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To the editor:

Last year we voted to pay a communications fee to support WMEB and the *The Maine Campus*. I assume, perhaps mistakenly, that this is part of the reason there are more articles, more comics, and more national news items in the *Maine Campus* than there were last year.

There is one thing, however, which far outweighs any of the services the *Maine Campus* may provide. This is the fact that the *Campus* effectively destroyed the reputation of one of the students

here, a friend of everyone who knows him.

A rape was reported this September which proved too tempting for the *Campus* to cover without mentioning names. Instead, the *Campus* ran the story along with the name of the accused.

Well, now it's all over. The accused has been cleared but, for social reasons, cannot return to this university. Would you come back?

Our friend is presently trying to enter another college where he can start over and I wish him the best of luck.

The *Maine Campus* owes more than an apology. It needs to guarantee that our money won't be used to screw up the lives of innocent people. It must also recognize the fact that name disclosure in a small community such as this campus can be much more damaging than the same style of reporting in a daily newspaper the size of a novel meant to serve a large city or geographical area.

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