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Staff Commentary: Can we still cheer for our Celts?

JOHN TIERNEY
The Equinox

I love this game! The popular slogan of the 1980's and 1990's for the National Basketball Association when it was in its heyday.

When number 23 was astounding fans everynight with his high-flying act.

When the Celtics were dominating, winning championships 14, 15, and 16 for the greatest franchise in basketball history.

Now does anyone in Boston really love this game?

The Celtics were off on the right direction a few years back, when coach M.L. Carr better known for his towel waving in 1964, than his coaching tanked the season, giving the Celtics two lottery picks.

The Celts then hired Rick Pitino, who was thought to be the savior.

The Celts hoped for either of the top two picks, but ended up with three and six.

They wanted Tim Duncan or Keith Van Horn, but they ended up with Ron Mercer and Chauncey Billups.

Mercer was a great pick and he became an instant fan favorite, but Pitino traded him because he needed a rebounding power forward in Danny Fortson.

Well that didn't work out either, because Pitino is an idiot and traded him.

Trading Ron Mercer was probably the dumbest thing they could've done because they had a solid nucleus for the future, but it is no more.

Billups was also traded for Kenny Anderson, who has played well for the Celtics in his three seasons, filling the void of a veteran point guard.

The Celtics are an embarrassment and most experts choose them to finish 11th this year in the Eastern Conference.

They did nothing in the draft and added no big name free agents in the offseason.

It seems like the Celtics only hope of Celtic fans is to hope Larry Bird buys the team soon. That way he can take over the organization and have a fire sale, and try to start over.

The Celtics are the greatest basketball franchise ever, and one of the best sports franchises ever, but as of now, they're a disgrace to Larry Bird, Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, Kevin McHale and every other great Celtic that ever put on the green.

John Tierney is a sophomore majoring in journalism. His views don't represent the Equinox.

Owls dominate in 7-0 win

Peralta sparks KSC off of the bench to lead the Owls to a decisive victory against Eastern Connecticut

JOHN TIERNEY
The Equinox

Trick or treat! The Keene State College Owls definitely got a treat on Halloween even before they went trick-or-treating, when they blew out Eastern Connecticut University 7-0 in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference tournament Tuesday.

The Owls first got on the board after Peter Peralta came into the game and gave an immediate spark to the team late into the first half of play.

"We came out thinking it would be tougher than the last time we played them. I was getting anxious, and I wanted to make a difference. I knew I could do something," Peralta said.

"I wanted to prove I can play, I guess that's my job, to come off the bench and spark my team," he added.

Midfielder Mike Norton scored the first goal and the only goal the boys needed at 28:11, assisted by Peralta, and John Cortese, who also had a goal for Keene.

"John had an outstanding game for us," Coach Butcher said.

"At halftime I told my players



Equinox photo by Max Piergallini

Hopefully Lakota Denton and the rest of the boys can have a few more celebrations like this one in the postseason.

that we need to keep the ball on the ground. We played extremely well in the second half, and good overall," said Butcher.

"We really seem to have this teams number. A lot of other teams struggle against them. We've scored 15 goals against this team in the last two games," he added.

The Owls were playing very

undisciplined soccer for most of Keene State as well as Mike Arduini, who scored on a penalty kick, and Colm Kennedy scored on a breakaway in the final minutes of the game.

Butcher even got into a heated argument with Greg Lam after Lam said something to his coach about getting him the ball.

Robby Carson and Mike

Monteiro both scored goals for Keene State as well as Mike Arduini, who scored on a penalty kick, and Colm Kennedy scored on a breakaway in the final minutes of the game.

Keene State fired 18 shots on goal and had 9 saves to Eastern Conn's 9 shots and 7 saves for the game.

The Owls next game will be on

Friday at UMass-Dartmouth, the number two seed in the LEC Tournament.

"Patience! They (UMass-Dartmouth) are a really good defensive team. They have the leading goalie in the conference. They're tough at home," Butcher said on the Owls semifinal match up against UMass.

The Coach's Corner: Scott Price

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

While it may seem strange that some of his players have been around the game for as long as he has, it only takes a minute to realize that Scott Price is the real deal.

His practices seem laid-back, but competitive at the same time. This is more a reflection of Price himself.

Price, 34, is in his second year as the head coach of the Keene State College women's volleyball team and hopes to be around for a few more.

"I like to play hard opponents in a fast-paced game, he said. "It always brings your level of intensity up and you can concentrate more when you know that the opponents are going to be tough."

As for the competitive side of him, it doesn't make him a drill sergeant type of coach. In practice he will raise his voice, but when the players look at him



Photo courtesy of Scott Price

"As a team you have to have a good working relationship and the coach should set the example in such a way that the players can follow." Price likes to talk to his players and explain, "and certain gestures mean a whole lot more than yelling."

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"You know what you can pick up, but you don't want to make all the difference," he said. "It's all about whatever you need at that time. Maybe someday I'll have a team where I want to scream, but I don't want to scream players like this."

Price is a coach who knows his players and their needs. He is a coach who knows his players and their needs.

The player of the week: Peter Peralta

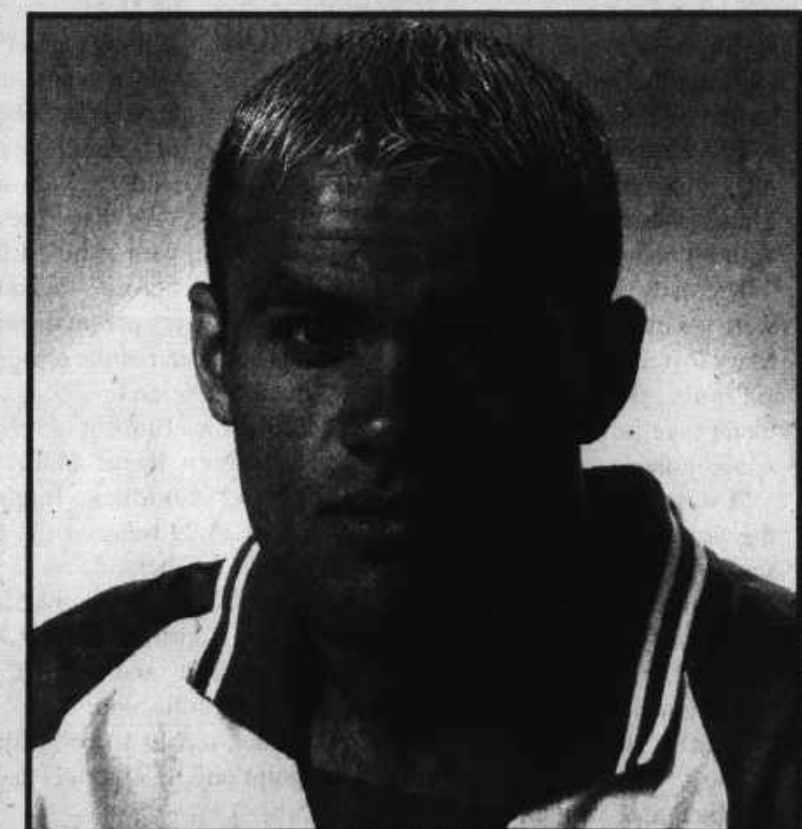
The Outstanding Owl this week is Peter Peralta of the Keene State College men's soccer team.

Not only was Peralta selected to the LEC honor roll for his performance last week, but he came off the bench to give a

crucial spark to a team that needed it Tuesday afternoon in the tournament.

Peralta is a freshman from Raymond, NH. He has seven goals and six assists this season.

CONGRATS PETER!!



Outstanding Owl Peter Peralta

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Leaky pipes lead to campus dig

JACQUELYN HACKETT
The Equinox

The cause for the digging on campus over the last few weeks has been underground pipes leaking and the repairs necessary to fix them, according to officials.

Bill Rymes, the head plumber on campus, said that the first problem was a pinhole leak in a condensation pipe behind the dining commons. During the week of Oct. 9, a lot of steam was noticed coming from manholes, said Rymes.

The hole was discovered that same week, but construction was delayed due to the fact that supplies needed to be ordered. According to Rymes, the same pipe burst about two years ago.

The physical plant, which is handling the situation, began digging along the length of the pipe to find the leak. Rymes also said that about 80 feet of pipe has had to be replaced since the last time that this particular pipe burst.

Frank Mazzola, the director of the physical plant, was unavailable for comment.

Rymes said that Keene is built on an old lakebed, and that "when you dig down, you eventually hit groundwater."

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Exposed pipes outside the Zorn Dining Commons

Bush wins? Maybe not. KSC not a Bush Supporter

Angela Watson
The Equinox

Although George W. Bush was the announced winner, a vote re-count places Al Gore closer than many thought.

In a random, unscientific poll Al Gore is favored with 25 votes out of 50 among Keene State College students who took a survey in the Student center on Tuesday.

George W. Bush came in second with five votes, then Ralph Nader came in third with three votes, and John McCain got one write-in vote. The rest of those surveyed either didn't vote or chose not to say whom they voted for.

Of the 50 students who were polled, nine were not registered, giving reasons such as lack of interest or not having the time.

"Everyone should vote, and if they don't, they don't have a right to complain about politics," said one student.

The other 41 students who were registered voters participated in the election.

When asked what students thought about the candidates' opinions differed among those polled.

"I think that they both have very good ideas, but I like Gore's education plan better."

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Helen "everybody's grandmother" is fired from Food Court

SARAH SHELTON
MAX PIERGALLINI

Helen Sherrick, a longtime employee of Keene State Food Services, was fired from her position as cashier in the food court last Thursday after giving away a cup of coffee to a new employee of the student center.

She said she

there is a double standard of how policies are followed on campus.

"This seems ridiculous, mainly due to the fact that on numerous occasions I

was asked by upper management [the food court and dining commons] to prepare meals for them to take home with them."

Faculty and staff that have spoken to the Equinox but wish to remain anonymous said they felt

a cup of coffee does not warrant firing someone, especially if they are going to retire in the next couple of months. As a result of this, they have decided to discontinue purchasing food at the food court.

Last semester, Sherrick underwent heart surgery. She wasn't sure if she would return to work, but after

receiving all of the cards and wishes of good will from the campus community, she decided to return.

To the students, faculty, and staff, she was like a

grandmother. "She remembered everybody. It must have been a big part of her life if she came back after her surgery," said sophomore John Bolster.

Phil Harty, one of Sodexo-Marriot's managers, claimed Sherrick's termination was a

decision controlled by company policy. "I really like her. She was a comforting person for all but I could not allow it to continue. Company policy tied my hands," he said.

When rumors of the probable boycott of the food court on Helen's behalf reached Harty, he said "I am concerned with it. I feel we are here to take care of the students, faculty, and staff, and we have done a good job thus far. A public response to this issue is forthcoming."

When asked about the example of a student being given a free cup of coffee after helping Sherrick fill the cream and sugar holders after a long day, Harty said, "this was an acceptable situation because her actions benefited the company."

Harty said there are currently no security cameras to help reduce theft or gifts. After having spoken with employees of the food court, management came to the conclusion that surveillance cameras would give a "prison-like atmosphere."

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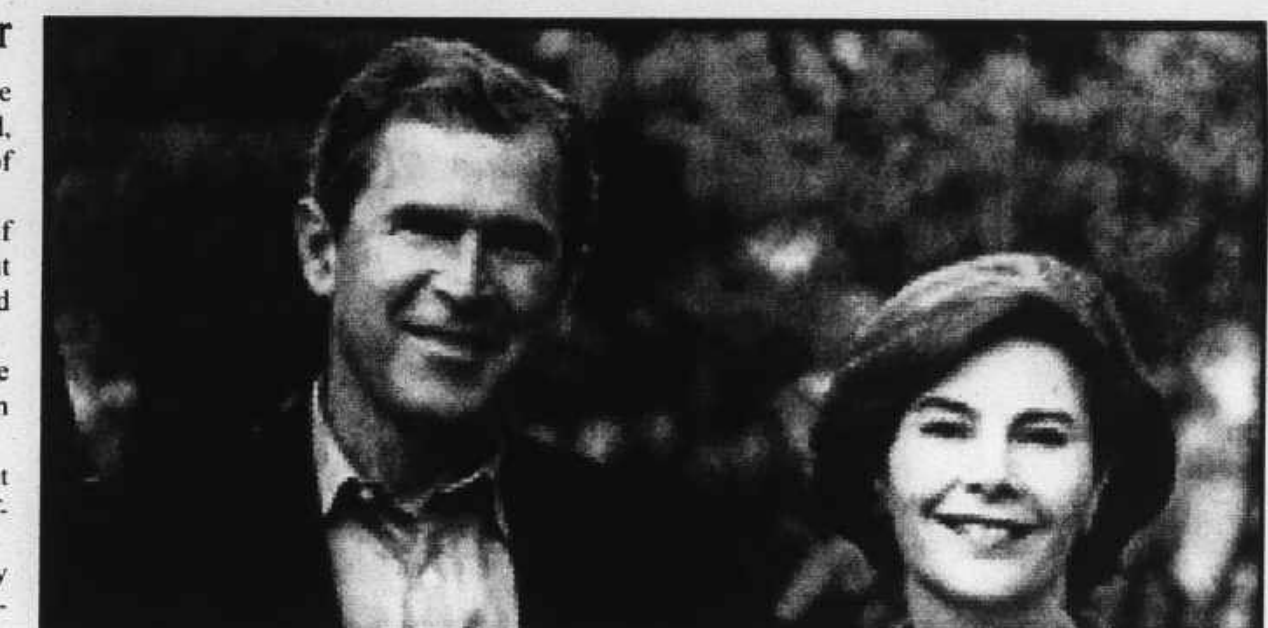
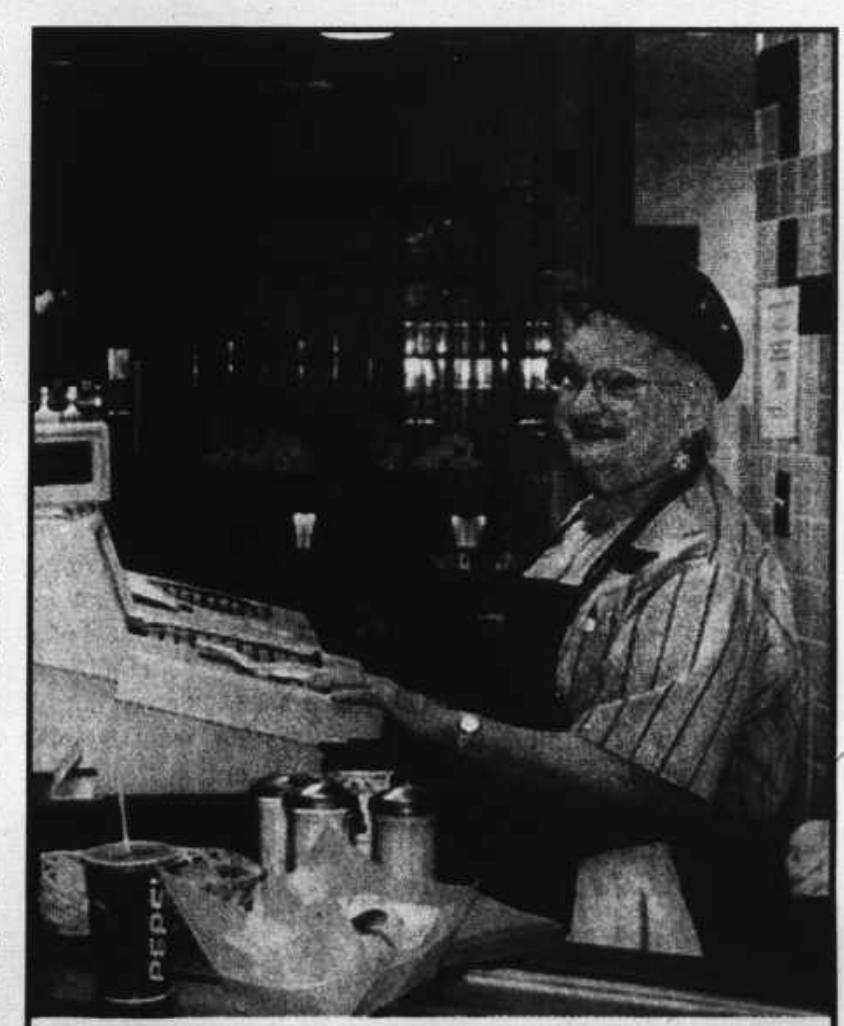


Photo from TVS Campus

The next president of the U.S.



Equinox photo

Helen flashes her warm smile to yet another Food Court customer

CAMPUS SAFETY LOG

October 31st - November 6th

Tues, October 31

6:00p.m. - A call was received reporting drug paraphernalia in Holloway Hall. The police department responded.

Fri, November 3

1:07p.m. - A report was received stating that an individual had fallen down in Parker Hall. An ambulance was called and the individual was transported to the Cheshire Medical Center.

Sat, November 4

6:45p.m. - An RA from Carle Hall reported that smoke was coming from a dumpster behind the building. Officers investigated and found a small fire that they extinguished.

10:50a.m. - A call was received reporting a leaky ceiling in a bathroom in Owl's Nest 5. A plumber responded to the report.

Sun, November 5

12:17a.m. - An RA from Monadnock Hall called to report a shattered toilet in the second floor bathroom.

12:35a.m. - An individual in the science faculty staff parking lot was placed into protective custody for illegal possession of alcohol.

1:00a.m. - Officers encountered a person in possession of a highway cone on Butler Court. The individual was told to replace the cone to its original spot.

1:57a.m. - A student reported that an individual in a maroon Saturn may have been intoxicated. The case was handed over to the Keene Police Department because the individual in question was not on campus.

3:00a.m. - A non-student was found asleep under the trestle near campus and was arrested for a bench warrant placed by the Keene Police Department.

4:17a.m. - A fire alarm was pulled in Monadnock Hall. The Keene Fire Department responded.

4:18a.m. - A call was received reporting that someone was knocking on doors and pulling things off the bulletin boards on the fourth floor of Randall Hall.

5:48p.m. - A student leaving the escort bus was hit by a car at the corner of Winchester St. and Butler Court. The student claimed he was okay and refused transport.

9:03p.m. - An RA from Owl's Nest 7 complained that a bicycle was locked to the lounge television.

10:30p.m. - A suspicious person was reported in the Rhodes Hall computer lab. An officer responded and discovered that the person was not currently enrolled at the college. He was asked to leave the building.

Mon, November 6

12:53a.m. - A smoke alarm was activated in Carle Hall by someone who was cooking something.

12:00p.m. - An officer spoke to an individual about putting handbills on vehicles. The individual was sent to the scheduling department to obtain permission.

3:02p.m. - A student in Owl's Nest 2 accidentally called 911 by hitting the speed dial on her phone.

4:30p.m. - The equipment room in the gym was flooded by a leaking shower stall.

9:16p.m. - A call was received from an anonymous source reporting that a student in Owl's Nest 3 had accidentally overdosed on ibuprofen. Officers investigated the call and found no student in need of help.

The weekly campus safety log is provided to the Equinox from the office of Campus Safety.

Professor lends a hand, gets stabbed by student

by Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

Claremont, CA -- A Pomona College philosophy professor was stabbed in the neck and chest by a student the professor had recently picked up from the police department.

Philosophy major Jared Essig, 22, stabbed Frederick Sontag, 76, just after 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, after Sontag had picked him up from the Claremont police station, where he had been held on the suspicion of shoplifting, vandalism and public drunkenness.

After Essig's initial arrest Sunday, Oct. 29, police held him for 24 hours and had him evaluated by mental health officials. Police believe Essig may have been under the influence of a hallucinogenic drug.

Essig was scheduled to be arraigned on charges of attempted murder Wednesday, Nov. 1, but was allowed to reschedule because of medical reasons, a Pomona Court spokeswoman said. The arrangement is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6.

Following the stabbing, Sontag was brought to

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, where he was resting comfortably Wednesday, Nov. 1, and was expected to be released in a couple days, said Mark Wood, director of public affairs for Pomona College.

The Pomona administration will not take any immediate disciplinary action against Essig, and the college has placed him on medical leave, Wood said.

Essig had been released to Sontag and Pomona Dean of Students Ann Quinley about 8:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 30, police said. Quinley had reservations about bringing Essig back on campus and Sontag offered to let him stay at his home until Essig's parents arrived the next day.

Sontag had served as a mentor to Essig at Pomona, a small liberal arts with an enrollment figure hovering around 1,500 with a 9-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio. It was not unusual for Sontag to come to the aid of a student in need, Wood said.

"Prof. Sontag is one of those professors who is known not for going the extra mile, but the extra thousand miles for a student," he said.

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As many students may have already heard...Helen, the always friendly, always smiling flex casier was recently fired. This is a short poem that was written to the Equinox by her daughter. We, at the Equinox, share her sentiments.

For the Price of a Cup of Coffee

For the price of a cup of coffee
\$1.25
your day would open be brightened,
she'd make you come alive.

She'd listen to your stories
whether happy times or sad
she always understood you know,
you'd seldom see her mad.

It wasn't always like this...

27 years ago, she made the commons come alive
she made their coffee flow.

She started out the secretary
who just seemed to know it all
from paychecks down to ketchup packs
she was the one to call.

I saw her sick
she had headaches everyday
but when it was time for coffee at Keene State
she'd be on her way.

And into work she'd travel, all those years gone past
spreading happiness to students
faculty and staff
to presidents of every kind to politicians and rif raf.

for the price of a cup of coffee,
helen would make you laugh.

She worked in every area
from bathrooms to front line
even when her heart gave out
she didn't even whine

She smiled and said, "I'll be back"
after all that she'd been through
she really wasn't better,
but she still came back to you.

For the price of a cup of coffee
she hung in there again, giving all of herself to you
what a shame she's gone...What a sin.

For the price of a cup of coffee
you dismissed her without a thought
look deep inside for now you'll see
what your \$1.25 has bought.

Attention Seniors!!

November
15th Senior Class Trip
Buses leave Spaulding at noon

December 7th
Senior Class Luau
Night Owl Cafe

January
26th - 101 Days till Graduation

April
20th - Red & White Night

May
4th College Camp BBQ
5th Lobster Bake
6th Graduation



Assembly winds down construction plans

SARAH SHELTON
The Equinox

As the year continues to wind down, the two proposed building projects, Pondsides 2, and the recreation center, were discussed Tuesday night at the Student Assembly meeting.

Anne Miller, Director of Residential Life, said there are priorities and guiding factors to building Pondsides 2.

"We want to diversify housing, so it will be appealing to upper-class students," she said, "that's a guiding factor."

One of the priorities is getting the greatest number of additional beds into the building. The design of Pondsides 2 offers 120 spaces over five buildings, with four people per unit. Another priority is to protect the wetlands around the proposed building site.

Parking is going to be maximized, with an additional 93 spaces added to the area. Questions were asked to Miller

about how the new building was going to affect costs.

Miller said the cost of living in Pondsides 2 will be comparable to living in off-campus housing and a little more expensive than living in Holloway Hall. However, a final construction cost has not yet been worked out.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed recreation center. John Ratliff, Athletics Director, spoke to the assembly with the floor plans of how the recreation center is going to look.

"We are planning on expanding current rooms in Spaulding Gym now, so there will be more space available to recreational sports."

Ratliff added that the recreation center is strictly going to be for recreational sports only, and not intercollegiate sport programs.

"The purpose of the rec. center is to have open space, non-program areas for the general student body. It would increase the recreational sport program, and the school would be able to offer more recreational sports," he said.

Also, Ratliff said Bodyworks would be expanded to a two-floor fitness center that will be enclosed in glass. The new recreation center would also double the size of the current aerobic room along with the size of the gymnastic room.

"Three fourths of the year, the gymnastics room can be used for programmable space," he said. "After spring break is the only time that all the gymnastics equipment will be in the room, and not be moved because of a class."

The next item on the agenda was to fill the spaces of two sophomore class representatives.

The assembly elected Katie Dowd and Matt Fenster.

The assembly approved a funding request from the Society of Physics Students for \$102.40 to attend a conference Nov. 10, in Connecticut. Also, a funding request for \$3000 to replace the two outdated computers in the student government offices was approved.



Barbara Hall, a face not known by many, but a voice known by all on campus.

Owner of KSC's most famous voice retires

SARAH SHELTON
The Equinox

Barbara Hall, 'the voice of Keene State College,' retired last Thursday in order to further her education.

Co-workers, faculty, and staff gathered in the Mountain View room on Thursday to say farewell to Hall after nearly 15 years of service to the college.

Members of the alumni association also attended to thank Hall for her service to the alumni association, as she is among them.

She has been the director of college relations since 1982. Most people on campus might not recognize her face, but most likely her voice. Hers is the voice on the broadcast message service voicemails that frequent the campus.

Hall is also editor-in-chief of the campus newsletter that circulates every week.

"I am basically the liaison between the school and the newspaper, radio, or television stations that call," she said.

Hall left the Keene State community to go back to school on November 3. She is going for her master's degree at the Graduate Center of Marlboro College in Internet strategy management.

Michelle Fuller, Hall's administrative assistant for the past two years said, "Michael Matros is going to replace her until the college can search for a permanent replacement."

Stanley Yarosewicz, president of Keene State, issued a proclamation making November 2,

2000 Barbara Hall Appreciation Day. He said her "ability to handle delicate situations and her strong commitment to students, faculty, and staff" made her an essential part of the KSC community.

Yarosewicz also said Hall's creativity, talent, and professionalism brings acclaim to the community.

When given a chance to speak, Hall said that the college has become her second home and she does love it.

She is an alumnus, having graduated in 1977 with her associate's degree.

Before returning to Keene State in 1982, she worked at the Keene Sentinel and then came back to her second home to give back to the community.



New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen, who visited Keene State on Monday, won the election Tuesday night for her third term.

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OPINION

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Food Court Firing Was in Bad Taste

Sodexo-Mariott employees have been known to give away food on occasion. Many of us have watched people walk out with entire meals, sometimes because they were given to customers, and other times because customers waited fifteen minutes to pay for food, finally gave up all hope of being waited on, and walked out with their meals.

Some of us have watched sandwiches, bottled drinks, and other food items walk out of the food court in mass quantities without repercussions.

Perhaps management got tired of taking this loss. They certainly seem to have been looking for someone to make an example of.

Such is the trend in management of businesses today. If there is a problem with money, materials, or merchandise evaporating, look for a scapegoat and hit them hard. Make an example of them. Don't even listen to their excuses, no extenuating circumstances will be taken into account.

So, when a woman who serves as a role model to the entire campus gives away a cup of coffee, you make an example of her. Never mind that the coffee probably cost less than \$.30 to produce, or that if it isn't consumed, will simply be thrown away? Who cares that she is an asset to the business, with her smiling face and wonderful personality? It doesn't show on the profit line that she has worked faithfully for the company for about 25 years. It's time to make a point here, right?

And so now, apparently, food court employees will be quaking in their boots for fear of losing their slightly-above-minimum-wage jobs. They will, apparently, never become the delinquent employee that coffee extortionist Helen was. After all, where else can you go work like a slave, be treated with no respect by customers and have a relationship with your employees that is totally void of all human consideration?

So what if Keene is currently, and has been for a long time, in a labor shortage? So what if there are plenty of other places that Keene employees can go to be treated just as poorly? Why be concerned about keeping our quality employees?

Here's why: we love Helen. Helen has been a friend to many of us. Only Derick memorized more of our names, she cared about what we were going through in our lives, and always had a smiling face when we went into the food court.

The fact that management sent Helen out of the food court in tears by firing her, proves that management has all of the people-skills of Mussolini.

Perhaps they should have been watching Helen, not for transgressions or thievery, but to take notes and learn about what makes an employee valuable.

Helen should be hired back without without repercussions immediately. Many of us will no longer frequent the Food Court unless she is welcomed back.

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STAFF COMMENTARY

21st Birthday; What's the Big Deal?

My birthday's this weekend. Yes, that one. The one practically every college student waits for. Although I'm not really sure why it's such a big deal.

I mean, I think I heard it was like 80 percent of you who drink. As far as I know, there are plenty of people at the college who are not yet 21, and that would not be less than 20 percent of the students. So who cares about being of legal drinking age if most of you have been drinking since high school?

I'm not going to tell you that drinking alcohol is a bad thing. If you already know, that's great. If you don't do it excessively, no big deal. I just prefer to leave the stuff alone. However, I will not lie to you and say that I will not experiment Saturday, or that I will never take a sip of alcohol. I just don't understand the hype about doing something so excessively that it leaves you in pain the next day, perhaps for the entire week.

I don't want to sound like your father. I just want to be an example that you can have fun or relieve stress without turning into Barney from the Simpsons. Sure, I don't have much of a social life, but that's not because I don't drink. I'm not good at meeting people, but that's for another discussion at another time.

I have some friends, and some of them do drink. I've never told them I would call the police on them, although I have heard stories of something similar to that happening. I've been around people drinking while under-aged, and all I did was practically the same thing they did, except without being under the influence.

While it may be fun the first few times getting loaded and not getting caught by parents or other adult figures, after a while, what if that edge is gone? It is too late to stop then? Are you addicted to doing the same thing every Thursday?

Course Selection: a Stressful Topic for Many

Course registration is something that has been on everyone's minds for approximately the last month. Every student picked out their ideal course schedule consisting of no morning or Friday classes, then they stand in line in Rhodes Hall only to have their dreams of sleeping late and three day weekends shattered by having all of the classes they wanted filled, sometimes only minutes prior to their visit. In the background of this chaos, computers are crashing periodically, the already ridiculously long lines lengthen, and people began having emotional breakdowns.

Determined to find out a method to this madness, I called the Elliot Center on a number of occasions, but the Registrar was unavailable for comments. I interviewed some people in my dorm and the main question on the student's minds is "Why are we not pre-registered for classes within our major?" I think this is a valid question especially if you are someone who is not 100% sure of what they want to do, but have a idea and want to find out more about the field that they are thinking of getting into. Another question that seemed to come up among students is "Why do transfer students have to register for classes?" the answer to this ques-

tion is also of interest to me because classes become filled up by people that aren't even going to be there when the next semester comes around, and if transfer students do have to register for some reason having to do with transferring, why not make them the last people to sign up for classes?

I do realize that this process was attempted to be done in an organized fashion, but I think it could have been more efficient if everyone had an exact scheduled date and time to eliminate the long lines that caused some students to miss classes. This suggestion could even cut down on the computers crashing because so many people wouldn't be frantically trying to do too many things at once.

Also, another suggestion that may make the process of course registration more efficient could be adding a feature that would make it possible for students to register for their classes online, instead of just being able to access which classes are open or closed. In terms of class order, since Freshmen and Sophomores can only take 100-200 level courses, it would make sense for them to have their course registration first, because one thing I noticed when I registered, was that there was a lot of 300-400 level courses open that sounded interesting, but I could not take them due to the fact that they all require prerequisites that were all full.

In conclusion, I think that course selection can be much more well-organized if even some minor changes are made to the operation. Things would run a lot more smoothly and students would look forward to course registration rather than dread it.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson, founding father of our nation

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Living Spaces and the Opposite Sex

Over the past summer I did something that I have never done before; something that most of us wildo at some point in our lives; I got an apartment with my girlfriend.

I met Stacy while being trained in the Army. We were in the same platoon in Texas and ended up becoming very close. With only a few days left before I flew back here to New Hampshire and Stacy to Ohio, I asked her to move in with me. At the time it seemed like a simple enough request, though I had no idea what it meant to live with a member of the opposite sex.

I took a 25-hour bus ride down to Xenia Ohio to meet the parents of the girl who would move in with me. We rented a Ryder moving van and packed it as full as I would imagine

that it could be. The ensuing 13 hours back to NH were boring and long, though I was full of an excitement and nervousness that I had never felt before.

When we arrived in Keene, I unpacked all of Stacy's things, which took much longer than I had expected. The apartment that we were going to share was located on the second floor, which is definitely a pain when you are trying to move a couch or a dresser. In addition, she had with her things that were foreign to my all male living spaces. Things like curtains and chairs that you don't sit on that made me consider what really was important to me. When she would express that she did not like my Gorgons Vodka box that was up on the wall or the poster of Frank Zappa that my father had given me when I started to play guitar I really had several questions. I was not trying to be selfish. I have lived with several roommates before, but when you live with others of the same sex then they all pretty much like the same

things. I had never had an argument with a man about whether or not to put up a decorative picture of fruit. When guys argue about where to put things, we usually resort to name calling of some sort until a compromise can be reached. My problems with the woman that I was now going to share a living space with could not be solved by telling her that she was a moron for wanting to put a table in the bathroom or saying that it looked stupid to have a shower curtain with flowers on it. This was going to take some diplomacy.

Finally, with some sacrifices made on both sides, the apartment assumed its final shape. I was happy enough with it even though I was not totally satisfied with it. I headed off to work not realizing what was going on in my absence. Coming home I walked into an apartment that was totally rearranged from when I had left. Everything was moved, even the stove and refrigerator. It did not occur to me that this was going to be something that I would deal with on a

weekly basis. I could never get accustomed to my house because as soon as I did, it was different.

Another problem faced was getting the bills paid. It is one thing to ask your friend for the 300 dollars to pay the rent but then try asking your girlfriend when she doesn't have it. Immediately it becomes your responsibility to take care of it if you want to stay a good boyfriend. Make sure that if you live with your girlfriend that all financial discussions take place before you move anything.

Overall it was a good initial experience for me. I am not sure if I would recommend it to anyone while still in college though I am not against it either. Just make sure that you talk to people who have done it before and remember what it was like to live with your mother. I hope that Stacy doesn't read this.

Boycott Food Court

Every so often an event occurs in this world that deserves an outcry from the community at large. One such event occurred on Thursday, November 2nd, 2000. At about 2:30pm, a woman by the name of Helen was fired for giving a cup of coffee to one of the maintenance men (some say it was a bookstore employee - either way the same result occurred) that provides service to our campus. For those of you who are not familiar with Helen, she is the older woman with white hair who sits at the cash register in the food court/lex area. She is known to many as "Grandma." Many of the students, staff and faculty have stories to tell about the kindness she has displayed over the years. With her kind words and smiling face, she could turn a bad day into a good one. I ask that everyone on this campus stands up to this injustice by sending a message to Sodexo-Mariott, (the company that provides our food

for both the dining commons and the food court.) Let them know that we as a campus community will not tolerate such acts of injustice. There are a few courses of action we can take. 1) Boycott the food court until she is re-hired. 2) Write a letter to the Equinox expressing your desire to have Helen back. 3) Write a letter to Phil, the General Manager, stating our displeasure for the situation. 4) Start a petition and get signatures for the reinstatement of Helen's job. All I ask is that you keep things peaceful, as violence will not solve anything. My colleagues and I will try to keep everyone informed of the progress in our fight against injustice. Please keep your eyes peeled for announcements about possible meetings, rallies, petitions and so forth. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Ken Peiffer
student
Keene State College

Senior Bus Shortage?

I am writing in response to the article, "Lack of buses keeping seniors away from trip?" that appeared in the November 2nd issue of the Equinox. I would like to offer some corrections as well as explanations about the information in the article. First of all, I'm very disappointed with the fact that the Senior Class is portrayed as "...keeping seniors away from [the] trip." We have a limited budget which we are trying to make last the entire year, as any campus organization can empathize with. The full price for one person to go on this trip is approximately \$75, yet we charged only \$25 for seniors. We never considered taking three buses. I do not know how this rumor was started, as the phone interview I was given was the first I had heard of it. Our main reason for going on this trip, as stated in the article, was simply that there were not enough tickets available for the performance we chose to attend. As for the statement that the fall trip was originally going to be an overnight to Montreal, I do not know where Andrew Sylvia got his information, but we were never planning on going to Montreal. Our class has been there twice and we decided to do something different. It was inferred that I said Montreal would "cost too much and be too much hassle." In reality, I stated that any overnight trip for a senior in college is too expensive, so we chose to do a late-night trip instead. I'm still not sure exactly why this article

was written. Unless Sylvia has a personal problem with the Senior class or was not able to go on the trip, it does not make sense for our efforts to be attacked. The Senior Class is working very hard to ensure that we have an awesome year. If you are wondering exactly where the money we are "saving" on the Senior trip is going, here is what we have accomplished thus far. We had the Road to Graduation in September, as well as an all-class meeting in October. This month is the Boston trip to see Blue Man Group, and the Senior Luau is coming up on December 7. Already planned for January 26 is the 101 Days celebration, followed by Red and White Night on April 20, the Senior Barbecue on May 4 and the Lobster Bake on May 5. For only two months into our senior year, I am proud of our accomplishments. We are very sorry that some seniors can go on this trip. However, limited space required us to sell tickets on a first-come, first serve basis. If anyone has any comments, concerns, or questions about the trip to Boston or any other upcoming Senior Class events, please feel free to email us at the following address: SeniorClass@keene.edu. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. We want this year to be successful, and would welcome any ideas.

Christine Leland
Senior Class Vice President
Keene State College

LETTERS AND E-MAILS

Congrats to Kronicle

Every once-in-a-while someone does something very special and it goes unrecognized. I want to make an exception for the College. Complementing the photos are well-written captions and the identification of the people in the photos. Believe me 25 years from now you will not be able to remember the names of all those people without this record. The Kronicle also includes great feature articles and short pieces written about campus events, athletic teams, and special people. The entire package is held together by a well thought out graphic design layout that supports the information without overshadowing it.

All of this adds up to a great job. The 2000 Kronicle staff set a standard that will be tough to beat. Future yearbooks' staffs should be thrilled just to come close. Congratulations to the entire 2000 Kronicle staff: Brian Parda, Jennifer Downs-Pagunt, Matthew Tague, Amy Palmer, Amy Robertson, Dawn Thomas, Missy Hawkins, Nicole Powell, Lauren Gray, Jenn Shurkus, Amella Benitley and Keith Fortier.

Mike Maher
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations
Keene State College

Campaign Ethic Missing

Thanks and Forgiveness. I would like to first off thank the George W. Bush Campaign workers of New Hampshire for running a fair and positive fight for the presidency this election year. Secondly I would like to unveil my forgiveness toward the campaign workers of Al Gore for President.

This past Thursday evening into early Friday morning Gore campaigners tore down signs that I had purchased for the, now missing, Ralph Nader signs. These signs were torn down in the Keene-Jaffrey area. Signs were also placed in trees (with nails), stapled to telephone poles and attached to abandoned buildings. Is this the work of an environmentally friendly campaign with a leader worthy of the Oval Office? The campaign of Al Gore has turned so sour with un-sportsmanlike conduct it makes me fret the attitude he will take with foreign leaders and diplomats. Will Al Gore stick his tongue out and tease them with childish antics? Either way I sincerely forgive those of you vandalistic campaigners for Al Gore. I pray you and Al Gore change your tactics.

Charles Linsjette Jr.
Keene State College student

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"Used my stuff without asking."



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Senior - Psychology

"Peed on the bathroom floor and then slept in it."



Jason Robert
Sophomore - Elementary Ed

"Put on a porn while my girlfriend was over."



Kelley Reynolds
Senior - Elementary Ed

"Woke me up at 7 am to ask for a lint brush."



Liz Nelson
Sophomore - Dance Ed

"Woke up to my roommate moaning her boyfriend's name."



Dennis Jakabowski
Senior - Safety / Chemistry

"Locked me in the kitchen while he was getting it on."

Miami judge refuses to throw out \$145 billion judgment against tobacco firms

by Jay Weaver
Knight-Ridder Tribune

One after another, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Robert Kaye swiftly rejected 46 pleas by Big Tobacco to throw out a \$145 billion judgment for Florida's sick smokers -- formally ending the landmark class-action case in the trial court.

Kaye officially entered the record civil judgment Monday against Philip Morris and the other four tobacco defendants, which tried unsuccessfully to have the Miami jury's July 14 verdict reviewed in federal court. That court sent the case back to Kaye over the weekend.

Philip Morris, which controls half of the nation's cigarette market, said it planned to file a notice of appeal today in response to Kaye's scathing order.

"At first blush, a \$145 billion punitive damage award seems so far outside the comprehension of any reasonably thinking person that one would immediately say it is shocking and not in keeping with rational thought," Kaye said in his 68-page order, issued without a hearing on the industry's motions. "However, keep in mind the enormity of the 70 years of industry behavior and the almost incomprehensible damage that was done to such a huge number of people."

"If one really examined the entire record in detail of the decades of abuses committed by the defendants upon an ill-informed and unsuspecting public, one could say it was that concerted behavior on the part of the defendants, over so many years, affecting so many people, that

"shocks the conscience of the court," not the award itself," Kaye concluded.

Philip Morris, which spoke on behalf of all the tobacco defendants during the post-verdict challenge, called Kaye's decision "preposterous."

William Ohlemeyer, the company's general counsel, said the five major cigarette makers have succeeded in getting state and federal judges to throw out 30 class-action cases before they have gone to trial. The Miami case has been the only exception.

He stressed that Kaye should have never allowed the 700,000-member Florida class case to go forward before each plaintiff established that the industry was liable for illness from smoking. Only three members of the Florida class had to establish

such negligence before the Miami jury reached its verdict on punitive damages against the industry.

"We will attack the trial plan," Ohlemeyer said.

He said the industry was not shocked by Kaye's decision to enter the jury's verdict into the court record without reducing it, noting that the judge is a former smoker who seemed sympathetic to the plaintiffs' case from the outset of the two-year trial in circuit court. They also said the judge seemed to be in a rush to enter the judgment because he retires at the end of the year.

"Clearly, Florida law requires a judge in a case like this to reduce the verdict to an amount that would not bankrupt or economically cripple the tobacco industry," Ohlemeyer said. "The evi-

dence was clear that the industry could not pay these damages immediately."

Kaye, in a brief interview with The Herald, said: "It was time for closure."

Ohlemeyer said Philip Morris and the other tobacco defendants, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, Lorillard and the Liggett Group, will file their notice of appeals today with the state Third District Court of Appeal.

They must post the required bond of \$100 million during this next phase.

If the Miami jury's judgment stands throughout the appeals process, which is expected to go all the way to the Florida Supreme Court, the industry would have to pay interest amounting to an estimated \$39

million per day -- as of Monday. The smokers' Miami attorney, Stanley Rosenblatt, and the lead plaintiff for the Florida class rejoiced over Kaye's order.

"It feels great that this is finally over," Rosenblatt said. "The only thing they can do now is appeal."

Mary Farman, 45, who underwent three lung and brain cancer operations after decades of smoking, said she was "totally overwhelmed."

"I just hope the higher-ups on appeal see the judge and jury's foresight on this issue," she said.

"I hope they see the important verdict the jury reached and let it stand."

Student Funding Caught Up In Congressional Deadlock

by Caryn Rousseau
TMS Campus Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON Just days before the presidential election, Washington politics is hitting college campuses where it hurts the pocket book.

Education spending has created a deadlock in budget negotiations leaving both parties packing home for the election without an agreed upon Labor, Health and Human Services spending bill, which funds higher education.

Funding will be frozen at 2000 levels until both parties come to an agreement. Earlier this week Republicans killed sections of the bill's conference report, or House and Senate compromise, because of non-higher education issues including school construction funding.

That move threatens the solvency of the entire bill, which included a \$500 increase in Pell

Grant funding. Current Pell Grants are issued up to \$3,300 with total spending at \$7.6 million, according to a U.S. Department of Education report issued this week.

The House and Senate agreement would up the maximum grant to \$3,800 and raise total funding to \$9 million.

"It's to the students' advantage to get this done now," said Corye Barbour, legislative director of the United States Students

Association. "They are talking about a lame duck session after the election and that would be bad for education funding."

Barbour believes that leaving education funding in the hands of a lame duck congress, which will occur when the Senate meets

November 14, will hurt student interests.

"People who have influence and power in Congress in ways other than votes can wait," she said. "That only student pull is to withhold votes."

After the election student interests won't be as influential for congressmen, Barbour said.

Other threatened higher education spending initiatives include GEAR UP funding, which will be frozen at \$200,000 when it was agreed upon at

\$325,000. GEAR UP programming provides financial assistance and mentoring opportunities for low-income middle and high school students to help them get to college.

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Aguilar speaking to anyone who will listen

Aguilar speaks of human rights atrocities

Andrew Sylvia
The Equinox

Miguel Hernandez Aguilar said the violence going on in Chiapas, Mexico, is not just a Mexican tragedy, but also one for all humankind.

Aguilar, a renowned Mexican peace ambassador, spoke to a crowd assembled at the Newman Center in Keene on Thursday night to help spread the word about Human Rights transgressions in his homeland.

Chiapas, a state in southern Mexico that is the home to 3.6 million people as recently as 1997, is also a major center to descendants of the Mayan Civilization. Aguilar is a farmer in Ocoincin, Chiapas with no formal schooling of his own.

He said that he learned Spanish as a second language at 20 from a local church that he would later become a representative of.

Eventually, Aguilar was chosen to tell people around the world of the harsh life that he and his people have had to lead.

Many local Native Americans have tried to fight back against foreign corporations and an apathetic and oppressive government that they see as thieves. The largest of the guerrilla groups in Chiapas is the Zapatista National Liberation Army, said Aguilar.

Conflicts between Federal Forces and the local revolutionaries has caused a near civil war in the country side, best known for the 1994 massacre in Aetel where 45 unarmed civilians were slaughtered by Government Troops, according to Aguilar.

With the end of 71 years of Institutional Revolutionary Party rule in Mexico last year, there is a small ray of hope for poor farmers oppressed by Government Policies.

However, the recently elected president of Mexico, Vincente Fox, has said that he "Could end the Chiapas situation in 15 minutes" through an all out military assault on the region.

Aguilar, and the church group he represents, El Pueblo Corriente, or "The Current People [of the Mayan Nation]" condemns all the violence shown by the Federal Government and the Revolutionaries as well.

Since 1519, when Spanish Conquistadors took away his ancestor's homelands, life for the Mayan People has been one of degradation and hardship.

Indigenous peoples of what is now Mexico were for the most part slaves of a vast colonial plantation system until around 1960.

At about that time, his tribe, the Pueblo CaOadas, or people of the

canyon, began to migrate into unclaimed jungles along with other Mayan of Chiapas to begin new farms and attempt to reclaim their lost culture, according to Aguilar.

Aguilar said he hopes to pass to his children not only a better quality of life, but also the age-old traditions of a heritage in a culture that has withstood assimilation, dissolution and persecution for nearly 500 years.

Despite vast improvements over the last 40 years, the Pueblo CaOadas still have a very poor standard of living.

"There is no electricity, roads, schools, hospitals or even drinkable water," Aguilar said.

"We [as a people] need a lot of things."

Farming has also been hard since the NAFTA accords have set artificially low prices on agricultural items in Mexico, making what his people grow worth less and making them harder to sell against larger multinational agricultural corporations, he said.

Aguilar said that Americans could help stop the violent situation by staying informed of events in Chiapas, and helping spread peace in any way possible. He told the audience that they are all his "brothers and sisters."

Crandall, a junior, said, "none of them actually deserve to be elected."

Some found the election to be frustrating in many ways.

"It was too much of a hassle. The people at the poll didn't know anything. They said the school was supposed to send us stuff, which they didn't," said Daisy Ray, a junior.

Matthew Paul, a first year student, said, "I was truly disappointed with the selection of candidates this year. I didn't want to choose the lesser of the two evils, so I wrote in who I wanted."

Some students didn't think there were candidates good enough to vote for. Dennis

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said Kimberly Brown, a sophomore.

"I am glad that America finally has interest in a third party candidate, but I think votes for Gore were taken away due to Ralph Nader. We all know that it will come down to Bush or Gore, so I voted for Gore in order to make a difference and not just a point," said Johanna Lindberg, a senior.

"Eight years of Gore hasn't been that bad so far," said senior

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When asked about other employees doing the same as Sherrick, Hardy said he was looking into the accusations and stated, "this has brought up more malicious acts of theft that are now being investigated."

Sherrick gave a few suggestions as to what she would like to see change within the company. "I would like to see adequate staffing in the food court, especially on the weekends. I would also like to see campus-wide support for those who work in the food court, to make it more evenhanded for them now and in the future," she said.

A food court employee who wished to remain anonymous

brought up the question of unionizing all of the food service staff on campus.

Over the past 27 years beginning in 1973, Helen said she has held numerous positions at Keene State. She began her career as a cashier in the dining commons, and then worked in the food preparation department. For 1 and a half years, she was an office manager in charge of general office duties and catering.

Helen was then asked to become a cashier over in the food court after the new student center opened in the spring of 1995.

"I was very flexible with all the moving around because I enjoyed the people I worked with and the students," Sherrick said.

"I have no clue what is going on there. I think that it has

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PIPES Cont. from pg. 1

Occasionally, the water gets to the pipes, which causes them to rust and eventually the water rusts through the pipes, he said. The problem with the pipes, however, is not limited solely to those around the Dining Commons.

Digging has been occurring around the Gym as well, and according to Rymes, the same problem developed there.

This is a problem that has not gone unnoticed by students, although some seem uninformed.

"I have no clue what is going on there. I think that it has

something to do with the sewer, but I really have no clue," said Amy Alli, a first-year student.


Other students feel that it causes the campus to look unattractive, "especially for people who don't go here, the public, like seniors in high school who are coming to view the campus. They don't want to see that," said Cara Cass, another freshman.

According to Rymes, insulation is put around these pipes, but "If the insulation breeches, water can go through the wood and up from the pipes."

"Sometimes, there's just not enough insulation," said Rymes. However, "most of the

problem with the pipes is age." Rymes also said that the grounds crew will re-pour the sidewalk by the Gym, "as soon as possible, because this is a heavily traveled section of campus."

Some students chose to take the situation a little less seriously, like sophomore Kerry Marsh, who joked, "I think it's a big conspiracy. Maybe they're exhuming the bodies of past DC workers."



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What To Do This Week

Friday 10

Veteran's Day Campus Holiday
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Society of Physics Students trip to Central Connecticut State University AM Physical Society Meet. For more information call extension 2588.

7:00pm, 9:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

Beat Night, an evening of beat poetry and jazz features five New England poets reading live to the music of the Larry Simon Trio. There is a reception at 5:30pm the event starts at 6:00pm. At the Currier Gallery of Art, 201 Myrtle Way, Manchester, NH. For more information go to www.currier.org

The Paramounts, 9:30pm at the Rynborn, cross-roads of Routes 31 and 202 in Antrim. \$6 for admission. For more information call 588-6162 or go to www.wryrn-born.com

Saturday 11

Film Festival in the Putnam from 11:00am-4:00pm. Free Admission.

2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

Harvest Ball from 8:00pm to Midnight in the Mable Brown Room. Admission is \$2.

A Celebration of Art, a gala performance featuring a collaboration between the City Center Ballet, visual artist Colleen Randall, and the AVA Gallery, starts at 7:30pm, Lebanon Opera House. General Admission is \$15.50. For more information call 448-0400

Thursday 9

Film at the Putnam "Saving Grace", 7:00pm

Margarita Shevchenko, piano, 8:00pm at the Silver Arts Center, Plymouth State College. General Admission \$12; Seniors \$11. For more information call 7:30 pm Film in the Night Owl Cafe "The Promise" 535-ARTS or 800-779-3867.

Deep Banana Blackout, plus Peter Prince, 8:30pm The Pearl Street Nightclub, Ballrooms, Northampton, Mass. \$14. For more information call 800-THE-TICK or go to www.tbhg.com

7:30 pm Film in the Night Owl Cafe "The Promise"

Jay Craven filmmaker, to introduce and screen his film "A Stranger in the Kingdom" followed by a question-and-answer session. 7:00pm Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center, Colby Sawyer College, 100 Main Street, New London. 536-3000.

Sunday 12

2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

7:00pm & 9:15 pm Film in the Night Owl Cafe, "Dead Poet's Society"

Memoirs of Pop Art, with Patty Mucha who will share her memories of Pop Art in New York City, circa 1960, at 2:00pm in the Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro, Vt. For more information call 802-257-0124.

Chamberworks, percussionist, Nathan Davis of Dartmouth and cellist, Ha-Yang Kim, perform works by Jacob Druckman, James Wood, Christian Wolff and Lee Hyla, at 4:00pm in the Rollins Chapel, Dartmouth College, Hanover. For more information call 646-2422.

Monday 13

National Hunger Homelessness Awareness Week

7:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

Information Session on MBNA, 6:00pm in the Madison Street Lounge

7:00pm & 9:15 pm Film in the Night Owl Cafe, "Dead Poet's Society"

Natalie MacMaster, 8:00pm at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH. Reserved Seating \$25, seniors \$20. For more information call 641-7000 or go to www.macmastermusic.com



Tuesday 14

National Hunger Homelessness Awareness Week Luncheon "Faces of the Homeless Panel" in the Mountain View Room, 12:30pm

7:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

Movie Night "The Perfect Storm", in the Night Owl Cafe. 9:30pm. \$1 with valid KSC ID.

Award-Winning Poet Jorie Graham, to read from her own collections, followed by book-selling and signing, 7:30pm at the Wright Hall Auditorium, at Smith College, in Northampton, Mass. For more information call 413-585-2190 or go to www.smith.edu/newoffice.

Sydney Dance Company, from Australia, featuring choreographic invention and vivid theatricality, presenting "Air and Other Invisible Forces", 7:30pm in the Concert Hall, Fine Arts Center, UMass, Amherst. Tickets, \$10-\$35. For more information call 1-800-999-UMASS or go to www.sdneydance.com.au

Wednesday 15

Campus Blood Drive, from 11:00am-5:00pm in the Mable Brown Room.

7:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

Concert KSC Chamber Ensemble in the Redfern Arts Center at 7:00pm

"The Bacchae" in the Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center 8:00pm

Open Mic Night, in the Night Owl Cafe at 8:00pm



"The Bacchae" in the Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center 8:00pm

"A Rose By Any Other Name" 9:30pm Program in the Mable Brown Room.

Ice Capades, with special guest Tonya Harding and featuring a cast of 90, aerial skaters, 3-D and more. 7:30 pm in the Springfield, Mass. \$15.50-\$35 For more info. call 800-639-8602.

Thursday 16

NSO Thanksgiving Dinner \$4 without can of food \$2 with a can of food, in the Newman Center at 5:30pm

Oxfam Hunger Banquet, in the Mountain View Room at 6:00pm, Free Admission.

7:00pm Film at the Putnam "Tao of Steve"

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Theater Review

All female Tango Mujer

BY DIANE CYR
The Equinox

"Why is it assumed, when girls get together, that it's either a femme-Nazi group or a lesbian thing?" Tango Mujer, an all women tango group, performed at the Redfern Arts Center so that they could share their interpretation of Argentine tango, not to make a statement about women.

Tango Mujer (pronounced: moo-hair) "does not choose to dance with each other in order to exclude men." The decision to have an all woman group was "both conscious and unconscious."

The five women in the group began to dance together socially because there are "a lot more women dancers who are really good."

Throughout their years of dancing, they have had to deal with many prejudices in clubs around the world. Even though "Tango was invented by men dancing with each other to practice for going out and dancing with women," it is not socially acceptable to do so in public.

In Argentina, women are not allowed to dance with other women. In major cities around the world, such as New York, where it is allowed, "you still feel pressure" from people around you. The tango is a provocative dance and although it is "usually acceptable to see

women dancing together on stage, seeing it in the clubs brings it much too close to home."

These five women started with Modern and Classical training so why did they choose tango? Fabienne Bongard, from Switzerland, said, "tango offers so much more than other ballroom dances." She had been studying

dance for many years but believes that "not until she discovered tango did she realize how rich dance could be."

Rebecca Shulman, the American dancer, appreciates how tango "allows for different interpretation of the music." One woman in the audience was so "impressed by Tango Mujer's interpretations of the characters" that she sometimes "forgot they were all women."

Other audience members were not as overcome by the performance. It seems that quite a few people "did not expect, or want, a story line in the dance." Stephen Moody asked his wife: "can we go home now?" during the intermission. His wife, Debra, opted to stay but hoped for a wider variety of tango during the second half. She felt she "had seen enough of the check-to-check with leg kick" version.

The dancers stuck with the see TANGO MUJER, page 10



Photo by Tim Gurczak
In a good old fashion rock n roll style, Chuck Barry, a member of the local band, "Anger Management Seminar" gestures to the crowd as he plays guitar during the band's recent performance at the Mabel Brown Room last Tuesday night. The band performed to raise money for the local Keene State chapter of The Libertarian Party.

Local bands rock for Hemp

Peep Show
The Colonial
"Army & Jaguar" Starts Friday. Call the box office at 852-2033 for details.
"Tao of Steve" - Friday at 7 and 9; Saturday at 2 and 7; Sunday at 2 and 7; Monday - Wednesday at 7.
Note: Show times were not available this week.



Photo by Tim Gurczak
The band, "Anger Management Seminar" jams out in the Mabel Brown Room. The concert was held to benefit the Libertarian Party and legalization of industrial hemp.

Film Clips

BY MICHAEL WILMINGTON
Tribune Media Services

(RATINGS: The movies listed below are rated according to the following key: 4 stars - excellent; 3 stars - good; 2 stars - fair; 1 star - poor.) M.C. - Mark Caro; M.W. - Michael Wilmington; J.P. - John Petrakis; L.C. - Lou Carozzo; M.R. - Maureen Ryan; R.K. - Rick Kogan; M.E. - Monica Eng; B.S. - Barbara Shulgasser; A.J. - Allan Johnson; V.E. - Vicky Edwards; R.E. - Robert K. Elder.)
BAMBOOZLED. This deliberately outrageous Spike Lee movie is a shock-comedy about the evils of African-American media stereotypes. Starring Damon Wayans, Michael Rapaport, Savion Glover and Tommy Davidson, this film takes you from uproarious laughter to discomfort to stunned silence. Stay until the credits are done because the end-title sequence is a marvel of wit,

rage and tenderness. R (strong language and some violence). 2.15, 3-1/2 stars. — M.W.
BEDAZZLED. A poor remake of the neglected 1967 classic about a man (this time around, Brendan Fraser) who makes a deal with the devil (yikes, Elizabeth Hurley) in which he gets seven wishes in exchange for his soul. PG-13 (sex-related humor, language and some drug content). 1.33, 2-1/2 stars. — M.W.
CHARLIE'S ANGELS. The rip-off movie from the '70s TV series, this film attempts mixing campy humor, comic book speed and dazzling Hong-Kong-style martial arts. The scenes are unfunny and the action is unthrilling. Stars Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Bill Murray. PG-13 (action violence, innuendo and some sensuality/nudity). 1.32. One star. — M.W.

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Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea

New PJ Harvey album set in New York

BY DANIEL BARLOW
The Equinox

Polly Jean Harvey, the woman behind punkish-turned-artistic rock band PJ Harvey, has created a solid 5-album career telling her fans about the horrors of sex.

This is the woman who sang about dry vaginas ("Dry"), told Robert DeNiro to sit on her face ("Reeling"), delivered burning hellfire as love ("To Bring You My Love"), wrote a song about a brothel ("A Perfect Day, Elise"), and crooned violently with Nick Cave about slicing her lover's throat and tossing his body into a well ("Murder Ballads").

So, naturally Harvey's sixth studio album, *STORIES FROM THE CITY, STORIES FROM THE SEA*, comes as a bit of a surprise. The album, set and recorded mostly in New York City, follows Harvey's wild and sensual love affair with a nameless man and the near-mythical city that never sleeps.

From the opening track, "Big Exit", Harvey's change in perspective is immediately apparent. No longer is Harvey obsessed with strange droning beats, instead the song, as is much of the album, sounds like a straight-out rock anthem from the '70s. Like Bonnie and Clyde, Harvey and her mysterious lover fight their way through a party gone wrong as Harvey sings, "Baby, baby, ain't it true/ I'm immortal when I'm with you/ but I want a pistol/ in my hand/ I want to go to a different land."

Unlike most of Harvey's previous albums, *STORIES* is full of possible intelligent pop hits. The beautiful ballad, "One Line", has Harvey doing her best "nice girl" impression as she sings with hope: "And I draw a line/ to your heart today/ to your heart from mine/ a line to keep us safe."

But, the city has a dark side too. "The Whores Hustle and Hustlers Whore", lists these off like a shopping list: "Speak to me of heroin and speed/ of genocide and suicide, of syphilis and greed." She soon discovers that New York City can rip people apart just as quickly as it brings them together.

Yet, like all mid-summer love affairs, this one fizzles quick. The pounding, "Kamikaze", turns the First Real Fight into an all-out war as Harvey describes soldiers from each other's army in deep battle. And the gorgeous anti-ballad, "This Mess We're In", sung mostly by Radiohead's Thom Yorke

details the conflict between true love and the fleetingness of an affair.

The Harvey-Yorke duet is worth the price of the album alone. Yorke, usually known for zuzzing on about computers and clones, discovers his emotional side as he sings, "Night and day/ I dream of making love/ to you now baby." Harvey speaks his lines, just seconds before Yorke sings them, until finally their two voices collapse into each other for the chorus. As the song winds down the two lovers touch upon the first inkling of their impending mutual breakup when Yorke says, "I don't think we will meet again/ and you must leave now/ before the sunrise/ above skyscrapers/ the sin and/ this mess we're in."

But, of course, there's always the make-up sex. "This is Love", shows Harvey at her vampiness as she lustily sings to her lover, "I can't believe life is so complex/ when I just want to sit here and watch you undress."

Like most Harvey albums, *STORIES* ends with the final break; only here that final break is also surrounded by acceptance and new hope. In the opening lines of the album's last track, "We Float", Harvey confronts her love affair with the man and the city when she sings, "We wanted love/ we wanted success/ until nothing was enough/ until my middle name was excess."

The song patters away as Harvey finally vows that one day the two of them will float and "take life as it comes."

STORIES is a welcomed addition to PJ Harvey's already extensive catalogue. 1991's *DRY*, 1993's *RID OF ME* and 4-TRACK DEMOS, 1994's *TO BRING YOU MY LOVE*, 1996's *DANCE HALL AT LOUISE POINT*, and 1998's *IS THIS DESIRE?* And honestly, *STORIES* may be Harvey's most fully-realized and honest work to date. And it's also probably her best.

Keene State Theatre will present "The Bacchae," an ancient Greek tragedy that pits the god of wine against the king of Thebes, a mortal who ends up slaughtered by his crazed mother.

Euripides chose as the play's central character, Dionysus, the god of wine and creative nature, whom drama was established to honor. Dionysus tried to force the Thebans to recognize him as a god, the son of Zeus and a mortal woman, the daughter of a Theban king. The present king of Thebes, Pentheus, refuses to worship Dionysus even though the god has hypnotized the city's women. The women, among them Pentheus' mother, have moved to the nearby hills to live wildly, wearing fawn skulls and killing animals with their bare hands.

Pentheus attempts to bring his people home only to be tricked by Dionysus. He is flung into the hands of the crazed women, who dismember him. Thinking they have slaughtered a lion, his mother returns to the city carrying her son's head on a staff.

"The play speaks to today's audiences, because things continue to happen over which we have no control," explained director Ron Spangler, chair of the Department of Theatre, Dance and Film. "There are times when our rational minds cannot comprehend what is happening. We just have to give ourselves over to what powers are trying to control us."

Spangler notes that touches of humor balance the morbid parts of the play, such as when Pentheus dresses as a woman to infiltrate the bacchic rituals.

The set will be sizable with circles, platforms, and ramps for the chorus and actors to traverse. Bulls' horns lit from inside will be used to introduce Dionysus, played by Keene State sophomore Yoshi T. Chandler from Unionville, Conn. First-year student John Freyer of South Salem, N.Y., portrays Pentheus and junior Rebecca Mamblock of Nashua plays his mother, Agave. Senior Nick Marcotti of Derry portrays Teiresias, a blind Theban prophet.



Keene State Theatre troupers Yoshi T. Chandler (left) plays Dionysus, the god of wine, and John Freyer portrays Pentheus, the King of Thebes, in "The Bacchae," to be presented Wednesday through Saturday, November 15-18, at 8 p.m. in the Main Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center. The Greek tragedy by Euripides pits the god against the king, a mortal who ends up slaughtered by his crazed mother. Tickets are \$7 for the general public; \$5 for KSC faculty, staff, students, senior citizens, and youth 17 and under. Call the box office at 603-358-2168.

First-year students Nate Thibodeau of Salem, Luke B. Hamm of Keene, and Greg C. Pratt of Sullivan play respectively a guard, a herdsman, and a servant. Seven students make up the chorus of bacchantes, whose movements are choreographed by KSC artist-in-residence Marcia Murdock. Matt Demko of Guilford is the stage manager and Amie L. McCarthy of Attleboro, Mass., is the assistant stage manager.

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Edith Notman, professor emerita of theatre, will lead a discussion about the play on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Recital Hall of the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. Admission to the colloquium is free. Call 603-358-2162.



The women from Tango Mujer performed their traditional Argentinean dance for Keene State.

Tango Mujer bring traditional all-woman dance to Keene State

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Argentine tango throughout most of the performance. However, even the Moodys were impressed by Angelika Fischer's graceful figure. A native of Argentina, she received tremendous applause each time her tall and limber figure floated across the stage. She even did one dance on her hands with her feet above, lightly touching a wall.

Tango Mujer held a workshop for students the afternoon before their performance. These women looked very natural as they slid effortlessly across the floor. They danced in pairs and also as a trio as they explained the basics of Argentine tango to the gathered students.

Tango Mujer is composed of extremely talented dancers but that did not come across during the performance nearly as much as it should have. Since the dances during the workshop were "improvised

on the spur of the moment" one would expect their choreographed dances to be much more elaborate and awe inspiring. They were pretty much the same.

Oksana Anohina, physical education major, was attending her first tango performance. She said it was "different than she expected but she liked it" all the same. Others were more impressed by the singer and her two musicians. One woman said "the singer had a voice so powerful and commanding that I was nearly able to ignore the dancers and enjoy the show."

Tango Mujer sat with audience members immediately following the show and answered any questions that were posed. It almost turned into a debate about whether or not men should dance with men or if women should dance with women but we finally passed that subject and it became quite educational.

There were many dance major students, as well as dance enthusiasts at this session. A woman in the audience, who is a native of Argentina, was so moved by the descriptions of dancing in Buenos Aires that she thanked Tango Mujer "from the bottom of her heart" and was brought to tears.

Tango Mujer talked about tango and held an open discussion where others brought up the topic of tango in Keene. Nobody knew of any tango opportunities here in Keene but there was a man, yes a man, who is hoping for tango lessons to be offered somewhere close to town. Until that happens however, he heads down to Massachusetts for his lessons.

If you are interested in learning to tango, the Barn Studio in Amherst has a Wednesday night class at 7:30 p.m. for only two dollars. The Paradise Dance Studio in North Hampton has a free Thursday night class at 8:30 p.m. as well as offering private lessons.

Tango can be fun to watch but it is an absolute blast to do. Even the clumsy can feel graceful while following or leading their partner across the dance floor doing the tango.

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Thursday, November 9, 2000

North Brunswick, N.J., nonprofit helps minority students find internship's

by Josee Valcourt
Knight-Ridder Tribune

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.: In the brown brick building at 825 Georges Road, on the second floor and to the left of the elevator, is the enclave called INROADS. It's the place where Hispanic, black and Native American students can go for a head start to their career.

The nonprofit organization's 11 staff members pore through hundreds of applications, personal essays and transcripts to determine which applicant meets the need of one of the 59 participating companies looking for young talent.

According to the organization's requirements, college freshmen and sophomores should have a minimum

of a 3.0 grade point average or a combined 900 on the SAT for high school seniors. Once selected, these students compete against one another and the workforce for summer Internship's, often with Fortune 500 companies in New Jersey.

Firms like Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson, Chubb & Son, all based in New Jersey, are among the list of 900 companies nationally who participate in the INROADS minority intern program. They seek students majoring in business, engineering, computer science, applied science or liberal arts.

As INROADS interns, students work with the same company each summer until graduation, when many hope to become regular employees.

But this INROADS office, which serves Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Hunterdon, Monmouth and Ocean counties, underscores that it's not playing into the hands of companies hoping to cash in on the "diversify-your-office" trend.

INROADS says it has been committed to leveling the playing field for 30 years.

"We're not giving anybody anything," said Mario Vargas, INROADS' Central New Jersey manager for affiliate services. "They have to work for it. We're not filling quotas. These companies are making their selection based on the applicant's skills."

Students receive training in communication and business sophistication to prepare them for various job

interviews. Once selected by a company, the student becomes an INROADS intern.

Applicants such as Steve Soto, a 21-year-old student at Rutgers University, handled marketing for AT&T's Asian countries. Soto majors in finance and East Asian languages. He said he's learned the importance of networking and how it can help a career.

"A lot of people of color, we don't necessarily have that," he said. "So, INROADS is kind of like our friend to the businesses."

Each summer Anissa Allen, 19, also a student at Rutgers, said she and other interns at GPU Energy in Morristown have lunch with the company's chief executive officer. Allen, a pre-business major, said

working with a system analyst at GPU helped her pinpoint the career she wanted to pursue.

"Hopefully, when I apply to business school I will major in Management Science and Information Systems," she said.

She said taking advantage of the public speaking and business etiquette training sessions at INROADS has helped enrich her experience at GPU.

Steve Schulman, vice president of corporate strategic staffing at Chubb & Son in Warren Township, said the company has partnered nationally with INROADS since 1986.

"It's always been a significant component to hire the best and the talented," Schulman said. "The students are very focused, very bright

and hard working. They allow us to meet overall staffing needs."

This may be the sort of exposure Frank Carr, who founded the organization in 1970, envisioned. He wanted to help minorities get through the doors of Corporate America. Since its birth, INROADS has more than 10,000 alumni members, many of whom hold chief executive positions.

At Bristol-Myers Squibb, four former INROADS interns work for the pharmaceutical company, which began its partnership with the organization in 1995.

"The biggest paycheck that we have is that we're able to produce some really great talent in our professional pipeline," said Peggy Verdi, business coordinator for the company.

Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick had 59 INROADS interns at its New Jersey and Pennsylvania offices this year, company spokesman John McKeegan said.

"We feel it's been a terrific program for us and hopefully it's been terrific for the students," he said.

Parcella Phifer Watson, managing director for INROADS, said often a company's attempt to implement diversification programs fizzles by the time the idea reaches the person in charge of putting the program together.

That's when INROADS steps in -- upon the company's request -- to help guide and better implement the program.

Yet the organization's goal is not only to help companies diversify their offices, but also for companies to shape the INROADS interns.

"Companies can look at where they want the student to be once they graduate," Watson said.

Monique Chester, manager of marketing at INROADS, said that's what keeps corporate sponsorships coming.

She said many companies participate in the organization's workshops, where mock interviews are held. The companies offer suggestions on how students can improve their interviewing techniques.

With the Hispanic and Asian population surging in the state, Pavi Jalloh, an INROADS employee who handles business development, said it makes good business sense for companies to invest in INROADS interns.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety will be offering a boating class.

Sponsored by the office of Residential Life, on Nov. 11th.

This class will be FREE and if you successfully complete it you will be licensed to drive a boat in N.H.

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The President's Commission on the Status of Women Announces Grant Opportunities for 2000-2001

It is the mission of the President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) to monitor the campus climate for women and to improve the campus environment by eradicating sexism, challenging stereotypes, and working for equality. To achieve these goals, the Commission seeks to educate the campus community, to increase awareness of women's issues, and to act as advocates for women. The Commission seeks to support and empower women, respect and value their work, celebrate their accomplishments, and provide with models and mentors, and create a supportive campus network.

The PCSW provides grant support to campus organizations, and occasionally to individuals, whose programs or efforts support their mission. Normally, grant support does not exceed \$500.

Guidelines

Evaluation Criteria

1. The proposed activity must further the mission of the PCSW.
2. Higher priority is assigned to projects that receive matching funds from other sources.
3. Higher priority is assigned to projects with potential for campus-wide involvement and which are open to the public.

Proposals Guidelines

The proposal should not exceed two pages in length but should include attachments such as publicity packets or curriculum vitae that help explain the nature of the request.

The proposal narrative should include:

1. The sponsoring organization's name
2. A description of the proposed activity
3. A clear statement of how the activity supports the PCSW's mission
4. The location, date, and time of the proposed activity

5. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the individual responsible for the activity
6. The plans for publicizing the activity
7. A budget, which outlines how PCSW dollars will be used as well as the source of other funds.

Deadlines

Proposals for financial support will be evaluated three times this academic year according to the following deadline schedule:

- * Monday, November 27, 2000
- * Monday, February 12, 2000
- * Monday, April 16, 2000

Proposals should be addressed to the President's Commission on the Status of Women and received in the President's Office no later than 4:00 P.M. on the above dates. Proposals should be sent to Julie Dickson, Executive Assistant to the President, at Mail Stop 1504 or e-mail jdickson@keene.edu.

Acknowledgement

All publicity for the supported activity must acknowledge the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

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Crossword Puzzle

Crossword

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week of 11-09-00 Horoscopes

Aries
March 21-April 19
Your buddies want to tell you what to do on Monday, and you'd be wise to listen. It's your Mom, or some Mom-like person, who's giving the orders on Tuesday. Your social life could be seriously curtailed then and on Wednesday, as a consequence. Thursday looks like fun, dealouses could get stirred up if you're looking too good on Friday. All systems could shut down if you don't do the maintenance Saturday, but by mid-Sunday you should be past the tough part and ready to party again.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
The money's flowing your way on Monday, so divert some into your pockets. If neighbors or relatives ask your advice on Tuesday, finish up a delicate task on Wednesday and you'll have more room to play at home on Thursday. You don't have to work late on Friday. Sleep late on Saturday and save your socializing for later. A friend may be grappling with a tough situation on Sunday.

Gemini
May 21-June 21
You're feeling chatty on Monday, but keep your lips zipped. Something you say in jest could come back to haunt you on Tuesday. You could get a glimpse of your perfect job on Wednesday. If you already have it, rake in the cash and compliments on Thursday. New responsibilities could curtail your travel on Friday. That's OK, as your house is calling for your attention on Saturday.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
You can find the best deals on Monday by following a thrifty friend. On Tuesday you're the one in front, but watch out. Talk in private with a loved one on Wednesday, and get back into alignment. There's a slight disagreement on Thursday about how to spend the money. It means doing without one thing on Friday so you can have another. Don't get into a rush on Saturday or Sunday.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22
Your friends are into a good thing Monday. Instead of telling them what to do, listen. It's a little bird on your own shoulder that gives you the best advice on Tuesday. You'll have to be in a quiet place to hear that little voice. It's trying to tell you something on Wednesday, too, so schedule some meditation time. That's part of the reason why you're so strong on Thursday and Friday. Friends are ready to tell you how to spend your money this weekend.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You're likely to be nervous on Monday and feel like you're under a microscope. The snoop should have gone on to other microbes by Tuesday. Hide out with friends and talk over recent developments Wednesday. You'll have to make a decision around Thursday so you can take action by Friday. Once you've made up your mind, the rest will be easy.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Travel and long-distance phone calls should be productive on Monday. A new idea from a loved one can help you avoid running up big expenses Tuesday and Wednesday. Toss in your influence with a powerful team on Thursday and Friday. You can help strong individuals work together, and that could make a big difference. It's likely to cost you more than you get back in benefits.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 21
Follow the money trail Monday, and you'll find out who's in the best position to pull strings. That's the job you want! A foreign friend can help you get a little closer to it Tuesday and Wednesday. Be respectful to an authority figure on Thursday, but don't tell everything, of course. Give away something you don't want on Friday to keep something you like better. Private conversation brings closure on one old issue, and a couple of

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Concede a minor point on Monday, and you may win the bigger battle. Money's the issue Tuesday and Wednesday. Take care, or you could lose more than you planned. You just want to get out of town Thursday, and with planning, you might make it. A neighbor's unusual request slows you down Friday, but that's OK. Be patient with a critical older person over the weekend.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You're swamped on Monday, and it's the job you like the least. You may have to say no to a loved one's unreasonable request on Tuesday. Think about it together Wednesday. By Thursday you may have an idea that better satisfies both of you. Staying within the budget is a major criteria on Friday. Haggles may delay your travel on Saturday and Sunday.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Don't give away a secret on Monday. Developments at work on Tuesday could lend a whole different flavor to the proceedings. Just do your job on Wednesday, and you'll advance more than you realize. A fascinating relationship includes a sharp difference of opinion on Thursday. You can be very effective partners, too, as you may find out on Friday. You may find more of them than you thought were there.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
Take care of a family matter first on Monday, so you can get distracted later if you want to. Don't fall for a fanciful dream on Tuesday, you're likely to get a nasty bruise on your ego. Rest and relax as much as possible on Wednesday. Classical music is optional. There's little time for that on Thursday or Friday. Don't let the stress get to you this weekend. Just do what you can.

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Thursday, November 9, 2000

Student 'Mortified' after prop rifle causes panic

BY BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS Campus

toward Donnelly Hall with the fake rifle in hand, according to Joseph F. Leary, director of safety and security at Marist.

A prop shotgun mistaken for the real thing forced police to evacuate students Wednesday at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

More than a dozen town policemen, clad in body armor, combed the campus late Wednesday afternoon after a faculty member reported a student heading

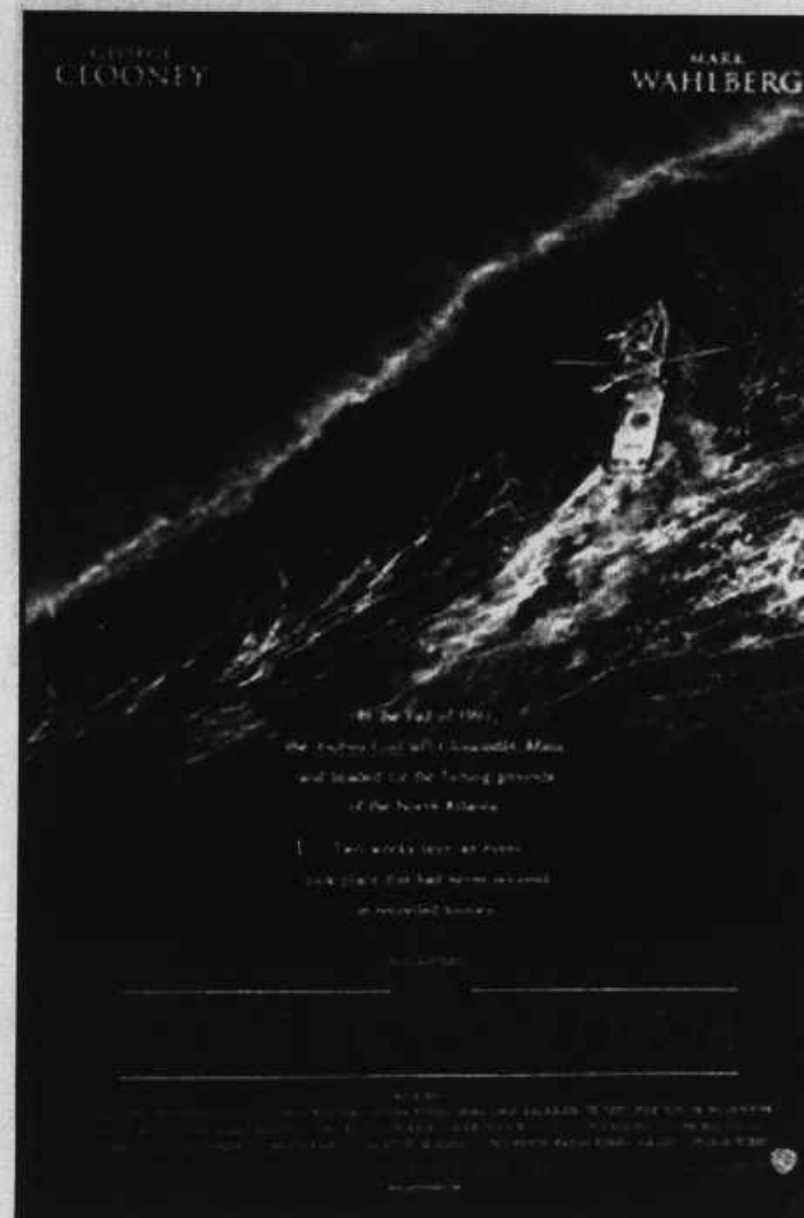
But after campus police sifted through busy classrooms in search of a possible gunman, authorities received word that student had returned a prop rifle to the college, and that the faculty member recognized both the prop and the student from the prior incident.

Despite the brief panic, classes continued with little interruption, Leary said. Local police Capt. Thomas Mauro said that the faculty member's

inability to distinguish the prop from an actual rifle is no fault of his own. He said that you would have to essentially be gripping the prop, modeled after a Western-style rifle, in order to tell it apart from the real thing.

"Anyone who wasn't an expert on weapons probably wouldn't know," he said. The student, who was returning the prop to the school after borrowing it for an off-campus play, will not receive any punishment, according to an announcement by the college.

"The poor kid was mortified, absolutely mortified," Leary said. Leary said that his department plans to produce an article for the student newspaper, The Circle, and address the issue of carrying weapons and items resembling weapons on campus. Federal and campus-wide measures prohibit the possession of weapons of any kind on campus, but Leary said that the issue isn't so cut-and-dry when it comes to situations like these.



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Facts about Poverty and Welfare By Therese Seibert, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Just days before the 1996 presidential election, a predominantly Republican congress gave President Clinton the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation bill to sign into law. This law changed the name of Aid to Families with Dependent Children to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The temporary nature of welfare was underscored by the five-year lifetime limit placed on TANF recipients. Additionally the law required recipients, who were mostly women with children, to find paid employment as soon as possible. The most dramatic change, however, was that the law empowered states to administer welfare programs basically their own way through block grants.

This version of welfare reform differed substantially from the reform President Clinton had endorsed previously. But he signed the bill anyway, probably for two reasons. Not signing it would have tarnished his image as the president that "would end welfare as we know it." More importantly, President Clinton knew that most Americans harbored negative opinions about welfare. But often these opinions are based on myths and stereotypes rather than facts. Let's consider some popular myths regarding welfare along with the facts.

Myth #1: Women on welfare live like queens. **Fact:** The average monthly TANF payment to a NH recipient and one child is \$481, hardly enough to live like a queen even if given additional assistance for housing, food, and medical coverage.

Myth #2: Women on welfare have additional babies to make money. **Facts:** NH increases TANF payments from \$481 for one child to \$550 for two children. This additional \$69 is not even enough to cover expenses associated with a new baby, much less increase one's standard of living. Moreover, the general fertility rate of women on welfare is lower than a comparable rate for the general population of women.

Myth #3: Those receiving TANF are able-bodied individuals who choose poverty because they are lazy. **Facts:** Poverty discriminates on the basis of age, race, and gender. A little over 12 million American children live in poverty. The U.S. child poverty rate was about 19 percent in 1997, six percentage points higher than the overall poverty rate. In fact, 36

percent of African American and Hispanic children lived in poverty that year. Babies don't choose their families, and young children can not work for pay. The poverty rate for all African Americans is over twice the rate for White Americans, and women are much more likely to be in poverty than are men, especially elderly women. These social patterns suggest that choices are not made in a vacuum.

Myth #4: TANF is breaking our federal budget. **Facts:** Expenditures on TANF account for less than two percent of the federal budget. Moreover, while we spent about \$12.5 billion on TANF in 1996, a November 1998 special report by Time estimates that we spent \$125 billion on corporate welfare. Nevertheless, assisting women and their children, for some reason, ignites more resentment than subsidizing or bailing out businesses that squander tax dollars at alarming rates.

While it is important to know the facts, they don't tell the whole story. To truly understand poverty as well as homelessness and hunger that accompany it, it is important to listen to the stories of those who have actually experienced it. These stories provide a deeper insight into the many paths into and out of poverty than any statistics ever could. You will have the opportunity to listen to such stories at the "Faces of the Homeless Panel" that KSC is sponsoring as part of "National Awareness of Hunger and Homelessness Week." The event takes place on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Mountain View Room of the Student Center. You will have an additional opportunity to learn more about poverty across the globe at the OXFAM banquet, which is Thursday, November 16, 2000 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Mountain View Room of the Student Center. This is followed by the Great American Sleep Out, 8 p.m. -7 a.m. Admission to events is either a can good or a piece of clean linen. We hope that you will attend and consider these stories along with the facts when formulating opinions about poverty, hunger, and homelessness.



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Crimes at Keene State: An ongoing Concern

KEVIN NORRIS
The Equinox

Crimes on the campus of Keene State College have gone down between 1994-98, but arrests are up and students put in protective custody is up as well.

"Since I got here in 1997, the cops around here have been worse and worse, as far as just bothering us students," said Keene State senior Gerry Boggis. "Everywhere you go there is a cop."

Burglary on campus has had some high number between 1994-97, but in 1998 there was only one reported burglary that happened on the campus of Keene State, according to the report "Keene State Crime Statistics, July 1, 1998." Also according to the report, in 1994 there were six reported burglaries and five in 1997.

"Those numbers seem high to me," said Boggis. "Freshmen year in the dorms we never locked our door and never had anything stolen."

The major problem areas of the report are when you look at drug and alcohol related violations. According to the report, there were 18 liquor law violations between 1994-98.

There were also 23 drug abuse violations between this same time, according to the report.

"Since they have decided to

crack down so much on the use of alcohol, I think student just decide to use drugs instead," said Keene State senior Mike Smith. "It is a lot easier for underage kids to get drugs than it is to get booze, so they use drugs."

According to the report, 11 students in 1998 were placed in protective custody. There is no other data passed about the other years in this category.

In these five years, 1994-98, there have been zero murders at Keene State. There were two forcible sex offenses in 1995 and two in 1996, according to the report.

There were two robberies in 1996 and none in any other year according to the report and a total of five aggravated assaults in this five-year period.

"To me this data does not seem to be accurate," said Smith. "In five years there was not too much that happened at Keene State. If it is accurate, then that is good, but it is hard to believe."

There were zero motor vehicle thefts and no record of any hate crimes that went on during this period, according to the report.

According to the report, there were seven other crimes that were committed in 1998. There is no information of other crimes in any other year.

Here is the other data from

1998 on? That is a question that everyone seems to be avoiding. A lady at campus safety said she could not give any quotes about this matter with out getting permission from her supervisor.

She said call back he should be in tomorrow and forget about the comments that I have made.

Of course her supervisor was not in to give her permission to talk about this matter.

Are they trying to cover up data and that is why no one will up date the data on crime?

When told about the idea of having no report of crimes from 1998 on, Smith found it hard to believe that nothing happened.

"Many schools try to cover up data because they want parents to feel safe, while their child is at school," said Smith. "If they are covering up things, that's fine with me. Just publish something."

"The new statistics come out on October 1, 2000," said Jay Duguay. These would be the reported cases from 1999. "If it's not reported it did not happen," he said.

Providence College puts out a report every month, about the incidents reported to campus safety. There report for the month of August is five pages long and Keene State only has a report updated in July 1998.

MIT puts out a Campus Police Annual Report each year that anyone can receive. This report is updated every year, so everyone

can be aware of what went on as far as crime goes in the past year. They even publish the number of fire alarms that went off each year.

According to the MIT Annual Report of 1999, Campus Safety was requested to an incident 26,739 times in that year.

Having the college in Boston might make the security tighter. In a big city people need Campus Safety around all of the time.

"We have 24-hour security in are dorm," said first year student at Wheelock College in Boston, Tara Caveney.

"You have to sign every guest in with the security guard that sits at the front desk."

When you are out and around in the city, you have to watch out for yourself. On campus the security is very good and you can feel very safe anywhere, Caveney said.

"Campus security is going to be around and they are there to help you if you need it," said Boggis. Most of the time they just think they are a lot tougher than they really are," he said.

The facts from the Keene State College report on crimes show that Keene State is doing a good job on keeping crime down and keeping the students safe.

Hopefully this data will be updated and hopefully it is accurate, so no one gets the wrong impression.

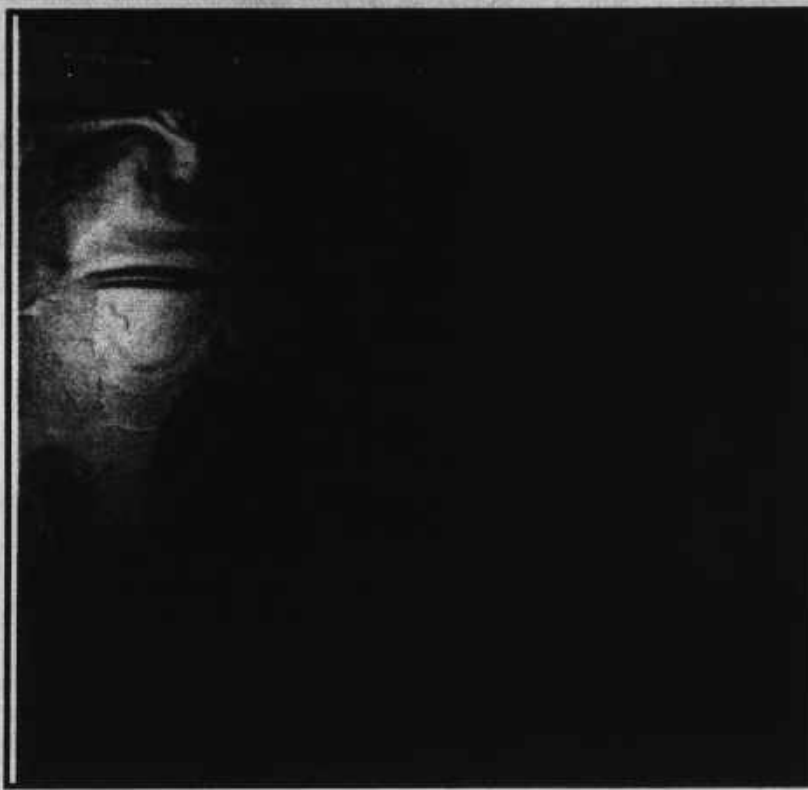


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Gerry Boggis takes a rare timeout to relax

Boggis Leads by Example

KEVIN NORRIS
The Equinox

A four-year starter on the men's soccer team and a "B" average student in his classroom, has made Gerry Boggis a leader on and off the field.

"For the last two seasons, he [Boggis] has been the heart of the team and the soul of the team," said men's soccer coach, Ron Butcher. "Every day he comes to practice and works hard for two hours and he expects the same from the rest of the team."

As the soccer season is coming to an end, Boggis treasures every time he gets to step on the field, knowing that in a less than a month it will all be over. This season Boggis was elected captain of the team.

"It is my job to not only mentally prepare the team before the game, but also to physically lead them by example out on the field," said Boggis. "That's why I will always give it 110 percent no matter if it's practice or a game."

Boggis might be the captain of the team, but he gives a lot of credit to the four other seniors on this year's team.

"I might be the captain of the team, but there are four other seniors on the team that all have their own leadership rolls," he said. "I'm the more vocal of the bunch, but that does not mean that it's all me. We are a team with five captains."

Boggis was named to the second team all conference, as well as being selected to the all tournament first team last season.

In the classroom he was selected to be a part of the History honor society. This is for History majors who have a better than 3.0 grade point average in their History classes.

As a freshman, Boggis came in with a knee injury that caused

him to miss the first six games of the season.

"Once he got into the line up, he has not been out since," said Butcher.

"I pride myself on how I play and I feel if I play hard the younger guys will follow mine and the other seniors lead on this team," said Boggis.

Although hopes of making the NCAA tournament this season came to an end on Friday afternoon in Dartmouth, when Keene lost 1 to 0 in the Little East Conference Tournament. Boggis and the rest of the team have qualified for the ECAC tournament, starting Wednesday.

Boggis was also the only player from a team that did not make the finals of the Little East Tournament, to be selected the all tournament team. That shows what kind of a player he really is.

After his career at KSC is over, he would love to come back next year and help out with the Owls team or maybe even try to continue his playing days by trying out for the New Hampshire Phantoms, a semi professional team.

"He is a young man with a future in soccer and after this year he will be able to play in the pro leagues somewhere," said Butcher.

Boggis would love to play professional soccer after his college career is over.

"People may laugh, but I seriously want to consider a career in the NFL kicking field goals for a living," Boggis said, with a smile.

Coach Butcher said the pro leagues, but which pro leagues was he talking about? Most likely not the NFL.

Boggis is a determined athlete so you never know what he might do. So keep an eye out on Sundays for the soccer player from Keene, turned field goal kicker for the Patriots.

Movie Quote of the Week

"So this is my vase, right?"

-Eddie Murphy

Trading Places

Equinox photo by Josh Scott

In case you missed it....



The brothers of Phi Mu Delta fixed their house late last month

Why didn't you vote?

JOHN MAGUIRE
The Equinox

Election year has rolled around again, and with it comes decisions that must be made.

For many, voting is something that is considered old hat, and is never missed or overlooked.

Yet for others, especially younger voters who have little experience in democratic politics, voting is a chore that is too much of a hassle to deal with.

Around the world people would die to have a choice in the government of the country in which they live.

Yet in the United States, every year we see a large amount of eligible voters not voting. What are the reasons for ignoring this privilege?

For some, the actual system of choosing a president itself is keeping them from voting. Keely Snyder, an education and theater major, will not be voting for any candidate because her absentee ballot never arrived from Pennsylvania, her home state.

"It doesn't make sense to me that I can't vote simply because of red tape," says Keely. "I could make a more educated vote than a lot of people voting, but it is out of my hands now."

Diane Cyr, a transfer student has a similar problem. She has residency in Hawaii, yet cannot get an absentee ballot.

"I never registered while living in Hawaii, so I can't get the

absentee ballot," says Diane, "and I plan on moving back there, so I don't want to take up residency and register in New Hampshire either."

Other problems can arise from the registration process, so registering early, at least for the next election, is a wise idea, and will guarantee a place in the booth.

Others simply feel they are not informed enough to vote. Knowing the candidate's parties is not enough information to base a vote on.

Crystal Heroux, a senior graphic design major, feels "unsure about who to vote for," not because she can't decide, but she doesn't really know what each of the candidates would do in office. I don't really follow politics, so I don't want to make an irresponsible and uninformed vote.

Other students have the opposite problem; they are informed on the candidates, and would rather not vote at all than vote for who is out there.

Jenny McGruff, a psychology major, echoes that statement. "I would rather not choose than choose wrong, and to me they [the candidates] all seem pretty wrong."

She continued by saying "a non-vote is a decision just as much as a vote is a decision, and it can make a statement the same way that a vote can make a statement, so I feel I am doing the democratic duty by not voting this year."

No Seriously, I could use another page

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Owl harriers prep for regionals

WILSON PEREZ
The Equinox

The Keene State women's cross country team has been on a rampage these last two weeks finishing 2nd in the ECAC Championships with 133. Middlebury College was first with 45 points while Trinity College was 3rd with 159 points.

The Owls were once again led by Sophomore Mary Proulx who finished 3rd in 18:37.

"Mary is rounding into great shape and will just be getting faster these next two weeks," said Head Coach Peter Thomas.

The overall female winner was Barbara Swallow in 17:54, setting a new course record.

Freshman Hannah Horton had a great day for the Owls finishing 8th in 19:20.

"I just felt really relaxed out there," said Horton.

Amelia Bentley placed 3rd for the Owls and 17th overall in 19:48. Bentley will be the deciding factor whether or not the women make a run at the 4th and final spot this weekend at regionals.

"I have to decide between going to regionals or to Washington D.C. for business," said Bentley. "It is going to be a very tough decision."

Meghan Mathews and Katey DeVillez were the Owl's 4th and

5th place finishers this past weekend. Mathews was 25th overall in 20:07 while DeVillez was 83rd in 21:26.

"If these girls run what they are capable of this weekend they will turn some heads," said Thomas. "What the women have on their side right now is no pressure, they can go out and have fun with it."

Amber Webster finished 125th in a time of 22:41 rounding out the Owl's final finishers.

On the men's side Keene State finished 6th overall with 235 points.

Tufts University won the meet with 68 points. Amherst College was 2nd with 89 points while Williams College was 3rd with 93 points.

The Owls were led by sophomore Paul Visser finishing 6th in a time of 26:51 on the hilly course. Visser made his return back to competition just in time for the regional and then national meets.

Visser, who was Owl's 4th man at last year's nationals, is back with a vengeance.

"I don't think I could have come back at a better time," said Visser, who will be looking to make his second national appearance.

David Ames was the Owl's 2nd finisher placing 25th in 28:10. Josh Brodie (29:16) and Casey Cole (29:20) finished 67th and 69th, respectively.

Kevin McGrath cruised to line in 29:34 just beating teammate Todd Piper finished 86th in 29:46.

"They gave great efforts and I am pleased with the guys that stuck with it to the end," said Thomas.

Thomas, "It shows a lot of class, character and a love for the sport."

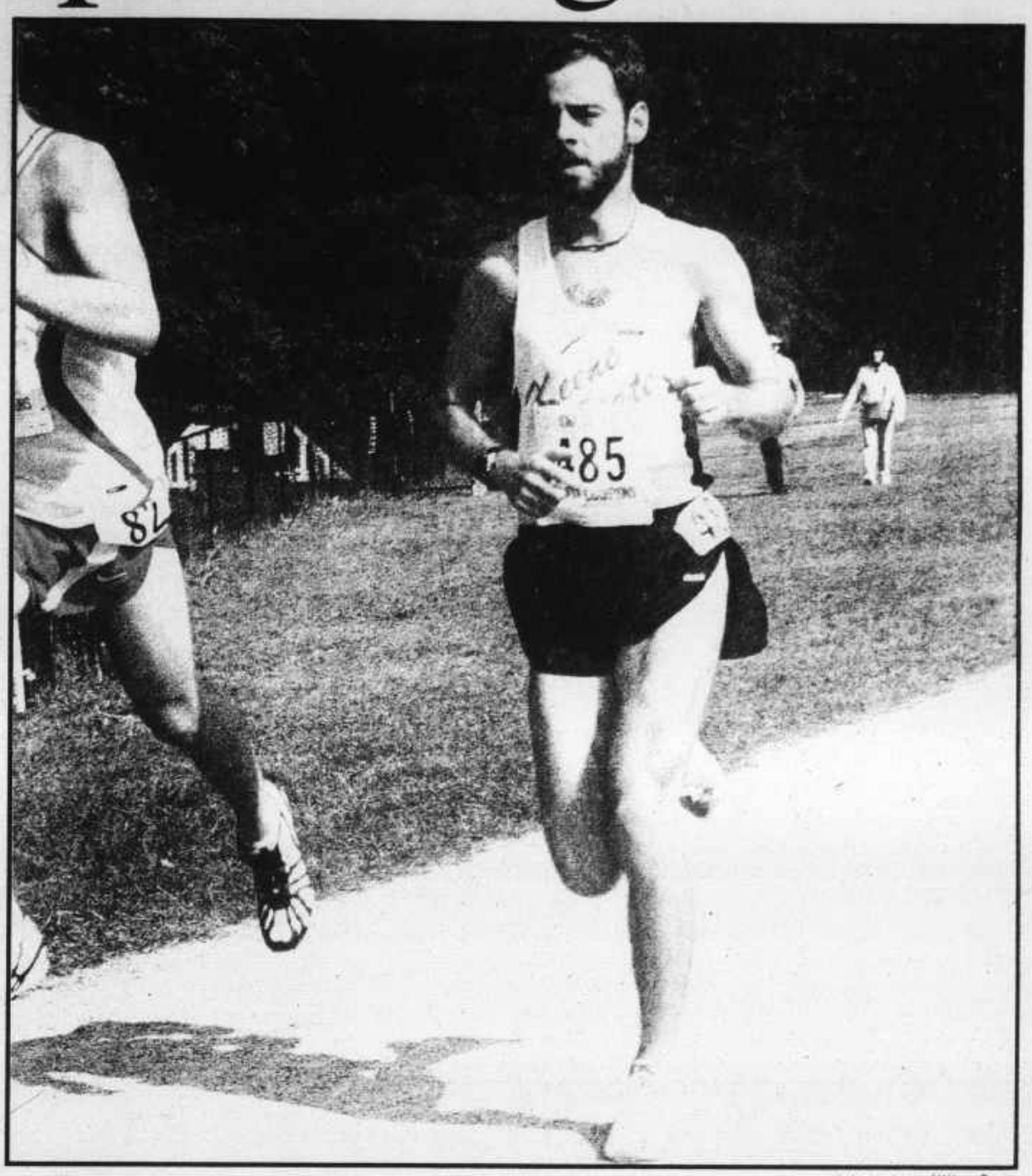
The Keene State College men's and women's programs will head to UMass Dartmouth this

weekend to compete in the New England Regional Meet.

The men will be looking to finish in the top five while the women would need to place in the top four to move on to nationals.

Good Luck to both teams this weekend and remember that there is gold at the end of the rainbow.

Wilson Perez is a member of the KSC x-country team, and also a writer for The Equinox



Paul Visser makes his return to the KSC x-country team last weekend.

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Field hockey wraps up season

JASON CAMPBELL
The Equinox

The 2000 season for the Keene State College field hockey team ended last Saturday with a 3-2 loss to Clark University in the ECAC semifinals.

Clark attacked first on the second seed Owls scoring just three minutes into the game.

Three minutes later Keene

State senior captain Kelly Smith scored the tying goal assisted by freshman Tanya Strong. The 1-1 knotted score would not last long as Clark regained the lead nine minutes later and didn't let go.

Later in the second half the Owls tried to claw back as Tanya Strong netted her 12th goal of the season to pull within one goal.

Despite out playing Clark in the last 20 minutes the equalizer would never appear as the Owls failed to connect on many penal-

ty corner opportunities.

"I thought it was a team we could beat," said Kelly Smith, Keene State senior captain.

"They are a grass team and that was a big advantage for them," she said.

The end of the Owl's season may not have been what the team had hoped for, but they must be proud of their achievements. At no time during the season did they fall off of the national top 20 list, knocking many of the other

teams off the list as they went.

The Owls finished the season 17-5, only losing by one goal to arch nemesis Plymouth State in the Little East finals.

The Owls received the number two seed in the ECAC tournament, cleaning up on Mount Holyoke 3-1 in their last home game of the year.

Congrats to the girls on a great season that ended too soon.

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Tuesday November 14 th Faces of the Homeless Panel 12:30 - 1:30p.m. Mountain View Room A panel of present and former homeless people will speak about their experiences. Lunch will be served. Please bring a donation item from the list below.	Friday November 17 th Give Up a Meal Campaign 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Dining Commons Sign up Monday thru Friday from 11-12 to donate your meal on Friday. Donations will help the homeless of our area.
Thursday November 16 th Oxfam Hunger Banquet 6:00 - 8:00p.m. Mountain View Room Banquet is free, donations are appreciated Followed by... The Great American Sleepout 8:00p.m. - 7a.m. Student Center Front Lawn Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity Questions, call the HPH Chapter 12786	Saturday November 18 th House Dedication Ceremony KSC's Habitat for Humanity Millenium Build House Dedication Ceremony 10:00 a.m. in Swamzy All events are open to the public. Questions, call Amy from 355-0154 or email Karen at kmac1474@aol.com

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SPORTS



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Staff Commentary: Vitaly Potapenko for President

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The Equinox

I honestly thought by the year 2000 that the Boston Celtics would be a playoff basketball team. Then again, I thought I would be graduating in that same year.

What is wrong with this franchise? Why do I actually care? Why do I actually skip class to watch them blow a twenty point lead?

I finally figured it out last Friday when I went to the Fleet Center to watch Boston play the Toronto Raptors.

Early in the first quarter, Boston was trailing by double digits. I was ready to give up my seat and drive home. However, for some crazy reason I have loyalty to this team.

I actually remember Larry Bird driving on the floor. I can actually recall when the Celtics used to knock the shot out of everyone.

This led me to believe something that I've been searching for.

I'm both pathetic and a die hard Celtics fan.

I don't enjoy power forwards shooting three pointers (Antoine Walker). I hate Vitaly Potapenko. As matter of fact, I think we should trade him for an actual basketball.

I would love to show Tony Battie what weights look like. I would rather get punched in the face than see another University of Kentucky player become affiliated with this franchise.

However, I cheer for whoever is on the floor. I still think that stupid leprechaun is going to bring some luck back to us someday!

As far as bad luck goes, it can't get much worse. Len Bias died, Reggie Lewis died, Dino Radja played and Paul Pierce was stabbed.

This is the way I see things. Everyone is getting old and will retire. The league is full of players who shouldn't be NBA basketball players.

Unfortunately, some of them are Boston Celtics.

I don't understand why Rick Pitino is still here. Doesn't he understand that Larry Bird will run this franchise at season's end?

Doesn't he realize that Danny Ainge or Dennis Johnson will be the new coach by May?

It doesn't matter who is coaching or playing. I will always be a fan because I know things could be worse, just ask the Boston Bruins.

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KSC fall athletes earn honors

Kelly Smith named LEC field hockey player of the year for the second year in a row.

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

The results are in and once again Keene State College has an impressive lineup of players that have been named to their respective all-conference teams, including a player of the year.

Starting with the most impressive, Kelly Smith of the women's field hockey team is once again the player of the year in the Little East Conference for her work this season.

Smith, a senior, led the team and the rest of the conference in scoring with 16 goals and 13 assists on the season.

Other members named to the first team were Carrie Trudeau (15 goals, nine assists) and Carolyn Costello.

Beth Chase was a second-team selection to round out the accolades for the field hockey team.

The women's soccer team kept right up with the neighbors, placing three players on the LEC first team and one on the second.

Tia Meiler (11 goals, eight assists) found herself on familiar ground as she was named to the first team for her third consecutive season.

Jessica Williams, making her second first team appearance, scored six goals and dished out eight assists for the Owls this season while Sarah Nordlie tallied three goals and six assists to



LEC field hockey player of the year, Kelly Smith

make the team. Amy Lamson, a strong performer in the backfield this season, was named to the second team as a sophomore.

No team is complete without a good coach and Denise Lyons seems to fit the description.

For the third time in the past four years Lyons was named the LEC coach of the year after leading the Owls to a 13-7-3 record complete with the LEC regular season championship and a trip to the ECAC Tourney.

Men's soccer came through in usual fashion with a few familiar faces appearing on the LEC all-star team.

Three seniors: Lakota Denton, Mike Norton, and Gerry Boggis, were given credit for the leadership and hard work that they put in throughout the season by being placed on the first team.

For Denton, who scored 11 goals and dished 11 assists, it



Jessica Williams



Amy Lamson



Tia Meiler



Denise Lyons



Lakota Denton



Mike Norton



Gerry Boggis



Phil Darosa



Robby Carson

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The KSC Coach's Corner: b-ball coach Rob Colbert

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

This week the Coach's Corner takes a look at Rob Colbert, the coach of the Keene State College men's basketball team.



Men's b-ball coach Rob Colbert

Colbert is currently in charge of a team with the opportunity to have a very successful season using what it learned from last year.

"I think this would be a very good year for us," Colbert said. "We have a lot of depth and talent."

Last season after losing to a good team, Colbert said, "I think we learned a lot from that game. We were a little bit out of sync, but we played hard and we had a lot of good plays."

"When I look at the team, I see a lot of potential. We have a lot of young players who are going to play different roles. I think we will grow as a team a little bit more this season."

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Students boycott Food Court

SARAH SHELTON
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A group of students spearheaded a boycott of the food court in the student center on Thursday because of the firing of Helen Sherrick, a long-time food service employee at Keene State.

The campus community was asked to express their ill feelings about Sherrick's firing by not getting their food there for the day. A local business, Bagel Works, helped with the boycott by offering a one day 20 percent discount to anyone who showed a Keene State ID. The boycott was started at approximately 7 a.m. and continued throughout the day until 6 p.m.

At any one point during the day, it was said there were no more than 6-8 customers at one time in the food court, even during the lunch rush. According to an employee, on any given morning, the food court usually makes about 30-40 sandwiches. Thursday morning, they made two.

Anissa Pesce, a junior, has started a petition that is protesting Sherrick's firing and to get better working conditions for current food court employees.

During the day while the boycott was happening, the students were taking up a collection for Helen and her husband so they could go on vacation, which is what Helen said she was going to do with her last two months of pay before retirement. The campus community gave generously, and when all was said and done, over \$200 had been raised as a goodbye gift for Helen.

At the same time, faculty, staff, and students were asked to sign cards that would later be given to Helen. The cards were filled with well wishes, words of sadness for

the loss of Helen at KSC along with their feelings about the food court, their management, and the entire issue as a whole.

"One of the favorite phrases on the cards was 'damn the man,'" a boycott supporter said. During the day, food court employees were told by Phil Harty that it was his, not the group holding the protest, idea to have the cards to sign for Helen so the campus could say goodbye to her. According to boycott supporters, this was not the case.

Sherrick said that Sodexho-Marriott officials called her on Friday and said that she would be given the vacation and sick-time money she had accumulated and not yet used, as if she had been retiring.

The management of the food court who knew full well the boycott was taking place, staffed the food court with more employees than usual. When employees were asked if they gave away food, one employee responded with an unbelievable answer, "I have given away more food in the last month than Helen did in her whole career."

Another said, "It seems like the food court management tried to make an example out of Helen, but it really has done no more than create contempt for the management. Firing Helen was probably the worst thing they could have done."

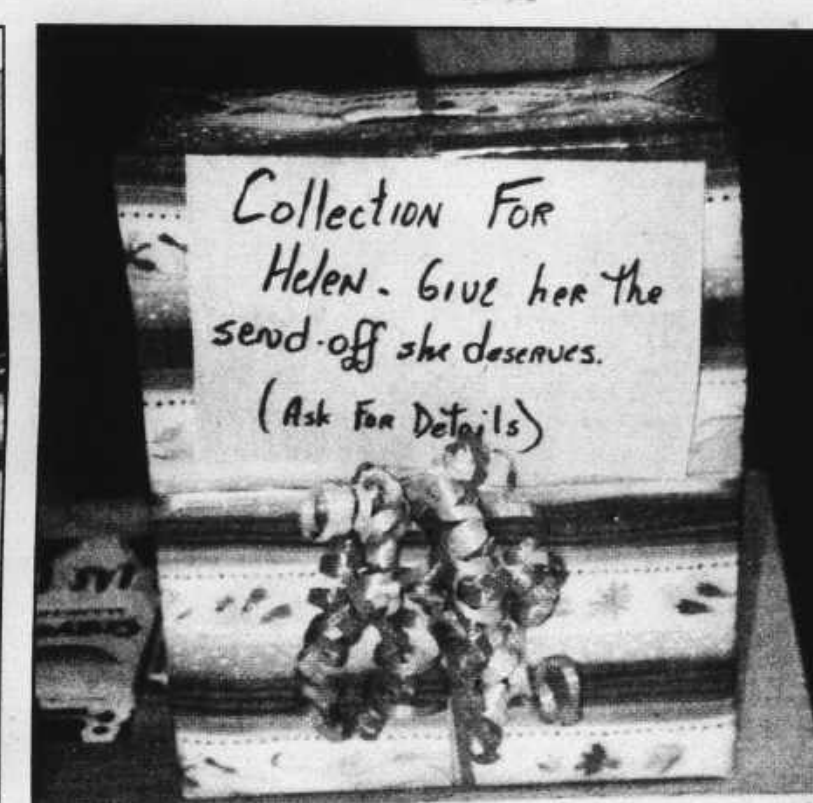
According to observers, approximately 15 minutes before the boycott ended, six students standing in line were "waved through" by the employee at the registers. When asked if those people were allowed to take food without paying, the answer was a smug "probably" while throwing their hands up.



A large sign urging students to participate in the boycott.



An almost empty Food Court on boycott day.



\$230.00 was collected and given to Helen from the students at KSC.

Student Assembly discusses political letter

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Questions about a letter sent to all on-campus students recently which regarded the current elections and the stance it took were discussed at Tuesday night's Student Assembly Meeting.

The letter titled "Who Cares? I hate politics..." was slanted towards the democratic candidates for president, NH congress and senate, and NH governor,

and the Assembly wrote to Mail Services about their rights to distribute the letter. In small print at the bottom of the letter was a mention that the information had been "furnished by the History Club."

Assembly chair Josh Schroeder said he had received a letter back from Francis Brush, the director of mail services that explained that they are not responsible to edit documents that go into the campus mailboxes. It said that

since the organization filled the mailboxes themselves, they did not have to pay the normal fee for putting material in the boxes, so no student fees were made or used to distribute the documents.

There was a discussion about sending another letter to Brush because the previous one was thought to be unclear. Corinne Kowpak, the vice president for student affairs, suggested that members of the assembly speak to Brush in person, instead of

getting another unclear letter. Eventually it was decided that Brush should come to a meeting to talk to the whole group so they could all ask him about the situation.

Some members of the assembly were confused about the exact topic being discussed. Because of first amendment issues, some asked whether or not it is the assembly's place to tell the History club what they can distribute to the campus.

Other assembly members questioned whether or not the slanted views of the letter had an effect on the election.

Another issue at the meeting that was cleared up was the situation with the shuttle van. Kowpak spoke about the fact that when the new shuttle, which was provided due to funds from Pepsi grants, was not running because of requirements for drivers.

She said that because the shuttle is larger than the previous

shuttle, a commercial driver's license is required to drive it, but anybody receiving the license would probably go for a higher paying job. The solution reached was that City Express, a local bus company would be willing to extend their routes and have one of their drivers operate the campus shuttle on that location.

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