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## Steroids flyer written

by Kirsten Schulze  
Staff Writer

Is there steroid use at the University of Maine? Tom Mundell, a resident assistant in Oak Hall, is concerned there might be.

Motivated by the effects of steroid use in his friends, Mundell put out a set of flyers on the health risks of steroids.

"I have friends of mine who have lost 40 percent of their liver and can't drink for the rest of their lives," Mundell said. "For me it's really tragic that some of my friends used steroids and had that happen."

In the flyer, Mundell wrote, "The use of steroids can greatly increase the risk of cancer."

Residential Life is distributing the flyers as part of its program concerning health hazards, along with fad diets and diet pills, said Anne Johnson, manager of dining hall programming at Wells Commons.

"One of the RAs was concerned and wanted to put up warnings," she said. "We just felt it was important." But Johnson would not comment on the use of steroids at UMaine.



Mundell got his ideas for the flyer from other articles and books on the use of steroids at other colleges.

He had listened to people talk and had seen the effects and wanted to address the myths about steroid use and the damages resulting from it.

"One of the fallacies is that you can get a big gain in body weight without any damages," he said.

There are people at this university who might be willing to use one cycle of steroids to increase their size, Mundell said.

The UMaine football team has often been questioned about steroid use. But Head Coach Timothy Murphy denies players are using steroids.

"I believe that all my kids are drug-free," he said. "My feeling is that is because of this strong anti-drug philosophy. There is no

problem."

But Murphy admitted that in a team of 100 he cannot be categorically sure there is no use.

Mundell, though, believes there is a need for his flyers at UMaine.

Possible side effects, as listed in the flyers, are sterility, acne,

breast development and aggressive behavior. The use of steroids can hinder the liver's ability to function.

"Certain types of steroids can be associated with liver abnormalities like hepatitis, tumors and cancer," said

John Archambault, director of athletic medicine at Cutler Health Center, on this subject.

He has not seen any cases of steroid use in the UMaine athletics department, he said. Cases on this campus that he knows of are purely of a recreational nature, he said.

About 12 students a year go to the health center to get information on the side effects of steroids, he said.

Ligament damages and increased incidents of stress fractures are other side effects. "Your muscles get prematurely stronger, faster. The forces

## Union too small; expansion sought

by Cynthia Beckwith  
Staff Writer

The Memorial Union is too small for the number of students on the University of Maine campus and an addition or a new building must be built, university officials say.

David Rand, director of the Memorial Union, said the size of the union needs to double to successfully accommodate the number of students at UMaine.

"There isn't a day when I'm not confronted with the space problem," Rand said. He said the present union lacks adequate student lounges, offices and conference rooms.

The Memorial Union was built in 1953 when enrollment at the university was approximately 3,000, Rand said. Enrollment at UMaine now exceeds 11,000.

The general rule for the size of a university union building is 10 square feet per student. The present union has about six square feet per student, Rand said.

A Memorial Union addition is sixth or seventh of approximately 29 on the capital construction priority list, said Dwight Rideout, dean of Student Services.

But, contrary to reports in *Whetstone*, the Off-Campus Board publication, no formal plans have been made, Rand said.

"Some of that story was based on fact, some of it was a product of the author's imagination," he said. He added that the story published in the February issue was meant to increase curiosity and get people thinking about the concept of a new union.

Rand and Rideout are working on a list of possible students, faculty, alumni and staff to work on two separate committees dealing with a new union.

The first committee, a Memorial Union Facilities Planning Committee, will look at the needs of students. It will randomly survey students' needs and desires for a student union, Rand said.

The second committee, a Budget Planning Committee, will look at how an addition or new building would be funded.

Charles Rauch, director of Financial Management, said the university is not likely to get money from the state for a new union.

Instead, the administration will most likely look to student fees, alumni contributions and corporate gifts to fund the project, he said.

Rauch said \$10 million is a reasonable estimate for the cost of such a building.

He said he and other administrators have discussed

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## Senate asks students to lobby for bond issue

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

Bad feelings between the University of Maine board of trustees and the Maine Legislature may jeopardize the allocation of more than \$30 million to the UMaine System if students don't pressure their representatives, a number of student senators say.

The Maine Legislature is expected to vote on a bill to put forth a referendum question dealing with the appropriation of \$31.8 million to the UMaine System in late April.

Four senators from the university journeyed to the Maine Legislature to see if there were anything they could do to help get the bill passed.

Kim Whitten, chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee, Sheri Badger, Penobscot Hall senator, Gary Bresnehan, fraternity senator, and Kris Wells, Androscoggin Hall senator, talked with Rep. Stephen Bost, D-Orono, and Rep. John Cashman, D-Old Town, to determine the chances of the bill's passage.

"Steve Bost's feeling was that the bill is still viable," Whitten said.

Wells said Cashman was negative, however.

"He more or less laid it on line. None of the legislators is very happy with the board of trustees," she said.

John Bott, R-Orono, was "not real enthusiastic" about the passage of the bill, Bresnehan said.

Badger said there's a lot of bad feelings between the BOT and the Legislature.

"Part of the whole reason they don't want the issue to come up is that they're upset with the BOT and the BOT doesn't want to be held accountable for that money," she said. "They don't want to have to be tied down with having the money spent on certain programs."

Bresnehan, too, said the Legislature is not happy with the BOT. He said the Legislature only hears from the BOT when it needs money.

He also said it was Bost's feeling that the BOT had not been honest with the

Legislature and that the Legislature and the BOT had not been communicating.

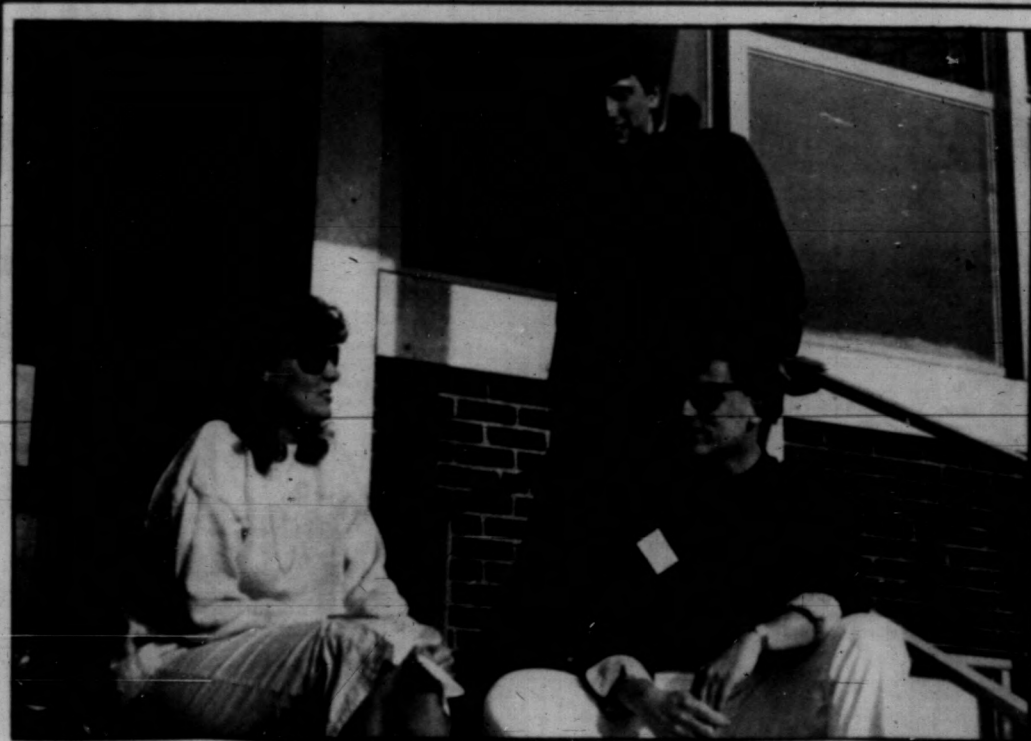
The student senators are now

seeking to persuade students to lobby for the passage of the bill so that voters will be able to decide on the funding in

November.

"We want to bypass the

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UMaine students Cyndi Morrow, David Ahlers (standing) and Kevin Paquette talk on the steps of Shibles Hall while enjoying the recent warm weather.

photo by Doug Vanderweide



# Cooler bottles to have deposit charge

AUGUSTA (AP) — Drinkers of wine coolers in Maine, as of Friday, will be charged the same refundable nickel deposits already charged for beer and soda containers, and distributors contended Tuesday the new charge eventually will drive up prices.

"It skyrockets prices," said Frank J. Gaziano, president of National Distributors Inc. of Portland.

Gaziano said he feared the deposit system, aimed at reducing trash along the state's highways and promoting recycling, eventually would be expanded to include "bottles with any kind of juices."

"Then we're going to see one big mess that the consumer has to pay for," said Gaziano, who in 1979 led an unsuccessful campaign to repeal the bottle law in a statewide referendum.

A leader of Maine's largest environmental group said he envisions the law being extended to more containers and even other products, arguing the benefits of recycling far outweigh the price.

"You talk to almost anybody in the business at this point who agrees that the benefits from the program, from recycling to litter, so far outweigh the costs that it isn't even an issue any more," said Everett "Brownie" Carson, executive director of The Natural Resources Council of Maine.

"If there are some marginal costs, there's absolutely no question in my mind that the people of Maine are willing to pay it," he said.

A spokesperson for one redemption center said the change will require additional storage space and possibly hiring more employees, but spokespeople for two of the state's major supermarket chains said it would have little effect.

"I see it as no big deal really," said Joseph Nelson, a manager at a Shaws supermarket in Portland. "We're used to handling the bottles by now. It's something the people voted for."

The new law extending the refundable deposits to wine coolers takes effect Friday.

A 1986 legislative study of the 9 year old recycling law estimated that between 457 million and 600 million containers with deposits were sold each year in Maine, with 95 percent of them being returned.

Grocery stores and other retailers pay the deposits up front when the beverages are delivered by the distributors. Ultimately, the retailers are reimbursed by the distributors for the amount of the deposit plus a collection fee when they collect the empty containers.

Gaziano said his company has hired an 18-member crew to handle empty containers since the bottle law has been in effect, and has been forced to expand storage facilities.

Peter Welch, owner-manager of RSVP Discount Beverage & Redemption Center in Portland, said the center, which he described as the largest in Maine, collected 13 million bottles and cans last year.

Welsh predicted that it may take up to six months before consumers get used to saving the containers and redemption sites feel the full impact.

"People are used to throwing (wine-cooler bottles) away," he said.

Welsh, citing the added pressure on storage space and his existing work force, said an increase in the state-regulated handling fee may be necessary.

"We think (the increase) is probably necessary, because of conditions even prior to the change," he said. "The change just makes it worse."

Kenneth P. MacLeod, a lobbyist for the Maine Beer and Wine Wholesale Association, said 250,000 cases of wine coolers, or 6 million containers, are sold in Maine each year, compared with 27 million cases of beer and soda.

"It's not going to make a major difference," but the redemption sites

"may use this as an excuse to ask for an increase in the handling fee," MacLeod said.

Consumers pay as much as \$25 million in added costs because of the recycling of beer and soda containers, MacLeod said. "And the consumers have said, 'I'll gladly pay it.'"

John Kruszewski of Nappi Distributors in Portland, echoing Gaziano, said the five-cent deposit will increase prices, discourage purchases and add to the burden of collecting, sorting and storing the containers.

But others challenged this claim, saying Maine's recycling law has not affected beer and soda sales.

"I do not predict any decline in sales," said Gary Watson, a manager at Hannaford Brothers Co. "There was no decline in soda or beer. We're going to support and follow the guidelines."

## Steroids

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generated can rupture your ligaments," he said. Facing all these risks, one question comes to mind: Is it worth it?

Mundell said it is alarming that many people think it is. Most people using steroids do not have knowledge about the side effects, he said, but even those who do believe gaining bulk weight outweighs the risk of getting cancer.

Mundell said he knows someone who as a result of using steroids got prostate cancer and didn't report it.

"He lost his prostate and will never be able to have sex again. He's 22."

## GSS

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board of trustees and let the Legislature hear from the students and let them know that the students care," Bresnahan said.

Wells said, "If it's drawn out and shown to (the students), there will be a better chance it will be passed. Students have to realize that without their support, there's a chance they won't get the funding."

Badger said the bad feelings between the BOT and the Legislature will hurt the students.

The Legislative Liaison Committee of the General Student Senate is writing a letter to the Legislature expressing its support for the bill.

Badger said students can show support by going down to Augusta with members of the GSS, standing in the lobby and wearing UMaine sweatshirts.

"It would let them know that students care about what happens to the bill," she said.

Bresnahan said students must pressure their representatives by writing to them, persuading their parents to write letters or letting the GSS know of each student's feeling.

He said the committee is planning a postcard drive to be held in the Memorial Union in the near future.

The postcard drive allows students to write their feelings and have them sent to legislators in Augusta.

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



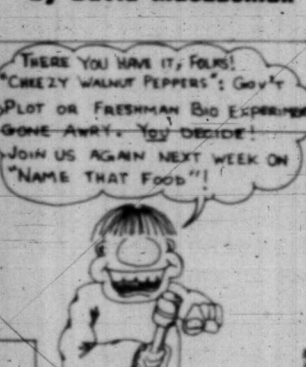
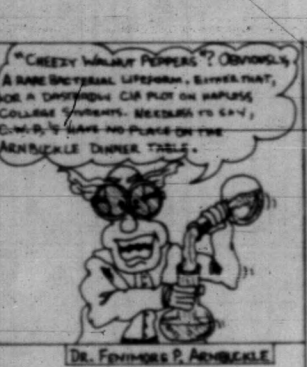
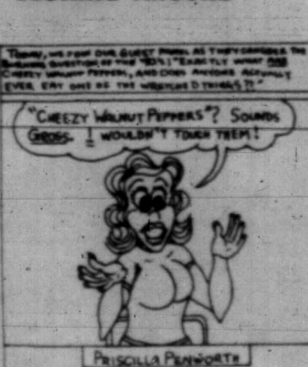
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# Satellite increases UMaine accessibility

by Tammy Hartford  
Staff Writer

Students and faculty at the University of Maine now have a vital link to the rest of the world.

NovaNET will provide the university with access to a wealth of new information.

UMaine is the first university in the country to use NovaNET, an international satellite telecommunications network providing and facilitating computer-based educational resources.

A satellite dish on the roof of Neville Hall provides up to 1,000 personal computer users on campus with access to the NovaNET system.

Any computer on campus linked to NovaNET can send a signal from Orono to Illinois. From there, the signal is sent to a satellite 25,000 miles over the West

Coast, then back to Orono — all in four-tenths of a second.

The system became functional at UMaine on a trial basis in November, and it became fully functional in January.

Owen Gaede, UMaine director of innovations, estimated the cost of installing the system at \$15,000. He said there should be few maintenance costs.

"The university pays access fees based on the amount of usage which is figured on the basis of simultaneous users," he said.

The number of ports determines the number of people who can use the system simultaneously, he said. A port is an access point that only one person can use at a time.

"The university pays \$60 per month per port," Gaede said.

UMaine now has eight ports and will

be increasing this number to 16 soon, he said.

The University of Maine at Farmington and the University of Maine at Machias are also seeking access to NovaNET.

"NovaNET is the vehicle that permits the kind of outreach that's difficult to achieve in other ways," Gaede said. "It makes the university more accessible."

There are many important uses for NovaNET, Gaede said, from educational to social purposes.

"NovaNET has excellent coursework designs," he said. "These programs can diagnose a student's weak points and tailor the assignments to the student."

The first group to use NovaNET at UMaine will be Upward Bound, a federally-funded academic program for disadvantaged high school students.

The program is designed to help these students gain access to and succeed in college, said Alan Parks, assistant director of Upward Bound at UMaine.

"We're looking at NovaNET as a tremendously helpful tool which will help to extend our teachers," Parks said. "With this program, a student can work alone, at his own pace, on his own weak points."

There are other uses for NovaNET as well.

"The day will come when a student on this campus can sit down at a personal computer and talk to students on other campuses," Gaede said.

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# Maine to get increased minimum wage

AUGUSTA (AP) — A proposed increase in Maine's minimum wage of at least a dime an hour won overwhelming final House approval Tuesday, as the leader of the Republican minority challenged lawmakers to "have the courage" to follow up by enacting the governor's job-training and highway programs.

The watered-down bill to boost the minimum wage, which Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. is expected to let become law without his signature, was enacted by a lopsided margin of 123-13. It awaited final consideration in the Senate.

Majority Leader John N. Diamond,

who sponsored the original bill to raise the \$3.65 minimum wage by 40 cents an hour, said he and his allies were not pleased by the latest version but, "we figured that half loaf is better than none."

Diamond, D-Bangor, said the bill presents lawmakers who voted against a similar measure that was vetoed in the last election "an opportunity to correct the vote you cast last year and do something positive for those 35,000 men and women" in Maine who receive the minimum wage.

Minority Leader Thoman W. Murphy Jr., R-Kennebunk, also supported the

bill but warned that lawmakers cannot afford to "par ourselves on the back and then bury our heads in the sand."

Murphy challenged House members to "have the courage" to support the highway program the Republican governor has proposed financing with a nickel-a-gallon increase in the fuel tax, as well as McKernan's job training proposals for the unemployed and welfare recipients.

"Much more needs to be done for Maine's working people," he said.

The bill would boost the hourly minimum wage by a dime, to \$3.75, next year and by as much again in 1990 so long as it would not take the minimum beyond the average minimum wage of the other five New England states.

McKernan has said he would neither sign nor veto the bill, allowing it instead to take effect without his signature.

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# College heartthrob flunks relationship

Q. Last summer I was seeing a college girl, a 21-year-old, and we seemed to be in love. I know that I was in love. I thought it was the same with her. We had terrific sex. Then when her summer break ended she broke off with me, telling me that she couldn't handle college and a serious relationship at the same time. I was very hurt but that was her decision and I had to live with it.

I decided that she was too young to have the intensity of feeling that I had about our affair (I am 27). About a month later, she phoned and told me she was sorry, that breaking up with me was the worst mistake she had ever made, that she realized she loved me and hoped I would take her back. I was amazed and this news sure made my day, week, month, and the rest of the year. She was home for Christmas and we had a wonderful time.

Then I saw her on a weekend and she informed me that on spring break she intended to go off with a college boy. I blew up but she said she had to go off with him because she had promised it to him. Afterwards she will make it up to me. This scares me about our whole future relationship. What should I do?

A. Write this one off because to ask you to be alone all through her spring break, knowing that she is spending it with another guy because she promised him, is outrageous. Nothing good will come out of a relationship with a woman who will ask you to do that. I know you are in love with her, and I

sympathize. Also, she is probably not a bad person and to some extent she probably deserves your good opinion — but you cannot stay in a relationship that does so much damage to your feelings.



Dr. Ruth Westheimer

## Ask Dr. Ruth

Maybe when she is older she will know better that to treat someone this way, but that is only a maybe — much too shaky a thing to build a future on. Believe me, there are other women in the world who will be pleasing to you and who will also be appreciative of you and wise enough to treat you well.

Let her know that you are dropping out of this relationship because you feel serious about it and she doesn't, or doesn't understand how to treat a serious lover. I would not put myself through the agony of talking to her about this — simply write her a quiet letter turning her free to spend spring break and summer break and all the breaks she needs to have, with anyone else she wants to spend them with. And start looking for another woman.

Q. My fiance was the first man I ever had an orgasm with and this seemed like a great promise for the future. I was so happy I was walking on air. However, subsequent orgasms have not been equal

I am so glad you didn't ask, "Is this a normal experience." Because although we sex therapists are trained to answer questions seriously no matter how often they have been asked, still we are only human and it seems like a big break when someone doesn't ask the same question in the same form. Many women have the experience you describe, of a having a strong orgasm initially and then wondering why the orgasms after that are less overwhelming.

But many women have minor orgasms or no orgasms in their early sexual encounters, then better ones, and then magnificent ones. Either way, the experience can be described as widespread, as familiar, as well-known, but should not be called normal because

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to the first two or three, and I have to wonder if this is a common experience for women.

### The Committee for Student Publications

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# Editorial

## Television brings out worst

Television brings out the worst in people. How else does one describe how a tragedy-turned-triumph rescue of a little girl last fall has become the subject of bitter debates, strife and division among those who worked to save her.

Americans across the country were riveted to their televisions as hundreds of rescuers spent three days and two nights extracting 18-month-old Jessica McClure from the bottom of a narrow well.

Within a few days of the rescue, big-time producers descended upon the small Texas town like vultures, racing to those who were involved, waving handfuls of dollars.

And like sharks the rescuers circled around the bloody corpse of what was once an act of unselfishness and concern for the life of a fellow human being.

The producers aren't concerned with getting the rights to the rescue itself because it was news and was considered to be public property. Instead, they are vying for the rights of the story behind the major characters in the rescue.

Soon after the producers invaded the area, the volunteers and public employees split into two factions, each one vowing it was the only one to possess the true story and therefore the television rights to it.

And what a story it will be.

Kragg Robinson, president of the volunteer group, the Jessica McClure Rescuers' Association, told the *New*

*York Times* some producers advocated adding sex, combining some characters, or dwelling on rumors of a crumbling McClure marriage in this real-life story.

And Robert O'Donnell, head of the opposition group called the McClure Rescue Association — composed of police officers, firefighters and paramedics — said the producers did not want to fictionalize it but "dramatize it, to emphasize certain parts more."

The interruption of a rescuer's sex life because he or she is out saving a baby's life would indeed make great story. Bring on the nudity and graphic sex scenes in a story of a little girl's struggle for her life.

What about concentrating on the crumbling marriage of a couple whose baby is lying helpless in a well and close to death? Add a little fighting and vase-throwing, and one has a nice little family story.

The arguments and infighting as to who owns the rights to the story demonstrate how child-like some people can be and underline a basic question: Why ruin the touching moments of heroism and humanism with something that is seen by producers as only a vehicle for drawing in ratings points and revenues?

*Doug Kessel*



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## More talk on the f-word

Jan Vertefeuille

I know! I know! This was probably the worst semester we could have picked to put before the student body the question of another fee.

After Dale Lick's mandatory student life fee (probably the most popular action taken by a university president since final exams were invented in 1687), campus leaders have been loathe to even speak aloud the f-word.

However, the communication fee, the life blood of *The Daily Maine Campus*, is sorely lagging behind inflation and an increase is greatly needed to enable us to remain publishing a quality product.

We have resisted taking funding from the university administration, realizing that it's not wise to bite the hand that feeds you, we prefer not to be fed by the administration.

We also have looked unfavorably at raising our advertising rates for groups on campus, believing that the campus newspaper should be accessible to all students, including those who advertise.

Fortunately at UMaine, after advertising revenues, it's mainly students who fund the campus newspaper; at many universities, the newspaper is simply part of the journalism department and must bow to the dictates of the administration.

The current \$3 a semester communication fee, \$2.40 of which goes to the *Campus* and \$.60 to WMEB, serves as students' subscriptions and enables the newspaper to be run independent of the administration.

And, while we are asking that it be doubled, unlike Lick's student life fee, I don't think that an extra \$3 a semester is going to prevent anyone from attending UMaine. That adds up to only about seven cents an issue.

You might claim, quite reasonably, that there have been too many fees lately and a stop should be put to them.

But, where was it that you got all your information about the mandatory fees when the controversy was raging?

Without our daily coverage, many students would not know what was going on in the administration or at ResLife, for instance.

And where else but our Response page do students have an audience of 12,000 plus to air their views?

Without *The Daily Maine Campus*, there would be no daily log of campus life. And the University of Maine would lose an important asset to its campus.

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To the edit

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# Response

## York seeks help from Chadbourne

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Chadbourne's letter to the Campus, "Chadbourne Hall residents have special needs," on March 29.

Linden H. McClure's letter "Students Ignored," was in no way directed toward Chadbourne, and if read again thoroughly this would be obvious.

The letter was, in fact, directed to Residential Life and Dale Lick to show our opposi-

tion to their hasty decision which did not fully explore all possible solutions.

We on 4th floor York have had meetings with Scott Anchors and John Halstead of Residential Life and Anita S. Wihry, who is the chair of the University Facilities Committee. Through information from these meetings we have learned that there are other alternatives which would allow us both to stay together in our families.

There is also a possibility that Chadbourne students could

stay in Chadbourne.

We on 4th floor York would like to work with Chadbourne to fight the hasty decision to move Chadbourne students.

If these students would have taken the time to obtain the information we have gathered, they would have realized that the alternatives are beneficial to not only York but also to Chadbourne and that there is still time to make a difference.

Colleen Pribble  
York Hall

## Let Dark Ages die

To the editor:

Certainly, the first ambiguity was the title: "Limitations needed on creativity." Thoughts ran through my head; is this another article on the sale of pornographic material at the bookstore in Orono? Or is it another small town in the United States demanding the burning of *Catcher In the Rye*? But to my dismay, it was neither.

Steve Pappas's commentary (3/29/88) sparked some very controversial issues, namely censorship and the stifling of the human imagination. Although the basis for the article stemmed from his deep hatred for the fictional "The Blind Sometimes See" (published in this month's issue of *Whetstone*), his reasoning goes astray after the first sentence of his commentary.

First, it is not *Whetstone's* policy to "take everything with a smile, leave it alone, and add it to the next publication." As the editor of *Whetstone* I can assure you, Mr. Pappas, that many pieces submitted do not get published, whether it is because of illegibility or content.

Second, John Ripley's "The Blind Sometimes See" was, as you say, "creatively fabricated, but not approached objectively." This sentence fascinates me.

I don't understand how you, living in a society that has been rocked by anti-war demonstrations, anti-war movies, war movies, and docu-dramas about the Vietnam conflict, can accuse someone of not being "objective" to the tender issues of what happened in Vietnam.

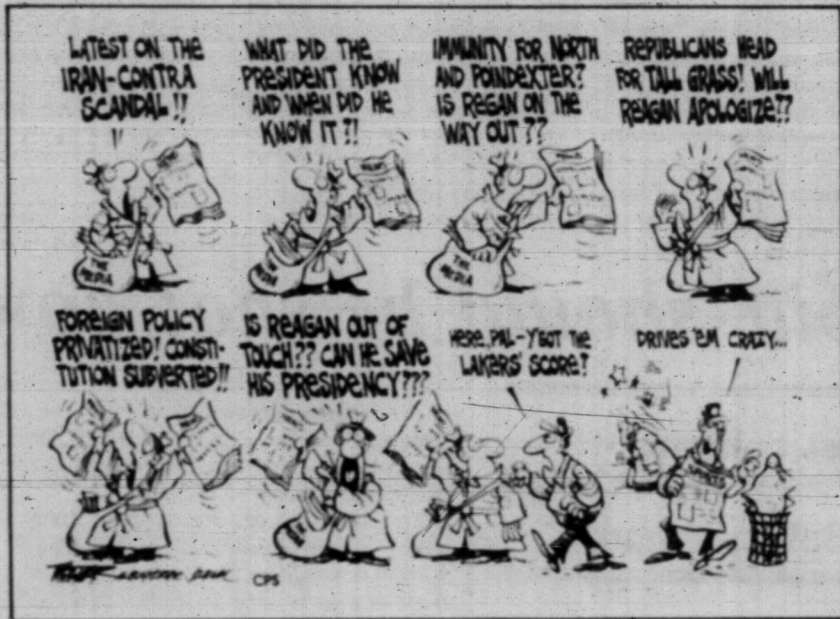
Personal emotions are never achieved through "objective" pieces of fiction. You, Mr. Pappas, were supposed to be upset by the story. We all were. The atrocities of Vietnam should be there for all to see, even for those who weren't there, helping to insure that such actions do not take place again.

Point for point, Steve, you should examine what you have written. You should then take it to the Department of Journalism and Broadcasting (of which you are a student).

Watch your professors shake their heads in dismay as they read your last sentence: "I may be wrong, but I believe creativity and imagination share certain limitations."

It is a shame that you have achieved the status of sophomore, having violated what is such a simple idea. Censorship is bad news. And calling for limits on creativity? The dark ages occurred ages ago, Steve. Please don't try to bring them back.

Scott Harrison  
*Whetstone*



## ResLife destroying Chadbourne tradition

Chadbourne Hall presently holds 70 non-traditional students, 22 years and older, of which I am one.

If indeed Chadbourne is converted into office space, and its 70 non-traditional students displaced, I would hope Scott Anchors and Residential Life, and the university will consider the wants and needs of the individual non-traditional student, and the integrity of the on-campus student body in their decision.

Chadbourne Hall, a member of Stodder Complex, is located across from Lengyel Gym, and has been the on-campus housing facility for non-traditional students for the last three years. Some of the special things this hall has to offer its residents include: plenty of single rooms, special room contracts, private line phone jacks in each room, a minimum age requirement of 22 years, and above all, Chadbourne Hall provides for the non-traditional student an atmosphere which is both educationally and socially satisfying.

Generally, a non-traditional student is a person attending college who has been out of the educational system, working, in the Armed Forces, or a housewife, as the case may be, for a period of at least four years. These people have all made the same big decision in their lives, breaking away from a previously existing lifestyles into the domain of the college student.

Presently there are more than 3,500 students 24 years of age and older attending classes at the University of Maine. These students are often dealing with circumstances and life situations much different from those encountered by traditional college-age students. Some have family respon-

### Guest column by Bil Weidner

sibilities, some encounter changes in their financial status, but what is most common are the difficulties experienced when faced with a wide range of problems associated with becoming a student again. Most returning students take one or two semesters to fully adjust themselves to study and student life.

The 1986 fall *Commuter Chronicle* surveyed non-traditional students and asked why students were returning to college. The reason most frequently given for returning to school was "self improvement," while other responses include "to get a degree," "changing occupation," "to try something new," and "to improve earning power."

These special people are taking on a challenge that is often met with a great deal of difficulty which can arise from many sources, including the university system.

I do not believe that this important concept has crossed the minds of those planning the closing of Chadbourne Hall. If it had, it seems there would have been plans to relocate the non-traditional students before even suggesting the closing of Chadbourne.

Instead, Residential Life is concerned with "income coming in," and doing anything possible to reduce the number of empty beds next year.

By eliminating Chadbourne, Residential Life will be destroying what has taken three years to create — a residence hall for non-traditional students. Chadbourne is a place where non-traditional students can help each other adjust to campus life, and feel "a part of" the University of Maine.

The Chadbourne dorm government system is one of complete unity and is incredibly democratic. The non-traditional students of Chadbourne flourish and function to their maximum potentials within their environment.

Chadbourne Hall is what most non-traditional students are looking for in their quest for a comfortable living and learning atmosphere.

Whether they remain in Chadbourne, or are placed in any other residence hall doesn't matter, it is the working concept of Chadbourne that should not be tampered with. The residents of Chadbourne are a unit, and they should remain so.

If the university is so concerned with a reduced number of incoming traditionally-aged students, perhaps a program requesting federal funding for the improvement of non-traditional dorms should be considered. If a nice dorm were to be built for this purpose, or even an old dorm remodeled, and a Chadbourne lifestyle incorporated within it, I believe that many non-traditional students would gladly move back on campus creating the income Residential Life so desires.

Bil Weidner is a student senator from Chadbourne Hall.



## Whetstone publishes art

To the editor:

In response to Steve Pappas's commentary "Limitations needed on creativity," I would say that there is no limit, at least as far as a paper such as *Whetstone* is concerned.

Nor should there be.

I would first like to point out that writing does not always need to be objective, and that graphic violence is sometimes a necessary part of an artistic accomplishment. It is expected that *Whetstone* would publish a creative piece such as this, because it is an open-minded paper.

I would assume that the staff of *Whetstone* realizes that many people would like to read something like this piece, and that those who don't like it can leave it alone.

Furthermore, any art form, graphic violence or not, is not an insult to the public, or at least not so much an insult as denying the public the opportunity to read such a piece.

Just because a piece contains violence does not mean it promotes violence.

Sometimes the shock of a well-written depiction of violence will help a reader see that violence is not a glorious thing.

Violence in art is rare because people are either too cowardly to depict it or too cowardly to view it.

I would like to ask where Mr. Pappas received license to tell us what all of society frowns on or thinks normal.

His suggestion that we should "Let controversial issues die" is an insult to any person who believes in freedom of press and expression of both sides of an issue.

As far as his suggesting that there are limits to creativity, will only say that an artist or a artistic/creative publication such as *Whetstone* should not answer to him, to me, or to anyone else, with one exception.

They must always answer to themselves.

To do any less is prostitution.

Nevin Young  
Penobscot Hall

## Dorms should work together

To the editor:

In response to yesterday's letter from three students in Chadbourne Hall, I ask but one question: Who's doing all the fighting, anyway?

When a delegation of York students came to Chadbourne last Friday to try to discuss the matter of displacement, you people would have nothing to do with us! You feel we are the enemy, and we are hardly that; your failure to even talk to the students from York just solidified the very issue you seek to eliminate — alienation.

The York students came to Chadbourne, in good faith, to discuss with you ways in which we could stop this move, or at least postpone it for a year.

We made an attempt to work with you, and you've made none. Despite all the complaining this campus does about apathy, when some students finally try to make a difference, no one wants anything to do with it.

According to unofficial estimates, the number of returning nontraditional students are such that you all might fit on the remaining floor of Chad-

bourne in the fall.

Why not explore that possibility (any possibility) — the decision has yet to be finalized; we still have a few hours to work together to prevent the move.

Finally, we on the fourth floor of York are a family too. You may be thinking, "Oh they're younger, they can handle it better." We may be younger or less mature in your eyes, but we are a family just the same.

Becky Bowden  
York Hall

## Chadbourne 'invasion' created by ResLife

To the editor:

We of York Hall don't deny that the non-traditional students don't have special needs. But we feel that neither groups needs would be best served by this solution.

You spoke of having no options; you would have had the same options we have — find a room using priority status or

find some other place to stay.

The compromises that have been made are more to your favor than to ours. We must find a new room, not you; your family will stay together and not ours; you will have special privileges that we will not.

It isn't that we see you as aliens from another planet but we are being forced through the actions of ResLife to see you as

an invasion, not of your own accord but because of the administration.

Whatever we say, we don't feel mad at you but at the plan to kick us from our home. I agree that there is much we could learn from each other but this is not the way to foster the growth.

Joseph Marin

## NRA opposition to bill should be shot down

It was a cold January morning. The year was 1948. A ten-year-old California girl with blonde hair and blue eyes hears over the kitchen radio that Mahatma Gandhi was shot and mortally wounded by a fanatic young man.

With tears streaming down her cheeks she runs to the living room and asks novelist Pearl Buck: "Tell me, please, why did God ever let man make guns?"

Little boys and girls all over the world, as well as all concerned adults, have been asking this question all along in one way or other whenever innocent people become victims of firearms particularly handguns.

Here is a chilling statistic: about 25,000 Americans are killed every year by handguns alone. Thousands more — men, women and children — are maimed for life by handguns.

What can and should we do as a civilized nation to prevent this tragic state of affairs? Of course banning or confiscating all handguns is not the solution. It simply will not work. As a first step in the right direction, a preventive action was taken in 1968 — after the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy — when Congress passed the Gun Control Act which prohibited convicted felons, minors, drug addicts, fugitives from justice and mentally incompetent people from purchasing handguns. The idea was to keep handguns out of the wrong hands.

Unfortunately the tide was reversed in July 1984 when the U.S. Senate passed the McClure-Volkmer bill which was actually a gun decontrol bill. The National Rifle Association (NRA) lobbied and worked hard to see that this bill was pushed through. It looked as though the gun lobby of the NRA pointed a political pistol to the head of the Congress threatening legislators who dare support handgun control with political retaliation at the ballot box!

The NRA was so powerful that during the debate no legislator spoke up for tightening gun control even though a Gallup poll released at that time, based on interviews with 436 adults around the nation, found 60 percent favored stricter laws on handgun sales.

Make no mistake about it. The NRA is a mighty force to be reckoned with.

Of its \$70 million annual budget, about \$12 million is spent exclusively for lobbying. It has about 350 people on its payroll and some of its leaders believe that we are all required by law to

### Guest column by V.K. Balakrishnan

keep guns in our houses to defend the nation.

The McClure-Volkmer relaxation of the Gun Control Act severely undermined the federal gun control laws by allowing anyone to buy handguns across state lines, by limiting government inspections of gun dealers' records and by repealing certain handgun recordkeeping requirements.

We didn't have to wait too long.

Nine months later, John Hinckley walked into a Dallas pawnshop, purchased a cheap revolver — no questions asked to see whether he had had a criminal or mental illness record — and was on his way to the nation's capitol to shoot the President of the United States because he was convinced that this was the most heroic way of making Jody Foster fall in love with him. He opened fire on a Washington street severely hurting President Reagan and maiming his press secretary Jim Brady.

If there were some kind of background checking on Hinckley he could have been prevented from buying a handgun in Texas. He lied about his address by using an old Texas driver's licence when he was actually a resident of Colorado at that time. Had police been given the opportunity to discover his lie, Hinckley may well have been in a Texas prison instead of his way to Washington.

The unfortunate and unpleasant fact is that it is all too easy for criminals to purchase handguns over the counter.

According to a recent Department of Justice study, "The Armed Criminal in America," at least 21 percent of all criminals nationwide buy their handguns from gun dealers. An equal number purchase their weapons from private citizens. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms estimates that nearly 90,000 handguns are sold in the U.S. every year to criminals and others prohibited by federal law from buying handguns. Furthermore the patchwork of state laws has caused handgun trafficking from states with weak laws into those states with strong gun laws.

Realizing that it is high time that we as a nation take some positive steps to make sure that handguns are kept out of the wrong hands and to see that our

cities and neighborhoods are safe, some members of the Congress are fortunately at work again. The Handgun Violence Prevention Bill (S. 466/HR. 975) sponsored by Senator Howard Metzenbaum is now before the judiciary committee.

This bill, also known as the "Brady Bill" (in honor of Sarah Brady, wife of Jim Brady), requires a seven day waiting period for handgun purchases from dealers as well as private individuals.

This waiting period is for individuals seeking to resolve heated arguments and disputes or for those, who in a moment of despondency, decide to buy a gun to take their own lives.

It is heartening to note that the law enforcement community is solidly united in support for the proposed legislation. According to the Fraternal Order of Police (187,000 members) "the work of the Congress is a success if the seven-day waiting period will save just one life."

The National Association of Police Organizations (60,000) believes that this bill "is an important and needed measure designed to protect the public safety." Other organizations equally enthusiastic about the Brady Bill include International Brotherhood of Police Officers (50,000 members), International Association of Chiefs of Police (14,000 members), and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (1,600 members) and the AFL-CIO.

The momentum to pass this vital legislation is growing. The bill has attracted more Congressional cosponsors than any handgun control legislation in recent history. "A waiting period does not destroy rights," says *USA Today*, "it protects lives."

According to *Harrisburg (Pa.) News*, this is a legislation that is in the interest of every honest and law-abiding citizen.

But unfortunately the NRA has once again mounted an all-out effort to defeat this bill contending that this measure "will outlaw millions of legal guns now used to protect our homes and families and will enable the government to take and keep forever our privately-owned firearms." This is a scare tactic which is patently not true. This is certainly not the intent of the bill.

So it is crucial in this election year that we all do our part to ensure passage of this vital bill by writing or calling our elected officials in Washington.

Dr. V.K. Balakrishnan is a professor of mathematics at the University of Maine.

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that gives women a fixed idea of what should happen and they will be worried if what they expect does not happen.

The fact that there are ups and downs in women's sexual experiences, and also in men's. And the orgasmic woman — the woman who has had orgasms and can expect to go on having orgasms — will have terrific orgasms sometimes and lesser ones other times and sometimes will be rather disappointed. This variety of intensity parallels other experiences in life and should not cause any woman any alarm.

You are lucky to have had some terrific orgasms, and if you don't alarm yourself you will certainly have many, many more. Meanwhile, enjoy the intimacy, enjoy giving pleasure to your

partner, and take pleasure in whatever orgasms you get, knowing that there will be many more great ones in the future.

One can only theorize about why some orgasms are great and some are less great. Was it the holiday or the honeymoon atmosphere that helped make it great? Was it because someone had just been promoted or earned a raise in salary? Because someone had proposed marriage or agreed to marry? Because the mortgage was finally paid off? Because the man had at last initiated sex in a wonderfully confident way, putting all the woman's doubts out of her mind? Because he had aroused her with some new foreplay activity? Because the couple suddenly gave in to a mutual impulse to have sex on a heap of laundry in the basement? We can on-

ly guess at the reason, but one thing is certain — the next orgasm won't be just like it.

You have to accept that your sex life will have its moods, its highs and lows. Sometimes a climax will seem to justify that description of Hemingway's, that the earth moved. Other times it will only be a feeble fluttering sensation. Or you will only know you have climaxed only by the relaxation, the sense of release

from sexual tension. With experience you will learn to be appreciative of the many levels of sexual release.

But if you want more information, I have written a sex pamphlet, *How to Improve Your Sex Life*. To obtain a copy, send \$1 and a stamped self-addressed stamped, legal-size envelope to Dr. Ruth/How to Improve Your Sex Life, P.O. Box 19709, Irvine, Calif. 92713-9709.

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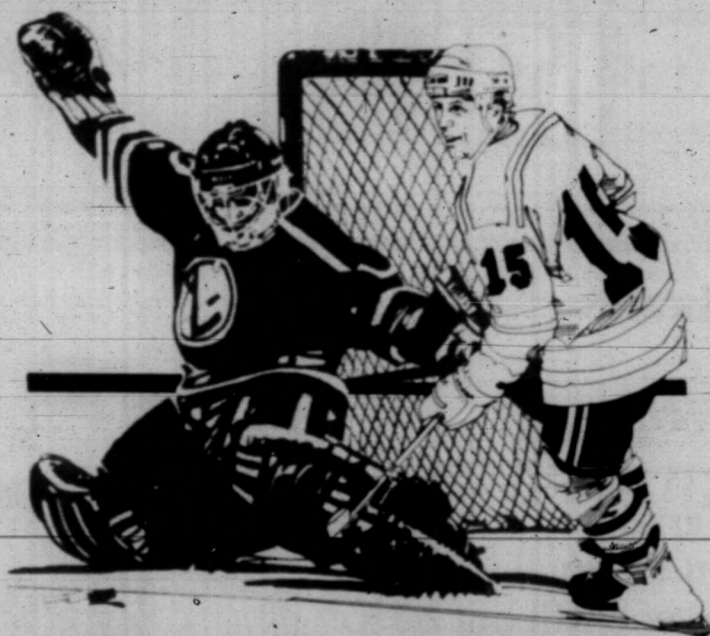
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by Mike Bourque  
Staff Writer

Nearly 200 University of Maine hockey fans attended a send-off pep rally for the Black Bear hockey squad on Tuesday.

"Four years ago we wouldn't have had to plan something like this," Coach of the Final Four bound UMaine team, Shawn Walsh said.

Walsh said there would be fans from each of the other schools (Minnesota, St. Lawrence, and Lake Superior St.) wearing the colors of their respective institutions throughout the town of Lake Placid.

"Bring everything you can that says 'Maine,'" Walsh said to the fans following the team to New York. "Let's turn that town into a lot of blue and white."

He said being in the Final Four is great for the fans, but his team must focus on the game.

"We're playing a tough team on Thursday night. They've beaten Bowling Green three times," Walsh said.

Before leaving with his team to go to the airport, Walsh introduced some of his team and let them talk to the crowd.

"We're not going to go out there and beat ourselves. We want to stay focused," senior captain Dave Nonis said.

Bob Corkum hailed the support the team has received all year saying, "You don't know how much we appreciate the great crowds we have."

Senior captain Mike McHugh agreed.

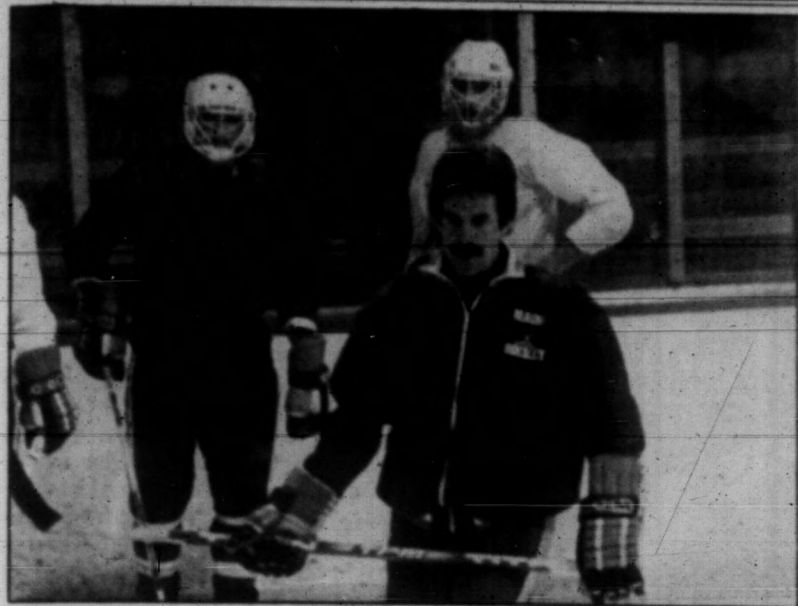
"The day I walked on here (at Maine as an un-recruited hockey player) I dreamed of playing in front of you at Alford," he said.

Even the normally quiet Claudio Scremin (He's like a good referee. If you don't notice him, he's doing his job, said Walsh) had some things to say to the crowd.

"We're ready to play, so come join us in Lake Placid," he said.

The Black Bears left on their chartered flight for Lake Placid at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.





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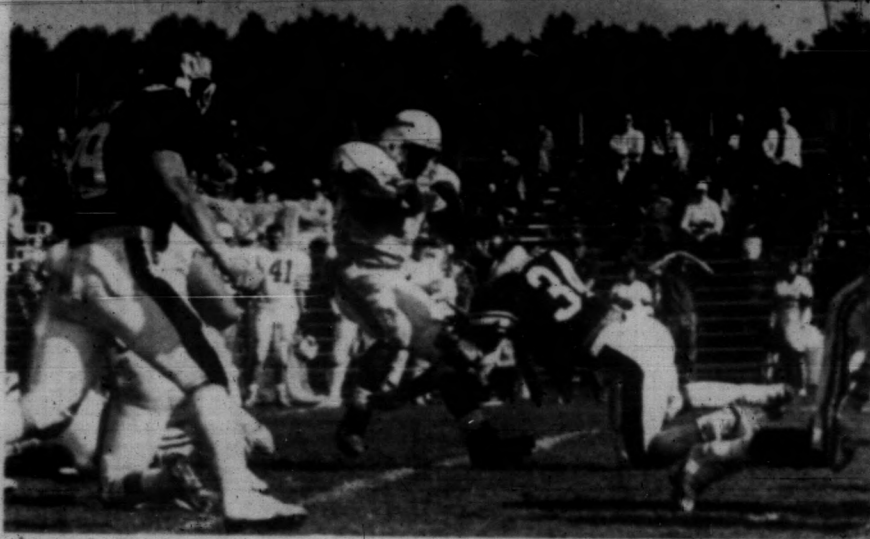
# Spring football practice starts Monday

Second year Head Coach Tim Murphy and his staff will greet 85 players when the annual spring football practice sessions begin at the University of Maine next Monday.

The sessions will continue for 20 days with practices listed for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A scrimmage will be held each Saturday morning during the period at around 10 a.m., Murphy said.

All 85 players reporting will have been members of the 1987 squad that tied with the University of Richmond for the Yankee Conference championship and was selected for an NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth. The Black Bears finished the 1987 regular season with an 8-3 mark and lost a 31-28 overtime decision to Georgia Southern in the first round of the playoffs.

Among the returnees are nine offensive and nine defensive starters from a year ago.



Murphy, the Kodak District I Coach of the Year in Division I-AA, lists

several key areas that he and his staff will be assessing during the spring. They include the improvement of a young defensive unit, the development of a second string quarterback to back up Mike Buck, the development of a backup tailback behind Doug Dorsey and finding some backups on the offensive line.

"Our very young defensive unit cost us at times last year but we expect to be a much better defensive team next year," Murphy said. The only starters lost from the defensive unit are strong safety Rob Sterling and outside linebacker Jon Morrison.

On defense, the only starters lost are wide receiver Sergio Hebra, the school's all-time reception leader, and guard Dave Ingalls.

Quarterbacks who will work during the spring sessions include record-setting Mike Buck, the Yankee Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and freshmen Dan DiGravio and Jeff Delrosso. Among a host of wide receivers they will throw to are Dan Gordon, Jeff Knox, Scott Venditto, Scott Woodcock, Matt Shannon and Scott Koval.

Murphy also noted that the punting game will be of some concern as last year's punter, Steve Bell, has left the program to concentrate on baseball. Tight end Tony Lanza and inside linebacker Mike Smith will do the punting during the spring sessions. The place kicking game is in capable hands with the return of veteran Peter Borjestedt, the team's leading scorer in 1987 with 72 points.

Wondering what to buy that "special someone" who you just don't care about?  
How about dead flowers?  
That's right. Just in time for Friday, April Fool's Day (and Good Friday), comes FCC dead flowers, the perfect gift for that special friend or enemy!  
We're only using the finest, high quality dead flowers. Each flower was hand-picked off the floor of a floral shop, then it met our tough standards: horrible smell, blackened, wilted petals, shriveled-up leaves and or Larry (581-4737) for more details.  
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**All Seniors!!!**

**Senior Class Meeting  
Wednesday, March 30th  
7:00 p.m.  
in 100 Neville Hall**

**\*Important Information\*  
on  
\*Senior Week\***

