and hockey seasons, but the baseball season is a little shaky."

A booklet, "The History of the Maine Black Bear," will be sold for \$3 to provide funds to replace the blue bear suit which cost \$1200, and provide maintenance costs, said APO President Andy Graff.

The book dates back to 1914 when UMO introduced the first of eleven live black bears. The booklet recounts the history of the mascot with photographs and lively stories contributed by many alumni. The blue suit made its appearance in 1983.

Members of APO, which provides the mascot service to the university, said they are pleased with the design and popularity of the suit. Graff said that, considering the amount of money they invested, they're disappointed that the suit hasn't lasted longer.

Graff said it was understood that the suit, made by Chénko Studios in New York, would be sent back annually for repairs at an additional cost. The Chénko company also makes costumes for the characters at Disney World, Graff said.

He said the UMO bear might be more athletic than Bananas' costume was designed for. The lining, zippers and pads have to be frequently repaired and the fabric is deteriorating, Giroux said.

He said, "Right now we tape up, sew up and hope that it holds together." The bear suit must also be dry cleaned often, which adds to the wear and maintenance cost of the suit.

Giroux said Bananas has seen an increase in demand to make public appearances. Bananas attends every home sports event, appeared at the World Series in Omaha and makes visits to elementary schools. Recently the bear was asked to be present at the opening of a local "Eleven store."

Because of the condition of the suit, Bananas is cutting down on additional public appearances and giving priority to athletic events, Giroux said.

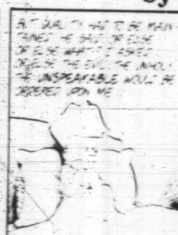
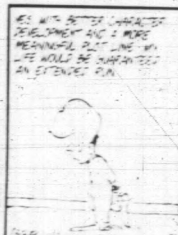


Bananas the Bear

Graff said donations made to the Bananas fund do not go to APO. The organization has appropriated a separate fund for the bear.

Presently there are three people who wear the bear suit whose identity must be kept a secret according to fraternity tradition.

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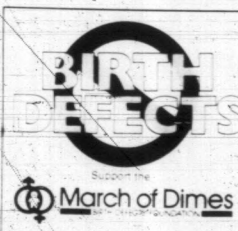
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## Orono fun

by Kelly Mullins  
Staff Writer

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## Orono council approves funds for research park

by Kelly Mullins  
Staff Writer

The Orono Town Council voted unanimously Monday night in favor of a six-month operating budget set at \$44,603 for the Research and Development Park, presented by John Melrose, interim manager for the park.

Melrose said UMO President Arthur Johnson will act as chairman of the development committee for the park, which will concentrate development in five areas. These areas consist of federal installments, a state technology center, an incubator center, business attractions and a communications system that will bring research talent from UMO to the entire state.

Melrose said the directors of the Orono Research and Development Park Corp. hope to bring a United States Department of Defense agency to the research park. He said the agency would assist businesses on bidding to supply products to the military. After completion of a successful bid, Melrose said, the agency would also gear up industries to supply those products.

The committee also hopes to attract development in forestry products, fisheries, construction involving a t-2 rural transportation project and energy control systems. Research in these developments will then be transferred to the businesses of Maine, Melrose said.

John Blake, a member of the board of directors of the park, said advertising will be done in national journals to make the park known not only to the people of Maine but also all over the country.

Six-month funding appropriations for the park include, from the town of Orono, \$29,603, with \$14,603 from unappropriated surplus combined with \$15,000 already appropriated to hire Melrose, who represents the consulting firm called Maine Tomorrow.

Other contributors include the Maine Development Foundation (\$10,000) and the Action Committee of Fifty, a group of businesspersons involved in promoting regional economic development.

The present budget is set until the 30th of June, with a tentative budget of \$116,113 being planned for the 1985-86 fiscal year.

## ★ Police Blotter ★

by Doug Ireland  
Staff Writer

A. Tyler Descenza, of 303 Somerset Hall, was arrested by UMO police at 8:39 p.m. Jan. 22, on a charge of using false identification. He will report to the conduct officer.

An Orono resident reported the theft of \$50 from her billfold, which was located in the Government Documents Room of Fogler Library. The money was taken between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday.

A Balentine Hall resident reported the theft of four keys taken from her dormitory room between 5 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

An Old Town resident reported the front of his 1980 Datsun was damaged Thursday in the Merrill Hall parking lot. Damage was estimated at \$75.

A Bangor resident reported \$47 was taken from an unsecured

locker in the Memorial Gym between 9 and 9:45 a.m. Saturday.

Heather Main, 21, of 236 York Hall, was arrested by the UMOPD on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Main's green 1980 Ford Pinto was stopped by police on Munson Road at 11:25 p.m. Saturday.

Scott Tidd, 19, a student at Maine Maritime Academy, was arrested by the UMOPD at 12:52 a.m. Sunday, while attending a York Commons dance. Tidd's arrest was on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of alcohol by a minor. The UMOPD reported a York Hall window was broken by an unknown subject early Sunday morning.

A Stewart Commons cafeteria employee reported the theft of several food items taken from a meat storage refrigerator between 12 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Students not adept at money management

(CPS) — Only two of every ten college students have the necessary financial skills to properly manage their money, according to a new survey of students' money management skills and spending habits.

Based on the survey of 2400 college students nationwide, more than 76 percent of today's students start college lacking the money management skills necessary for day to day living.

"It appears that our high schools are graduating students into universities, but not arming them with the financial skills they need once they get there," says Robert Howell, president of TeleCheck Services, a check approval firm which sponsored the survey.

Even among the 24 percent who say they have a good understanding of money management, fewer than half ac-

tually balance their checkbooks regularly, the survey shows.

At the same time, over 70 percent of all college students have their own checking accounts, and 54 percent pay most of their bills and expenses by personal checks, the survey said.

"These students have limited money in their pockets and it's important they know how to use it wisely," Howell said, because "(they) are already regular check users and 90 percent of all U.S. households have access to checking accounts."

About one-fifth of the students spend between \$500 and \$1000 a year on entertainment and living expenses other than tuition. An additional 31 percent spend \$1000 and \$2500 a year, and 26 percent have no-tuition expenses of over \$5000 a year.

Nearly half of all students rely "completely" or "very much" on their parents or jobs for financial support.

Eighteen percent rely on no money from their parents, and 17 percent depend completely on loans and grants, the survey said.

Fifty-seven percent have credit cards, although most of the students use plastic less than once per week, the survey also said.

Department store credit cards were the most popular, followed by Visa, gasoline credit cards and MasterCard.

Ironically, while most students lack good money management skills, their use of checks and credit cards is "very similar" to that of non-students, says Larry O'Neill, TeleCheck communications director.

Yet "most parents never show their

children how to balance a checkbook," and banks typically "give a young person a checkbook and send them on their way" without ever explaining how to manage a checking account, he said.

Moreover, most high schools "treat money management the same way they do sex education: they avoid it."

Schools, along with banks and other financial services, need to spend more time teaching students the basics of money management, O'Neill said. "We're certainly going to slant some of our marketing towards the college population" in hopes of teaching students the value of checking accounts and good money management which will carry over into their adult lives, he said.

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# World/U.S. News

## OPEC clash may lead to lower oil prices

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Oil ministers clashed openly Monday as OPEC began an emergency session and discussed a pair of proposals that could cut the cartel's base price for only the second time in its history.

The 13 ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries met twice in closed session and said no agreement was reached before adjourning the talks until Tuesday.

Less than an hour after the conference started, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates walked out, complaining that Nigeria was "stabbing OPEC in the back" by exceeding its production quota.

Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said later the incident was sparked by a "misunderstanding" between Mana Saeed Oteiba, the minister from the United Arab Emirates,

and Tam David-West, Nigeria's oil minister.

Asked about the incident when he returned for the afternoon session at the Intercontinental Hotel, Oteiba said, "I think it is over." David-West, whose country broke ranks with OPEC in October by cutting prices to compete with Britain and Norway, refused to discuss the matter.

With the outbreak of acrimony adding to existing doubts about OPEC's ability to halt sliding oil prices, petroleum traders in the United States sent prices of the top domestic crude briefly tumbling below \$25 a barrel for the first time since 1979.

Those declines followed the walkout by Oteiba and indicated at the time that "the market definitely does not have much confidence in OPEC's ability to

come up with an agreement," said Andre Lebow, an oil trading analyst at the New York investment firm Shearson Lehman/American Express Inc. But Lebow said markets recovered most of the lost ground by day's end because of evidence that OPEC was "making progress toward an agreement."

Meanwhile, Qatar's oil minister, pressed by reporters as to whether OPEC was discussing a cut in its benchmark price of \$29 a barrel for Arabian Light crude, said, "We're thinking about, as a concept, lowering it." But the minister, Abdul Aziz al-Thani, refused to be specific about any figures under consideration.

The president of the conference, Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto, told reporters at the end of Monday's session that Nigeria and Saudi Arabia had submitted separate proposals to narrow the

price gap between the cartel's highest quality crudes and the lower quality blends.

Subroto said the Nigerian plan would reduce the spread to \$2 from the current \$4, while Saudi Arabia would narrow the gap to \$2.90. Conference sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said that in either case, they expected the price of Arabian Light to be cut.

Any cut in the benchmark price would be the first since it was reduced to \$29 from \$34 in March 1983 in OPEC's only previous cut. Prior to the Arab oil embargo in 1973, Arabian Light sold for under \$3 a barrel.

Each drop of \$1 a barrel in the price of oil is equivalent to a 2.5 cent reduction in the price of a gallon of petroleum products, such as gasoline, when the savings are entirely passed on to consumers.

## Military plans to tighten shuttle security

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The veil of secrecy drawn over America's first military-manned space flight may seem like nothing compared to the curtain the Defense Department plans to lower on future missions, some of which may even blast off without advance notice.

Air Force and NASA officials said they learned much from the just-completed flight of space shuttle Discovery, during which five military officers deployed a spy satellite to monitor Soviet missile tests and eavesdrop on military and diplomatic communications in Europe, Asia and Africa.

One of the things they learned was that reporters were able to find out many

details about the flight were supposed to remain classified.

An investigation is already under way to determine who leaked information both before and during the mission, said an Air Force official who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Among the leaks: the identity of the satellite and its purpose; the deployment of the payload on Friday; the early end of the mission, with a landing on Sunday because of an unfavorable Monday weather forecast.

Several reporters had more information on the satellite's purpose and capability but considered it militarily sensitive enough to withhold it.

As for the future, the officer said:

"We have several months until the next Defense Department shuttle flight. We learned a lot on this, our first such mission, and we'll learn from that experience."

He would not predict what the information ground rules would be for the next military flight, now scheduled in September.

For the just-completed mission, reporters were told the day of the launch and were made aware of the launch time only when the countdown clock reached the nine-minute mark. Missing were the usual pre-launch astronaut news conference and interviews, the space-to-ground conversations and information on the payload and the length of the journey.

NASA, which had operated an open information policy on 45 previous U.S. manned space flights, was put in an unfamiliar and difficult position by the demands of the Air Force. Spokesman Hugh Harris said he expects more

restrictions.

Much more secrecy is expected when the Air Force begins dispatching shuttles from a base it is constructing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. A separate military shuttle mission control center is being built in Colorado.

The Pentagon is considering opening up the first Vandenberg launch early next year for press coverage. But after that, there may be no advance public notice of a liftoff — just as there is now no advance word on unmanned military satellite launches from Cape Canaveral and Vandenberg.

The Air Force and space agency also have agreed to impose secrecy on five launches of another NASA rocket, the Scout, which is fired from Wallops Island, Virginia, the magazine Aviation Week & Space Technology reported Monday. The magazine said the Scouts will hoist metallic balloons into orbit as targets for an anti-satellite weapon being developed by the military.

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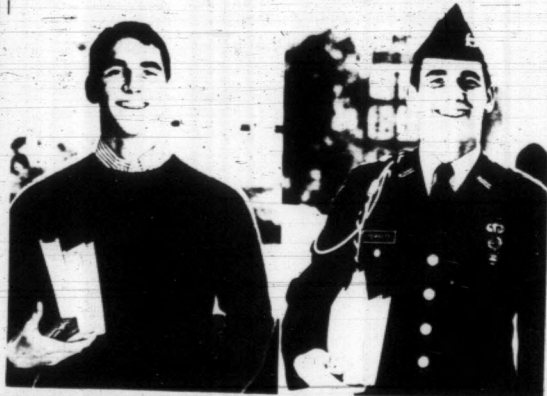
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Reagan issued Tuesday saying he report.

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## U.S. ch

WASHINGTON — Administration officials over CIA control over Nicaragua have Honduras' charges murdered political

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# Economic growth reaches 6.8 percent in 1984

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's economy got a boost from consumer spending in the last quarter of 1984 to mark the sharpest annual growth rate in more than three decades and prompt Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige to proclaim "everything is on course."

President Reagan, told of the report in advance, had been unable to restrain himself Monday night during a tour of inauguration balls and said one of the Commerce Department figures released Tuesday would be the best since 1951.

That turned out to be the 6.8 percent 1984 growth rate, which received a boost from revision of the fourth quarter estimate from 2.8 percent to 3.9 percent. That fourth quarter figure is subject to another adjustment next month.

The 1951 growth rate — the last time the growth rate was any sharper — was 8.3 percent.

Reagan issued a written statement Tuesday saying he was "delighted" by the report.

"We are succeeding in building strong and lasting economic growth without in-

flation," he said, "and I believe these results demonstrate, once again, that our economic program, given a chance to work, has worked beautifully in spite of naysayers."

Most economists were surprised at the intensity of the fourth quarter spurt, coming on the heels of the third quarter's 1.6 percent growth rate that had hinted at an economic slowdown.

Some agreed that it bode well for administration projections of a 4 percent growth rate in 1985.

While the focus of the report was on the gross national product, the government's broadest measure of economic health, Baldrige and private economists viewed that figure together with a price index tied to the GNP that showed an inflation rate of 3.7 percent last year. That is the lowest inflation figure since 1967's 3 percent.

With growth on a steady but not breathtaking pace and inflation remaining low, Baldrige said interest rates should fall further during the first half

of 1985 and keep the recovery moving. Private economists generally agree with Baldrige's optimistic view.

"We are going to see a second act to what has been an exceptional recovery, with growth and inflation both turning in performances in the neighborhood of 4 percent," said Jerry Jasinowski of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Personal consumer spending was up at an annual rate of 3.9 percent in the final three months of the year, compared with a small 0.7 percent increase during the third quarter. A slump in consumer spending has been blamed for the slowdown last year.

Baldrige characterized the spending increase as "a real kick" for the overall figure, and Jasinowski called it "the most surprising feature of the speedup in the fourth quarter."

Allen Sinai, of Shearson Lehman American Express, said, "What is emerging is a pattern of stronger-than-expected real economic growth and less-

than-expected inflation, reminiscent of the performance during much of last year."

Mike Evans, president of Evans Economics, a Washington forecasting firm, predicted 1985 growth at 4 percent.

"That would be an impressive performance," he said.

David Wyss, chief financial economist for Data Resources Inc., of Lexington, Mass., said Tuesday's report was "a major surprise," but not necessarily enough to change his firm's more pessimistic outlook.

He said the administration forecast is "probably optimistic ... particularly with the problem of the dollar having gone up so much."

The dollar continued to rise against foreign currencies Tuesday. A strong dollar makes U.S. goods too expensive for many foreign customers to buy and hampers U.S. output.

Baldrige acknowledged the problem but said, "We don't try to talk down the dollar. That's a fruitless exercise."

It has to find its own level."

## U.S. claims little control over Nicaraguan rebel forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration officials said the limits of CIA control over the rebels it backs in Nicaragua have been made evident by Honduras' charges that the rebels have murdered political dissidents in Honduras.

The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said the Honduran allegations caught the CIA off guard. They said rebel leaders had assured the CIA that a key military officer allegedly implicated in the abuses had been expelled two years ago from the Nicaraguan Democratic Force.

The U.S.-backed force, known in Nicaragua by its Spanish initials, FDN, has been fighting for four years to overthrow the leftist Sandanista government in Nicaragua.

U.S. officials expressed surprise last week when informed that, according to statements from two rebel leaders, the officer, Col. Ricardo Lau, had not been purged but at least until last year was still with the rebel group.

"If Lau was there after January 1983, it was clearly deceptive," said one official familiar with U.S. efforts to rid the FDN of Lau and other National Guard officers who fought for long-time dictator Anastasio Somoza before his overthrow in 1979.

The official said FDN leaders, opposed to the purge, apparently

decided to "fool the gringos" by shifting Lau from a public to a secret position.

Another official said the incident showed that while the CIA had direct command and control over certain operations, such as the mining of Nicaragua's harbors, the agency had only limited influence over the FDN's internal operations.

Edgar Chamorro, former FDN propaganda chief, said Lau was never ousted from the rebel group, as the CIA was told, but was simply moved from his post as the FDN's intelligence officer to head of the rebel's counterintelligence unit.

Chamorro said Lau's new job was a "more obscure position," but one which granted him broad power within the FDN as he and his team of 20 to 40 men sought out infiltrators suspected of working for Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

In the new post, Lau reported directly to Enrique Bermudez, the FDN's top commander and another ex-National Guard officer, Chamorro said.

Chamorro said he believed Lau's continued presence was known to some CIA personnel in the field, despite claims from administration officials in Washington that they thought Lau had been purged. Lau's current whereabouts could not be ascertained, and CIA spokesman George Lauder refused to discuss the matter.

Lau's name surfaced inside the administration this month in connection with a Honduran military investigation of the killings and disappearances of about 250 opponents of the pro-American Honduran government.

Honduran sources close to the investigation have told the AP and other news organizations that since 1980, Nicaraguan rebels had killed 15 to 18 dissidents on behalf of the Honduran military. One source said Lau was involved in some of those actions.

State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb said last week that the administration had "no information which would substantiate" the Honduran charges. Last Wednesday, the CIA circulated a secret report disputing the press accounts and quoting some Honduran military officials as denying their investigation would implicate the FDN.

FDN spokesman Bosco Matamoros also denied the allegations.

Initially, administration officials told The Associated Press that the FDN was not responsible for Lau's alleged actions because, they said, he became involved in those activities after he left the Honduran-based rebel group and went to work for the now-deposed Honduran military chief, Gustav Alvarez Martinez.

One U.S. official said the CIA began pressing FDN leaders to oust Lau in September 1982 and was assured by rebel leaders that Lau was removed in January 1983. The official said the CIA was then told that Lau was hired by Alvarez to run a secret Honduran "counter-intelligence" unit.

But that timing conflicts with a statement by FDN president Adolfo Calero, published in *The New York Times* on April 12, 1984, in which Calero said he had received Lau's resignation several weeks before — more than a year after the CIA was told Lau had left.

Asked about Lau last week, Calero said Lau is not an FDN officer but "could have been" before Calero became an FDN leader at the start of 1983. Confronted with his statement to the *Times*, Calero said he could not recall everything he might have said a year ago.

But Chamorro said that even the 1984 departure date is incorrect. He said that although Lau did submit his resignation to Calero, it was not accepted and Lau continued to direct the FDN's counter-intelligence operations.

Congress cut off covert CIA funding for the Nicaraguan rebels last year, but President Ronald Reagan is expected to push for new assistance after the congressional ban expires Feb. 28.

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# Editorial

## Libel as censorship

Journalists and medical doctors have a great deal in common these days; both sets of professionals may be spending megabucks on insurance for protection from malpractice suits.

While physicians are discouraged from practicing medicine because of insurance costs, journalists will be obliged to withdraw from reporting on major public figures because of the recent increase in the number of libel suits against the news media.

*Time* magazine's victory last week in its two-month battle with Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli defense minister, focused attention on the growing trend toward libel suits from public figures who already use the press as an open forum rebuttal.

A New York jury handed down a decision affirming Sharon's charge of defamation, that *Time* had reported in a negligent and careless manner, as Sharon had claimed. But the six jurors felt *Time* believed what it was reporting was true and there was no malice. Thus Sharon walked away from the courtroom without the \$50 million he'd hoped for.

The individual in question was not an unknown private citizen, otherwise he'd have won a court victory. Ariel Sharon was a well-known Israeli general, who was boisterously vocal in politics, as well as a member of the upper-echelon in the military. Israel's own Kahan Commission called him "indirectly" responsible for the more than 500 deaths of Palestinians by Christian troops in Lebanon.

While *Time* was in error in its unwillingness to

concede that it couldn't prove the magazine's charges against Sharon, *Time* believed what it was reporting was true, even though the magazine hadn't adequately gathered its information and couldn't verify it.

As medicine is an inexact science and any physician can make a mistake, similarly journalism is an inexact social science and any journalist can make a mistake. However, an increasing number of libel suits should not discourage any newspaper, magazine, television or radio station from airing criticism about a public official.

*Time* is an established news organization that can handle the financial strains imposed by a multi-million dollar lawsuit. Smaller media organizations could be forced to buckle under the burden, and members of the press may draw the conclusion that critical journalism is too dangerous and political misbehavior will go unreported.

This is not to say that journalists don't make mistakes, because it's not difficult to find gaps in today's journalistic practices. A poorly done news story is as detrimental to the press as it is to the victim.

The situation requires the news media to re-think the way they approach their work. Accuracy, fairness, verification, and a lack of sensationalism in coverage are simple rules that the news media need to follow to eliminate shoddy journalism.

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DOUGLAS WATTS

### Conforming with trends

"In the windy drizzle I think of a small spring-fed pond where copper colored newts sun themselves and dive for the greenish bottom when my shadow blots out their indirect rays."

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"Conformity Corps, toss out your cheese doodles!"

"We do not approve of people wearing mood rings."

With that my mother decided to give up her career as wrestling announcer for Ted Turner's Super Station and begin negotiations with the Nashville Network. I remember my visit to Barbara Mandrell Country as the most philosophical experience I've had at a major U.S. theme park.

My mother used to tell me as she slaved over the hot stove all day, cooking the family biblical alliterations, "Sometimes I dream of having my recombinant DNA repatterned to that of a newt." She had these spells often. Days when she spackled the walls of our pantry with Miracle Whip, wantonly dancing to Neil Sedaka. Other days she would do nothing but stare at the dust-filled columns of sunlight leaking through the curtains on to the baseboard heating system.

I wanted to help but couldn't bring myself to face the problem as it really was. I still don't. It's a part of my life. I want to forget, even if it requires selective brain adjustments using lithium salts. No, I wanted the easy way out of my life, even if it meant listening to beautiful music stations in my trailer staring at stacks of unfinished daytime celebrity search-and-find puzzles until it got dark. Mediocrity is attainable and what's more maintainable. I adjust my life to established sociological norms for those in my category. *Time* magazine is helpful in alerting me to those trends that keep me ahead like everyone else. It's a hobby. Well ... really it's my life. It seems to be a good one, as good as anyone else in my category. I feel my confidence building as I begin to achieve rural simplicity by getting up earlier in the morning. I watch sunrises from chilly promontories thinking deep thoughts about life and sex. My discussions with others are occasionally interrupted by short laconic pauses and furtive, sidelong glances at the sky above a rain-soaked street in Nebraska after a severe thunderstorm. Someday I'll make the trends I follow. My name will become a recognizable symbol used to identify a wide swath of sweeping cultural reformations and ideological, as well as artistic, permutations. I will comment on the reporters' questions from a position of lucid perception. My words will go into books. I will live in yard sales, my books giving off a smell of mold from their cracking yellow pages. Left to rot on a dust covered shelf in a lopsided barn, my last existing remnants of ink are chewed by porcupine. ... the winter.

It's something to look forward to; as they in the future look back at what they could have been.

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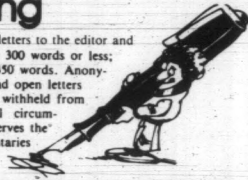
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# Response

## when writing

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## Surplus clothing not hypocritical

To the editor:

Actually not to the editor. To Stephen R. Macklin. What's your problem, pal? In reference to last Friday's column, it looks like you're either really stretching for something to write about or you have a narrow, close-minded, one-dimensional, distorted view of the world. I hope it's the latter so my letter won't be wasted on journalistic, rather than social ineptitude.

I am a "left-of-center variety" and proud of it. And yes, I bought a nice \$40 sweater for \$12 at the Army surplus sale the other day. Does this make me a hypocrite? I resent your ludicrous generalization that liberals are anti-military. It is obvious that a strong military is

still a prerequisite of sovereignty and security in our present geo-political environment. Where the liberal thinking comes in is when you talk about blank checks to defense industries, single source contracting, cost over-runs, expensive and ineffective weaponry, top-heavy military bureaucracy and the use of violent force as a first resort. Apparently, in Mr. Macklin's mind, if one does not store blind faith in Ronald Reagan and the Pentagon then you must be anti-military. Gee Steve, if only the world was so black and white; good guys vs. bad guys, God's blessed vs. the evil empire. Open your eyes and see the gray.

I also resent being labelled liberal-anti-military-hypocrite because of the clothes I buy or

the events I attend. What would we do without you, Mr. Macklin, to watch the doors of the Army surplus sale all day and keep tally of the liberal-looking people and conservative-looking people? You're right, you know, in your verdict against the "left-of-center variety." How could anybody who attends a political meeting or rally, that you deem to be anti-Macklin, dare show face in a government surplus store? Absolutely hypocritical and thanks for keeping tabs on us. Oh look! Isn't that a liberal over by that American flag... HYPOCRITE! Up against the wall with him!

Ed Hanson  
President,  
University Democrats

## Fraternity appreciates seminar by dean

To the editor:

On behalf of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, I would like to thank Dean Dwight Rideout of Student Affairs for addressing our brotherhood on the subject of time management. By conducting an interesting and amusing seminar on time management, Dean Rideout induced the brothers of PSI Chapter to serious thinking about scheduling priorities (i.e. study habits).

We are here to get an education, but sometimes we get our priorities scrambled. Dean Rideout's points made more than one brother think seriously about personal time management, and, for this fact alone, the seminar was a success.

I encourage fraternities, sororities and other campus groups to invite a member of the campus administration or faculty to speak on an agreed upon subject at their mutual convenience. These discussions are informative and can help to destroy misconceptions held on both sides.

Once again, Kappa Sigma would like to thank Dean Rideout for taking the time to speak with us.

Douglas Hamilton  
Kappa Sigma  
Alumni Chairman

## Alcohol-free functions still attract students

To the editor:

It is time once again for sororities and fraternities to have rushes. They'll give dinners and free movies with pizza. I have nothing against sororities or fraternities. Actually I think it is a good idea to have sororities and fraternities. They give people with common interests a place to go and belong. But I've noticed that when the personal invitations go out, they are apt to read something like "Come to the house for a brew" or to that effect. My question is, why do they need to use alcohol to get the pledge to come?

The invitations for dinner did not state there was alcohol at the dinner so I assume none was served. The point is that pledges came to a 'no' alcohol function. Alpha Gamma Rho and other fraternities are now beginning to start having rushes without alcohol, thus proving pledges

want to be part of the fraternities, not pledging for the alcohol.

Now I ask the campus, which party will you attend: a 'no' alcohol fraternity party, or a party which will be serving alcohol? I personally am afraid of alcohol, because I might like it, and I've seen what it has done to people (broken hands, RAs losing their jobs, car accidents, alcoholism, and even a few deaths). Why does social life revolve so much around alcohol in college?

I would like to see sororities and fraternities try to have a non-alcohol party where people will get drunk on laughter, not alcohol. I am not for a dry campus, but I am concerned that not many people can have a good time without alcohol or getting drunk at a party.

Joel Huff  
Penobscot Hall

Is there a campus issue you'd like to see in an editorial? Call or write Ed Carroll, Suite 7A Lord Hall, 581-1268





## Poll shows Americans favor death penalty

NEW YORK (AP) — An unprecedented 84 percent of Americans approve of the death penalty, according to a Media General-Associated Press survey, even though half of those believe the death sentence is not imposed fairly from case to case.

The poll, taken at a time when more than 1,400 inmates are on death row, 38 states are empowered to kill them and executions are occurring at an accelerating rate, also said that a majority of people who support the death penalty believe it should not be imposed in all murder cases.

"The first thing that emerges is support for the death penalty is at an all-time high," said Philip Harris, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Temple University in Philadelphia.

"This poll probably puts support for the death penalty higher than I've ever seen before," Harris said, who helped formulate the questions in the survey.

Crime, and the failure of lax officers and courts to curb it, seems to be the prime reason for the growth in support for capital punishment.

There seems to be now a resurgence of dissatisfaction about the amount of crime in the streets," said Walter Berns, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy in Washington D.C., and author of the book, *For Capital Punishment*.

Henry Schwarzschild, director of the capital punishment project of the American Civil Liberties Union, said support for the death penalty is unlikely to drop in the near future.

When the U.S. Supreme Court set

death penalty guidelines in 1976, concern focused on how Americans would react to the resumption of executions after 10 years. Would they consider executions justified, or legalized murder?

Since then, 35 men and one woman have been executed, with 21 dying in 1984 and four killed in the first two weeks of 1985. The ACLU said there may be 50 to 60 executions by the end of the year.

Support for the death penalty has been growing steadily since 1964, when the Gallup Organization said only 45 percent of Americans supported it. In 1983, the Gallup poll found 72 percent of Americans were in support. But the Gallup poll and others like it gave respondents only two choices: do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? The Media General-AP poll asked, "In general, do you feel the death penalty should be allowed in all murder cases, only in certain circumstances, or should there be no death penalty at all?"

Of the 1,476 adults surveyed nationwide, 57 percent said the death penalty was appropriate in certain circumstances and only 27 percent said it should be used in all murder cases. Twelve percent said there should be no death penalty, and 4 percent weren't sure.

Those who said it was justified in certain circumstances most often cited such special cases as brutal murders, the murder of children or law officers, murdering more than one person and murders for hire.

Blacks and whites had significantly different attitudes. Only 8 percent of

blacks supported the death penalty in all murder cases, compared to 28 percent of whites. Twenty-eight percent of blacks said there should be no death penalty, compared to 11 percent of whites. But 58 percent of each group said they favored the death penalty under certain circumstances.

The Media General-AP poll also said that among those who supported the death penalty, half believed it was not carried out fairly from case to case. Among these who believe the death penalty should be used only in certain circumstances, 53 percent said they believed it was imposed unfairly.

The majority of respondents also said

they believed minorities and poor people were more likely to receive the death penalty than those who are better off.

Respondents in the Media General-Associated Press poll included a random, scientific sampling of 1,476 adults across the country taken Nov. 12-19. As with all sample surveys, the results of Media General-AP telephone polls can vary from the opinions of all Americans because of chance variation in the sample.

For a poll based on about 1,400 interviews, the results are subject to an error margin of 3 percentage points either way because of chance variations in the sample.

## Donations to famine relief may be declining

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans' contributions to African famine relief have exceeded by far the response to any previous global emergency, but there are signs that the unprecedented outpouring may be slowing.

Spokesmen for some of the private relief organizations working in Ethiopia, the Sudan and other drought-stricken African nations say that donations have dropped off since the end of the year after the surge that followed widely publicized reports on the famine last October.

Americans have given more than \$60 million so far for the African relief effort, according to estimates supplied by the private groups.

"By mid-January, it had really dropped off," Chris Carter, associated director of Grassroots International, said. He estimated that since October, his organization, which is funneling aid to rebel areas in northern Ethiopia, had received about \$550,000, with the bulk of the money raised by the end of December.

Other organizations, particularly those receiving funds from church congregations, said their contributions remain strong.

"Things have slowed a little bit, but they haven't slowed to the point of having dropped off," said Beth Griffin, a spokeswoman for Catholic Relief Services, the major coordinator of relief efforts in Ethiopia among the U.S. voluntary agencies.

The Catholic group has raised about \$30 million through last week, including \$7 million that was raised by the American bishops in parish collections.

Likewise, Lutheran World Relief has experienced "no appreciable drop," said the Rev. Rollin Shaffer, a retired pastor who is helping the relief effort. In December alone, the latest month for which figures were available, the

Lutheran organization allocated \$2.9 million for the purchase of trucks and food in Africa, he said.

"We fully anticipate that it will be lower because the holidays are over," said Brian Bird, of World Vision, and interdenominational Christian agency providing food and health care in the stricken areas.

Contributions to World Vision totaled \$4 million in November, \$6 million in December and \$2 million so far this month, he said. Contributions to CARE have "tailed off," said press officer William Dugan. The agency's total Ethiopian fund-raising has reached \$4.4 million, with \$700,000 received in November, \$3 million in December and \$700,000 through the first two weeks of January.

At Oxfam America, which is co-operating with its British counterpart contributions "are still peaking," said spokeswoman Phyllis Carlson, but "I don't know how long to expect that to go on."

Since Nov. 1, Oxfam America has received \$8.5 million; in the preceding year, Oxfam America received \$5.5 million, its highest year to date, she said.

Betty Woodward, director of public information for the United Nations Children's Fund, said donations "continue to come in, very strong."

Since Oct. 23, when NBC broadcast a British Broadcasting Corp. videotape of the famine victims that roused the American public, Save the Children has received \$4 million, she said.

The charities are concerned about keeping the crisis before the public. Although more money has been raised than for any previous emergency — the Indochinese boat people, Biafran relief, aid to Bangladesh — say the spokesmen, much more is needed both from private charity and world government.

## Sigma Phi Epsilon



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## Report

WASHINGTON — Strategic Defense President Reagan value and astound new study which research alone will entire proposed programs as the MX B-1 bomber.

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## Report says 'Star Wars' plan may be too expensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Strategic Defense Initiative proposed by President Reagan is "of questionable value and astounding cost," says a new study which forecasts that the research alone will cost more than the entire proposed budget for such programs as the MX nuclear missile and the B-1 bomber.

"The goal of rendering strategic nuclear missiles obsolete implies developing a virtually perfect defense against nearly 1,400 land-based Soviet ICBMs containing over 6,000 independently targetable warheads," says the report by the Council of Economic Priorities.

The price tag for all this is impossible to say since the Strategic Defense Initiative program — popularly known as "Star Wars" — is barely in the research and development phase, the report says. But it adds:

"The total program could cost \$400 billion to \$800 billion if it goes directly into full-scale development after the current 5-year R&D phase."

Instead, the council is recommending a more limited research effort aimed at exploring likely weak links in strategic defense systems.

"This would provide a hedge against Soviet breakthroughs," the study says, "without unleashing a crash program of questionable value and astounding cost."

The Council on Economic Priorities identifies itself as "a non-profit organization established to disseminate unbiased and detailed information on the practices of U.S. corporations." The organization publishes three to six studies a year.

William Hartung, one of the authors of the report, said the New York-based

public policy research group specializes in studying the economic impact of military spending. It is financed by donations, foundation grants and memberships, he said.

Many millions of people would be killed if even a small number of nuclear missiles evades a defense system and a multi-layered approach would have to be taken to build a "leakproof" defense, the study says. Each of the layers would need independent sensors, weapons and control systems and would have to be defended themselves against attack from nuclear, laser or conventional weapons.

Over the next five years, the report says, the Star Wars research money would be spent in four major technical areas:

- \* Surveillance, acquisition, tracking and kill assessment — the eyes and ears of a battle. \$10.5 billion.

- \* Directed Energy Weapons — research on four possible approaches to defense against missiles, including chemical lasers, neutron particle beams and nuclear X-ray lasers. \$5.9 billion.

- \* Kinetic energy weapons — "smart" weapons that could destroy a ballistic missile in flight, possibly by rockets fired from space-based hyper-velocity guns. \$5.9 billion.

- \* Systems Analysis and Battle Management — development of a responsive, reliable, survivable and cost-effective system to direct the defense and a second function termed a "sanity check" on the other layers. \$1.1 billion.

In a fifth area, support programs, \$1.9 billion would be spent by the end of the decade. Support programs would focus on predicting the minimum energy required to destroy Soviet systems in all possible engagement scenarios.

The report says another \$8 billion is scheduled to be spent on research and development of anti-satellite weapons, other ballistic missile defense programs and strategic air defense.

Despite the vast sums proposed for the SDI programs, the report says, there will be few "spinoffs" with commercial applications and the tight security that is sure to be imposed "appears likely to prevent dissemination to industry of even those findings which do have commercial possibilities."

Asking whether such major public investment is worthwhile, the report says "for SDI, both the risk and the cost appear imprudently high and the hasty infusion of very substantial funding raises knotty questions."

It warns that a long-term research effort could come into being not because of its value for defense "but rather because the bureaucratic, financial, and political momentum developed by the program becomes irresistible."

## Church vandalism charges may be dismissed

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) — A Superior Court judge is scheduled to hear a dismissal motion Tuesday in the church vandalism case against Dennis Friel.

Friel, 35, of Windham, said he expects Justice Robert Clifford to dismiss the charges of aggravated criminal mischief on grounds of double jeopardy.

Friel, accused of spray-painting satanic symbols on more than 30 churches in southern Maine, was tried last September in Rockland. The judge declared a mistrial and ordered both Friel and his attorney jailed for contempt of court.

In an unrelated case, Friel appeared Monday in Superior Court in Portland, where he pleaded guilty to three charges of criminal mischief stemming from incidents last May in Sebago in which tires were slashed and bar fixtures damaged.

The incidents took place during "one drunken couple of hours," Friel's lawyer, Andrews Campbell, said. "It was probably not unlike 100 other incidents that occurred during that week. The court seems to be treating it fairly as it was."

If Justice G. Arthur Brennan goes along with a plea agreement, Friel will be fined \$50 on each of the charges and ordered to pay up to \$325 in restitution for the damage. An additional assault charge originating the same evening would be dismissed.

In addition to the church defacement case and the charges to which he pleaded guilty Monday, Friel still has pending several other charges, including two in which he is alleged to be an habitual motor vehicle offender.

"Trouble seems to get in my way," the former Bowdoin resident said as he left the courthouse Monday.

## Panel charges public schools unfair to poor, handicapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel of children's advocates charged on Monday that millions of poor, handicapped and minority students are being cheated by America's public schools, and that the rush to raise standards could make life worse for those at the back of the class.

They said the plight of these children, and the ways the schools and government at all levels have responded to it, "support the worries of those who fear the development of a permanent underclass in America."

The United States cannot afford to leave underdeveloped the talents of millions of children who happen to be born different by virtue of race, language, sex or income status," said the panel headed by former U.S. Commissioner of Education Harold Howe II and Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund.

They charged that minority and poor children "do not matter as much ... to some school officials," and that, in Howe's words, state and local financing of schools adds up to a conspiracy to spend more money on rich kids and less money on poor kids.

Howe also charged that President Reagan has presided over "an anti-childhood administration." He said he "did not look for any relief" in Reagan's second term.

Howe and Edelman chaired a 17-member board of inquiry that conducted a two-year study of the schools for the Boston-based National Coalition of Advocates for Students. Several foundations supported the study, including

the Carnegie Corporation, the Ford Foundation, the Johnson Foundation and others.

The 162-page report, "Barriers to Excellence: Our Children At Risk," exhorts the public and educators to put equal opportunity back at the forefront of the school agenda, where the emphasis in the past few years has been on raising standards and striving for excellence.

The report criticized school districts that set up smaller classes for gifted youths. That "detracts from resources available to all other youth," said the report, which advocates keeping the gifted in regular classes.

At a crowded news conference in an elementary school auditorium, Howe said, "The doors of schools are more open than they were 20 years ago" for poor people, blacks, Hispanics and students with learning problems. But "we found a lack of commitment to making these students successful once they are in school," he added.

Reports such as "A Nation At Risk," the influential 1983 study by the Reagan administration's National Commission on Excellence in Education, have generally called for tougher standards across-the-board.

The drop out rate for blacks is nearly twice that of whites, and at the high school level blacks are suspended three times as often, they said.

Howe and Edelman said schools are using tests excessively and doing little to help students overcome weaknesses identified on the tests.

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# Sports

## Basketball team beats Husson College, 79-46

by Rich Garven  
Staff Writer

BANGOR -- Forward Liz Coffin broke the UMO season rebounding record and center Emily Ellis scored 27 points as the women's basketball team beat Husson College 79-46 Tuesday night at the Newman Gymnasium.

The win breaks Maine's three-game losing streak and raises its record to 13-6. Husson falls to 5-8 with the loss.

Coffin entered the game needing five rebounds to break the record of 243 set by Wendy Farrington during the 1979-80 season. She got her fifth with 1:42 remaining in the first half and finished with a game-high 10. The freshman from Portage now has 249 rebounds on the season with nine games remaining.

She said the record was a private goal she had set at the beginning of the season.

"I felt if I could get the playing time I could average 10 or 11 a game," she said. "I think that's the key-not to give up easily to the other player. It's a little easier going for offensive rebounds because the defense has to worry about you."

If Coffin continues to average her present 13.1 rebounds a game she will tie the NCAA record for best rebounding average by a freshman. The record is held by Wanda Ford who set it at Drake University in 1983.

Coffin also scored 20 points for the Bears. Ellis led all scorers with 27 points while going 13 for 16 from the free-throw line.

Maine shot 30 for 78 from the field (37 percent) with Ellis and Coffin making 17 of 29 shots (58 percent). The pair scored UMO's first 26 points of the game to put the Bears up 26-12 with 7:29 remaining in the first half.

Beth Cormier, Kelly Nobert and Clair McCoy hit on three straight jump shots to break into the UMO scoring column, giving Maine a 32-12 lead. Coffin and

Lynn McGouldrick closed out the first half scoring inside off nice passes from Lauree Gott and Coffin, respectively, making it 44-16.

Husson's last six points of the half came from the line and the Braves never established any continuity to their offense. Maine came out using a half-court press after scoring and it took Husson 10 to 15 seconds to get the ball up court on most possessions.

For the first time in a month UMO ran a fastbreak offense and it showed as the Bears threw the ball away early and committed 19 turnovers for the game.

Ellis said Maine looked "rusty" on offense because it changed its offensive gameplan from the one used lately.

"The reason we looked tentative is because we ran a break, but we hadn't run the break for the last 10 games," the senior captain said. "Because of the competition we were playing we had to slow it down."

Maine only outscored Husson 35-30 in the second half, but Gavett rested the starters much of the half and all 15 players got playing time.

After Nobert scored a layup on the first play of the second half Husson outscored the Bears 6-2. Gail Corey scored twice and Lynne Michaud once on jump shots. Michaud (14 points) and Corey (12 points) were the Braves only consistent scoring threats during the game.

The pair were forced to take most of their shots from outside because Husson lacked an inside game. The Braves were hurt by the loss of 6-foot forward Lisa Doherty after she took an elbow to the eye in the first-half and 6-foot-2 center Jo Anthony who fouled out with 15:30 remaining in the game.

Maine went on a 12-2 run to up its lead to 59-25 with 13:36 remaining as Ellis scored six points, Coffin four and Jen Smart two. After two Ellis free throws Crystal Cummings scored five straight points for the Black Bears.



Guard Sonja Wedge takes a jump shot in earlier action. Monday night UMO beat Husson College 79-46. (Linscott photo)

Cummings, a freshman from Bar Mills, finished with six points, five rebounds and three steals in her best collegiate performance to date. As a team Maine had a season-high 22 steals.

The teams traded baskets the remainder of the game and Leslie Boyle scored with seven seconds remaining on an inside jumper to make the final 79-46. The sophomore center played for Bangor High School before coming to UMO. Gavett said he was pleased with

the outcome, but not necessarily the manner in which it occurred.

"We haven't had any easy games all year," he said. "We've had 19 games and it's our first breather which is unusual for any team, mens or womens."

"It's (the mistakes) frustrating. They know what they should be doing and they make mistakes."

The Bears' next game is Wednesday against the University of Southern Maine at the Memorial Gymnasium. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

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## In the crease

Don Linscott

Imagine you are a hockey coach, the coach of the UMO hockey team. Your team is playing on the road against a team that you know you can beat. You start your most experienced goalie knowing that he will not crack under pressure.

Your team takes the lead early in the first period without allowing the opponents a shot. Suddenly the roof caves in at 5:45. In a matter of 25 seconds your opponents score three goals on their first three shots. Your team is stunned and your goaltender is shattered.

Do you leave him in the net or count on his experience to keep him steady and put him back on track? You would probably replace him out of pity but that's why you're not the coach of the UMO Black Bears and Shawn Walsh is.

Walsh watched from the bench as this hypothetical situation came to life Saturday night as UMO visited Lowell University to play the Chiefs. Goalie Ray Roy started in net and let in the first three Lowell shots, one of which rolled under his stick as he tried to pass it to a teammate. Walsh had every right to yank his starter and most everyone, including Roy, expected it. Walsh however had confidence in his goaltender and left him in until the end which came 44 saves later leaving Maine victorious 5-4.

Roy proved himself a strong goaltender Saturday night. He proved his strong will and determination and proved that when given a chance, he can pull himself together in a hurry.

—Never say die...

Maine has developed a "never say die" type of offense that refuses to quit when the going gets tough.

At the start of the season Maine rarely scored after the first period. When they fell behind the drop in enthusiasm was obvious.

All that seems to have turned around now as Maine is scoring and skating hard through the second and third period.

Opponents know better now than to let up when they jump a couple goals ahead of the Bears. UMO skates until the end and has become a team with stamina.

—The team of the future...

Sunday night Maine played Boston College and lost 9-3. A television announcer said the game brought the "team of the present" against "the team of the future." BC is fourth in the nation so Maine was obviously the team of the future in the contest.

The Bears skated hard all night but didn't have enough to shut down the BC powerhouse despite the unrelenting efforts of John McDonald, Dave Wensley and Todd Studnicka.

Even the UMO TKE keg band booster club wouldn't have been enough to push the Bears onto a win against BC. The Eagles were just too powerful.

The day will come when the team of the future becomes the team of the present. Maybe as soon as next year.

# Hockey teams battle to stay on top

by the Associated Press

Cornell, with a five-game winning streak, is distinguishing itself as one of the better teams in the ECAC, and Coach Lou Reycroft cites maturity, confidence, and better mental preparation as key reasons. "This is the best team we've had in several years," said Reycroft, whose club swept Colgate, 6-5 and 5-2, last weekend to improve its record to 8-3-1.

With those two wins, the Big Red won five straight for the first time in four seasons, solidifying its No. 4 ranking in the ECAC.

RPI, 11-1, still leads the league, while in Hockey East, top ranked Boston College, 19-7, will be hard to catch.

"Our objective for this year was more mental than physical," explained Reycroft. "We've developed a lot of poise, a lot of discipline mentally, in terms of controlling our emotions when things aren't going well."

Players' skills also have improved, young players have developed, and we're getting the big goals from a different player and a different line every night."

Juniors Duane Moeser and Peter Jayshak lead the scoring with 21 points each, while junior defensemen Steve Inlehart and Mike Schafer are spending their third year together as a blueline up, and freshman Doug Dadswell has been impressive in goal.

Elsewhere in the league, RPI rolled over Vermont 7-3 and 8-2 to retain its hold on first place this week. The Engineers play at St. Lawrence and Clarkson this weekend.

Harvard, 9-1-1, has just ended exams and is ready to resume play.

Clarkson split a pair of non-league games, losing to the University of Toronto, 6-0, before beating Concordia, 8-3.

The Golden Knights remain in third place 10-2, with games this week against RPI and Vermont.

Fifth-place, Yale, 7-4-1, beat Brown 6-2 to make it four wins in the last five games, and the Eli are 10-1-1 in their last 12 games overall.

A pair of non-league losses to Bowling Green leaves St. Lawrence at 7-5 in the ECAC, with games this week against Vermont and RPI.

Colgate's two losses to Cornell dropped the Red Raiders from fifth to seventh place with a 6-6 record.

In the Hockey East Association, powerful BC unloaded on Northeastern 10-3 and Maine 9-3 to stay eight points ahead of Boston University.

"Last year we had lots of chances to finish off and we didn't. But last night we just scored on some pretty plays," said Coach Len Ceglarski, whose club plays Lowell Wednesday.

BC freshmen Ken Hodge had two goals and five assists against Maine.

Junior Scott Harlow's 25 goals is tops in the league and his 47 point is tied for the lead with Northeastern's Rod Isbister.

A distinctive feature of BC's team is its aggressive penalty-killing unit, which has stifled the opposition on 19 of the last 52 chances.

With a 5-3 win over Northeastern, second-place BU improved its record to 14-10-2 in the league. BU has been so injury plagued that only three times has Coach Jack Parker been able to use the same lines for two straight games.

Providence assumed sole possession of third place with a weekend sweep of Denver, 5-4, 4-2 in Colorado. The Friars, 11-11-2, were desperate for wins, having lost seven of their previous eight in the league.

Six straight losses, the latest at the hands of BU and BC, have dropped defense-starved Northeastern to fourth place at 10-19. The Huskies travel to Maine this week.

Just when New Hampshire had pointed itself in the right direction and started winning, the Wildcats looked sloppy in dropping two to Wisconsin last weekend, 8-6 and 10-5.

Considering Northeastern's losses, UNH missed a prime opportunity to gain ground on fourth place, which is worth a home-ice advantage when the playoffs open.

John Shumski, 16 goals, 20 assists, is having a good year for Lowell, but the Chiefs have lost 12 of their last 15 league games and are in sixth place at 8-17.

Maine, which edged Lowell 5-4 last weekend, is 5-18.

## Tennis star still ranked No. 1 after loss

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — With her second loss in her past three tournaments, Martina Navratilova proved she is human. But she didn't do anything to jeopardize her status as the best woman tennis player in the world.

After Chris Evert Lloyd defeated Navratilova 6-2, 6-4 Sunday in the final of the Virginia Slims of Florida, the winner was quick to point out that Navratilova was still No. 1.

One loss doesn't wipe out Navratilova's 259-6 match record from 1982 to 1984, even if it does come close on the heels of Helena Sukova's upset victory over her in the semifinals of the Australian Open in December.

"She's still No. 1," Lloyd said, acting astounded that anyone would think otherwise. "But I think it was a breakthrough for me to beat her. I think

when anyone is dominating a sport like she has, it's good for public relations for somebody to beat her."

But Lloyd, who has been voted No. 1 at the end of the calendar year five times in her illustrious career, expects her friendly foe to come back with a vengeance.

"When somebody has a great record like Martina, when she loses a match everybody is ready to pounce on her. But I know when I was No. 1 and something like that happened, it got me more motivated," Lloyd said.

Navratilova shook off the loss as nothing to get upset about.

"I just had a bad day in the office," she said. "I never got into a rhythm."

Lloyd broke Navratilova's serve five times, including the first two opportunities.

"I wasn't serving well enough to make her guess where I was going," Navratilova said. "And it started snowballing from there. I just couldn't do anything right."

The 28-year-old naturalized American citizen from Czechoslovakia seemed to think the breakdown was a one-day occurrence and probably wouldn't have happened against anyone except Lloyd, who is ranked No. 2.

"Even as bad as I was playing, I think I could have beaten anybody else," she said. "She didn't miss any shots...I think this is probably the best she has ever played against me."

"There's nothing drastically wrong with my game," she said after her loss to Lloyd. "I just didn't — couldn't get a serve in today."



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# Black Bear Roundup



by Chuck Morris  
Staff Writer

The wrestling team won its third straight state title Saturday as it overpowered Maine Maritime Academy and Bowdoin College in the Memorial Gymnasium. The Black Bears, which raised its record to 10-1, won eight of the ten weight classes enroute to scoring 142.75 points. MMA was second (63.5) and the Polar Bears were a close third (60.5).

Coach Nick Nicolich said it was an important tournament to win.

"We've been off for such a long time that not only was it important to win, but it was important that we didn't do it sloppily," Nicolich said.

"It was important to win big to get our confidence level back," he said. "There's a lot at stake for us now."

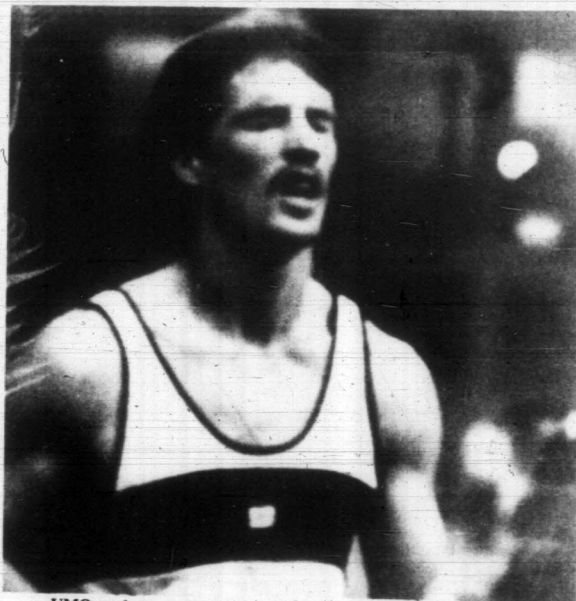
The Black Bears, ranked ninth in New England, travel to MMA Wednesday and host No. 5 Norwich University Friday.

Nicolich said even though his squad easily defeated MMA Saturday, the Black Bears must be prepared to wrestle well Wednesday.

"They're going to be up for us, but I think our guys are going to be ready to put on a show," he said. "They have a tough gym to wrestle in. The crowd gets loud. We really have to keep our composure."

In Saturday's tournament UMO's Ralph McArthur was named the meet's outstanding wrestler after pinning Tom Teare of Bowdoin in 6:26 to win the 142-pound class.

Other Maine victors were Chris Scarcella (118 pounds), Roger Baldacci (126), Scott Carzo (134), Patrick Kelly (150) co-captain Mike Curry (158), James Durfee (167) and Carl Cullenberg (177).



UMO graduate student Gerry Clapper expresses his feelings just after finishing third in Sunday's 5,000-meter run at Harvard. (Morris photo)

The men's track team successfully defended its state title Saturday at Bates College. State meet records were established by three Black Bears as they led UMO (86 points) over Colby College (31), Bates (30) and Bowdoin College (27).

Coach Ed Styrna's squad won 10 of the 16 events and he said he did not expect such a wide winning margin.

"Those teams weren't as strong as they have been," Styrna said. "It was a

combination of we have a better team than usual and the other teams are a little below."

Jumper Tim Vose, the meet's only double winner, won the long jump (22-10) and came back later in the meet to set a meet record while winning the triple jump (45-6 1/2). He set the record by one-fourth of an inch and barely defeated teammate Nelson Desilvestre (45-6).

Captain Jeff Shain broke the previous meet record of 53-10 1/4 in the shot put by more than 14 inches with his throw of 55-1 1/4. Phil Durgin (45-6) and Michael Corbin (41-3 1/4) gave Maine a one-two-three sweep.

Ken Letourneau set the third meet record for the Bears with his record run in the 1,000 meters. His 2:29.58 broke his 1983 mark by .42.

Styrna also noted Greg Letourneau's victory in the 400. Letourneau ran in the unseeded heat, but he stole the victory with his 51.6. Defending champion Shawn Hight was disqualified, after he apparently had won the second heat, for making contact with a Bowdoin runner. John Boucher finished second for Maine (52.0).

Other highlights for Maine were Tim Dyer (6.65) leading John Cowan (6.66) and Mike Lazazzera (6.78) to a sweep in the 55-meter dash, Jack Leone's winning leap of 6-5 in the high jump, Joe Quinn's victory in the 35-pound weight throw (46-11 1/4), Robin Hays' win in the 500 (1:06.89) and the winning mile relay squad.

UMO graduate student Gerry Clapper finished third in the 5,000-meter run (3.1 miles) at the Greater Boston Track Club

Invitational Sunday at Harvard University. He ran 14:05 and defeated national class runners Ray Treacy, Bob Hodge and Charlie Breagy.

The women's swim team had its first home meet of the season Saturday at Wallace Pool and it gave the home crowd something to cheer about as it defeated the University of New Brunswick 77-44.

Coach Jeff Wren said the meet went the way he expected it.

"For the most part we performed the way we wanted," Wren said. "They're the best Canadian team we've seen this year. They were good."

The win raised the team's record to 7-3 and Wren said his squad was anxious to swim a home meet.

"It was a real relief for a lot of people," he said. "We had a good crowd and we were anxious to show our stuff. We had a number of good performances."

Wren noted Amy Allen's victory and 12-second personal best in the 1,000-yard freestyle, Laurie Keen's personal best in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.95), co-captain Cheryl Starkie's 2:15.34 in the 200 butterfly, Monique Roy's victory in the 200 backstroke (2:20.34) and the one-two finish by Kathy Leahy and Lisa Clough in the 50 freestyle (25.68 and 25.99, respectively).

Other winners for the Black Bears were Dawn Fitzgerald (200 freestyle and 200 individual medley), Roy (100 backstroke), Laura Negri (200 butterfly and 500 freestyle), Sarah Baughman (50 freestyle-second heat), Kathy Sheehan (100 freestyle) and Starkie (100 butterfly).

The men's swim team lost three away meets over the weekend and dropped its record to 3-7. Friday the Black Bears lost to Colgate University 73-40 and Sunday they dropped two to Villanova University 72-41 and host Army (United States Military Academy) 77-35.

Coach Alan Switzer said the Bears swam well against Colgate, but had an off meet at Army.

"Colgate was ready for us," Switzer said. "The fact that they were rested certainly made a difference, but we had some good swims that meet."

"Against Villanova and Army we were flat. Some of the swimmers continued to do a good job. I think by that time the trip had taken its toll."

Switzer said captain Neil Bond, Rick Desjardins, Dewey Wyatt and diver Robert Mazen were the top UMO performers over the weekend.

With only one dual meet remaining, Feb. 9 against Boston University at Wallace Pool, Switzer will have his first losing record since the 1972-73 season.

"This is the strongest schedule we've ever had and unfortunately it came when we had the least depth," Switzer said. "Losing can sometimes blow your mind, but this year's team has got more experience. We'll point toward the (New England) championships."

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