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Two members of the men's swim team set four school records over the weekend
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Eastern Connecticut State Univ. bumped the women's hoop team from the Little East Tournament
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Owls advance to ECACs after Little East heartbreaker

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

As Rich Bahlman dribbled the ball on the perimeter with the final seconds ticking away, and the Little East Conference title on the line, he knew his coach hadn't let him down.

The Owls came out of their huddle with 11 seconds left and no fewer than four options to win or tie the game.

It had been Bahlman, the senior co-captain, who had been there all game (29 points), and now as time ran down to under four seconds, his entire career came down to this.

It was just then, with four seconds left, that head coach Phil Rowe's plan came to fruition, as Kareem Porter broke free under the basket.

"It's the perfect play and we executed it perfectly," said Rowe of the double baseline screen that freed Porter up.

Bahlman spotted Porter under the basket and did what he had been doing all afternoon for the Owl's: deliver.

But Porter's shot became wedged between the backboard and the rim and a desperate shot by Stacy Massiah would go in only after the final buzzer went off.

The final score was 81-79, making UMass-Dartmouth conference champions once again.

"I couldn't be more proud of the guys ... they just hung in there and hung in there. It's a great effort," exclaimed Rowe to the Keene Sentinel after the conference title game.

Bahlman saved his best effort of his career for the Owl's in the biggest Keene

State College game in decades. "He played like a senior. He stepped up and was tremendous," added Rowe.

Tremendous has become the norm for the Owls of late; their were great efforts abound. Porter scored 10 points in the title game, but more importantly, he was outstanding at the defensive end, proving once again to be one of the top defensive players in the conference.

Rowe also got great efforts from Massiah (13 points and nine rebounds) and freshman Fred Fieldhouse, 11 points in the loss.

"Any one of seven teams could win the tournament ... It will be a run and gun special, just the way we like it."

• Phil Rowe
Owl's head coach



"We shuffled in 11 players throughout the game, we had to try and force tempo and we got contributions from a number of people," remarked Rowe.

After thriving at the break-neck pace that Rowe had set for his team in the final weeks, UMass-Dartmouth head coach Brian Baptiste anticipated the Owl's pressure and pulled the equivalent of putting a senior citizen behind the wheel.

The slower pace frustrated the Owls early on as they fell behind by 10 points in the first

half and needed a Bahlman three-pointer to pull them within one with 45 seconds left.

A UMass-Dartmouth free throw made it a two point game with 11 seconds left.

Porter felt he was hit on the decisive play by Dartmouth's Tony Moriera, but the game officials didn't see it that way, and the game was over.

For the Owls, it was an incredible week that saw them need two clutch foul shots from Porter in the final seconds to pull out a 99-98 win in the conference quarterfinals in front of a raucous crowd at Spaulding Gymnasium.

Keene State followed that up by pounding Plymouth State College 110-93 in the rubber match of their renewed rivalry.

The Owls would trail early against the Panthers, but used their up-tempo attack to tire and frustrate Conference Player of the Year, Adam DeChristopher, into a rare off night.

In all, the Owls made quite an impression on their new conference foes over the course of the week.

"We played with a good tempo all week and forced the other teams to run with us," explained Rowe.

The Owls got conference recognition in a number of area's last week as senior Rich Bahlman was named to the All-Conference team.

Porter earned second team honors and Chris Coates walked away with Freshman of the Year Honors.

In addition to the individual honors, the Owls (19-8) also



Equinox photo by Steph Majewski
KSC forward Stacey Massiah keeps his eye on the hoop.

found out on Monday that they had earned the fifth seed in the eight team ECAC tournament, the Owls first postseason invite since the 1975-76 season.

Keene State will open up on the road at fourth seeded Worcester State College (19-9) on Wednesday.

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General education requirements

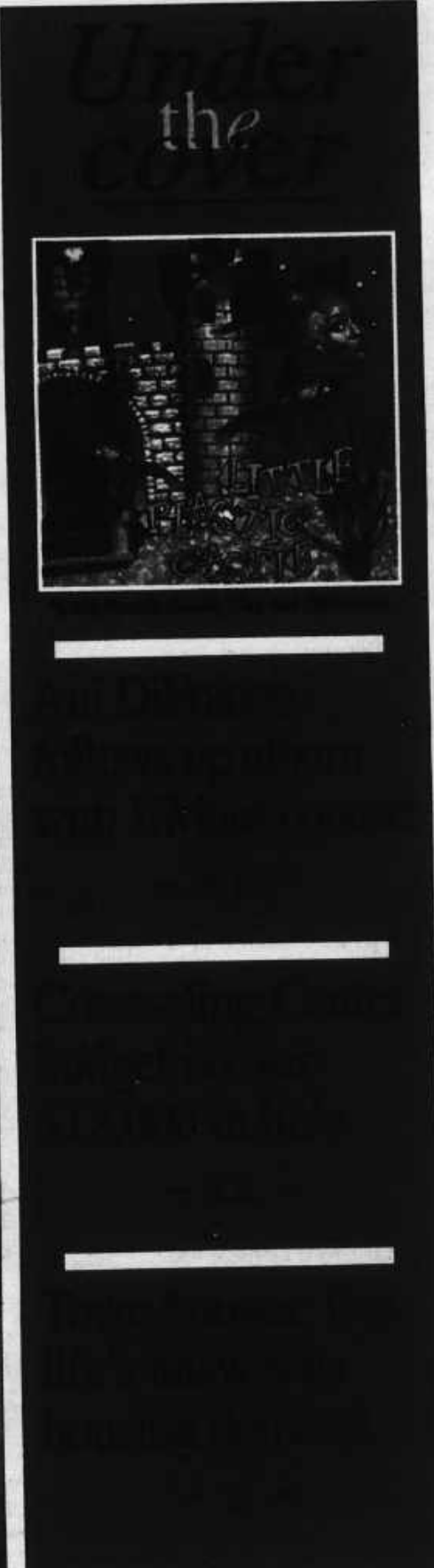
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Melissa Teichert

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Campus Safety Log

March 2 Monday

2:38 p.m. Skateboarders in front of the Zorn Dining Commons were asked to move along by Campus Safety Officers.

March 3 Tuesday

12:24 a.m. There was a complaint of noise coming from the Winchester Street area. When Campus Safety Officers arrived, the noisy party had already left.

12:44 a.m. A second noise complaint was reported coming from the Winchester Street area. Campus Safety Officers suspected the noise was coming from the Alpha Pi Tau fraternity house. Keene police officers spoke to people at the house.

7:22 a.m. A person working at the front desk in the Student Center called to report damage to the ceiling of the game room. The damage had been previously reported.

10:38 a.m. A man reported that his small black "fanny bag" had been stolen from the front desk area of the student center.

1:21 p.m. There was a report that vandalism may have occurred to the vending machines in the common area of Fiske Hall.

1:55 p.m. A mother of a Keene State College student called to report that her son had recently been shoved. She said he told her about the incident during a recent conversation. She also reminded the Department of Campus Safety that they had already filed a previous harassment complaint.

4:13 p.m. A Fiske Hall RA called to report that a window pane in the west entrance had been broken. She said she knew who did it and that it was an accident. The RA was left to take care of the incident.

5:08 p.m. There was a report of skateboarders outside of the Thorne-Sagendorf Art Gallery.

5:22 p.m. A Pondsides Hall RA called to report that a "detergent clean-up" was needed on the third floor. Cleaning services responded.

6:09 p.m. The RD from Randall Hall reported smelling smoke in the building.

6:28 p.m. An off-duty RA reported smelling a suspicious odor coming from a second floor room in Holloway Hall. Residence Director TR Richardson responded.

6:50 p.m. A female Keene resident called to report that a suspicious male was wandering the student center. He had blond hair and a mustache and she advised Campus Safety that he was on medication. The woman said she felt uncomfortable about the male being present at the center.

7:49 p.m. A woman called and said she was concerned about the well-being of a student she was supposed to pick up on campus. She said the student had epilepsy and hadn't been heard from for some time. About 20 minutes later, the student arrived at her friend's room in Owl's Nest 5. She said she had been busy doing errands with a friend.

March 4 Wednesday

12:15 a.m. There was a report of a man smoking marijuana in the Owl's Nest parking lot.

1:23 a.m. There was a report of a suspicious person sitting outside the Spaulding Gymnasium. The person was on the cleaning service's staff and was taking a break.

5:59 p.m. An RA from Carle Hall called to report that a desk lamp blew up in a resident's room. Campus Safety Officers responded.

6:34 p.m. A Huntress Hall RA reported a leak in the basement lounge.

March 5 Thursday

1:17 a.m. There was a report of loud music coming from a second floor room in Owl's Nest 7.

1:41 a.m. Campus Safety Officers assisted an Owl's Nest 7 RA with a loud music complaint.

3:04 a.m. A student requested that a Campus Safety Officer allow her into the student center to look for her lost ID card. She looked for it in the trash barrel by the Owl's Roost.

8:32 a.m. An Owl's Nest 4 resident reported that when he was getting out of his vehicle, he saw a blue pick up truck speed up and knock over a barricade. When the resident confronted the driver, the driver just walked off. The pick up truck was gone when Campus Safety Officers arrived.

March 6 Friday

Log Unavailable

March 7 Saturday

12:30 a.m. An RA from Carle Hall reported that there was an unwanted subject on 4C. The RA brought the subject out of the building and Campus Safety Officers escorted him back to room in Holloway Hall.

1:00 a.m. A Carle Hall RA reported two subjects were lighting off fireworks between the residence hall and the Spaulding Gymnasium. The subjects ran into Owl's Nest 7 when approached by Campus Safety Officers.

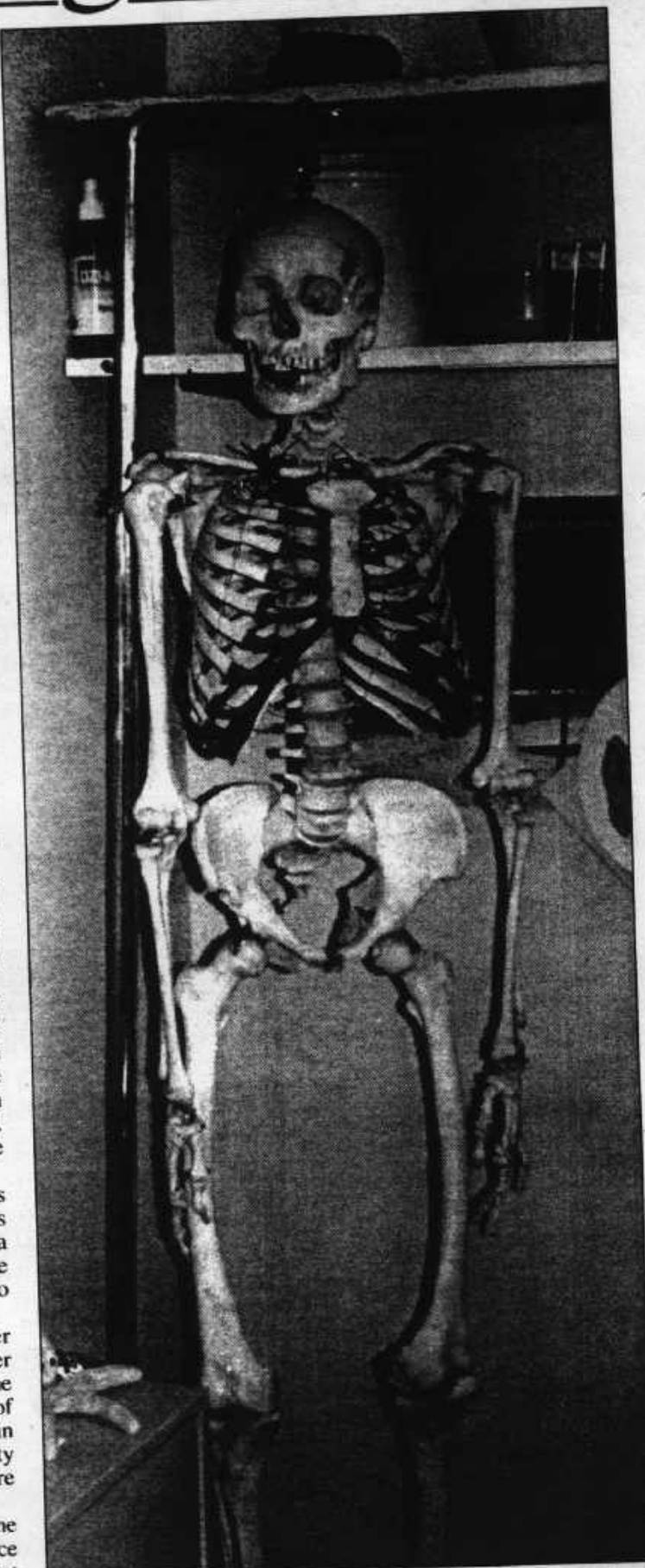
2:29 a.m. A subject was lying on the ground near Owl's Nest 8. When approached by Campus Safety Officers, the man moved along.

3:31 a.m. Residents of Owl's Nest 1 called to report that subjects were moving the outside dumpster around. The Carle Hall dumpster had been moved off the pavement. Campus Safety Officers spoke to three individuals.

4:19 a.m. Outside Huntress Hall, Campus Safety Officers found a baggie of marijuana and waited for the arrival of the Keene Police Department who took it into custody.

4:24 a.m. An officer responded to the Winchester Street parking lot. A call came in reporting that a group of males had been hanging out in the lot. When Campus Safety Officers arrived they were gone.

4:22 p.m. Someone from the computer lab in the science center called to report that black smoke was coming out of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity house on Winchester Street, but they were just having problems with their furnace.



Equinox photo by Krista Lumberg
A skeleton hangs out of the Health Services Office. Most students are feeling bone-tired themselves after a week of mid-terms, and a blustery March season. With Spring Break only a day away, most students are dying to get away.

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Technology left out of gen. ed. proposal

Faculty divided as to best course to take

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A controversial new general education proposal could reshape Keene State College as an institute of learning if it passes before the college Senate this month.

The proposed curriculum would not be fully implemented until the fall of 2001 if approved.

However, it is already receiving mixed reviews from some faculty members and administrators.

A 12 member General Education Task Force has worked for the last two years designing a curriculum to provide students with an optimum, well-rounded education.

To do so, the task force created five knowledge areas or "worlds" that students are expected to become proficient in. They are the natural sciences, the social world, the world of arts and letters, historical perspectives, and cultural perspectives.

To satisfy the requirements of each world, students would have to take courses that meet the specified goals.

For example, the proposal states that under the world of arts and letters "students are expected to develop an understanding of artistic, literary and philosophical achievements." To fulfill that goal, students would take three courses which emphasize those criteria.

The proposal also requires freshmen take General Education 101, a three credit theme-based, writing intensive course. They would also take General Education 102 a writing and research intensive course that would build on the skills of GE 101.

"We're hoping to develop a general education program that makes sense; that has goals that are meaningful," Sander Lee, professor of philosophy and the chairman of the general education task force, said.

Not everybody, however, is pleased with the plan. Jerry Joyce, professor of computer science, said he feels the proposed curriculum ignores computer science and technology.

By not requiring a computer science course as a gen-ed, students will be unfairly affected, Joyce said.

"This isn't an obscure, vague issue," Joyce said. "This is going to affect you personally as well as graduating seniors and juniors and alumni. General education is a statement of all students. It's not going to help you find a job when it becomes known that you come from a no-tech college. You may never get to an interview to explain that you overcame that."

Although Joyce's argument is legitimate, Lee said, he doesn't agree with his analysis. "We did not specifically require any specific course, so to require a computer science course does not fit in with the proposal," Lee said.

Robert Golden, vice-president of academic affairs, and creator of the general education task force, also disagrees with Joyce's assessment.

"We invest already 10 percent on information technology which is high for a school our size," Golden said. "I think students can feel confident that they're in an environment where information technology is a critical part of their learning."

Brett Seidman, a senior, said the proposal overlooks a lot of things, especially computers. "That's the new revolution right there. Students are going to need to know stuff about computers. They should be required to take a course in it as a freshman and should have to take a computer science course beyond that. Y'know, we don't use typewriters anymore," Seidman said.

The disagreement over the proposal doesn't stop with computer science. Jim Matthews, special assistant to the vice-president for alcohol and other drug programs, said he doesn't understand why a wellness component wasn't included in the proposal.

"At one point during the process wellness was a critical issue and continued to be a critical issue. And somewhere, sometime, it just got dropped and I'm not sure why," he said.

"Often the reaction from faculty is that those areas, technology, computer science, and health and fitness, are not academically oriented. I strongly disagree," Matthews said.

To combat those types of issues the proposal includes a feature that would create a General Education Council. The council would be a mechanism to assess the curriculum and make sure it is effective once implemented.

"It's a far more systematic mode of evaluating and changing things than we currently have," Golden said.

If the proposal is passed, a general election would be held in the fall of 1998 to nominate faculty to the council. The council would then spend the next three years working out the finer details of the curriculum.

"What's most promising is that it is a living document. It can be continuously changed as the campus grows and changes," Gladys Johnsen, assistant professor of music and a member of the general education task force, said.

The curriculum was also devised to integrate general education courses throughout the four years of students' studies.

"Too often in the past there has been a tendency for students to get gen-ed's out of the way like they were some kind of obstacle that had to get over," Lee said. "We want gen-ed's to be interconnected with the rest of the experience."

Judith Perry, coordinator for adult learners services, said she hates to put a negative slant on the proposal but is worried about the implementation.

"My biggest concern is for transfer students. How will we evaluate the 1,500 transfer students and fit their transfer credits into the general education requirements?" she said.

Lee, however, said those types of practical issues concerning transfer students, non-traditional students, and students seeking associates degrees would be worked out.

"Assuming the Senate approves the general education structure, the general education council would work to

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Where they stand

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Student Assembly stretches the bucks

Budgets scrutinized by student government

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Budget seasons over for the Keene State Student Assembly, and if you've ever wondered how the money flow goes, the list of requests and approvals granted during the assembly meeting on Feb. 24 should offer some insight.

Assembly members reviewed the Counseling Center's budget and questioned Tamara Zimmerman, director of counseling services, about the \$12,000 deficit it contained.

Zimmerman said Delina Hickey, vice president for student affairs, was going to take care of the deficit.

With Hickey absent from the meeting, board members chose to endorse the budget with an amendment to disclose exactly where the funds would come.

"I've never seen a budget as confusing as this one," Robert Rodrigue, student body president, said.

The assembly unanimously endorsed a \$1.7 million budget for the Young Student Center

after a report by Paul Strifflino, the student government advisor.

The center's budget pays for student workers in the building, operations, and maintenance and rent.

Myra Skibb, director of Health Services, had her budget endorsed unanimously as well.

Student Government members briefly questioned her about the idea of a full-time doctor to be on call.

The idea was sidelined when Skibb explained that the cheapest doctor available charges \$100 per hour.

Funding requests were granted quickly to organizations that had done fund raising.

The Geologists Embarking on Dangerous Expeditions for Science (GEODES), Keene State's geology club, requested funding for a trip to Wyoming.

When club representative Jamie O'Rourke could not tell the assembly the exact number of people participating in the trip, assembly members chose to allocate \$2,000 instead of the requested amount of \$3,000.

The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) received \$700 to travel to Wall Street to tour business firms.

The SAM budget had a surplus from last year so assembly members approved their request.

A \$300 request to rent vans to take students to Keene State athletic away games was also granted with unanimous approval by the assembly.

Unanimous approval also was given for the allocation of \$250 for a student government retreat. The retreat was scheduled for March 7 and focused on team building and communication.

The newly formed Keene State Golf Club got its funding request without hesitation.

Founder and student Christian Rigby, requested \$120 for advertising fliers and food for meetings.

Funding requests for other Keene State organizations were the week after.

Cheerleading Captains Zach Lane and Stacy Wilson got \$500 to pay for use of the training room next fall.

The cheerleading squad is trying more advanced and dangerous stunts this year. A result of those "stunts" has been three

Top 10 organization budget recommendations, 1998-1999	
Social Activities Council	\$93,290
The Equinox	\$46,150
WKNH	\$32,226
Film Society	\$23,400
Nite Owl Cafe/SCAG	\$14,600
Amnesty International	\$6,983
Men's Rugby	\$6,380
Habitat for Humanity	\$5,717
Women's Rugby	\$5,560
MENC	\$5,560
Other organizations	\$65,261
Total	\$305,127

Information compiled from the Student Finance Committee recommendations

trips in an ambulance for injured squad members so far.

"We've been fund raising up the yin-yang," Wilson said when assembly members asked if they had done any fundraising.

Sarah Tate, from Campus Ecology, requested funds to pay for "Out of the Shadows of Borneo," a slide show about rainforest depletion, but said her organization hadn't done any fundraising.

Tate's request was granted, but not without hesitation.

With six abstentions, Tate's request was the closest decision that night. The assembly allocated \$100 for her project.

Jeff McCall and Jeff Stratton from Habitat for Humanity requested \$2,000 for Alternative Spring Break.

"We need \$20,000, we are \$3,600 short. I feel confident that we can get \$1,500 from other sources," McCall said. The Assembly unanimously voted to grant the request.

The Women's Rugby Team wanted money to make more money.

They requested \$150 to put on a fundraising concert. The proceeds are to pay for warm-up suits that match, team representative Linda Plachette said.

Blood Drive shot



Eden Vinyarszky, a junior, gave a little bit of herself Monday, when she donated blood to the Red Cross Blood drive.

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'98-'99 activity fee passes

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The Equinox

The Student Assembly approved a \$375,100.20 student activities fee during Tuesday night.

Along with the fee, assembly members endorsed a change in the education technology fee, which pays for technological support on campus.

The budget was short \$30,000 because of enrollment decreases this fall.

Jay Kahn, vice president for finance and planning, said the shortfall would be made up through a 5 percent increase in the fee. The increase is the equivalent of about \$5 more per semester, bringing the total technology fee to \$115 per student.

Kahn told the assembly that while the fee increase does not require a vote, their endorsement would be "very helpful."

The fee is "to improve your educational experience and use of technology at Keene State College," Kahn said. Bob Golden, vice president

for academic affairs, said the fee was also to make students more technologically aware.

"So that when students go to class, they will have had experience with this technology," Golden said.

More money for Hillel and other student organizations was also brought up.

Hillel, the Jewish student organization, came to the meeting with hopes of getting about \$300 more onto their budget for a trip to Washington D.C., to visit the Holocaust Museum, but their request was denied.

Andrea Salzburg, former president of Hillel, and a junior, said whether or not a college has an active Hillel organization can be the deciding factor as to whether or not Jewish students choose to attend a college.

The assembly said the increased budget was denied because the monthly and quarterly activity reports were not

KSC drop-out rate on the rise, officials alarmed

ANA K. FORD
The Equinox

The student drop out rate at Keene State College is rising, and college officials are alarmed.

Noel-Levitz, an independent research firm, has been hired to look into the problem and recommend solutions.

Keene State is still in the mid-range of a group of four-year colleges, but the number of students who drop out has been on the rise, Sandra Price, director of the Office of Institutional Research, said.

Classes of first year students are tracked for six years by institutional research. The freshman class of 1991 had a dropout rate of 26 percent by the end of the first year.

Subsequent classes had numbers between 27 percent and 28 percent.

Alarming news came when the freshman class of 1996, saw 29.6 percent of its students leave by the end of the year.

Kathryn Dodge, director of admissions, said she was not comforted by the fact that Keene State fell within the

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Kathryn Dodge
director of admissions



norm statistically.

"We're better than normal," she said. "We're better than the average four-year college, and we're committed to maintaining high academic standards."

Pat Blodgett, director of student financial management, said students were being surveyed to find out what would make them more successful and willing to spend their four years at Keene State.

"We really have no sense of why students are dropping out, and that's what we're trying to find out," Blodgett said.

The reason students drop out are as varied as the students themselves.

There is no clear pattern,

Price said. Some students transfer to other schools, but those students did not give reasons for leaving Keene State.

Price has talked to other colleges to see if there are any patterns. He found that one pattern which seems clear is that when the economy is strong, college enrollment drops.

"We're not exactly sure why, but those things work hand in hand," Price said.

Keene State sent the Noel-Levitz existing reports on admissions, retention, financial aid, publications, and communications. Last week, 1,000 students - roughly one-third of Keene State's enrollment - participated in a survey. Price said

Why freshmen decided to come to Keene State College

Could not find a job	5.1 percent
My parents wanted me to go	27.6 percent
Nothing better to do	1.8 percent
To be able to get a better job	77.3 percent
To get more money	64.2 percent
To become a more cultured	33.2 percent
Gain a more general education	60.4 percent
To get away from home	22.4 percent
Improve reading/studying skills	34.1 percent
To learn more about things	74.3 percent

Information compiled from the CIRP national survey of college freshmen.

the survey was given according to guidelines from Noel-Levitz.

"Noel-Levitz wanted a high response rate and varied distribution of the survey," she said. "They want to know where the gaps are."

Dodge said the college is doing a lot of research to find out what's wrong. Hopefully the survey will give school officials a picture of what is important to students and what they find most satisfying, she said.

Some faculty members will also participate in the survey, she said.

The next step of the retention analysis will be group meetings with representatives from Noel-Levitz. A forum will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23 in the Mountain View Room of the Student Center.

Paul Strifflino is scheduling students who are interested in participating in this part of the process.

Dodge said she hoped students would get involved with students and faculty in resolving this problem.

New townhouses to offer residents deluxe accomodations

ANGIE ROBIE
The Equinox

Sorry upperclassmen. It looks like this year's freshmen will be the only ones with a chance to live in the new Pondsides II townhouses Keene State College plans to build.

Anne Miller, associate dean of student affairs; student life, said in two or three years, up-to-date townhouses will be added to the list of residential halls.

The goal of the townhouses is to provide higher quality living standards for upperclassmen, and to lure students who had moved off-campus, back into the residence halls.

Miller said a survey handed out last year provided ideas of what is important to students in a living arrangement, and those ideas were considered while designing the new townhouses.

"Most students would rather

have a small single bedroom than a bigger room with a roommate," she said.

Students shouldn't lack for space in the new rooms.

The townhouses will be two stories with four single rooms, two baths, a dining room, living room, and a fully equipped kitchen. They will even have a front room to hang jackets, leave shoes, and park bicycles.

There will be two phases of construction for the townhouses, Miller said. The first will provide housing for 76 students and the second will add housing for 60 students.

"If it is successful there may be more than two phases," she said.

They will be built next to Pondsides and will have a parking lot nearby for students who have cars. Each phase will also have a courtyard.

The construction of the townhouses is part of Keene State's Campus Master Plan, Miller said.

Keene State College will be constructing 19 new townhouses as part of the first phase of a two-part project, which will provide quality housing for 136 upper-class students when it's completed. Res. Life is building the townhouses as a result of a survey of students in which they said they wanted more quality housing. The new townhouses might resemble these homes in Keene.



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Opinion

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Computer science should be a requirement

Our View

For the most part, the new general education requirement proposal is an improvement over the current requirements. However, when it comes to technology, the new requirements are lacking.

There aren't many occupations out there today that don't require computer skills. It's a changing world out there, and as technology becomes an even bigger part of our everyday life, computer skills will become even more important.

Yet, Keene State College does not require its students to take a computer science course, and it still won't under the new general education requirements. This needs to be corrected.

Theoretically, psychology majors (for example) can go through life without specific knowledge of European history or organic chemistry. We're not saying they should, just that they can.

However, no one, no matter what he/she majors in, will be able to go through life in the future being computer illiterate. That's why we need a computer

science requirement.

There are those who say Keene State should not require courses in specific areas, like computer science, and that gen. ed. requirements should be more general. We agree, but not with computer science. Other courses and subjects deal with understanding concepts and ideas, like American history or meteorology.

Yet, computer science does not deal with just concepts or ideas. It

deals with how to work with a specific type of machine, how to use it and interact with it. Computer science should be a specific requirement because it's a specific subject.

Whether they be Macs or PCs, computers are part of our everyday lives. Learning to use them is a necessary part of life from now on. It's time Keene State realizes that and takes steps to prepare students for the 21st century.



Soundoff

"How do you feel about technology Gen. Ed. requirements?"



"It's pointless."

• Meg Gallagher
junior
home economics



"It's stupid, not necessary."

• Sharon Cohen
freshman
management



"It's unnecessary for people who don't have any interest in technology."

• Caitlin Crowley
freshman
psychology



"It will further prepare us for our world."

• Ben Rayder
sophomore
undeclared



"I think we should be required to take more tech. courses."

• Doug LaPlante
sophomore
safety

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Bringing Keene State Together

Groups are becoming involved in the campus community

Guest Commentary

As Keene State College student body vice president, I would like to congratulate the campus community for coming together in celebration and support throughout the past two semesters.

It has been a primary goal of this year's Student Government to increase involvement and combine resources to establish bigger and better opportunities for the campus community.

Many organizations and Keene State departments have helped make this goal a success.

This fall, numerous groups gathered to assist Keene in breaking the Guinness Book of Records record for the most jack-o-lanterns through Keene State's annual Pumpkin Lobotomy.

Some organizations have provided

speakers and lectures on campus that have heightened our community's awareness and furthered campus involvement.

Several groups have sponsored social activities to allow students to gather with friends and just unwind.

Others have offered service to the surrounding regions that have made a lasting impact on the lives of others outside of Keene State.

Some groups have supported members financially by sponsoring their attendance to conferences and service trips.

These events will help enhance the leadership and scholarship throughout the institution.

In a most recent occurrence this team collaboration and involvement was displayed.

When the mens' basketball team played at Plymouth State College and was in tournament play, many sectors pulled together to make financially possible spectator buses to these games.

The participation and support Keene State presented to this team was astonishing.

These diverse events have helped to better unite the various entities that constitute Keene State, as well as reflect the concerns and values which many Keene State community members share.

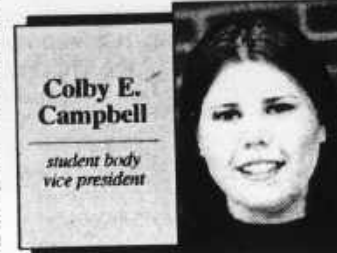
None of these efforts would be accomplished without the involve-

ment and interest that resides on this campus. I encourage you to continue your involvement and work together.

If groups work in conjunction with others the resources can tremendously enhance an idea. Please be on the lookout for more joint efforts throughout the remainder of the semester.

If you need information about a group or would like to become involved in any organization of Keene State College or have an idea or concern please don't hesitate to call on Bobby Rodrigue or myself for assistance. You can find us on the second floor of the student center in the organization office area room 236 or at 358-2643.

Colby Campbell is a Keene State College senior majoring in vocational education/graphic arts and is the vice president of the student body.



Colby E. Campbell
student body vice president

Letters to the Editor

Keene State school spirit is flourishing

Last spring as a KSC-TV reporter I did a news story on school spirit, or lack thereof for that matter. I went to several basketball games and got some excellent footage of our empty stands and fans yawning! Attendance was down and so was fan participation.

This year Keene State College spirit has turned around. The fall pep rally was just the beginning of Keene State's new image. In the past, Keene State fans were heckled by college rivals in our own gymnasium!

Now Keene State students are taking pride in their school. There are several reasons for the increase

in participation in athletic events this year. However, I still see some negative feeling across campus about Keene State in general.

Throughout my time here at Keene State I have heard fellow students refer to this school as Kinda Sorta College, or Clean Slate. Just a refresher, when you applied to this school, then applied to Keene State, then the office of admissions accepted you. You then sent in your money and packed your bags! You chose Keene State!

Keene State is not going to get you a job, or even make you rich. You need to do that all by yourself. So, if you feel that Keene State won't get you anywhere I have two suggestions: take a long look in the mirror,

and make a decision. The choice is yours.

In my last semester, for the first time at the Plymouth State/Keene State mens' basketball playoffs I finally saw Keene State students proud to say they went to Keene State. If you are not proud to go to this school, you have not taken advantage of all the opportunities this campus offers, you have wasted your money, and there are no refunds.

I will be graduating in May and I can honestly say that Keene State College has been the best investment in my future. I don't expect to get a job or to make a lot of money because I went to Keene

see LETTERS, page 8

Meal plan policy needs to be changed

Staff Commentary

Let me begin by setting up a couple of scenarios for you all...

First, imagine for a second that you, as a Keene State College student, wanted to have a friend visit for the weekend.

Most likely, you wouldn't have them here for more than a couple of days, because that's all that the residence hall rules will permit.

That sounds nice, doesn't it?

Sharing the Keene State experience with a close buddy.

Now let's look at a second scenario: let's say, just for a minute, that you wanted to feed that friend for a couple of days, at least once a day. I know this may be a bit far fetched for all of you starvation dieters, but for everyone else, just imagine that you want to feed your friend.

To me, and call me crazy, these sound like two very realistic, highly likely Keene State experiences.

The problem is the second scenario is not feasible for those of us living on campus.

Q: Why?
A: Students living on campus are required to carry a meal plan.

Q: What does this have to do with anything?

A: This is exactly what I would like to examine. The reason any student would be carrying a 15 or 19-meal-per-week plan is so that they don't have to go shopping, cook, or go out to a restaurant for their food.

Essentially, by purchasing a meal plan from the school, a student can expect that their meals for the semester will be paid for in advance, and this is almost true.

The problem with this ingenious plan to alleviate the stress of shopping for food, is that the directors of the plan did not take into account that Keene State students, as queer as we may be, do in fact have friends that don't live here.

see PLAN, page 9



Josh Lynn
A&E editor

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Letters

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State College. I expect to get a job and become successful because I have worked hard and have taken advantage of what this college has offered me.

When the Class of 1998 returns to Keene State in the fall for homecoming, we expect the spirit of the campus to flourish!

Deb Clogher
senior class president
Keene State College
student

Sexual harassment not a trivial matter

Recently, all students (as well as staff and faculty) received a copy of the "Policy on Sexual Harassment" flyer.

As Dr. Y said, "sexual harassment is not a trivial matter." At the same time, it is often confusing and misunderstood, especially when it comes to students sexually harassing other students.

As the Coordinator for Sexual Assault/Harassment Education and Prevention, I can help you understand what behaviors are harassing and Keene State's procedures for making a complaint.

I would be happy to talk with anyone individually or in groups (for example, a one hour presentation to a club or in a classroom). Give me a call at x-2435.

Mona Anderson
coordinator of sexual harassment
and sexual assault education
counseling center

Keene State shouldn't ignore computer science

As Keene State College refuses to fund one technology course for its students, look what the U.S. government is doing to alleviate the short of technology workers.

Where will the jobs be for our graduates in the future? One can't blame businesses for finding qualified workers, and importing them if necessary.

Admittedly they are talking about technology majors. But if Keene State can't afford to fund a single low level, inexpensive course for all students, how many students do you think it will fund to have more than one course should they choose to do so?

Our computer science courses are already at maximum capacity, and industrial technology has been "reorganized."

Computer labs about the campus have been and will continue to be closed because the college can't afford them according to information given out at the discipline coordinators meetings. Yes, technology is expensive, but look at the price of ignoring it.

Keene State College seems to be ignoring the pleas of legislatures and

others, "we need to do everything that we can to ensure that the best qualified people are here in the United States," and "Organized labor and other critics ... also suggest education and job retraining should be the means of increasing the domestic talent pool."

While some are proposing funding technology training, I wonder if those funds will flow to colleges that have spurned technology education, training and equipment in the past, or if it will go to our brethren like Plymouth State College that have embraced it over the years, and integrated it into their general education requirements, majors and student life?

Jerry Joyce
computer science professor
Keene State College

Writers should use more expressive language

I read with interest the staff commentary by Peter Lambert [Stop the Negativity and take Pride in KSC, issue 15]. I would hope to add some thoughts of my own regarding this utterly dynamic commentary.

Peter, we can choose to respond differently to the world and in so doing, we can effect a change in the world.

Thank you, Peter, for both noticing and expressing your response. Not only for finding what is good in a non-perfect world, Peter (and some will intellectualize about the word "good") and I'm hoping that you will forgive me before I say this Peter, but it isn't enough that we express ourselves; I wish to challenge you in yet another way.

We are what we say, what we listen to, what we read and, indeed, what we watch. It follows then, that what we say is just as important as how we say it. And so the challenge is in "le mot" (the word) or words we use. This is exciting because to "find the best words in the best order" (William Wordsworth) means that we are really paying attention. We are listening to our heart of hearts.

It is for this reason, that I shall ask you to go one step further. We must (can it begin with you?) we must express ourselves with clarification, with dignity and respect both for ourselves and for our readers as well.

C'est a dire (that is to say) we must realize that it is not only students who read your work (do they deserve less than the best of what is your work?) but faculty, staff, and parents as well. Perhaps even all of Keene! Ah, now, hyperbole here, but a careful choice of terms might be the consideration.

Yes, this is a paper for students, but let us enjoy the contributions you and others make as we read your words. I challenge full expression, for to pronounce with grace, to articulate, is to dance with sound!

Some would argue, well he wrote something, leave it at that. Still others might even go to an extreme and cry censorship. This is not my intent. Not at all. I challenge you, Peter, and other

members of your staff to practice journalism at its best! Perhaps if you do this now, then in the future, we might have you and members of the Equinox staff, as splendid example of what real journalism can do! Thank you, Peter, for your voice. Make it shine!

Just a reminder, too, not all students have these negative ideas. Many students are excited about their classes, admire their teachers, love the campus. You didn't hear them because they are busy studying in the library or doing research in the chemistry lab, or watching children at CDC. They are too busy! Happily busy!

Nancy K. Paquin
administrative secretary
science

Take advantage of KSC services to make choices

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Matthew Santo for making some very valid points regarding making sure one graduate on time.

I couldn't agree more that a college education involves a lot of hard work, time, energy, effort, and of course, money! All very true and indisputable.

He also describes "a process called an audit" accurately. The senior academic audit, does indeed, determine if the courses that have been taken meet the requirements of a chosen program. After going on to point out the shortfall of the process (I'll come back to this in a bit) he urges undergraduates to work closely with advisors to make sure the right courses are taken. Bravo! Excellent advice that should be heeded!

There are many resources on this campus for the sole purpose of assisting students achieve whatever education goal is chosen.

The Academic Advising Center, Aspire, Career Services, Adult Learner Services, Writing Center, Math Center, and faculty advisors are some that come to mind, and they should be utilized. Each offers invaluable assistance to anyone willing to avail themselves of the services.

And that brings me back to the perceived "flaw" in the audit process. With this wealth of resources available, why is the senior academic audit deemed necessary in the junior year? The senior academic audit is performed in the senior year because it is a final check, nothing more.

If it is perceived as something to be relied on in place of sound academic advising, its purpose has been sorely misunderstood.

At the risk of redundancy, I reiterate Mr. Santo's very sound advice to work closely with an academic advisor. And, when doing so, go to appointments prepared.

Bring with you the necessary "tools" to make the appointment a satisfying experience. Bring the catalog you are following as well as an updated program planning sheet, a current copy of your transcript, and copies of transfer evaluations, substitutions, and waivers.

Don't expect your adviser to do things for you. Be ready to act on the advice that you get. The resources at Keene State are here to guide you toward your goals, not achieve them for you. You, and only you, can guarantee that you graduate when you want.

So, in closing, I suggest that instead of running to the Registrar's Office to complain because "nobody told me" that time and energy might be better spent in taking control of one's own education and getting organized.

Keene State could simply register every student for every course needed to complete a program right from the day of admission, point you in the direction of the classrooms and wish you luck. But that's not what education is all about, is it? It's about providing options and assisting students in making choices.

Making the choice ultimately rests with the student, and so do the consequences. So, use the resources at your disposal to help you make wise, educated choices.

Barbara Ouellette
academic auditor
registrar's office

CITC wants suggestions for computer policy

The Computer and Network Use Policy [CNUP] includes a provision that establishes an annual opportunity for members of the campus community to review and submit proposals for revision of the policy.

CNUP is accessible from the Policies and Procedures section of the Keene State College web page at www.keene.edu/ or by accessing the policy document at www.keene.edu/KSCOFFICES/Access/CNUP.htm. The policy is printed on pages 43-49 in the KSC 1997-1998 Student Handbook.

The College Information and Technology Committee [CITC] invites members of the campus community to submit proposed revisions of CNUP to Tom Richard at trichard@keene.edu or mail stop 2602.

Proposals must be submitted by March 31.

Proposed revisions will be available for public comment through April 24. All comments will be reviewed and each potential revision considered by CITC by May 15 for recommendation to the president of Keene State College.

Tom Richard
director
academic advising

CORRECTIONS: In last week's issue [issue 16], in the article about Alternative Spring Break, Morehead City, N.C. was misspelled. Also, the leaders for that trip are Michael Paone and Ryan Morin. Also, guest commentator Terri Dodge is a senior majoring in communication. The Equinox regrets the errors.

Plan

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Of course, like most other situations that need solving on campus, a weak attempt was made to satisfy the masses regarding their daily intake.

Each student holding a meal plan is given two guest passes per semester.

Two per semester: let's think about the benefits we receive from this. If a student has one friend visit for one weekend day, they can go to both meals with their host. That's it, no more.

Now, I am sure the average dining commons executive would say that these visiting students can buy their food at the entrance to the commons for \$5.95, or whatever it costs.

But frankly, these students have probably bought meal plans at their respective places of student establishment, therefore rendering them financially in the same position as described above, concerning Keene State students.

OK, smart guy, what do you want done? You can gripe all day, but what are you gonna do about it? Here's a possible solution that would ensure the dining commons wasn't losing money, and at the same time would prevent the possibility of a student sneaking in local friends, and therefore take advantage of an unstable plan.

First off, let me say that I have yet to have gone through a week when I have actually used up all of my 19 meals. I guess this is my fault, maybe I don't eat enough. But that isn't the point at all.

I want to know why it is that I can't give one of these

leftover meals to a friend that I may have visiting for the weekend.

Now, it's understandable that the dining commons knows I won't eat all of my meals each week, and they figure that into the price of my meal plan. That is a whole other scam.

It is also understandable that they wouldn't want me to use my meals for other people because then I could essentially share a plan with a roommate, or give meals to whoever I wanted, as many days of the week as I want.

To compensate for all of these problems, including those concerning the scanty amount of guest passes we are provided with.

Here is a solution that will make everyone happy.

The dining commons should adopt a plan similar to that which the residence halls use.

All guests should be required to sign up at the office in the dining commons prior to receiving any meals.

These guests will be able to receive two or three days worth of meals, as long as the host has that many on his/her plan for the week.

Any guest will have to provide proof that they are either related to the Keene State student, or are a student at another college or university, or are attending high school (that pretty much sums up all of the young guns that are tight for food money).

Any guest will not be able to receive meals at the dining commons more than once in any 30-day period.

This will provide all students carrying a meal plan with the ability to have a guest visit once a month, and provide them with food.

The dining commons should be happy with this

plan because they are not extending the limits of the existing meal plans and, therefore, are not losing any money.

They will also be protected from being ripped off because the guest will be required to show I.D. and will not be able to receive meals for more than three days in a month.

These ideas, although requiring the one thing Keene State has trouble doing: making a change, seem to me to be the only fair way for the college to provide a realistic meal plan to students who are interested.

Josh Lynn is a Keene State junior majoring in graphic design and is the A & E editor of The Equinox.

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"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 p.m. @ The Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Judy Gorman in:
"Finding Your Own Voice"
7 p.m. @ Night Owl Café
Student Center

Stockton's Wing
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
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"Amistad"
7 p.m. @ The Colonial
Theatre
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Friday, March 13

**Spring
Break
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"Lilies"
7 & 9 p.m. @ The Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Susan Werner
plus Kevin So
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"Cowgirls"
8 p.m. @
The Colonial Theatre
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Saturday, March 14

"Lilies"
2, 7 & 9 p.m. @ The
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
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Belizbeha
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Raylynmor Opera
8 p.m. @
The Colonial Theatre
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Sunday, March 15

"Lilies"
2, 7 & 9 p.m. @ The
Putnam
Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Martin Hayes &
Dennis Cahill

"Cowgirls," a New York
production is being performed
the Colonial Theatre at 8 p.m.,
Friday. The performance is
about three women in a
musical group called The
Coghill Trio who play classical
music for a living. They were
mistakenly booked as the
Cowgirl Trio by a Kansas road
house owner. Tickets are
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Monday, March 16

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"Amistad"
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The Colonial Theatre
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Tuesday, March 17

"Lilies"
7 p.m. @ The Putnam Arts

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Wednesday, March 18

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Ani DiFranco
has a new CD out.

Ani DiFranco
is on tour NOW.
Ani DiFranco



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Ani at UMass- Amherst



CD REVIEW

KEITH MORIARTY
The Equinox

The problem with the
alternative pop market creat-
ed by Ani DiFranco is that
every album turns into an
EVENT. "Oh, God, the bitch
is back."

Which is a good way to
forget that there are actually
good songs on the shiny
compact disc.

Simply put, "Little Plastic
Castle" is thorough. On one
hand, it's as slick as any pop
record. On the other,
DiFranco's emotionally chal-
lenging lyrics may cause the
skittish to press the "stop"
button on their CD players.
But let's discuss music.

The title track draws the
listener in with sing-a-long
lyrics that don't seem too
deep at first listen. But
"Fuel" is all hooks and intel-
lect, and the album ceases to
simply draw the listener in.
"Castle" is an album that will
refuse to leave your CD
player for days on end.

By the time you get to "As
Is" (track four), it's too late.
You can leave the room in
the middle of a song to get
some coffee, but you've got
to skip back to the beginning
when you come back.

This album is a "wet" (for
lack of a better term) sonic
experience. It's melodically
strong, and the lyrics are
moving.

People can call her what-
ever they want. "The female
(insert name here, I'm think-
ing maybe Dylan)," or what-
ever. She's not the female
answer to anything. She's
Ani, dammit. Shut up and
buy the record.

KEITH MORIARTY
The Equinox

Just about a year ago, Ani
DiFranco came to Keene and
played a few songs for an
enthusiastic sellout crowd at
the Colonial Theatre.

DiFranco's live shows are
where the magic traditionally
happens.

Unfortunately for Keene,
there isn't any Ani magic to be
had here any time soon.
(Except at the record store.
Please see related review.)

But fear not: Ani will be
playing at UNH on Friday
April 3, and at the Mullins
Center at UMass Amherst
on Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m.

A scant eight years and 10
(count 'em, 10) albums into
her career, Ani still makes it a
point to play about a zillion
shows a year, most of them to
sold out crowds.

DiFranco was born in
Buffalo, N.Y. in 1970, and
was performing her own
songs just 10 years later.

The intimacy and hand-to-
mouth economics of the
American folk tradition have
provided her with a passion
for performance.

And she must be doing
something right. All told, her
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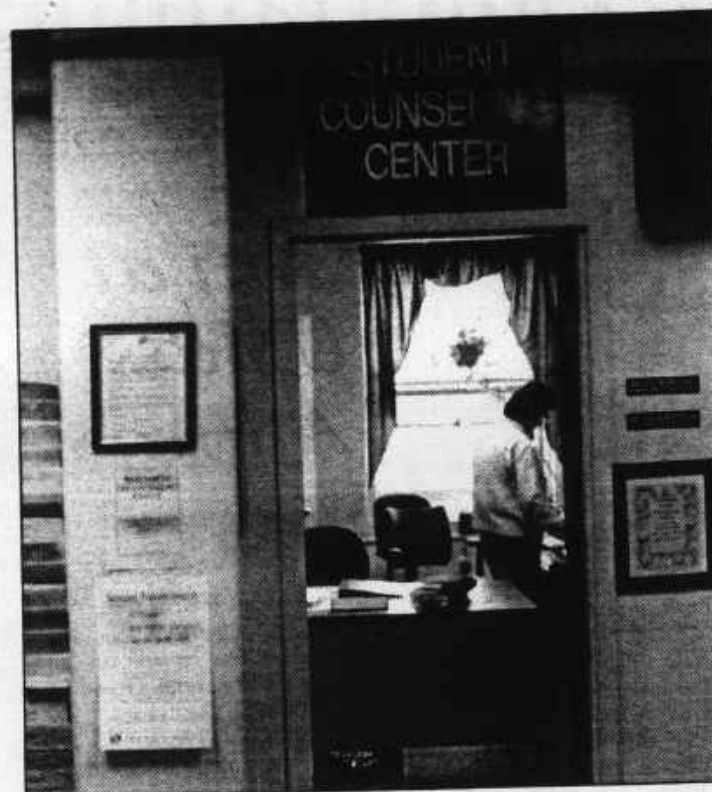
The Counseling Center asked the Student Assembly to help pay for a new \$28,000 position by endorsing its 1998-99 budget, which includes spending cuts, a request for a 5 percent funding increase, and a \$12,289 deficit after adjustments.

The center hopes to increase a part-time counseling position to a full-time sexual assault/harassment coordinator position but lacks sufficient funds, Tamera Zimmerman, director of Counseling Services, said.

Assembly members endorsed the budget with the condition that the center provide a written statement detailing where the money would come from and a guarantee that the Counseling Center would receive it.

Delina Hickey, vice president for student affairs, said

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The Counseling Center offers counseling and support groups for students to overcome personal problems. Equinox photo by Krista Lundberg

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Entertainment

A date with the dance instructor

JOSH LYNN
The Equinox

When last Wednesday morning rolled around, I realized I had to get up earlier than normal. The idea of taking a dance class, which would be way over my head, was becoming less and less appealing.

I took Professor Murdock's advice and had a light breakfast before going to the Mabel Brown Room, and when I got there, I almost lost it.

Surrounding me were people nonchalantly folded in half, some on the floor, others simply stretching their legs up over their heads. Everyone seemed to be in groups of friends, chatting as they prepared for the Doug Elkins Master Class. To start, Elkins taught us his ideas on how to make the body work in one fluid motion instead of part by part. He made it very clear that we were there to learn and play.

Class became more intense as the morning went along. The more we tried, the more comfortable the situation became, and soon, with the help of Elkins' undying sense of humor, the whole class was happily bopping to the latest remixes of '90s hip-hop tunes with smiles from ear to ear.

Elkins built upon our new found techniques to put together a short hip-hop/martial arts/modern dance routine. The class was split into two parts so we could watch each other. Needless to say, some people nailed this down right away, while others, (including me) struggled.

After class, Elkins told me about his background, and where he learned what he knew.

It turned out, though, that he had done work in over six fields, including three different martial art forms from various parts of the world, as well as many different club and hip-hop dance groups as a teen ager and, of course, modern dance and ballet in college.

His technique was inspiring, and his knowledge obvious as he used technical terms to tell us where the inspiration move-
each of the different move-

ments was coming from. "I like mixing different dance forms the same way a good club DJ will mix good music," he said.

After buzzing about campus all day Wednesday and most of Thursday trying to convince my friends that this was a show they had to see, I settled into my seat at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The show began with "The Patrooka Variations," a piece with a strong sense of sexuality, while at the same time, keeping an innocent quality. It was like a ballet that was pieced together with voguing and hip-hop styles.

There was an incredible balance to this piece.

Not only did the male dancers pair off with the female, but people had same sex partnering as well.

After the show, Elkins said this was done because in life, you never know who you're going to end up with.

The second piece of the show was a solo performed by Elkins. "Roda," was per-

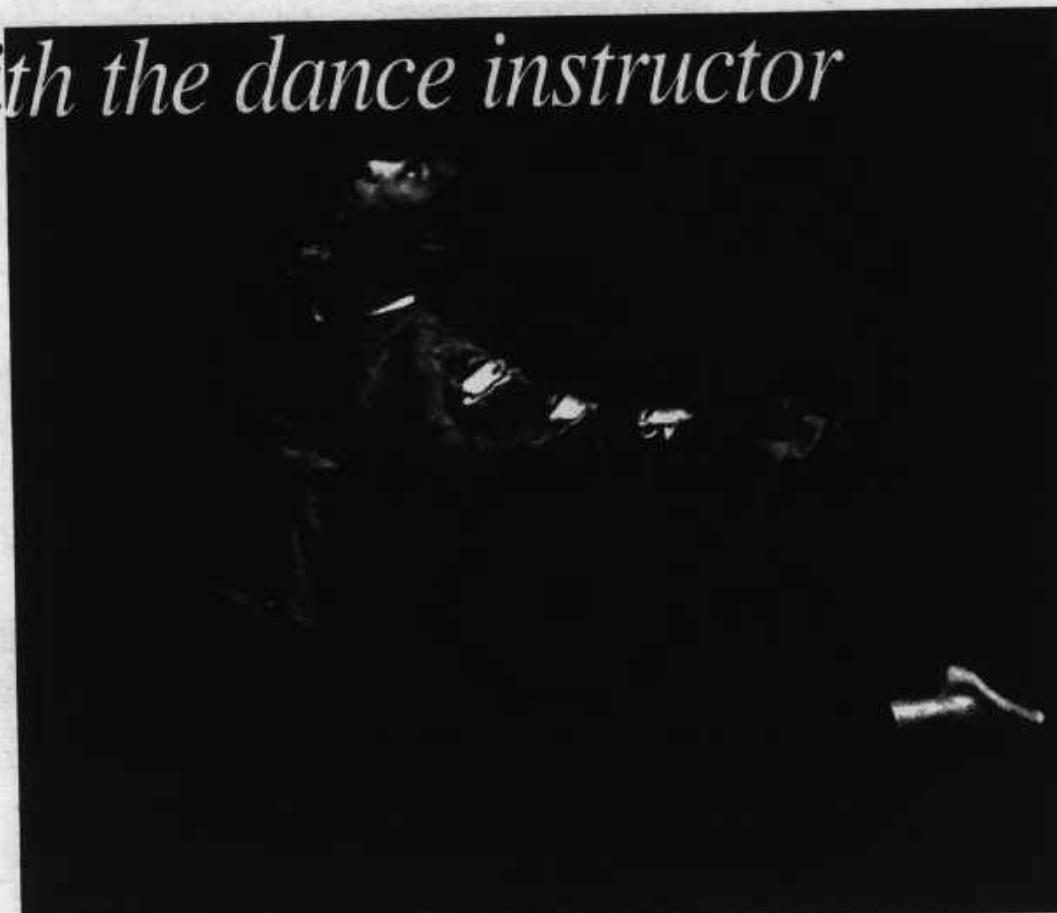
formed originally as part of an AIDS benefit. This was clear, as Elkins made "Roda" more aggressive than "Patrooka." With each swing of his leg he seemed to be fighting something.

The final piece of the evening was entitled "Center My Heart," and this was supported by the many gestures, pulling and pushing toward the heart of each dancer. The hip-hop feel of this piece, with impervious timing, and the liquid-like bodies of each dancer, made it a spectacle.

The quirky feel of this piece was added to by the asymmetrical pant legs of the dancers' costumes, and the cause and effect of movements on stage.

Following the performance, Elkins and his dancers played question and answer with the audience, and Elkins' sense of humor surfaced.

Questions concerning everything from where he grew up, to why he danced, were asked, with every answer given, the audience would roll into a stream of laughter while Elkins did everything short of throw himself off of the stage to keep us happy.



The Doug Elkins Dance Company performs at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond last Thursday. Equinox photo by Matthew Daly

'Cowgirls' ride into Keene

MIKE GAGNON
The Equinox

"Cowgirls" has been playing off Broadway to rave reviews and will find its way to the Colonial Theatre tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Keene is pretty far off Broadway, and, as such has been blessed and cursed with the all brilliance and drivel the theater world has to offer.

So here we go again, a new show trying to establish itself, coming to Keene. Will it be cash, or burn for the "Cowgirls" company?

The show is about a musical group called The Coghill Trio, a classical outfit.

The twist comes when a Kansas road house owner mistakenly books the band thinking that they are the Cowgirl trio.

The girls need the cash, and the road house owner needs mortgage money, so the girls don cowboy boots and decide the show will go on. As the play progresses, the girls learn that the music is music, country is not that far from classical, and creativity and hard work are the cornerstones of success.

"Hard work, trying, and believing will bring you success," Mary Murfitt, the show's creator, said.

The success of the show in Keene is yet to be seen.

It is, however, important to note that the performers in "Cowgirls" are all trained musicians and all of the show's music comes from the stage.

The original cast took two years to assemble because of musical requirements.

So is victory attainable for the "Cowgirls" cast? That remains to be seen, but let's face it, the whole concept is kind of original. It almost reminds one of a certain scene from "The Blues Brothers."

"We've got both kinds of music here, country and western."

Tickets are available by calling the Colonial Theatre box office at 355-2033, or by stopping by at 95 Main St., tomorrow, from noon to 6 p.m.

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The National Honors Society for Psychology will host its meetings every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in room. 309 of the Student Center. The next meeting will be held on March 4th. Pam Backes from Career Services will discuss resumes and job interviews at the March 18 meeting.

ACTORS

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HEAD START

SCS Head Start program announces a **Nutrition Fun Fair** on Thursday, March 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Head Start is a comprehensive preschool child development program for children of low-income families. It currently serves 760,000 children and families across the country with a program to meet the social, health, nutrition and education needs of 3 to 5 yr. olds. It also encourages the active involvement of parents in all aspects of the program. Southwestern Community Services Head Start has centers in five communities in Cheshire and Sullivan counties: Ashuelot, Calremont, Drewsville, Keene and Newport. For more information: 352-7513 or 800/529-0005. Public welcome to attend.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week is perfect for good times, just don't spend it foolishly. A small irritation with a family member could develop into something bigger if you let it. Remember, holding grudges has resulted in trouble in the past.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll be happy about the week's career developments. Although financial gain is possible, make sure that money that comes in doesn't go out just as quickly. Plan a budget and be sure to stick to it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You receive an honor or recognition, but you still need to exercise diplomacy with a co-worker. Make sure a family member is made to feel special as well. You need to exercise more sensitivity and compassion.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You don't end up dealing with the problem you intended to solve at this time since something else captures your attention. Home matters could be under some stress. However, you are able to sort everything out satisfactorily.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's best to have an alternative in mind, just in case plans are changed. Watch a tendency to exaggerate while socializing during the weekend. This could get you into some trouble with a friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If one career plan doesn't take shape, don't rush into another. Give yourself enough time to examine your ambitions in perspective. Then you can plan accordingly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There's a tendency to have a double standard. While you insist upon your own freedom, you don't give others room to breathe. This



doesn't go unnoticed by friends and family alike.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although you see both sides of a question, you still have to take a difficult stand with family members. Your first instinct is the correct one. However, some grinding and gnashing of teeth is bound to occur.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A major household project could get under way. However, you experience some trouble in making a very personal decision. Don't be too proud to turn to someone for advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Luck is with you in matters of your career. Your efforts pay off handsomely with both recognition and increased chances for success. You end the week on a very relaxed and easygoing note.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Interests of the heart are favored. Later in the week, romance and familial togetherness are accentuated. Those who are students receive good news about an educational endeavor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends in high places are favorably disposed toward you. Charm and optimism reign supreme and others are magnetically drawn to you. Make those important phone calls and social visits over the weekend.

This Week In History

On **March 13, 1907**, a financial panic and depression began ... **March 12, 1947**, in his Truman Doctrine, President Truman asked Congress to aid Greece and Turkey to combat Communist terrorism ... **March 12, 1956**, 101 Southern congressmen called for massive resistance to Supreme Court desegregation rulings ... **March 12, 1996**, President Clinton signed a bill strengthening the U.S. economic embargo against Cuba ... **March 10, 1997**, the FBI denied that any such restrictions had been made ... **March 10, 1997**, The Citadel announced that 10 male cadets had been disciplined for mistreating two female cadets ... **March 11, 1997**, the full Senate voted 99-0 to look into both illegal and improper fund-raising activities ... **March 12, 1997**, scientific authorities testifying before a Senate committee opposed an immediate ban on research into human cloning ... **March 14, 1997**, President Clinton suffered a serious knee injury when he stumbled in Palm Beach, Fla., during a visit with golfer Greg Norman.

More Keene State students bored in class, survey says

ANTHONY B. VOGL
The Equinox

It may be the classes or it may be the professors.

No one knows for sure what's wrong, but students at Keene State College are feeling bored.

In a survey taken from colleges nationwide, Keene State ranks about 5 percent higher than the national average for students feeling bored in class.

In 1997, the student boredom rate at Keene State was 43.4 percent, compared to a national average of 38.1 percent.

Many Keene State students said they agree with the survey's finding.

"Half the time, I am too tired to be focusing. I get bored when people are lecturing me," Heather Pelkey, a senior early childhood/art major, said.

She said she would rather be interacting with other students and professors in group work projects instead of zoning out during lectures.

"The thing that makes it hard is that professors don't realize we have four or five other classes besides theirs," Pelkey

said.

Keith Jacobson, an undecided first year student, had similar sentiments, but said the blame can't be heaped entirely on the professors.

"Some of the teachers just don't get into it enough, but it is also some of the students' fault because they aren't interested in their classes," Jacobson said. "If the teachers can see that, they should do something to help that."

Jacobson said a solution to the problem might be to hire someone to help faculty make their classes better. All the same it's up to students to learn on their own, he said.

"Students should take some of the responsibility upon themselves," he said.

Sandra Price, director of the institutional research, who has conducted the survey at Keene State since 1978, said faculty members are always trying to find ways to improve their classes.

"Everyone's bored in class. I've had professors who say they're bored," she said.

Junior Angela Conrad, a early childhood education/elementary education/psychology

What are freshmen doing with their time?

Studied with other students	86.7 percent
Performed volunteer work	73.9 percent
Drank beer	72.3 percent
Drank wine or liquor	70.5 percent
Felt overwhelmed	37.0 percent
Tutored another student	35.7 percent
Played musical instruments	31.8 percent
Was guest at teacher's house	23.1 percent
Smoked cigarettes	19.7 percent
Felt depressed	11.5 percent

Information compiled from the CIRP national survey of college freshmen.

Fast-fact

In 1997, 43.4 percent of Keene State freshmen said they felt frequently bored in class. Also, 63.6 percent of freshmen said they intend to go to grad school.

been more interested.

Along with boredom, beer drinking and student stress levels have risen about 7 percent over the last five years. Drinking has been a growing problem for New England schools, Price said.

And that's not all. Price said she's noticed a number of disturbing trends in the surveys.

"There is a downward trend in [the number of] students who want to be involved with environmental cleanup," Price said.

She also said statistics for students helping others, having a good philosophy on life, participating in community programs, and supporting racial equality have all dropped while the number of students interested in making money has risen.

Keene State uses the surveys as a tool for course adjustments and policy changes.

major, said some of the introductory classes she's taken are boring, but not the courses for her major. Many students feel overwhelmed by the amount of work in their class loads, she said, which was a sentiment shared by many students.

"A lot of people don't know what's out there to do. There is so much work that is assigned. When you have five or six classes, it's hard to juggle them all," Conrad said.

Kathy Chrissis, an undecided first year student, agreed. Lecture classes aren't interesting, but can have lots of work

attached, Chrissis said.

"Sometimes the professor won't go over everything in class. You're stuck studying for a test trying to figure out what he or she didn't go over," she said.

First year student Paul Crebase, an industrial chemistry major, said it's his own fault that he feels bored in class.

"This is pretty much what I learned in high school so I tend to either sleep or be very bored in class," Crebase said.

He said if he had taken advanced placement courses instead of taking easy classes for the grades, he would have

It's that time again.

It's about the middle of the semester ... time to start thinking about next year.

How about thinking about The Equinox instead?

Call Anthony at x-2413 for more information.

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Style THE ROAD RULES

PORTSMOUTH, N.H.
From Keene about 101 miles, it's an estimated two hour drive. "Route 9 is a better drive than 101. Both highways are about the same but if you happen to have a lead foot, and get stuck behind a Sunday driver, the trip might be a little longer than expected," Mike Rollo, a Keene State College student and Portsmouth native, said.
Historical sites to see: Strawberry Banke, Prescott Park, Fort Constitution, Wentworth by the Sea, and the Isle of Shoals.
Cafés and Restaurants: Café Brjoché, The Market Square, Rusty Hammer, Gas Light (brick oven pizza), and the Portsmouth Brewing Company (they brew Smuttynose beer).
Food: Seafood fresh from the coast.
Definitely start off with a steaming hot bowl of clam chowder. For dinner, have either lobster, steamers, mussels, fried clams, scallops, or had-dock.
Make sure to take a walk on the coast to smell the ocean breeze.

MONTREAL, CANADA
From Keene, nearly six hours, take Route 12 to Interstate 91 north to Lebanon, Vt. where you change highways. Get on 89 north all the way to the border (passing Burlington, Vt. - don't blink, you'll miss it).
Before you go, make sure to exchange your American money into Canadian, but beware. The money looks like play money, but you get more

BOSTON, MASS.
From Keene, about two hours, take Route 12 to 140 to Route 2 east to 95 to the Mass Pike.
Sites to See: The Memorial on the Holocaust across from Faneuil Hall.
Historical sites to see: Check out the John F. Kennedy Library, Bunker Hill Monument, or Walk the Freedom Trail for free which passes by sights of Boston during the revolutionary war period.
Restaurants: Ye Old Union Oyster House in Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall has a lot of restaurants, too.
Comedy Connection is upstairs from the hall, another plus.
Food: Boston is known for clam chowder.
Broadway Plays: Yes, Boston has them! On Broadway Street. "Chicago" was at the Colonial Theatre over winter break!
Check out some museums like The Museum of Fine Art, or watch a show at the Omni Theater at the Museum of Science.
Boston has tons of stuff to do, probably the best choice for a road trip.
These destinations are merely the most popular among the people surveyed.
Other ideas may include Salem, Mass., Old Saybrook, Conn., or anywhere along the Northeast coast. For great deals on shopping, hit the outlets in Freeport, Maine, and North Conway, N.H.
The east coast has a lot to offer so just go out and drive.

Spring break across the states



Tim Phelps is going to Bozeman, Mont. to visit a friend and ski.

A round trip ticket to Arizona is as low as \$250.



Four students from the Kronicle are going to Dallas, Texas March 13 - 17. Chris Spicer, Bryna Wills, Mark Moulton, and Kristie Guerin are going to tour Taylor Publishing Co., where the 1998 yearbook will be printed. They are video taping the tour so future yearbook staff members will see what happens in the publication process.

Ali Sienel can go to Pittsburgh, Pa. and to Portsmouth, N.H. but her plans are not definite. She needs to get her shifts covered at work, though, and no one has offered to work for her.

The Kronicle (yearbook) members Alicia Grzywinski, and Amy Lamontagne will join Jesse Stenbak, Anthony Vogl, and Kristie Guerin, from The Equinox in New York City for the 20th Annual Spring Media Convention from March 18 - 21.

Habitat for Humanity/Tau Phi Xi members Stephanie Norton, Eileen Lawson, Michelle Nash, Isabelle Lavoie, and Sara Gustafson are going to Moorehead, N.C.

They are staying at an Olympic diving site. Maxwell House is sponsoring part of the trip. They are getting filmed on Wednesday, March 18 and might be on a commercial for Habitat for Humanity and Maxwell House.

Janice Guistina is driving to Florida with two other friends. They are leaving today. Their first destination in North Carolina to go white river rafting.

When they arrive in Florida, no money for board is required because they are staying with friends.

Eric Forsyth is going to Florida.

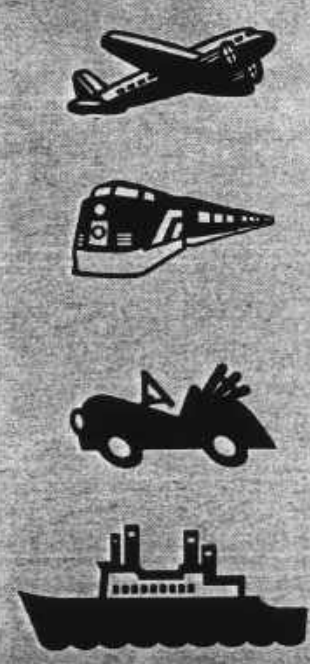
Kristen McLaughlin is going to Disneyworld.

Cari Kramer is going on a cruise with her parents. The places she'll see are St. Martin, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas.



Meredith Gogun, Chris Loskamp, Melissa Dotchin and Missy Duran pack up the car for a spring break get away.

Have a safe trip no matter how or where you travel!



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Health services under scrutiny by student assembly

SARAH HARDIMAN
The Equinox

The Office of Health Services came under scrutiny during last Tuesday's Student Assembly meeting, when representatives questioned the need for a \$100 an hour visiting doctor fee included in its 1998-1999 budget.

Assembly members questioned Myra Skibb, director of Health Services, about the expense before endorsing her budget request.

For four days out of a week, a medical doctor is available to see students by appointment, Skibb said. The doctor is only available one hour and 15 minutes and never on weekends, Skibb said.

At a cost of \$100 an hour the college pays \$500 a week, which is cheap, Skibb said, compared to the doctors usual fee of \$200 an hour.

Appointments may be made to see either a regular practitioner or the visiting doctor, depending on the severity of a student's medical status, Skibb said.

The Student Assembly asked Skibb whether it's necessary to pay such a high wage for medical services being paid for with student fees.

But Skibb replied that demand for the doctor's services came from students themselves.

"Therein lies the problem that the student fees [for Health Services] don't want to be increased beyond what's reasonable," Skibb said.

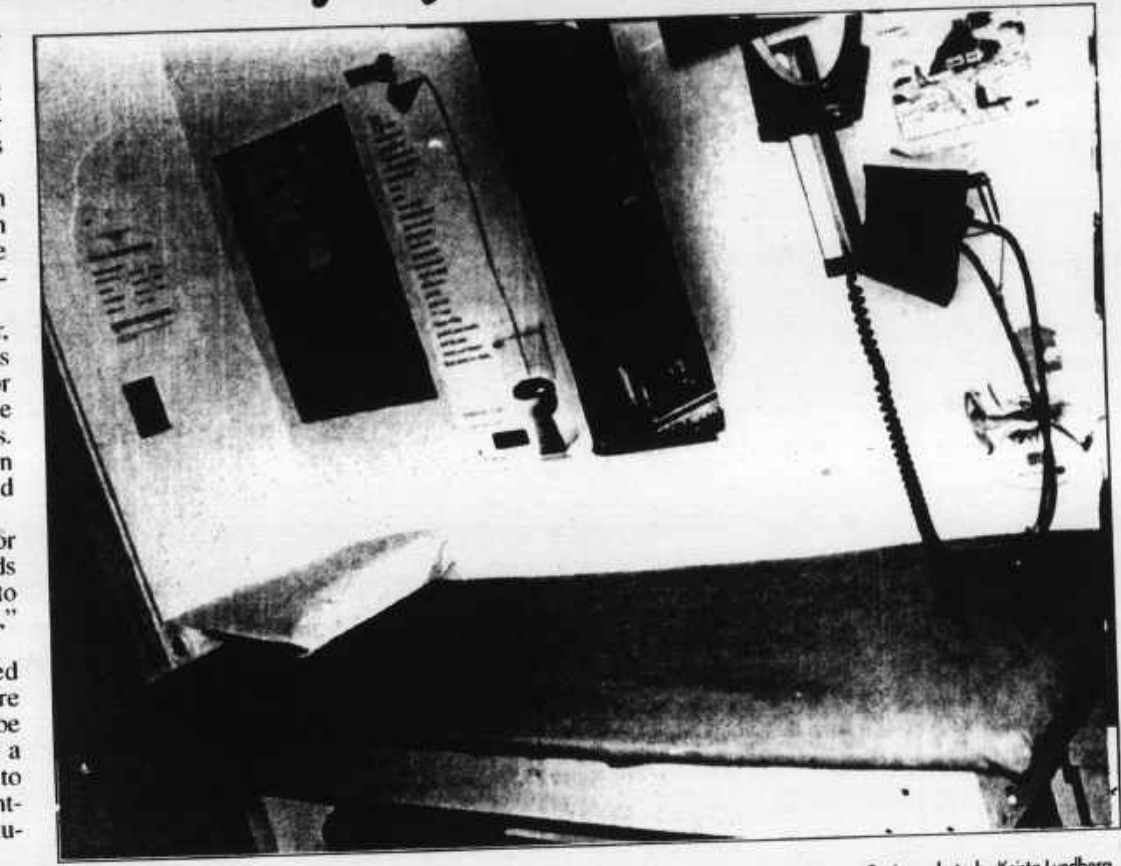
Student Assembly member, Jennifer Mcteigue said it's important to have a doctor available for the welfare of the students, even on weekends. Presently the office is open weekdays, but Mcteigue said that's not enough.

"I know if we had a doctor on campus over the weekends it would've saved me a trip to the emergency room," Mcteigue said.

The assembly considered whether it would be more economic for the doctor to be on campus for a few hours a day once or twice a week to make scheduling an appointment more convenient for students.

The assembly also suggested looking for a doctor with lower rates.

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Equinox photo by Krista Lundberg
The bed is in one of the examining rooms of Health Services on the third floor of Elliot Hall. Health Service's budget was scrutinized by the student government because of confusion over payment of a doctor.



The Night Owl Café

would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Spring Break

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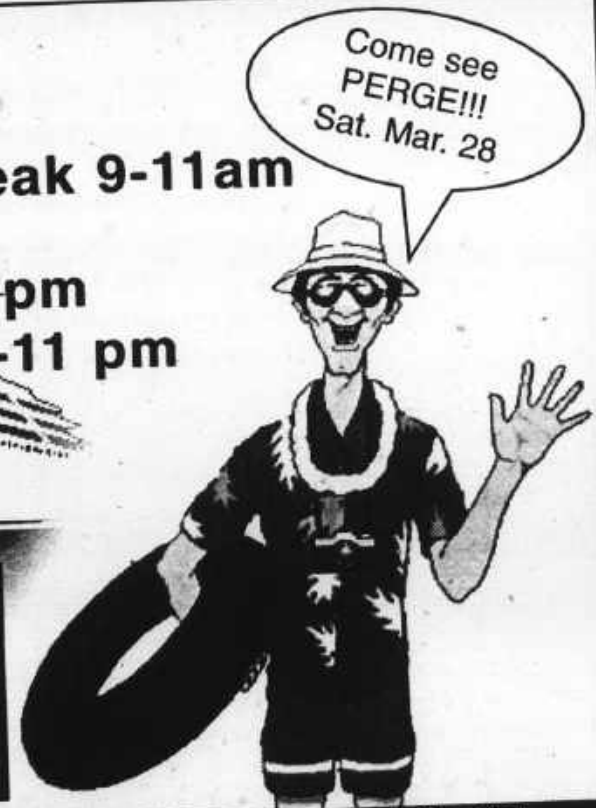
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Our purpose is:

- To increase awareness on campus about women's issues
- To work collaboratively with other women's organizations on campus
- To foster and support a more encouraging environment for women
- To educate ourselves and the campus community through sponsoring events/lectures
- To show women in a positive way
- To give voice, recommendations and assistance to other groups and/or events

Membership is open to all interested students, faculty and staff of Keene State College regardless of their age, sex, race, sexual preference, ability or religion.

We are proud to support the Women's Studies Program and the President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) at Keene State College. Our support also extends to organizations within the community which help women such as the Women's Crisis Services (WCS).

In previous semesters we have published a collection of women's writing, participated in the "Jane Doe Walk" in Boston, volunteered our time and energy in helping the PCSW with their activities, and held our very own successful "Take Back the Night." Our attendance at annual women-focused community events like, Weaving Our Voices (an evening of celebrating women's accomplishments), and Kaleidoscope (a well-being conference for women 12 years old and up) demonstrate our awareness of making a connection with the community.

This semester in addition to providing our usual support to annual women's events, we will be sponsoring a free four week self-defense workshop provided by certified instructors from Rick Wilmott's Karate Academy. This is offered not only for Keene State's community (students, faculty and staff), but the greater Keene Community as well. Mark your calendars now: Tuesdays, March 31 and April 7th, and Wednesdays, April 15, and April 22 from 7-8:30PM. Location TBA. Attend one or all four sessions-either way you will learn skills that could save your life.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the March Women's History Month activities.

If you would like more information, please stop by the WS Office (Jostin 104) or call x2098 or email kxt@keene.edu

A Message from the President's Commission on the Status of Women

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Proposal

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resolve those specific issues before implementation took place," he said.

While many have said the proposal's greatest feature is its flexibility, others are frustrated at its vagueness.

"That's what is so messy about this proposal. They haven't crossed the t's and dotted the i's," Jerry Joyce said.

Although the General Education Task Force created the structure, they did not designate courses that would satisfy the requirements of the different worlds.

Instead, it would be the job of faculty members to decide what courses would best fulfill the goals. Coordinators of each discipline would collect the nominations from their faculty and as a whole decide the appropriate courses. They then would forward their recommendations to the college senate. The Senate would make the final decision of what courses could be taken to satisfy the requirements.

Roland Higgins, professor of East Asian history, said he feels the proposal gives students more flexibility.

"If a particular course isn't offered that semester a student isn't going to get hung up," he said. "There are more options available so students can satisfy their requirements more easily. It isn't like they have to take a specific course like BIO 101."

But Higgins said he is worried about the cultural and historical perspectives. In the proposal, students would have to take three credits in both areas. For the historical perspective, the proposal states that approved courses would emphasize the "development within a chronological framework of events, issues, and ideas in Western or U.S. culture."

"Of course I'm a little biased, but I think students need a certain kind of history. Students need to know a history outside of their own," Higgins said.

"It's really pitiful, almost really embarrassing, for a college our size not to have a lot more [classes] than those other than the Western world," he said.

Courses in Higgins' specialty, East Asia, would not qualify under the historical perspective. Instead, his courses would satisfy the requirements of the cultural perspective.

Larry Benaquist, professor

"These are very solvable problems. It's not a reason to oppose the proposal, but embrace it and get ready to work on the next stage."

• David Andrews
member of senate curriculum committee

of film studies, also has problems with the design of those two components.

"Why would you go for diversity as a goal but when you get down to the application the only goals are being taught in U.S. or European history?" he said.

"To most people cultural studies would not have the same value as historical studies. History is a higher niche," he said. "It's blatant snobbery. It's saying we have history, you have culture."

Sander Lee, however, said that both areas are equally important in the proposal.

"But it is essential that students take one course in U.S. or Western history. It's important to study the history and culture they live in," he said.

Bob Madden, reference librarian and a member of the

senate curriculum committee, said he feels pretty good about the proposal.

"There are some weaknesses. But you're not going to satisfy everybody. Some people think that there should be requirements that are not in it, for

example, computer science. Some people think there should be a modern language component," he said. "My feeling is that with all of the compromising, the general education task force came up with a pretty good proposal."

David Andrews, professor of psychology and a member of the senate curriculum committee, said he thinks everybody can find something wrong with the proposal. But he also said the current general education curriculum is in desperate need of attention.

"These are very solvable problems. It's not a reason to oppose the proposal, but embrace it and get ready to work on the next stage," he said.

Gladys Johnsen, said she was particularly pleased with the two and a half year process

of the proposal's creation.

"We had a series of lunch meetings where we were able to meet with faculty and staff to find out what a general education program should look like," she said. "When we came to a part where something didn't look right we went back to the campus for feedback."

Vice-President Golden created the task force when he arrived at Keene State in July of 1995. After meeting with a variety of faculty groups it was decided that the general education curriculum needed to be revised, he said.

"We decided the program ought to have clear goals, the campus ought to agree with the goals, the program ought to meet educational goals and equip students with the knowledge so they can succeed in the next century," Golden said.

Academic departments have until March 13 to vote on the proposal. The vote and their reasoning will then be forwarded to the senate curriculum committee as advisory. If the curriculum committee approves of the proposal it will then go before the college senate for a final vote. If it passes, Keene State will have a new general education program in 2001.

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GOOD TEACHING DESERVES RECOGNITION

Center

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Keene State will use money from the general fund to pay off the deficit.

Bobby Rodrigue, student body president, said he objected to endorsing the budget so soon, and pointed out that the request should have been tabled so the assembly could consider the matter further.

"I do support the position and I do support the counseling center so I think people wanted to endorse it just because they didn't want to come out looking like they were against the counseling center," Rodrigue said.

Zimmerman said she met with Hickey and Keene State College President Stanley J. Yarosewick before the budget presentation. She said Hickey instructed her to just show the budget to the assembly and explain the cause of the deficit. Zimmerman said she didn't think explaining the intricacies of the budget and the problems the new position created would have been a good idea.

"I don't think being straightforward would have been a good idea because the budget is such a complex process and the real purpose is for students to try to understand it," she said.

The copy of the Counseling Center budget given to the assembly showed the cost of the new position, along with the size of the deficit, and all spending cuts the department made in some of its other programs.

Fees

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filed on time last semester. Salzburg said the organization has turned around and is making more of an effort to get organized.

"We have a lot to offer the Keene State campus because we add diversity," she said.

WKNH also appealed for more money but was also denied.

Both organizations were told they could appeal for more funding from the contingency fund at the beginning of the fall semester.

"Now it's time to get the dollars because the person who has been working the position is filling 40 hours a week."

• Tamara Zimmerman
director of health services

grams.

Zimmerman said cutting those expenses reduced the deficit, limiting budgetary increases the department may have to request from other sources.

Travel expenses were slashed from \$2,000 last year to \$500 this year. Supply expenses also felt the cut, dropping from \$17,566 last year to \$7,566 this year.

Zimmerman said the travel dollars were really professional development dollars which are extra funds from Hickey's budget used to support staff for professional development when their own budgets are lacking.

The new program coordinator is a term position with two parts, Zimmerman said.

Half of it's to coordinate the new sexual assault/sexual harassment prevention education program and the other half is for a position on the counseling staff.

The idea would be to have a full-time person coordinating the new Sexual Harassment Program, but that's not possible with the department's current budget, she said.



Equinox photo by Krista Lundberg
The Counseling Center is on the third floor of Elliot Hall.

rent budget, she said.

"Now it's time to get the dollars because the person who has been working the position is filling 40 hours a week," she said.

She said she didn't know how they'd come up with the money, but the process isn't unusual.

"It is for us because I haven't been in this before, but it's not an unusual situation to try to see if there might be some extra dollars in another budget that's not being used," she said.

She said she expected the questions from students when she presented the budget, but she thought when she explained it, it would be a little clearer.

"I think it's a big responsibility that the students have, and I'm glad that they want to know," she said. "I don't know any way for us to do this, except work together and try to figure out what's best."

Health

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"It would be good to find out what any other doctors would charge to be here every day for more hours, or to have Health Services open a few hours on the weekends too," Student Body President, Bobby Rodrigue, said.

But cost-cutting shouldn't sacrifice the quality of the service, some students said.

First year student Sarah Kadzik said instead of trying to save a few pennies, ways should be researched to

improve the service.

"I think we ought to be able to go to Health Services at any time with a medical problem or question during the day."

Maybe there needs to be a 24 hour phone service too for emergencies," Kadzik said.

Other students thought the service should scrap the program and act only as a referral system.

"I made an appointment to see Dr. Ballou and his services weren't useful at all. He told me if I still felt bad later, just to go to the hospital," an anonymous student said.

Ride

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The Owls advanced to the ECAC final after posting a surprising 88-81 win over Amherst on Friday.

Surprising depending on who you talk to.

"We never get overly concerned with the score as long as the tempo is where we want it," explained Rowe.

Amherst tried everything but pulling the old banana in the tail pipe gag to slow down the Owls, but Keene State wouldn't have it.

The Owls carried teams along at their aggressive pace over the last four weeks of the season and the result would be not one, but two championship game appearances.

"We feel really good about how we finished up this season," added junior Kareem Porter, who was huge for the Owls during the stretch run.

"Coach Rowe has brought this program far in his two years here and we expect to carry it into next season," Porter said.

The Owls will lose only two players to graduation: All-

"We feel really good about how we finished the season ... we expect to carry it into next season."

• Kareem Porter
Owls guard

Conference performer Rich Bahlman and reserve Rich Winget.

Bahlman was sensational throughout both the Little East and ECAC Tournament, but the Owls have more than enough candidates to fill his leadership role next season.

Never one to leave anything to chance, Rowe was already on the recruiting trail two days after the ECAC Championship loss, trying to add players to a program that promises to be one of the best in the Northeast next season.

Rowe's teams have always been notorious for their intensity on the court, and by having the amount of depth the Owls have at every position, Rowe forces players to com-

pete with each other every day in practice if they have any hopes for playing time.

That kind of intensity can only carry over onto the court.

"We go at it in practice every day, and when we step on the court we are able to match any teams intensity because of it," acknowledged Rowe.

Porter, Messiah and Chris Coates will be looked upon to lead the Owls next season into what promises to be an exciting second year run in the Little East Conference.

The Owls took their licks from the likes of conference powers UMass-Dartmouth and Plymouth State College early, but in the end, it was the Owls who were the final team playing when the season wound to a close.

"We have almost everyone coming back for next season, so we should carry this (their ECAC Conference final appearance) over to next year and hopefully take it a step further," added Porter.

With a year of big game experience now under their belt and 12 players returning, the Owls may not need any magic next time around to get them to the dance.

Veteran

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With a team that has depth, speed, pitching and hitting, you would think NCAAAs are a bright future.

"It is hard to say," said Beach. "Most of the teams we are playing I know nothing about."

During spring break, the Owls will head down South. Fort Myers to be exact.

No, they won't be playing the Red Sox or the Twins, but they will face some tough opponents. Wheaton College,

"Stats are funny to read. They don't show the difficulty of the opposing team."

• Charlie Beach
Owls head coach

University of Wisconsin (Whitewater), Amherst College and Tufts University will all be out to spoil the Owls fun in the Sunshine State.

Varsity

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"It was my dream for 12 years for this to be a Varsity sport," said Draper, the long time head coach for the Owls.

It'll take us a couple of years of being bounced around, but I think we'll hold our own," he said.

The Keene State lacrosse team starts off with a scrimmage against Colby-Sawyer

"I've never been more psyched, I've been dying for this."

• Mike Lafleur
KSC lacrosse player

at home, and will open up the season against New England College on March 21, on the turf of Owl Stadium.

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Keene State senior catcher Ben Forbes will once again take on the task as the Owls' field general. The Owls hope to find immediate success in their first season in the Little East Conference.

Outlook

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The Owls have made huge strides in the past two seasons as Keene State gained an ECAC berth two years ago and were in contention for one a year ago up until the last two weeks of the season.

But unlike the past two years, the Owls lack a premier power hitter on their roster.

Brian Hamilton and Geoff Sylvester are now gone, and Howe is left to hold auditions for that much needed spot in the lineup.

"We got a lot of production from Brian and Mac (Tiani) last season and we'll miss that, but we've got some guys who can still hit the ball and I'm confident guys will step up," reasoned Howe.

As far as the candidates go, junior Ryan Lawrence steps into the role of team leader after solidifying the Owls' infield the last two seasons. He will be joined in the infield by juniors Jared Seavey at first base, Derek Bell at shortstop and Adam Lawrence at third.

"I feel like our defense in the infield is a strength for us, you're talking about some guys who have already proven

themselves," Howe said.

Senior co-captain Ben Forbes will take his second turn as the Owls' catcher. Forbes has been streaky at the plate over the past two seasons, but has proven to be a calming influence, a huge bonus for the Owls who boast one of the youngest pitching staffs in the Little East.

While the infield is set, the outfield is an entirely different story.

Gone are Russ Schipp, Mike O'Brien and Hamilton who last year made up the best outfield in the NECC. No less than 10 players will vie for playing time to replace them as Howe may do a lot of experimenting before settling on whom to use.

"We have some depth in the outfield and Florida will be an opportunity to see what fits best for us," Howe said.

Sophomores Justin Jenkins, Joe Russell, Kevin Dorgan and senior Tim Dodge will all contend early on for starting roles with a bevy of others ready to step in if needed.

Talk to anyone associated with the Owls, from the coaches to the players, and they will all rave to you about their pitching.

Last season the Owls got strong performances from Harrington and Scott Ely

"We're ready to go. We're excited about what Florida will hold for us, as well as the Little East..."

• Pat Hearn
Owls' assistant coach

through most of the season, but both suffered near the end from carrying too much of the pitching load. Harrington especially suffered from too many innings near the end of the season.

Hearn has been in charge of the pitching staff for years, and sees a lot of positives in the group he has been placed in charge of this season.

"We certainly have a lot more depth from a year ago. You have a lot of new guys and at the same time some guys who are now a year older and ready to really contribute," Hearn said.

Transfers Billy Williams and Keith Kraft will replace Ely and Harrington at the top spots in the Owls' rotation. Williams is a power pitcher who has impressed in his first preseason with the Owls, while Kraft is a transfer from the now doormat

Lax team enters first year as varsity sport

GARY MASER
The Equinox

After 12 long, hard-fought seasons as a club team, the players, coaches, and fans finally got their wish; a varsity program.

The Keene State College men's lacrosse team will part the seas and enter the promised land as they start their very first season as a varsity team.

Led by first-year coach Liam Daly, and long time coach Jim Draper, the Keene State lacrosse team will try to make a name for themselves in their new league.

"It's going to be tough ... but you have to start somewhere ... look at Phil Rowe, and what he's done," Daly said.

Although the team is starting from scratch in a new league, their spectators don't seem to think they'll be a total flop in their first year of varsity competition.

The preseason rankings have Keene State in fourth

place out of six teams in the Pilgrim League.

Lagging behind the Owls are New England College, and UMass-Dartmouth.

Division powerhouses Plymouth State College and Eastern Connecticut State University are expected to be atop the division, with Salem State College holding the third spot.

The Owls aren't just starting out their season in a new league, but they are starting the season with an extremely young team. The Owls sport eight freshmen and six sophomores on a roster of 20 players.

Leading the Owls into battle will be second year captain Mike Laflaur.

"I've waited since freshman year for this. I've never been more psyched, I've been dying for this," said Laflaur.

Other players that should make an immediate impact are Bob Bonnes, last year's leading scorer, and Adam Smarden.

University of New Hampshire program who reminds Hearn a lot of the very successful Harrington.

"He reminds a lot of Eddie (Harrington) in the way he mixes things up out there. I think he'll provide us with a lot this year," Hearn said.

Junior Greg Brown, who had his moments a year ago, will step in to the third spot in the rotation. Brown was used out of the bullpen for middle relief last season but is ready for the move to starter.

"Brownie is one of those guys that is a year older and I think he's ready for the challenge of stepping up into the rotation. I'm expecting a lot of him this season and he knows that, he looked impressive in the fall and has carried that over to the preseason," Hearn said.

Freshman Shawn Crossbie and Kevin Murray will both vie for the final spot in the four man rotation. The competition will serve the Owls well as either one can be used out of the pen if the starters struggle early.

"That is the kind of depth we didn't have a year ago," added Howe who will keep both on a strict pitch count in Florida.

Adam Lawrence will serve as the closer for the Owls. Hearn sees the fact that

Lawrence also serves as the Owls' starting third baseman as a positive, and not a negative.

"Adam looked good in the fall when we worked him in that role. He likes being the closer and he brings a lot of the things attributed to the position," added Hearn.

The Owls will open on the 16th in Florida, against Dickinson College with nine other games to follow.

Conference play begins April 4, when the Owls travel to arch-rival Plymouth State College, for now though, the Owls are more concerned about how their young team will adapt to one of the best Division III conference's in America.

"Southern Maine is the defending National Champions and there are several other teams that will contend for postseason berths as well," remarked Howe. "It will all be about us meshing as a unit and guys working together to get the job done."

Howe says he hopes to have the Owls spring break trip to Florida result in a winning record for the Owls and a positive beginning to an inaugural Division III campaign.

With maybe a few added feathers in the cap along the way.

Rec Sports Scoreboard

MEN'S B-BALL LEAGUE RESULTS

League 1	W	L
BOB	3	0
COZART'S	2	2
THE REAL DEAL	1	2
TKE	1	2
CELTICS	1	2

Game Summary:

TKE got their first win of the season over the Celtics 51-28. Jamie Lee was the high scorer for TKE with 11 points while Brian Pampel tossed in 9 points in a losing yet worthwhile cause.

In other action, Cozarts, who are ineligible for the playoffs due to a forfeit, ruined The Real Deals' night, behind 10 points from Dan Tynion. Seth Blaine scored 10 points for The Deal.

League 2	W	L
Bomb Squad	3	0
Tanglewood All-Stars	2	1
Green & Gold	2	1
Circus Midgits	1	3
After Shock	0	3

Game Summary:

The Tanglewood All-Stars held off Phi Mu Delta's A team, Green & Gold, with a 46-42 win. Doug Jenkins and Kevin Chevalier led the winners, combining for 28 points. None of their output would have been possible without the outstanding play of crafty veteran Chris Masiello, who set screens all night and was reportedly seen raising the roof on several occasions. For the Green & Gold, Greek God Ryan Brown poured in 19 while Brett Seidman added 16.

In other action, The Bomb Squad beat up on the Circus Midgits 67-46 behind 22 points from Kevin Norris. Rob Murohy was the high Midget with 16.

League 3	W	L
Disafiliation	3	0
Hydrosonics	2	1
And 1	2	2
Huskies	1	2
Griff's Canoli Shop	0	3

Game Summary:

Disafiliation felt the wrath that is Griff's Canoli Shop, before pulling out a

49-32 nail-biter before a packed house. Jay Fuller led Disafiliation with 13 points. For The Canoli Shop it was the Lethal Weapon combination of Rob Cutone and Intramural legend Rich Lutz with 12 points a piece.

In other action, And 1 pulled out a 43-42 win over the Huskies. Chris Lefleur led And 1 with 21 points while the Huskies were led by Sean McIntire's 12 points.

League 4	W	L
Beech Street	2	0
Tall Taggers	2	1
Showtime	1	1
Canadiens	1	1
Dog Pound	0	3

Game Summary:

The Dog Pound is in trouble. The Pound dropped to 0-3 with a 67-57 loss to Beech Street. Ryan Hooper and Mike Hayes led the way for the winners in combining for 32 points. Jim Goodwin was top dog again (sorry) for the Dog Pound with 22 big ones.

The Tall Taggers escaped with a 50-47 win over Showtime in other action behind 13 points from Chris Decosta. Justin Belanger scored 18 for the losers.

League 5	W	L
Free Masons	3	0
Alpha A	2	1
57 Chesters	1	1
The Alpha Pickles	0	2
ACE's	0	2

Game Summary:

Dan Racicot poured in 25 and Scott Ely added 22 as The Free Masons beat up on ACE's 68-17. Steve VonSitas led ACE's by pouring in 7 points.

In other action, Alpha A rolled to the tune of 83-19 over the 57 Chesters. Taner Kanlier scored a game high 26 while Keith Tougas scorched the nets for 18. "We're good I think," noted guard Dave Stuart.

League 6	W	L
Cold Beverages	2	0
Nuff Chooch	2	1
O.D.B's	1	1
Barnum & Bailey	1	2
Black Lungs	0	2

Game Summary:

Wake up the kids and break out the champagne. The Barnum & Bailey won a game. The Bailey's scored a 40-27 win behind the inspired play of Mike Putnam and Jeff Rogers, who combined for 21 points. Mike DeFina's Black Lungs were led by 10 points from, well, him. The B.L.'s are also in the same place where they were two games into last season; in the cellar.

In other action, Cold Beverages won a tight one, 46-45 over Nuff Chooch. Jarod Clayton was the high man in the win, scoring 17. For Chooch it was 18 points from Eric Pantano and 10 from Nate Pike.

Women's B-Ball Scoreboard

The women's games were once again postponed due to a tournament that was held in Spaulding Gym. Full results of all of the women's action will be covered by The Equinox after spring break.

CO-REC VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

LEAGUE II	W	L
El Nino	2	0
N-8	2	0
Fantasmagorics	0	1
A.M.F.	0	1
South Park Cows	0	2

Results:
N-8 17-15, 15-9
South Park Cows

El Nino 15-3, 15-11
A.M.F.

LEAGUE III	W	L
US 2	2	0
Gremlins	2	0
Sigma 2	0	1
Phi Sigma Sigma	0	1
Sigma 1	0	2

Results:
Gremlins Won by forfeit
Sigma 1
US 2 15-8, 12-15, 15-6
Phi Sigma Sigma

Leader of the Month

Leadership Steering Committee is proud to announce the faculty, staff, and student leaders of the month of February. The following individuals were nominated by members of the Keene State College community for their hard work, dedication, and strong leadership abilities.



David Andrews
psychology professor



Peter Estes
student



Don Sherrick
grounds staff

To nominate next month's leaders, please contact Megan, Student Leadership Coordinator

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Swimmer Matthews is a leader in and out of the pool

Athlete of the Week

JUSTIN BATES
The Equinox

"I don't like to chase. I like to lead," says Keene State's swim team co-captain, Seanna Matthews.

One could easily see this quality in Seanna when she glides through the water.

Matthews had a stellar season this year, receiving All New England Honors, qualifying for the ECAC Championships, and even breaking three school records.

However, when Seanna says that she likes to lead, she's not only talking about swimming.

She is actually describing her perspective on life.

The youngest of three children, Seanna first got involved in athletics as a gymnast. She did this at the age of three, and it lasted four years.

She discovered that the awards her brother was bringing home from his swim meets were much more exciting than the certificates that she was accumulating from gymnastics.

"When I was doing gymnastics, I would come home with a piece of paper, and he had trophies. So I said 'forget it!' I want a trophy. So I started

swimming," said Matthews.

Seanna humorously admitted that her brothers were her early role models.

Although she has very high regards for numerous people, Matthews says that her mother is a role model for her now.

"She's my support system," said Matthews. "She goes to every single swim meet, and she has since I was seven."

Seanna also says that her mother is sort of the "team mom," who helps out in any way that she can.

Having her mother in the stands is always a comforting thought for Seanna, but that doesn't stop her from being superstitious.

"I constantly have my swimming necklace on, 24 hours a day ... I never take my ring off. I swim with it on. That's my good luck charm. I have the luck of the Irish," said Matthews.

When asked about why swimmers shave their body hair, Seanna explained that much of it is psychological.

However, she also said that by shaving, the swimmer is actually taking a thin layer of dead skin off of his or her body, therefore opening nerve endings, which allow for more body awareness.

Plus, she said "it feels really cool when you get into the water."

Matthews swam for her high school team in Wilbraham, Mass., where she was also a



NAME: Seanna Matthews

SPORT: Swimming

STATS: Keene State

College records:

100 Individual Medley

50 Backstroke

50 Freestyle

MAJOR: Physical Ed

CLASS: Junior

captain.

She says that she holds only one record there, but that her position on her high school team was parallel to her position at Keene State.

"I was the leader of my high school team ... always performed well ... always seeded at the top. That's what kind of pointed me to go into a smaller school ... I wanted to go somewhere where I would be used-where I would shine," said Matthews.

Seanna said that she had no

intentions of coming to Keene State because her parents were alumni.

"My parents went to Keene State," said Matthews. "So I was like, 'No way in hell am I ever going there. You (her parents) went there. No way.'"

However, she said that when she saw the campus, and talked to people here, she was hooked.

Seanna said that the swim team coach at that time was not a big factor in her decision.

Now, she cannot give the present coach, Gene Leonard, enough credit.

"He's a dedicated coach, and he has done a 180 with this program ... and he's only been here two years," said Matthews.

When she's not swimming, Seanna is involved with different programs all over campus.

She is a sister with the Eta Gamma Chi sorority.

She works two jobs on campus.

Seanna is on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as a representative for the swim team.

And she is the student-athlete representative to the Student Faculty Athletic Advisory Council, which deals directly with NCAA policy.

Even more, Seanna majors in physical education, minors in nutrition, and will receive an associates degree in chemical dependency.

So what does Seanna do when she finally gets to relax and be with her friends?

You would have to be friends with her to find out, but Matthews says that what she enjoys doing is nothing that isn't typical of a college student.

She also tactfully adds that no matter what she does, she doesn't let it supersede her studies.

"I've always done my work. I always go to classes," said Seanna.

A dream of Seanna's is to win an Olympic gold medal.

However, she knows that this dream is something that will most likely never come true.

The realization that swimming competitively cannot be a career comes to Seanna without bitterness.

However, instead of giving up the sport that she loves so much, Matthews has applied for an internship with the United States Olympic Committee.

She wants to help train athletes for the next summer games.

Whether she is accepted for the internship or not, Seanna still wants to coach swimming at some level.

"I'm definitely going to take this knowledge that I have, and turn around, and build somebody else," she said.

Spoken like a true leader.

Owls optimistic on LEC outlook

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

For Keene State College athletics, this inaugural season in the Little East Conference has been a lot like buying a new hat.

You like the look of it in the store, and your pretty sure you'll be comfortable in it once you get it on your head.

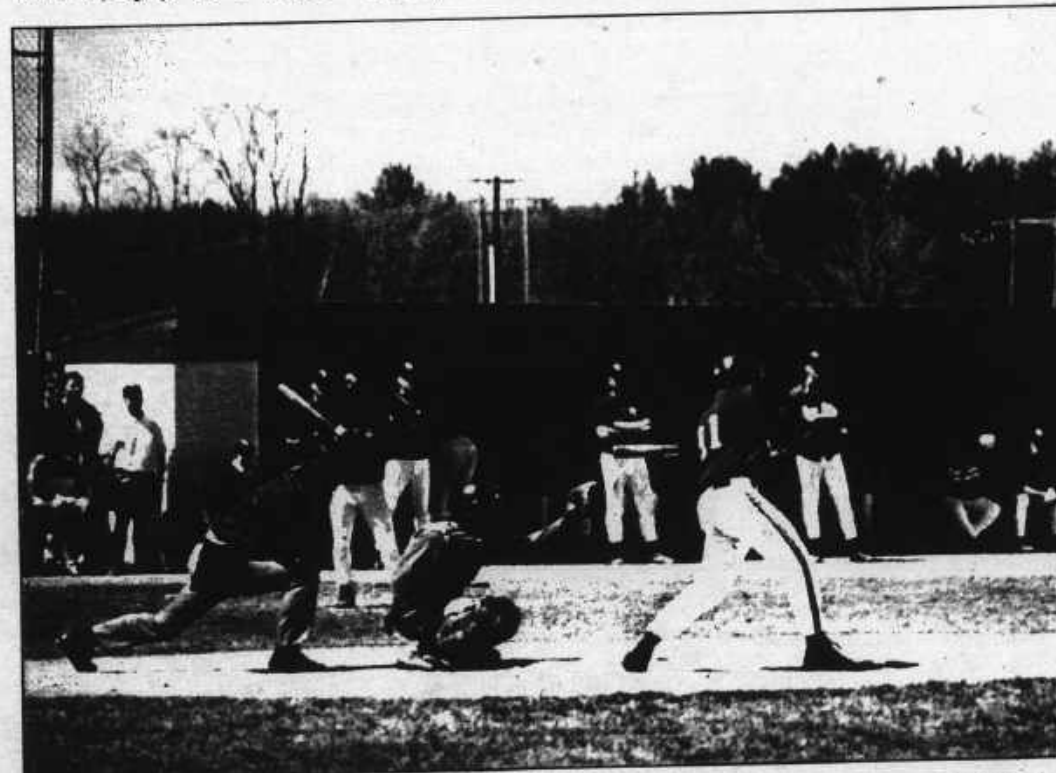
At the same time you still can't be sure how it will hold up over the long haul, and you begin to feel like the feather in the side may be a bit much.

Much of the same apprehension holds true for a young Owl baseball team that knows there is a lot to be learned about their new conference

and what it will hold for them, but in talking to head coach Ken Howe and assistant coach Pat Hearn, it is obvious his team is ready to try this Little East thing on for size and see how it fits.

"We're ready to go. We're excited about what Florida will hold for us, as well as the Little East. Much like the other programs, we are a bit of an unknown in the conference and we're excited about the move. We're hoping we get the same kind of support that the other programs have gotten and deserved. I think the rivalries that have formed this year are here to stay," exclaimed Hearn.

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Junior first baseman Jared Seavey will be one of the key ingredients for a successful season.

The Equinox Sports

Owls' ride ends in ECAC final game

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

The Keene State College Cinderella run through the ECAC tournament ended Sunday, when Colby-Sawyer used a decisive 8-0 run in the second half to turn the Owls' carriage back into a pumpkin, but not before they had made lots of noise at the ball.

Colby-Sawyer senior Matt George led a second half charge that erased a Keene State halftime advantage.

The Chargers then held on for dear life to preserve the 102-95 championship final.

For Colby-Sawyer, it was guard play from the tandem of George and Nate Camp who befuddled the Owls all day, handling the Owls' constant pressure and putting several key Keene State performers in foul trouble.

It would be Camp who would stick the dagger in the Owls' hearts, as he connected from three-point range with 1:13 remaining to up the Charger lead to 96-90.

"We had them right where we wanted them," head coach Phil Rowe told the Keene Sentinel, "but (Camp) stepped up and took a shot ... and it went down. If that shot misses we got them. To his credit, that's a big-time play by a big-time player."

The game, played at Colby-Sawyer's tiny Coffin Fieldhouse, was played before a raucous crowd of 705 packed in enough to warrant any fire marshals' attention.

The game even got so intense that the Owls and Chargers mascots got into it at midcourt (I warned you people about this) and had to be led off by security.

In the end though, it was a more experienced backcourt



Equinox photo by Steph Mojewski
Kareem Porter will be one of many returning players for next season.

for Colby-Sawyer that led them to their first ECAC title, and sent the Owls home as the runner-ups.

The Owls' ECAC run had begun last Wednesday at Worcester State, where the Owls pushed the tempo all night to the tune of a 101-90 road win.

Rowe instructed his team to play the game just the way the run-and-gun Worcester State squad wanted to, his Owls just

did it better. "Everyone said to slow it down against Worcester, but you know what? This is how we play," added Rowe to the Sentinel.

Stacy Messiah's 16 points led seven Owls in double figures as Keene State advanced to a semi-final matchup with top seeded Amherst College.

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Equinox file photo
Liane Blad slides into second during last season's trip to Florida.

Veteran Pitching will power Owls this year

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Going into the 1998 season, the Keene State College softball team is having flashbacks of a year ago.

The Owls were a threat in Division II, and are supposed to do the same in their first year of Division III play.

With eight starters returning from last year, and the addition of a strong freshman recruiting class, the Owls plan on improving on their 17-21 campaign last year.

"This is all brand new for us," said Owls head coach Charlie Beach.

"Even though we haven't faced many of the teams on our schedule, they know about our previous success, and they'll come at us with both guns blazing," he said.

The strong point, again, will be the all important pitching staff.

Lindsey Blood, Kara Suhie, Lisa Rowe, and Carrah Fisk will once assume the responsibility.

Last season, Fisk had a rough season, but as Beach says, "Stats are funny to read. They don't show the difficulty of the opposing team."

Fisk faced some tough teams and at times the offense did not follow through when they had to.

Blood will try to improve on her 1.45 earned run average, and her six saves last season led the country for Division II softball.

A big accomplishment could

come this season for Blood, as she needs just 18 strikeouts to exceed her career mark.

Blood will assume the designated hitter spot when she's not on the mound, and Fisk will take care of third base.

Suhie will get the opposite side of the diamond at first.

Helping Suhie at first base will be Beth Ponte. At second will be Kelly Mason and Kristy Symonds switching off.

Backing up Fisk at third will be Erin Van Nostrand, whose spark and energy has always been a boost for the team.

Catching for the Owls will be the trio of Liane Blad, Tiffany Brunelle and Kelly Smith.

All these catchers help the Owls in their own ways.

Blad is a very smart catcher and knows the game.

Brunelle is always a base-stealing threat, and Smith has a complete game and is maturing very fast.

The outfield will be strong this season for the Owls.

Team captain Kristen Bailey, who led the team last year with a .438 batting average, will be in center field, along with Nicole Castor.

Either Castor or Kelly Smith will occupy right field.

Left field will be a worry spot, due to the lack of experience.

Both Melissa Provost and Jolene Wilson are rookies to the collegiate level, but adapting should not be a problem for them.

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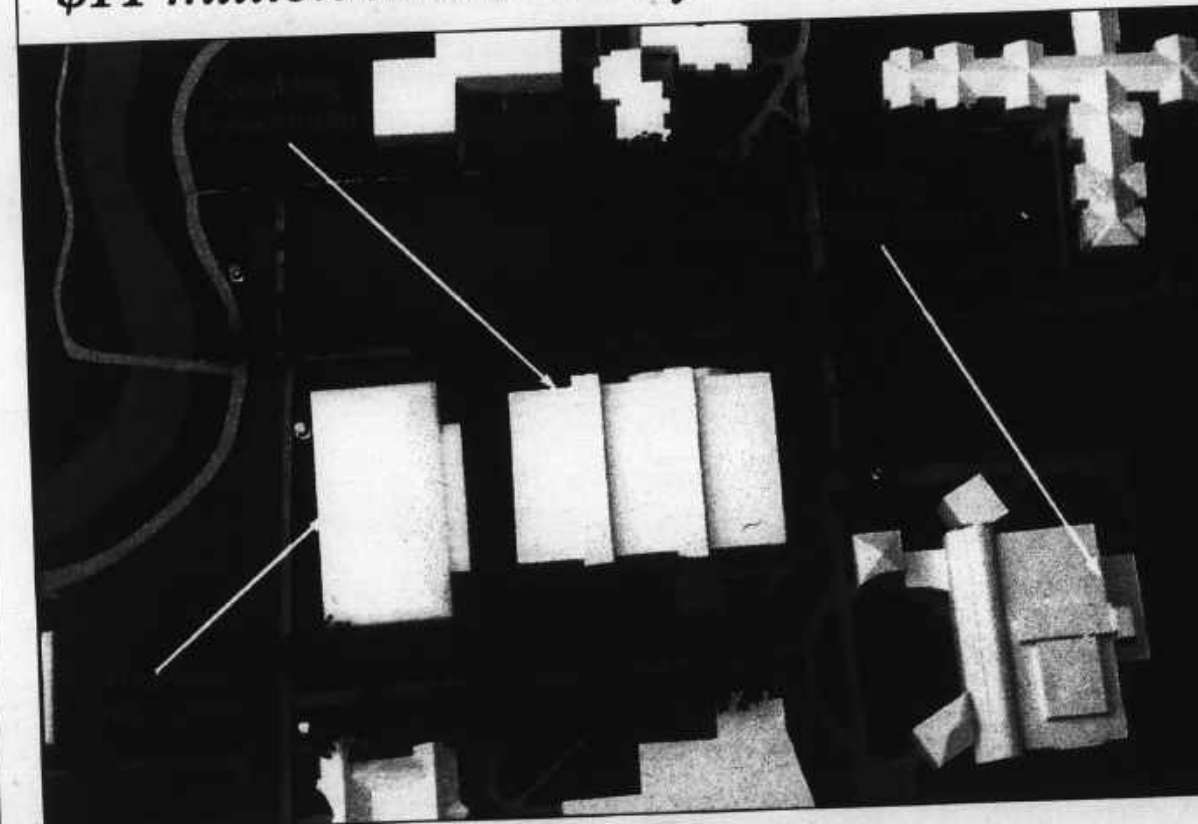
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Rec. center proposed

\$11 million addition may be in KSC's future



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