

# WE'RE MOVING!

## The Equinox

That's right, *The Equinox*, the student newspaper of Keene State College, is moving. Well, we'll still be on campus, but we're moving our printing operation to Concord, specifically to *The Concord Monitor*.

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We apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused during this transition period and we look forward to the rest of the year.

So, remember..... Thursday is now *Equinox* day!!!!

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March 6, 1997

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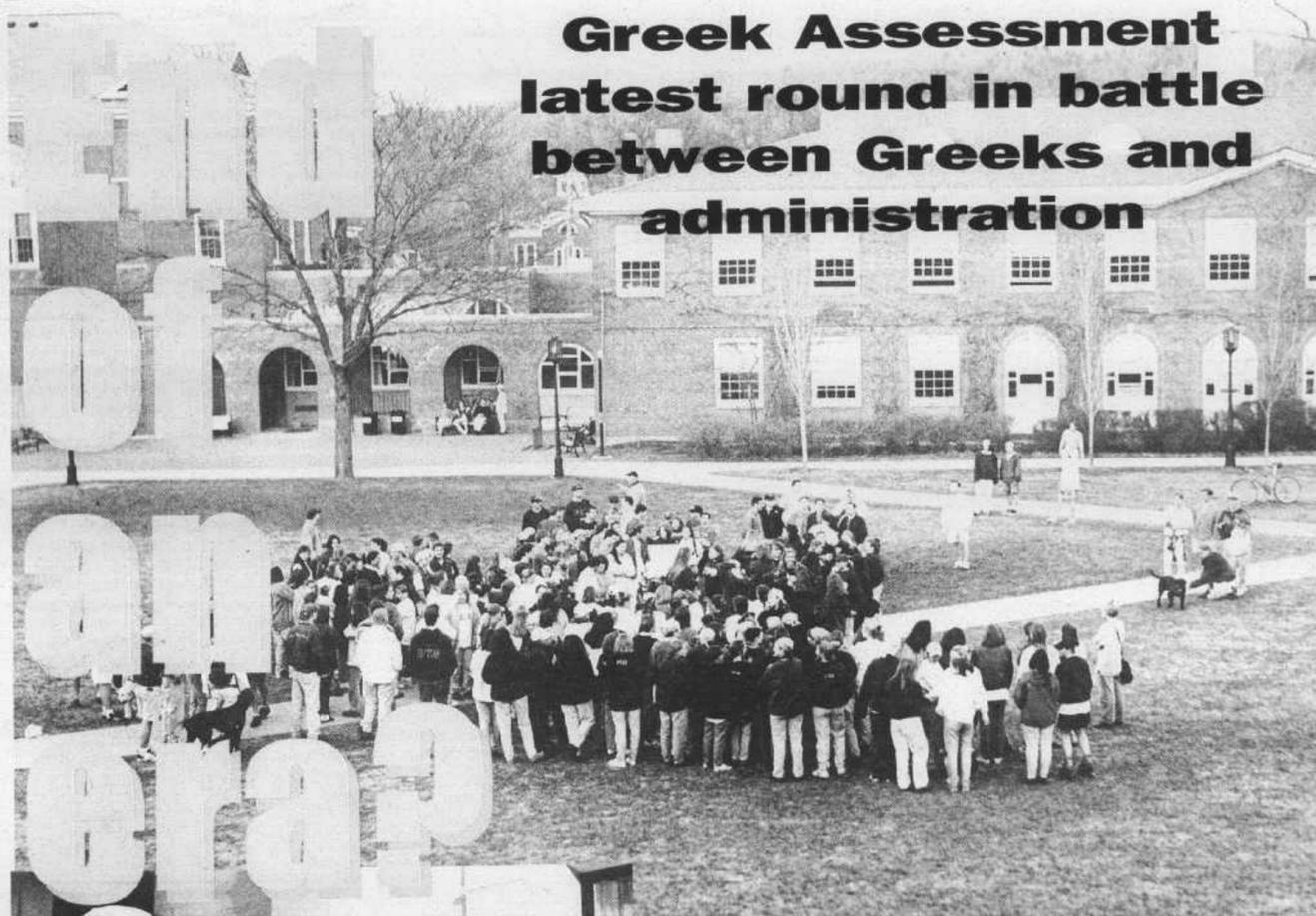
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## Greek Assessment latest round in battle between Greeks and administration



Jonathan Cooper  
The Equinox

Greek Life at Keene State College could have a new look as early as next fall.

After months of preparation, the Keene State Greek Life Assessment team released its report Thursday. Included are 14 recommendations which will form "a new vision of Greek Life at Keene State College," said Keene State President Stanley Yarosewick, who initiated the assessment process.

These recommendations are tentatively scheduled to take affect as early as Sept. 1, 1997.

Though Yarosewick and other college administrators view the recommendations as a "new vision," some Greeks view it as the end of Greek Life as they know it.

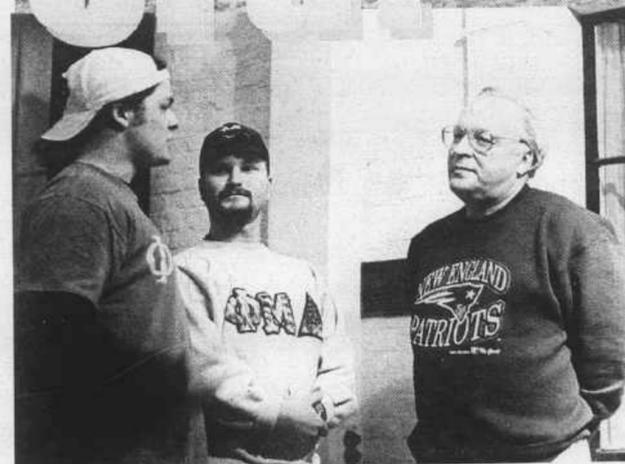
Members of Greek Life and college administrators have traditionally been at

the opposite ends of the spectrum when dealing with matters concerning the role of Greeks on campus. What is often referred to as an "us versus them" mentality seems to be continuing despite the goals of the assessment.

When Yarosewick and Vice President for Student Affairs Delina Hickey recommended that an assessment of Greek Life be made, their objective was to "provide a snapshot of the current strengths and limitations of the Keene State Greek organizations," according to the report.

This "snapshot" was obtained through personal interviews with Greeks, surveys presented to all members of Greek Life and by compiling profiles and histories of each organization, including past judicial records.

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# Campus Safety Log

**February 18 Tuesday**  
**12:18 a.m.** There were people in the Ceramics building after hours.  
**7:35 p.m.** A Randall resident reported damage to her room.

**February 19 Wednesday**  
**11:24 a.m.** A fire alarm went off in the Student Center due to a problem with the smoke detector.  
**4:29 p.m.** A shuttle bus driver reported a dirt ramp was built in the parking lots near the Art Gallery interfering with traffic. A Safety Officer broke up the ramp but was not able to catch up to the bicyclists who were on it.

**February 20 Thursday**  
**1:06 p.m.** A Campus Safety Officer responded to a call from the Arts Center regarding a theft of a phone device from the third floor lobby.  
**4:38 p.m.** There was a report that fraternity brothers were playing football in the middle of Madison St. and wouldn't move.  
**7:51 p.m.** An RA from Holloway reported that a fire extinguisher was removed.  
**9:15 p.m.** A caller from Elliot wanted to speak with a Campus Safety Officer about a problem of underage drinking at a fraternity house. The caller wouldn't give his name or number but said he would call back at 11:30 p.m.

**February 21 Friday**  
**2:38 a.m.** There was a malicious fire alarm pulled at one of the Owl's Nests.  
**3:27 a.m.** There was a call

from the blue light phone near the trestle. The caller didn't speak but sounded as if they had dropped the phone.  
**3:43 a.m.** There was a strange smell on the second floor of Butterfield. A Campus Safety Officer spoke with a member of the WFF (the campus cleaning service) who said he didn't smell it earlier at 2:30 a.m. but smelled it then.  
**12:01 p.m.** A motor vehicle accident was reported in the Fiske parking lot. A pick-up truck hit a car belonging to a female who was not present at the time. There was little to no damage, but she was parked illegally so she was ticketed.  
**7:16 p.m.** Candles on a cake set off a fire alarm in Carle.  
**8:35 p.m.** There was a smell of gas reported near Carle. A Campus Safety Officer responded and said it was probably from melting snow with spilt gas on it. Grounds laid sand on the area.  
**9:13 p.m.** An RA from a location deleted by Campus Safety requested assistance in dealing with a belligerent person.

**February 22 Saturday**  
**3:06 a.m.** A cracked windshield on a car parked in the Madison St. lot was reported.  
**3:20 a.m.** The Keene Police Department found an empty fire extinguisher from the second floor of 9 Madison St. in front of the Hallmark store on Main St.  
**7:25 a.m.** There was a person found sleeping in the Fiske lounge.  
**12:54 p.m.** An RA from Holloway reported that an outlet in a room was sparking.

**1:05 p.m.** It was reported that several cars were damaged or had items stolen from in Winchester lot.  
**8:22 p.m.** There was a report of smoke coming from a stove in Bushnell. An electrician was called in to check it out.  
**11:30 p.m.** There was a report of an uncooperative person refusing to show identification at Carle.

**February 23 Sunday**  
**6:02 a.m.** There was a report from (location deleted by Campus Safety) of a male subject asleep in a female's room. The male was transported by the Keene Police Department.  
**1:13 p.m.** A vomit clean-up was needed in one of the Owl's Nests.  
**3:44 p.m.** A blue light phone was activated and there was a garbled message then the phone went dead.

**February 24 Monday**  
**9:43 a.m.** An ambulance was requested from Carle for a female having seizures.  
**12:22 p.m.** An officer was requested for a resident of Randall suffering from severe abdominal pains.

**February 25 Tuesday**  
**9:30 p.m.** A smoke detector was activated at (location deleted by Campus Safety) due to cigarettes and incense. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the resident had an illegal cable hook-up.

**February 26 Wednesday**  
**11:26 p.m.** Graffiti was reported in Randall.

**February 27 Thursday**  
**8:16 a.m.** There was a call from Monadnock to report that someone had burned a rush sign in the stairwell and smoke could still be smelled in the hall. The caller refused to stay in the area long enough to show an officer exactly where the incident took place.  
**1:31 p.m.** A Campus Safety Officer responded to a call from Huntress regarding two females fighting at the front desk.  
**11:05 p.m.** An RA from Randall called to tell Campus Safety to look out for an intoxicated and disorderly person.

**February 28 Friday**  
**12:01 a.m.** A group of possibly intoxicated persons was reported roaming around Randall.  
**12:45 a.m.** A fire extinguisher was ripped off the wall on the third floor of Butterfield.  
**2:08 p.m.** An officer was requested for an investigation of possible marijuana use at (location deleted by Campus Safety).  
**8:40 p.m.** There was a call from a concerned parent whose daughter hasn't come home or showed up at work. Campus Safety checked the parking lots for her car and spoke to some people who may have been with her that day.  
**10:16 p.m.** There was a report of a "party" situation at Bushnell Apartments.

**March 1 Saturday**  
**2:06 a.m.** Vomit was reported on the first floor North of Huntress.

**1:07 a.m.** A person was found in the Guerin House lounge who was on the banned list.  
**3:45 a.m.** A female resident from Carle reported someone banging on her door and trying to enter the room. She heard the intruder knock himself against the door followed by heavy breathing.  
**7:21 a.m.** A person was found sleeping in the downstairs lobby of Randall.  
**4:32 p.m.** An RA from Monadnock reported vomit on a door and in a room on the second floor.

**March 2 Sunday**  
**2:11 a.m.** A smoke alarm was activated in Carle due to cooking on the 1A floor kitchen.  
**2:52 a.m.** There was a report of a subject trying to kick down the south doors of Morrison.  
**5:17 a.m.** It was reported that the north door of the Science building was kicked and cracked.  
**2:15 p.m.** There was a report of blood on a bathroom floor in Carle.  
**11:49 p.m.** The sound of tires spinning was reported from either the commuter parking lot or the Madison St. lot. The car was stopped on Butler Ct. by the Keene Police Department.

**March 3 Monday**  
**7:29 p.m.** An RA from Huntress requested a shuttle to the Cheshire Medical Center for a resident who claimed she couldn't hear. The request was denied and she attempted to get another ride.

**February 18 Tuesday**  
**5:51 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, services rendered.  
**11:45 p.m.** Call received from Paks on Winchester Street regarding a fake ID

**February 19 Wednesday**  
**9:33 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop Wyman Way, summons issued for speeding

**February 20 Thursday**  
**10:50 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Main Street near Keene State College  
**12:02 a.m.** Follow up investigation at

Grafton House  
**12:05 a.m.** Follow up investigation to Paks incident, at Owl's Nest 4  
**1:38 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, prohibited turn  
**2:40 a.m.** Call received regarding a false alarm pull in Owl's Nest, general information report filed  
**8:04 p.m.** Assistance required, vehicle needed to be towed from Paks on Winchester Street

**February 22 Saturday**  
**12:32 a.m.** Motor Vehicle stop at the intersection of Main and Winchester Street

**2:55 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street  
**3:02 a.m.** Call received from Campus Safety regarding criminal mischief in the Madison Street Parking Lot, general information report filed  
**3:10 a.m.** Call received from Campus Safety regarding stolen property that was found  
**4:10 a.m.** Call received from Campus Safety regarding a false alarm pull in Carle Hall, services rendered  
**5:07 a.m.** Follow up investigation, Carle Hall



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak  
**Keene Fire Department vehicle**  
**1:33 p.m.** Call received from Campus Safety regarding criminal mischief and theft in Pondsides  
**1:43 p.m.** Call received from Keene State regarding criminal mischief in the Winchester Lot at Keene State, general information report filed  
**1:56 p.m.** Call received from Keene State regarding criminal mischief in the Winchester Lot at Keene State, general information report filed  
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# Randall Hall receives much needed face lift

Ellen Pagnano  
 The Equinox

Williams said.

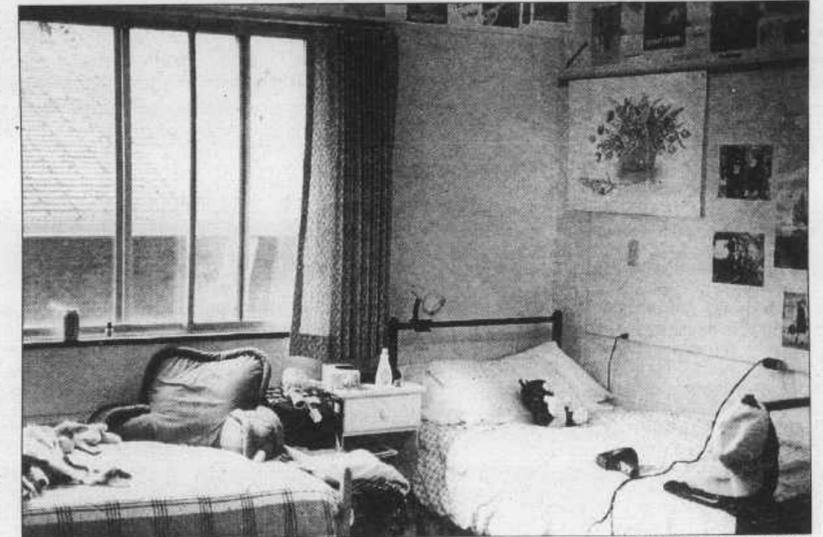
The renovations consisted of taking out the middle divider that separates the study/desk area from the beds. Carpeting

Randall Hall is getting a facelift. Most of the rooms in Randall Hall are separated by a divider. Recently, renovations have begun and the dividers are being taken out. The renovations are being done to give the students more space in Randall Hall rooms. Michele Williams, associate director of housing services, said. When the dividers are removed, the rooms have more space for residents and their belongings, he said.

**"The divider rooms provide a structured setting for the freshman residents to study, but the rooms just don't appeal to older students."**  
 • Michele Williams, associate director of housing services

was also laid down, Williams said. "I like the dividers because when an R.A. knocks on the door you can hide easily," freshman Christian Rigney, a Randall Hall resident, said.

The actual number of rooms to be renovated has not been determined, but up to 36 rooms may be renovated this summer, Williams said. Residential Life does not know how much money there will be to spend on the project, Williams said. "The future plan is to renovate the entire dorm," Williams said. It costs between \$400 and \$500 for each room to be renovated. The money for the project comes out of the



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

**In an attempt to improve the quality of life in Randall Hall, the dividers are being removed, making more room available to the students who occupy them.** Residential Life budget. Williams said. Residential Life has a specific category in their budget called repairs and renovations. The repairs and renovations category includes work that is above and beyond the general maintenance of buildings, Williams said. Freshman living in Randall Hall like the privacy and the study space that the dividers provide, Williams said. He said the reason why freshman like the set up is because they have not yet developed college study habits and may have roommate issues. Freshman Sherrie Fogarty, a Randall Hall resident, said the divider provides privacy. Sophomores do not choose to live in Randall Hall because they have selected their roommates and learned better study techniques, Williams said. "I like the rooms, but I would never live here as a sophomore," Fogarty said. The residential system at Keene State accommodates approximately 2,000 students and offers a variety of living options. Randall Hall houses 264 coed residents. Randall Hall and Monadnock Hall house the largest freshman population.

# Renewal causes traffic jam on information highway

Brent Curtis  
 The Equinox

Little

Traffic slowed to a crawl on the Monadnock system last Monday and Tuesday, when over 2,000 users crowded the network with renewal requests. Some students were forced to wait up to 48 hours to access their accounts, according to the Student Technological Support Service. As a security measure, all passwords were deleted from the system Sunday night, prompting just about everyone with an e-mail account to run a renewal program sometime on Monday, said Loretta Simonds, a staff worker at STSS. "Today's been swamped with people renewing their accounts," said Simonds early on Tuesday. The renewal process usually takes about an hour, but with all the requests being made at the same time, the system bogged



down. Simonds said. The situation was complicated further when students tried renewing their accounts more than once because the duplicate requests were only adding to the confusion, she said. "Each time a student makes an additional renewal request that request is processed separately from the original," Simonds said. What it all added up to for many students was a wait that lasted much longer than expected. "I knew it would happen but didn't expect it to take so long," freshman Sarah Burke said. Burke renewed her account around 9 a.m. Monday, but had to wait until Wednesday morn-

ing to get back on. Burke said the wait was an inconvenience because she was expecting e-mail. Other students said they were unaware their accounts needed to be renewed. "I seriously thought someone sabotaged my account," senior Mike Consolati said. Consolati said he thought someone was playing a joke on him when he couldn't access his account. The message was out there, but it's hard to reach everybody, said Chuck Thompson, director of computer services. Signs were posted in the computer labs, The Equinox, and the Campus News, Thompson said. Notices also appeared at the prompt whenever a Monadnock user logged on, he said. Troy Kammerdiener, a com-

puter science professor, said he was completely unaware that passwords were being renewed. "This is one of the problems with the way they do things around here. I had students removed from every departmental index once they check the privacy box, Little said. Since that includes private information necessary for accessing Monadnock accounts, students under the privacy act can't renew their accounts, he said. "It's all or nothing," Little said. Students who checked the privacy box but have since changed their mind can go to the Registrar's office and cancel it, according to Registrar Susan Stelke. Not everyone had problems renewing their accounts. Freshman Jim Wood and Senior Michelle Bouchard both had their accounts back on-line in about an hour. "I was lucky and got it back right away," Bouchard said.

**"Each time a student makes an additional renewal request that request is processed separately from the original."**  
 • Loretta Simonds, staff worker at STSS

# Students to spend break building homes

Melissa Tchirkow  
The Equinox

Next week members of Keene State College's Alternative Spring Break program will work to build homes for needy families and will also work to build a better understanding of themselves.

Don Hayes, Keene State's community service coordinator said he started the alternative spring break program in 1994 with 18 student volunteers.

This year 75 students, two faculty members and three staff members are participating.

Anyone from freshmen to seniors can participate in the program and come away with memorable experiences. Hayes said.

"Going on these trips is a chance to do volunteer work and be exposed to a different area of the country," Hayes said.

The students have been divided into four groups. Each group will build homes in a different state.

The groups will travel to either North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, or Washington DC.

Those going to Washington D.C. will be working with children at Malcolm X Elementary School, at city soup kitchens and with AIDS babies. Hayes said.

Those going to West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina will be building new homes and renovating old ones for low-income families.

About 50 percent of the families in rural West Virginia live below the poverty level. Hayes said.

"It's a cultural experience meeting and working with people who live in different socio-economic areas. It will be a short but an intense time," Keene State Professor Peter Temple, who is volunteering for the West Virginia trip, said.

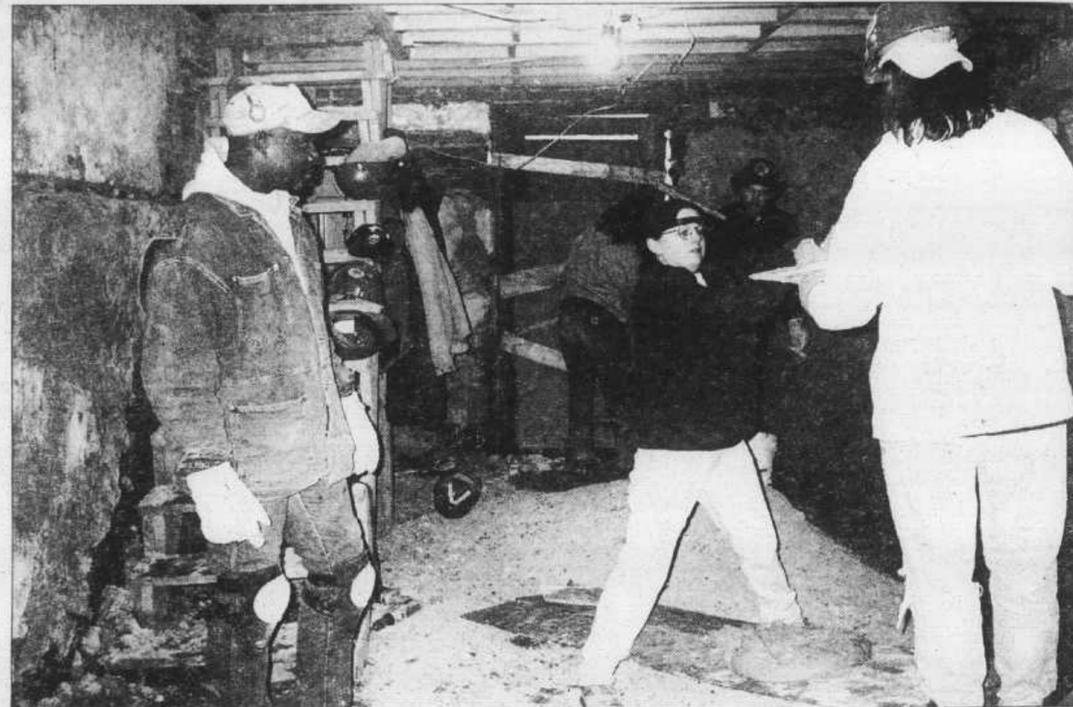
Students are required to pay a \$100 fee for transportation and meals.

"I had nothing to do for spring break. It's only \$100 and I wanted to do something. It's cheap fun," sophomore Jeffrey McCall, said of his trip to South Carolina last year.

The students were able to raise \$16,000 for materials and building supplies.

The money was donated by businesses in Keene, businesses in surrounding areas, student organizations, faculty members and local churches, Hayes said.

The president's office was



Courtesy Photos

Some Keene State students will be spending break at home with their families, or in Disney World, but in communities throughout the U.S. that are in need of help. Members of Alternative Spring Break work to build houses for those in need. Students work to renovate an old building, above. Keene State students build a house for the needy.

"Going on these trips is a chance to do volunteer work and be exposed to a different area of the country."

• Don Hayes  
Keene State's community service coordinator

also a major supporter, he said. Sophomore Jessica DiMatteo went to South Carolina last year and helped build a house for a family.

"This woman in her mid 20s and her three year old son came up to help us. It was really an incredible experience to see how much it meant to this

woman. It really meant a lot to me," DiMatteo said. The trip will not only be a cultural experience, but it will also allow some of the members to learn about themselves and work closely with others.

In previous years groups have gone to Michigan and South Carolina.

"We woke up at 8 a.m., went to the site till 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. with the families. Afterwards we could do pretty much whatever we wanted, but we all had dinner together," McCall said.

Keene State staff member Dianne Arsenault, who is also going to West Virginia, said she does not know the people she is

going with very well. "I won't be with my two kids that whole week so for one week I'll be just myself. We'll be working as a team," she said. Another aspect of Alternative Spring Break is seeing the finished product of a weeks worth of work.

"You see the results and you feel pretty cool," McCall said.

# Web research raises questions

David Boraks  
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News

The student at Davidson College, near Charlotte, N.C., innocently turned to the Internet for help researching a paper on the origins of the AIDS virus.

Most of what she had found, both in printed and Internet sources, listed the conventional and widely accepted theories that the disease began among primates in Africa or in an isolated human population. She cited them, offering arguments for and against the theories.

Then she found an obscure World Wide Web site, not affiliated with any research or governmental group, that outlined in elaborate, if sometimes confusing, detail how the virus was supposedly invented in secret U.S. military laboratories as part of a biological warfare research project. She accepted it at face value and made it the central argument of her paper.

Her professors made her rewrite the essay. Why? Because the Web site she used didn't pass the usual tests for determining whether information is reliable enough for citation in an academic paper.

"Any time you have a topic that is potentially controversial, you're likely to run across these kinds of sites," said Frank Molinek, head of serials and government documents at Davidson's E.H. Little Library. "You find students assuming that what's at these sites is the same sort of thing as if you were reading a scholarly journal."

It's not. Although the Internet can speed and simplify research, teachers and librarians say it also has added an unexpected and difficult challenge helping students learn to sift the good from the bad.

Since last fall, Molinek has

warned of the pitfalls of online research during Internet orientation sessions for Davidson students. He is adamant that there are many benefits to using the Internet, but the information found there must be put to the same tests as printed information.

Molinek and other college librarians offer these tips for judging the value of Internet sites:

What is the site's purpose? Will its information be unbiased?

Who sponsors the site? What

are the organization's values or goals? Can you contact the sponsors should questions arise?

Is the information well-documented? Does it provide citations to sources used in obtaining the information? Are individual articles signed or attributed? When was it published? Is the date of the last revision posted somewhere on the page?

What are the author's credentials? Is the author cited frequently in other sources?

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## March is Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, the KSC Bookstore has a dynamic and diverse selection of book titles that celebrate women's achievements and contributions, and that explore the issues facing women today.

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# Opinion

## Greeks had their chance and they blew it

### Editorial

Do they want any cheese with their wine? We hear the Greeks complain on a regular basis. They complain about being stereotyped, or they feel they are being singled out, and are being made into scapegoats for the college's problems.

The Greeks feel that not enough attention is being paid to the positive things they bring to the college.

In response to the concerns of the administration, the college conducted an assessment, to give the Greeks a chance to prove their worth.

However, the Greeks blew it. Through interviews, surveys, and questionnaires, the Greeks were either uncooperative, overly defensive, or gave contradicting answers that leads us to wonder if they are worth the \$71,450 a year the college spends in supporting them.

The Greeks said that they were proud of their academic success. Yet, the average GPA for Greeks is lower than that of independent students.

The Greeks said that they recognized a need

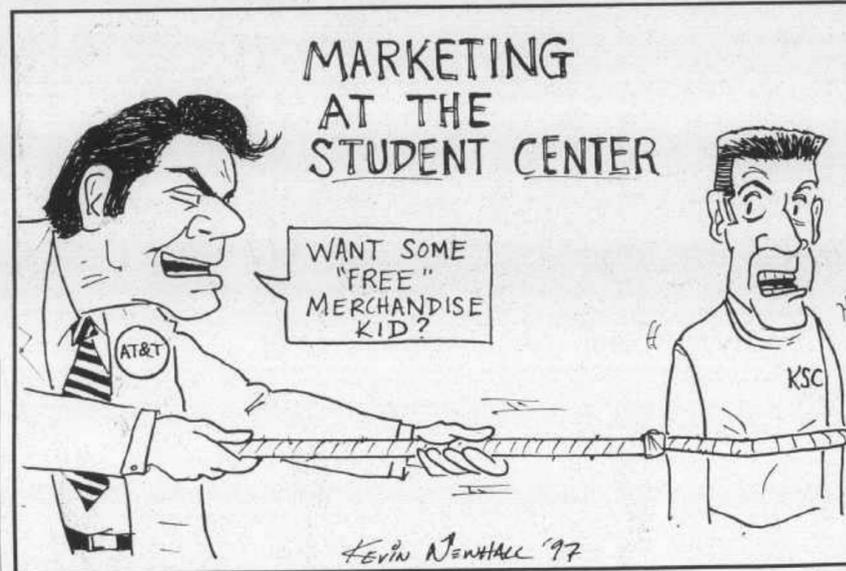
for change and wanted to help make it happen. Yet when asked specific questions about anything, from underage drinking to how much their dues are, some members of TKE decided to be immature and answer "TKE is a secret society" to every question.

More than 76 percent of those Greeks interviewed agreed that their chapters discouraged underage drinking, and 66 percent said they do not serve to minors. Yet, 54.8 percent said they "didn't know" if underage drinking occurred. How can this be? Some Greeks

were defensive and didn't want to discuss alcohol at all.

The Greeks are trying our patience. The college administration could, if it wanted to, shut down the Greeks tomorrow. It wouldn't be hard.

Instead, it generously gave the Greeks another chance, and the Greeks blew it. The Greeks need to stop their moaning and groaning and start cooperating if they really do want to help make changes for the better. Otherwise, their complaints will fall on deaf ears.



### Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Matthew Daly

#### "How do you feel about the Financial Aid Office?"



"They are disorganized and unprepared."  
• Sarah Planchet  
freshman  
undeclared



"The office staff is great, yet the system is poor."  
• Jessica Lewis  
senior  
political science/  
women's studies



"Bad stuff, no comment. They are just bad."  
• Christopher Parent  
senior  
English/psychology



"They don't take students seriously. They are impatient with people, though very nice."  
• Erica Glover  
freshman  
sports medicine

## Keene State is becoming a growing and effective organization



Bill MacKenty

Competent leadership, open communication, and a sincere commitment to "be better" are the touchstones of a growing, healthy, and effective organization.

Keene State College is moving towards these touchstones slowly but surely.

Organizational health can be compared to human health. There are different vital signs that indicate what's working and what's not.

These vital signs include (but aren't limited to): student retention, fiscal situation, physical plant condition, academic quality,

employee to supervisor ratio, student and staff morale, availability of leadership, and organizational change over time. The most important vital sign is openness to change.

Every student, faculty, staff and administrator has a responsibility to grow personally and professionally. An important part of this process is to remain open to change, and encourage thoughtful, deliberate communication.

It's difficult to understand why someone would complain about something if they weren't working to fix it.

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*It's easy to sit back and point out the flaws and shortcomings of an organization; but to stand up and make a meaningful contribution to your environment ... that takes character and courage.*

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Keene State College is growing and changing. This is an exciting time to be part of the Keene State experience.

The leadership at the college seems genuinely invested in creating a richer, fuller, more effective educational experience.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case. As members of the Keene State community, we have a clear responsibility to take advantage of moments like these.

Start talking to the president, the vice-presidents, the deans, the RD's, RA's, and

your supervisors. Tell them you are excited about the change that is happening

on campus, and you want to be a part of it. Offer specific, constructive suggestions in a spirit of good will and respect.

Education has a relatively unique relationship with the people it serves. As a woman or man becomes involved in learning, their minds tend to open up to new ideas and possibilities.

This openness often grows beyond academic subjects and learners find themselves considering personal and social issues which would not often come up unless they were in an educational environment.

Keene State must remember this. How terrible it would be

if we presented our students, faculty, and staff with an inflexible, unchanging, bureaucratic, stoic educational structure.

What a disservice to an open, inquisitive mind than to reinforce the popular notion that organizational change is impossible, or unlikely. To use a popular maxim: Keene State must walk its talk (read the mission statement of Keene State).

Keene State is engaged in an important and fundamental process. Being part of a community means being an active participant in its strengths, weaknesses, and its evolution.

Question authority. Take a stand in something you believe in. Be open and flexible to change. When were you planning on making a difference?

*-Bill MacKenty is the Keene State College educational counselor as a graduate student.*

### Letters to the Editor

#### Publishing letter perpetuated hate

It was an extremely painful experience to have a Jewish student at Keene State College point out the appalling anti-Semitic letter in a recent issue of *The Equinox*. This is a letter that you chose to print. It wasn't even written by anyone in this area! What was your point?

I can't help but think you are trying to present some kind of sensational controversy. But don't you realize that there are gullible people on this campus who are all too ready to perpetuate traditions of hate and ignorance.

Come on, people, you can do better than this! Don't you want to be a part of a paper that can stand up for truth and justice?

Mary Ann Damato  
Catholic Campus Minister  
director, Newman Center

#### Greek assessment report is finished

Last week I received the recommendations of the Greek Life Assessment Team. Copies of this report are now being distributed on campus and sent to the Greek Senate, Greek organization advisors, student media organizations and the student government.

This report is the result of a six-month process of assessing the quality of Greek life at Keene State College. It was undertaken at Dr. Delina Hickey's and my request as a response to a meeting between Greek organizations and Keene State administrators last April, as well as concerns about Greek life expressed during "Speak Out." The assessment was a complex undertaking. I want to thank the members of the Greek organizations and their advisors for participating

in this time-consuming process and the members of the Assessment Team for the thoroughness and timeliness of this report.

The assessment process incorporated a review of all data - including judicial records, grade reports, and data on Keene State alcohol and drug use - as well as other documents required of Greek chapters. It involved administering surveys of the Greek Senate, Greek chapters, and advisors of Greek organizations; meeting with focus groups from each Greek organization; conducting tours of Greek houses; and consulting with national Greek organization officials.

The Assessment Team recommends that the college adopt 14 standards for Greek organizations which affiliate with Keene State.

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## Clocks are needed in KSC classrooms



Anthony B. Vogl

I miss my watch. I've never really had good luck with watches.

I've owned many in my lifetime, all the different brands, Casio, Swatch, Cherrios, and yet, it seems inevitable that I will lose the watch. It always happens without fail.

Watches are wonderful inventions, mind you. They are necessary to the workings of daily life, and how I get by as managing news editor of *The Equinox* without one is beyond human comprehension. But, as the former is true, so is the latter. They are just too easy to lose.

I was quite proud of myself. I had managed to keep the same watch for a little over a year until the band finally fell apart a few months ago. I got frustrated with one of those silly sport band things and ripped it apart - it was falling apart anyways.

But then, low and behold, one day, I leave it on my desk, or somewhere else, I know not where, and it is gone, never to be found again.

On occasion, I hear a beep, but I can never find where it is coming from. Perhaps the little thing is trying to get home.

You may be curious where I am going with all this rambling about watches. I am not quite sure myself, but I do have one point I would like to make with this little commentary of mine.

It is regard to classrooms, timepieces and students. You see, at college, one lives by a certain time slotted schedule. You get up, go to your 10 o'clock class, get out at 10:50, and then rush to another class for another 50 minutes and then on to lunch. But, for those poor unfortunate souls out there without watches, including myself, what happens when the professor lets you out early, or God forbid, late. You are up the creek without a boat.

What I suggest is that Keene State follow the example of the first floor of Morrison. There are clocks in the classrooms. How about if Keene State took the initiative and put clocks in all the classrooms, just high enough so some stupid students cannot wreck them? Wouldn't that solve these problems? At least it would certainly aid those students who haven't a clue when they are let out of class in getting to

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## Spending the night at the White House is an unlikely option



Peter Lambert

As I'm sure you are all aware, Spring Break is next week. Some of us will be heading down the beaches of Florida or South Carolina, others will take part in the Alternative Spring Break. Some of us will just go home.

I thought home was going to be my destination as well, until I read the latest travel magazine. I decided then and there I would spend my vacation at Washington, D.C.'s newest and most prestigious hotel, at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. - the White House.

Of course, as all good travelers do, I called ahead to make the necessary arrangements. You can't just drop in on the leader of the free world and expect him to have your room ready, with a federally subsidized mint on the pillow.

I called the White House reservation desk, 1-800-CLINTON, and was connect-

ed with a very nice girl named Chelsea. I had a few questions for her.

First off, I asked her what the White House had to offer the weary traveler. She told me that it was equipped with all of the luxuries I could ask for - a swimming pool, tennis courts, beautiful gardens, and a room with a view. There are regularly scheduled concerts by the Marine Corps band, and every room has HBO.

Other activities and amenities cost extra, however. For \$20,000 I could sit in on a high-level Cabinet meeting. For \$10,000, I could take a plane ride on Air Force One, and for just \$15,000 I could listen in on top secret telephone conversations.

They also, on the third Wednesday of every month, have a "Vince Foster Murder Mystery Night," a fully catered function where people have a scavenger hunt to find envelopes of top secret missing files that have been hidden around the White House. This was a real bargain at \$50,000 a ticket.

Can I actually meet the president during my stay? Yes, I was told, for an additional

\$5,000. I could also have my picture taken with a cardboard cut-out of the vice president, which I was assured was just as life-like as the real thing.

It sounded promising, albeit expensive. What about meals? The meals at the White House are the finest anywhere, Chelsea told me. They are prepared by the best French chefs in the world.

The hotel restaurant, called "The East Room" is the setting for glittering state dinners, and has served world leaders and celebrities alike. For just \$45,000, I could even attend one of these grandiose events.

Before I went any further, I wanted to know exactly how much the actual room cost. I was told that it depends on where I wanted to stay. For just \$200,000 a night, I could stay in the Lincoln bedroom, where, in 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Although I'm a history major, \$200,000 was a little steep for me, even if it was for the Lincoln bedroom.

Chelsea said that I could also stay, for \$150,000, in a fold-away bed in the Blue Room,

and for \$100,000 I could sleep on an Army surplus cot in the Green Room.

This was still a little out of my range. What could I get for \$100 a night? Chelsea checked her little book and told me I could pitch a tent in the Rose Garden, as long as I didn't hold the president liable if I happened to trigger a laser beam and set off the burglar alarm. I told her that I'd have to think about it.

However, Chelsea now had a few questions for me. Was I an Indonesian government leader, business tycoon, or international illegal arms smuggler? No, I said. This was good, replied Chelsea.

The White House has had a lot of problems with them when they come to stay - they would sometimes snoop around where they weren't supposed to, ask the president for favors, or, worse, they would steal the towels.

The White House was taking a lot of heat from Republicans about this, and didn't want any more trouble, or lose its four-star rating.

Was I a famous celebrity who has publicly supported the president in the past? No, I

answered. Chelsea said that people like Ted Turner, Jane Fonda, Chevy Chase, Ted Danson, and Richard Dreyfus have all stayed at the White House, and that the hotel had to maintain its reputation for having a prestigious clientele.

So, asked Chelsea, if I wasn't a foreign government leader, business tycoon, international arms dealer, or a famous celebrity, what made me think that I could stay at the White House?

I replied that I was just an ordinary American, your average Joe, who wanted to spend a night at the most famous house in the world like all of the big-wigs have.

Chelsea suddenly turned very snappy. "The White House does not accommodate average citizens. Do you think we can let just any Tom, Dick, or Harry sleep under the White House roof?"

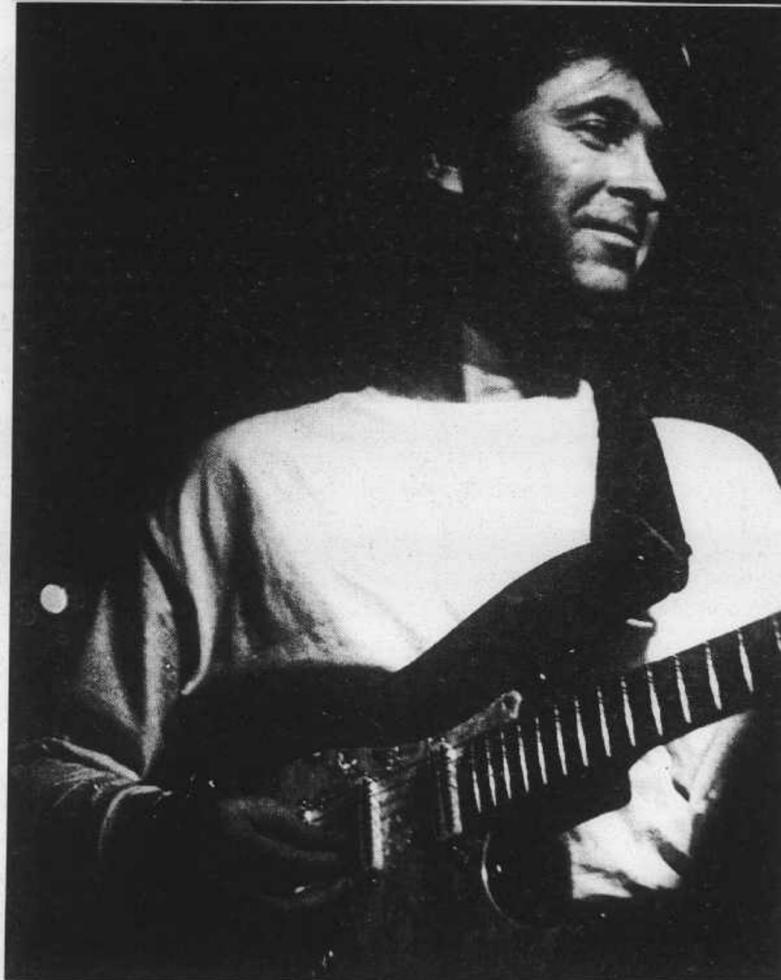
"Why not? It's my tax money that goes to run the place, so technically I own it as much as you do."

Chelsea hung up. I guess I'm staying home after all.

*-Peter Lambert is a Keene State freshman, and a weekly political columnist for The Equinox.*

# Arts & Entertainment

## Peter Parcek knows the blues



Brendan P. Murray  
The Equinox

The tradition of the "blues bar band" stands as one of American music's most solid institutions.

No matter where you are, in any area of the country, you're bound to find a band plugging away at a blues standard at any given time at your local drinking hall. It is from this tradition of bands working long hours for little pay and playing for the love of their music that has spawned a truly great musician in Peter Parcek.

Parcek has been popular in this area for three years, due in part to Todd Tousley, owner of Penuche's Ale House on Adams Street.

Tousley originally started booking bluegrass bands on Sunday nights but found "the college crowd was too loud for acoustic music."

Tousley sent out the word that he was interested in booking blues bands. He discovered that "(blues musicians) have their own culture, their own tradition."

"Once we had one or two decent blues musicians play and have a good time, more people became interested," Tousley said.

The first time Tousley heard Parcek was from the band Little Boy Blue, for which Parcek played guitar. Little Boy Blue sent Tousley a tape.

"I heard this guitar player and I thought, 'Wow, call them up,'" he said.

That gig led to several others. Upon Parcek's departure from Little Boy Blue, he became a solo act and continued to play Penuche's. The crowds

got bigger and more enthusiastic. Under Parcek's listing on the Sunday Night Blues Calendar at Penuche's, the same warning appears every time: "If you want a seat, show up early."

Parcek's fans are a loyal bunch. On the Sunday this writer saw him perform, the tiny bar was packed with a mixture of college students, folks from the Keene community and a set of regulars that show up for most of Parcek's gigs.

One of these fans is Michael Deragon, guitarist for local progressive rockers Dr. Bunsen Honeydew, and a Keene State senior majoring in English. When asked what makes Parcek so interesting, Deragon lights up.

"He's realized himself as an artist," Deragon said. "To watch him play and listen to him, it doesn't get any better than that."

When onstage, Parcek has the sound of Jimi Hendrix or Buddy Guy, with the technical precision of someone like John McLaughlin. Deragon waxed philosophic on this issue.

"I think anything that shows passion comes through. Sometimes that passion is phony and that's what usually gets bought by MTV," he said. "But when that passion is real it's going to talk to anyone who has any kind of ear for music whatsoever. His technical capabilities enhance it even more."

Parcek was backed on this night by drummer David Malcolm, bassist Ed Brown and the occasional tenor sax of Cookie Cook.

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.....going, going, **GONE!**

The KSC Bookstore will soon be returning all the unsold textbooks for the spring semester courses to the publishers. Please purchase any textbooks you will need to complete your courses soon, or you may be out of luck! If you feel you will need a textbook later this semester, but cannot purchase it now for some reason, let us know and we will gladly hold that text for you. Remember, this means that by finals week the textbooks for this semester will not be in the Bookstore, as we will already be putting the texts for the summer semester on the shelves!

## Student film looks at "Low Lifes"

Sam Lehman  
The Equinox

Filled with gangsters, shady money deals and double crossings, "Low Lifes" promises to be a 28-minute study in the film-noir genre.

Student written, directed and shot, the film's second draft was pitched for production 10 months ago by Keene State

College sophomore Justin Lundstrom.

Lundstrom, the film's director and the youngest member of the crew, wrote "Low Lifes" in his first year at Keene State, drawing influence from professional producers such as Martin Scorsese.

"I just dig the (noir) genre," Lundstrom said.

Filmed almost entirely on lo-

cation, "Low Lifes" took more than a couple of days to make. The student crew scheduled 22 days of shooting in and around the Keene area.

Brendan Harty, the film's production manager, needed charm, persuasion and lots of luck to get business proprietors to volunteer locales for shooting.

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**This is Our Music**

by  
Keith P. Moriarty

**Roots of modern rock are in punk, of course**



The problem with all of this college alterna-rock is too many people either claim they have no roots in stuff they obviously listen to (Stone Temple Pilots), or cling too close to their influences (Offspring).

What gets lost here is the music that made this all possible, (which is to say, punk), and right now there's only one band I want to talk about: The Crucifucks.

Now, anybody who wants to claim roots these days will talk endlessly about how captivating the Sex Pistols were. I don't claim to know all that much about punk. I don't think I cared about music in 1977 (I was three years old), and when Anti-Reagan punk flourished during the '80s, I thought REO Speedwagon and Journey were the only bands that mattered (I have two older sisters, okay?).

Anyhow, in the early '80s, sunny California (by way of Wisconsin) spawned the best punk band ever. Period. The first words anyone heard from the Crucifucks on record were: "You make things miserable everyday/You make me sick with the things you say/you stand for the anthem at the old ball game/And your pledge of allegiance is so fucking lame." And it all goes downhill from there. These guys hated everything, and let everyone know about it.



Their eponymous debut was 15 songs of pure angst, directed at cops, the government, and anybody with a big wallet and a closed mind. With song titles like "Hinkley Had a Vision," "Democracy Spawns Bad Taste," and "No One Can Make Me Play Along With This," the Crucifucks predated the '90s marketing concept of the disaffected youth by almost 10 years. Their rallying cry, "Oh Christ! It's the Crucifucks! The greatest threat to American democracy since Communism," was surely true.

But the boys softened up a bit by their second album, the just-as-brilliant "Wisconsin." It's the transformation of a band from, as Joel Kastner put it, "the best punk band ever to the best rock and roll band ever."



"Wisconsin" is a far more refined effort than its predecessor, and just as compelling and energetic. It was also, for all intents and purposes, the end of the band. Sure, it has everything that was required of it: loud guitars, screeching vocals, and hooks and attitude galore (and an attack on the government in "Washington").

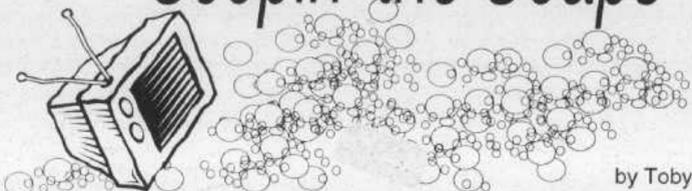
But it simply wasn't to be. Was that the end? No. Rumor has it Doc Dart ran for mayor of Madison, Wisconsin in 1985, (before Jello Biafra thought running for mayor was a good idea) and came close to winning.

The Crucifucks also predated the Descendents and the Sex Pistols by getting back together early last year and putting together a new record. It sucks. "L.D. Eye" is a muddy, keyboard-drenched hard rock affair that would have fit in pretty well in 1988, when Poison reigned supreme. Maybe the Crucifucks thought they could open for Guns N' Roses next time out.

After all, AXI and company did their punk record a few years ago, right? They forgot to cover the Crucifucks, though. They probably couldn't have gotten the disc sold at Wal-Mart if they'd covered "Cops for Fertilizer."

-Keith Moriarty is the arts and entertainment editor of The Equinox.

**Scopin' the Soaps**



by Toby Goldstein

(This column presents on air summaries for the week of Feb. 24-28, 1997.)

**ALL MY CHILDREN:**

Tanner stepped up his plan to take Hayley from Mateo by flying her to Texas then forcing them to make an emergency landing. Seeking refuge in a cave, Tanner offered Hayley a drink that he had drugged. Erica forced Maria to admit that she slept with Dmitri. Maria then went into labor. Laura and Pierce tried to help Janet deal with Amanda's rejection, while Trevor said he would talk to Amanda on Janet's behalf. Laura was taken aback by Scott's admission of love, but confided to Brooke that she feels the same way.

**ANOTHER WORLD:**

Rachel finally told Carl that she's pregnant. Bobby and Vicky searched for her boys in Lassiter and were reunited with them. As Bobby and Vicky shared a celebratory kiss, Jake witnessed it. Josie saw her wedding plans put on hold by Gary's insistence on nailing Grant first. Joe covered his mixed feelings about being promoted to police captain. Grant produced a mysterious letter from Cindy which could get him off the hook.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:**

Ryder told Hal the truth about being blackmailed by Diego. Connor found a gun and a bloody shirt in Mark's toolbox, then confessed her love to him. Margo recalled a terrifying incident while under hypnosis. The funeral director was shocked to find the coffin with Diego's body missing. Kim realized that in her state of confusion, she isn't ready to return to work yet.

**BOLD & BEAUTIFUL:**

Thinking that Ridge tossed her aside for Brooke, Taylor got drunk and accidentally set her house on fire. Thorne saved Taylor, who was taken to the hospital, badly burned. When Ridge learned what happened and rushed to Taylor's side, Thorne said that she doesn't want to see him. Maggie re-

turned from London and realized that she may have underestimated Sheila's ability to get close to James. Clarke convinced Lauren to sign on with Spectra. Meanwhile, Eric wanted to propose to Lauren. Coming: Sheila senses that her plan is working.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:**

King realized that he can use Bo's feelings for Hope and Billie against him. Kristen and John were fearful when they learned that the newborn needs surgery for a heart defect. In jail, Jack was befriended by another inmate, but was unaware that Travis is working for Stefano. Lucas spent time with Sami so that Austin and Carrie could be together, but Sami's persistent pain forced Austin to return her to her hospital room.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:**

Monica was incriminated when a surprise witness lied on the stand, but Jason denounced the witness and defended his mother. Alan was furious to note that A.J. is drinking again. Brenda's so-called secret admirer was shown to be making deadly plans for her, and took her hostage. Sonny tried to rescue Brenda, but instead endangered himself. Tom suggested to Luke and Laura that Nikolas might help in Lesley's recovery.

**GUIDING LIGHT:**

A newcomer in town appeared to help Reva in the search for her sister. Ross had no kindness to spare for Blake. Holly had mixed emotions as she and Roger bonded together to comfort Blake. Josh came close to the truth about Annie's pregnancy during a routine doctor's visit. Buzz tried to help Jenna resist Jeffrey's demands. Vanessa made another small step toward recovery.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:**

Holding Kevin and Cassie at gunpoint, the masked stranger took the file that could incriminate R.J. Asa told Bo and Nora that he saw R.J. near the fuse box on the fateful night. R.J. then testified that he turned out

the lights at Carlo's request. Alex and R.J. found out that Carlo's money has been transferred to a Swiss bank. Maggie told Max the truth about her ties to Ian and his mother's death. Ian hired a private investigator to follow Maggie. Todd launched an appeal to save Starr.

**SUNSET BEACH:**

A distraught Cole and a drunken Olivia made love, but he remained unaware that she's Caitlin's mother. Paula was caught trying to escape from a psycho and subdued with a hypodermic needle. When Ricardo and Eddie stormed her barracks prison, they were faced with a horrifying sight. Meg produced a blood-stained coat and told Ben that she can prove it's Annie's. Gregory prevented Jo-Jo from pursuing Michael after he was able to rescue Vanessa.

**THE CITY:**

Tracy arranged for a call girl to step in for the consummation of her marriage to Gino, who confounded everything by suddenly dying. Alex had a huge shock when he came upon Tracy and Zoey moving Gino's body to the basement. Danny almost revealed to Jocelyn that he got Carla pregnant. When Tony tried to figure out exactly what happened during his infamous night with Carla, she tried changing the subject by pretending to suffer from cramps. Coming: Carla places blame for her father's death.

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS:**

Victor told Jack, Jill and Keith that their merger has put them millions of dollars in debt. Sharon's condition deteriorated, forcing the doctor to proceed with surgery, but a hysterical Sharon begged them not to let her baby die. Unable to feel for Ryan what she feels for Cole, Nina tried losing herself in bars, where Ryan tracked her down. A bitter argument ensued, with Ryan suggesting that she seek psychological help.

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**Righteous babe's in town soon**  
Ani DiFranco coming to Colonial Theatre

Keith Moriarty  
The Equinox

The independent sensation Ani DiFranco will perform at the Colonial Theatre on Main Street Tuesday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

DiFranco has released eight albums on her Righteous Babe label in six years, including a collaboration with anarchist/folkie Utah Phillips.

Her music can best be described as almost funky folk-rock, and, despite her lack of press (the current issue of College Music Journal features an Ani DiFranco cover story that contains no interview), she has gathered a large base of dedicated fans.

She has over 30,000 names on her mailing list, and there are no less than seven World-Wide Web sites dedicated to her.

Her catalog of albums has sold more than 500,000 copies. In terms of major label artists, that number is no big shakes. But DiFranco finances all of her albums herself, and tours relentlessly.

Pollstar, the trade magazine that tracks ticket sales and the live concert market, consistently lists DiFranco as one of the country's top-grossing live acts, and fans insist her live

show is where she's strongest.

As *Melody Maker* put it, "DiFranco's sharp-witted, charming live shows... are usually punctuated by the thunk of everyone falling in love with her."

Keene now gets its second chance in as many years to fall in love with DiFranco, as she supports her latest album, "Dilate," and prepares for an upcoming live CD which will probably come out this year.



Courtesy photo  
Ani DiFranco will perform at the Colonial Theatre on Main Street Tuesday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

**Parcek**

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They were a band that had the intangible ability to expand on a theme; the kind of focus usually associated with a jazz combo.

At the center of the action was Parcek, his eyes shut tight, his fingers skipping effortlessly across the fretboard.

Offstage, Parcek is a shy, humble and kind vegetarian, not attributes stereotypically associated with blues musicians. In talking about the blues, Parcek spoke with the reverence of a true fan. He spoke of his first encounter with the blues as a young man in Hartford, Conn.

"My stepfather bought me this huge radio with a top on it like a drum. You could get the Grand Old Opry and a station out of Chicago. I was listening one night, flipping the dial, and all of a sudden, there was Howlin' Wolf. All of the hairs on my body stood up," he said. Parcek then sought out blues records at the local record

store. He ordered "Moanin' At Midnight" by Howlin' Wolf and "The Best of Muddy Waters," and he was hooked.

"The first song, 'Moanin' At Midnight,' scared me. Somewhere through the middle of the record, I started to cry," he said. "I vowed that if I ever learned to play an instrument, if I could have some of that emotion, that passion, that beauty, then I'd be happy."

Parcek moved to London after high school to learn more. When asked to place a date on his move, he grinned and said, "Sorry man, that's a trade secret."

After hearing some legends in London, Parcek returned to the States, and, as he puts it, "locked myself in a room for a year and a half. After that (time), I could do a passable B.B. King imitation. Which, for me, was as high as it went. In some ways, it still is. Ultimately, you have to reach for something that is relatively your own."

That "something" has kept Parcek busy, playing whenever he can with whomever he can. "I try to get the best musi-

cians I can," he said. "I like to keep it fresh. We don't make that much, so it's practical reality."

Touring aside, Parcek speaks highly of playing in Keene. "This is my favorite place to play in the world," he said, "because the people are incredibly attuned, sensitive and nice. And they give as much as you can, back. There's a communication which is mutual. I don't know what else you (would) want as a musician."

Parcek said he would like to make an album, but currently can't afford to do so.

The interview was cut short by an audience member's call of "time to go to work Peter!" and Parcek and company did just that, playing two more sets that kept the crowd on its feet until closing time.

At the end of the night, an exhausted Parcek quietly packed his gear, and spoke with members of the crowd, careful to learn their names and thank them for attendance.

And with that, Peter Parcek, one of the most gifted and least known guitarists in America, headed out for another gig.

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- Nighttime sign
- Canvas shelter
- Eggs

**Natasha's Stars**



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't listen to a friend's advice since it's off the mark. You are upset when unexpected guests drop by without so much as a phone call later in the week. However, this could be fun, so try to be more flexible. The weekend looks good for quiet activities.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You are disappointed when a family member reneges on a planned get-together this week. If buying a gift for someone, be sure you know the person's tastes and avoid spending too much. A weekend getaway is possible, if you don't go overboard in expenses.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Someone who owes you money is slow to repay you later in the week which should serve as a lesson for the future. You and your significant other need to achieve a meeting of the minds concerning mutual funds. You want to spend, but your partner wants to save.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's not a good time to share those innovative ideas you have for business this week. Someone is just waiting to take credit for them, leaving you out in the cold. If shopping this weekend, watch expenditures.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A certain someone in your social sphere is just handing you a line. It's best to maintain your distance and remain skeptical. Don't let flattery sway you. In business, make sure your goals are realistic.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You spend more time this week tapping your toes, waiting for someone who's not on time for an appointment. Be careful of someone who promises more than can be delivered. This weekend, avoid mixing business with pleasure.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) In considering your social options, make sure you honor obligations you'd made previously. A financial proposal made this week is really just a long shot. Generally, this is not a good time to gamble.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Sift through your social invitations and use discretion. If not, you'll find yourself yawning through a dull, uneventful social gathering. Extra expenses arise in connection with travel for those on the road.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) In your pursuit of pleasure, be careful not to take unnecessary risks. In romance, you have a tendency to be a bit impulsive this week - which is unlike you and could lead to trouble. Try to be more careful.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You have time to socialize this week. Yet, you need to spend some time on a work-related project early in the week. Curb your tendency to spend too much when shopping for the home.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're having a difficult time making up your mind this week about a purchase you're considering. Seek out family members' opinions. The weekend favors moderation while out socializing.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Epicurean delights appeal mightily this week. However, exercise some restraint or you face a stringent diet at a later time. This weekend, keep lines of communication open with family members.

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**This Week In History**

On **March 5, 1770**, British troops fired into a Boston mob, killing five people, including Crispus Attucks, a black man, who was the leader of the group; this incident later became known as the Boston Massacre.

**March 3, 1820**, Senator Henry Clay's Missouri Compromise bill was passed by Congress; slavery was allowed in Missouri, but not elsewhere west of the Mississippi River north of the southern line of Missouri.

**March 6, 1836**, the Siege of the Alamo ended with the entire garrison of Texans losing their lives.

**March 6, 1857**, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, in the Dred Scott decision that a slave did not become free when taken into a free state, Congress could not bar slavery from a territory, and blacks could not be citizens.

**March 3, 1891**, the Forest Reserve Act was passed, allowing the president to close public forest land to settlement for the establishment of national parks.

**March 5, 1927**, about 1,000 Marines landed in China to protect private property during a civil war.

**March 6, 1933**, all banks in the U.S. were ordered closed by President Franklin Roosevelt.

**March 9, 1933**, Congress began its historic "100 days" special session with the agenda being President Roosevelt's New Deal to stimulate the nation's economy during the Depression.

**March 4, 1994**, four men were found guilty of a total of 38 charges related to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City.

**March 3, 1996**, a bomb that exploded on a bus in West Jerusalem killed 19 people.

**March 3, 1996**, a communique report from the radical Palestinian organization, Hamas, said that the bombing was the last retaliation for the killing of a Hamas leader in January.

**March 6, 1996**, former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee withdrew from the Republican presidential contest and backed Senator Dole.

## Letters

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The standards address five areas, which the team believes must be addressed to improve the quality of Greek Life at Keene State: improving house environments, enhance leadership of Greek organizations, creating positive pledging practices, providing consistent sup-

port for Greek organizations and advisors, and establishing clear expectations of the behaviors expected from members of Greek organizations.

The 14 standards are called A New Vision for Greek Life at Keene State College. They represent a new set of expectations for Greek organizations. They are intended to strengthen Greek organizations and to require accountability to college policies as well as the stan-

dards and missions of Greek organizations.

The evaluation process included many discussions with student members of Greek organizations but did not include an assessment of the opinions of non-Greek students.

I encourage students to review this report, and I invite written comments on its recommendations. Written comments should be addressed to me at mailstop 1504 and must be received by the end of the day on Friday, March 21. At that time, I will review all community input before deciding which recommendations will be implemented.

Copies of this report and supporting materials have been placed on reserve at the Mason Library, in my office, and in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Stanley J. Yarosewick  
president  
Keene State College

## Values take back seat to money

Say it ain't so! Have you heard the University of New Hampshire had eliminated baseball from their athletic programs? BASEBALL! We

all have our favorite sports (and I'll admit that baseball is mine), but it seems that anyone can connect with the great American spirit of baseball.

Sometimes it feels that as a nation, as a culture, as people, we are losing our sense of community. And this feels like another example of that loss.

I love baseball. But even if I didn't, I think I'd mourn this loss. Once again, it seems, money has taken precedence over values.

Mona Anderson  
Counseling Center



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## Watch

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the next one on time.

You know that if you are let out of a class in the Science Center at 10:59 a.m. and have a class in Elliot Hall at 11:00 a.m. that you had better turn into Flash Gordon and fast.

Where's the money come from for this little proposal of mine? I can only assume that is Keene State can find the money to put up a silly red box on Appian Way, they can pay to put clocks in the classrooms.

A distraction to students? I think not. Students spend more time wondering what time it is without the clocks.

With clocks in the classrooms, they would know how much longer they have to pay attention before the end and so could decide whether they could make it or not.

This is, however, a mere suggestion coming from a concerned student. Merely a suggestion.

Anthony Vogl is a sophomore Journalism major at Keene State College, and the managing news editor of The Equinox.

## Corrections

On page 9 in the Feb. 12 issue of *The Equinox*, the article should have said T-Bone Wolk produced Acid Bran's record, he didn't pay for it.

Readers are encouraged to make *The Equinox* aware of factual errors. Please call Jen at 358-2413 with corrections.

## Web

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Lastly, how does the value of the Web-based information you've found compare with other available sources, such as print?

"A lot of it's real commonsensical," Molinek said. He said librarians and scholars have made careful decisions about what information students will find on a library's shelves. But, "when they sit down at the computer, they become responsible for keeping in mind the things that we as information-gatherers keep in mind."

Students most likely to get in trouble are those who rely only on the Internet.

"There is good information out there," said Lou Ortmayer, a Davidson political science professor, "but it doesn't substitute for library research. So you'd better not give me a paper that cites only Internet sources."

For more on this subject, point your Web browser to these sites:

Evaluating Web Sites: Criteria and Tools  
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/webeval.html>  
This site, at Cornell

University in Ithaca, N.Y., is organized in the form of a tutorial and offers tips on both Internet and non-Internet information sources.

Evaluating Quality on the Net  
<http://www.tiac.net/users/hope/findqual.html>

Hope Tillman, the library director at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass., offers a variety of examples and useful tips in this article urging Internet researchers to apply

the same common-sense skills to evaluating Web content as they would any other information source.

Evaluating Internet Based Information  
<http://www.lmc.mankato.msus.edu/class/629/Cred.HTML>

Also in the form of a tutorial for students, this site at Mankato State University in Minnesota leads Web surfers on a tour, comparing good and bad sites.

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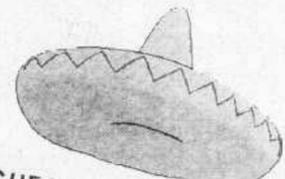
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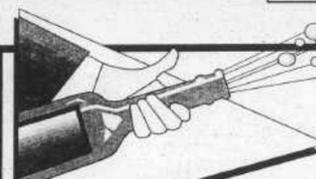
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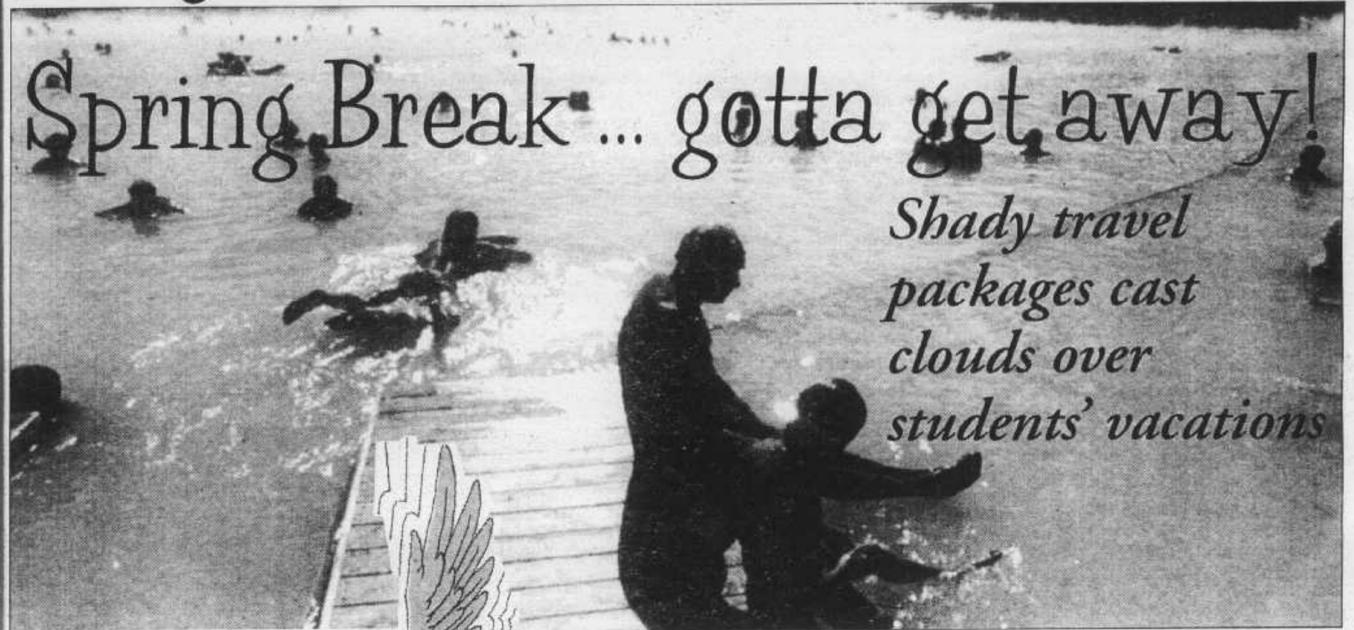
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# Style

## Spring Break... gotta get away!

*Shady travel packages cast clouds over students' vacations*



Hanna Snyder  
The Equinox

a room in an undesirable hotel located far away from the beach, according to Julia Silverman of *The Brown Daily Herald*.

"When you pay next to nothing, you get an undesirable hotel," Hill said.

Other restrictions include high fees for a canceled trip, extra credit card charges, hotel damage deposits, penalties depending on how late you book your trip, flight and hotel taxes and a charge to leave from selected cities.

Bakos remembers a horror story of a group who went with one of these travel companies.

"First, they had a terrible time actually getting their tickets, then the tour company changed dates on them, and then, after all that, the company changed things so they would have to leave from Philadelphia instead of Boston. So they were stuck getting down to Pennsylvania," she said.

**"People have had bad experiences in the past with those operations. Now, they're ready to pay a little extra for worry-free trips."**

• Maria Bakos  
travel agent

Added charges included in the fine print of such packages can add up to at least an additional \$100 on your final package price.

"The fine print makes a bad deal, so do your homework," Hill said.

An agent from Beau Travel in Keene said they try not to associate themselves with companies who offer cheap spring break packages.

"We try not to represent companies like that, we go with tour operators which we know," the agent said.

Travel agencies agree that students are better off paying more to be satisfied with their trip, but waiting until the last minute can be just as costly.

A decent travel package to some of the more favor-

able spring break locations should run students about \$600, which usually includes hotel, air fare and transfers from the airport to their hotel.

With spring break only a week away, the chances of getting a reliable and reasonably priced travel package for this year are slim to none.

"Plan ahead, by all means," Hill said.

"Book your flight at least six months in advanced or compromise the time, price and place you want." Procrastinating your plans can leave you with a plane ticket which is sometimes double what you'd normally pay.

"If you could find an open space now, the air fare alone could run at least \$300 - \$400 for a fare which would normally be \$200," Hill said.

Beau Travel said the most popular spring break destinations include Cancun, Jamaica and Florida.

However, if you decide at the last minute to actually do something this spring break besides hang out in Keene, there are some options for short-term or low-budget getaway plans.

Jumping in your car and taking a road trip to somewhere relatively close is a good option.

The road trip itself and a few days in Canada or a large city can be as much fun as a tropical paradise and a lot less expensive.

"In terms of short-term low-cash plans, Canada has a more favorable exchange rate than New York City. Hotels in New York can be very expensive. Montreal is a fun city and the mountains are great for skiing," Hill said.

So if you want virtually worry-free plans for next year's spring break, go with a reputable travel agency, be prepared to spend around \$600 and start planning now.

If you have no plans and are itching for a little escape, grab some friends, hop in a car and head north.

If all goes well, you might not come back with a tan, but at least you'll have had fun.

• Julia Silverman of *The Brown Daily Herald* contributed to this article.

By getting what you paid for, a complete spring break set-up offered by a package company could get

## Police Log

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Call received from Keene State regarding criminal mischief in the Winchester Lot at Keene State, general information report filed

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**5:25 p.m.**  
Follow up investigation, Keene State

**11:28 p.m.**  
Call received regarding a malicious fire alarm pull on Butler Court

**February 23 Sunday 6:11 a.m.**  
Call received regarding an unwanted person in Owl's Nest 5, room 301

**6:17 a.m.**  
Unwanted subject found asleep by the resident of the room

**3:40 p.m.**  
Follow up investigation, Keene State

**February 24 Monday 8:19 a.m.**  
Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, summons issued

**February 25 Tuesday 11:11 a.m.**  
Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester Street and Butler Court

**February 26 Wednesday 10:53 a.m.**  
911 call from phone #122 near Huntress and the Science Center, subject gone on arrival

**February 27 Thursday 2:45 a.m.**

Call received regarding a disturbance by a large group on Winchester Street

**2:09 p.m.**  
Call received regarding theft at Keene State, general information report filed

**4:27 p.m.**  
Call received regarding theft at Keene State, general information report filed

**March 1 Saturday 12:49 p.m.**  
Motor vehicle stop in the intersection of Winchester and Main Street

**2:46 a.m.**  
Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, warning issued for an illegal turn

**11:07 p.m.**  
Follow up investigation, Keene State

**March 2 Sunday 12:19 a.m.**  
Motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Winchester and Madison Street, no personal injuries

**2:43 a.m.**  
Call received from Keene State regarding a disturbance by an incoherent male on Appian Way

**March 3 Monday 1:57 a.m.**  
Call received from Campus Safety regarding an empty vehicle that was unregistered and uninspected and had paraphernalia in the rear compartment

**2:22 a.m.**  
Vehicle towed from the area near Carle Hall

**2:29 a.m.**  
Summons issued for possession of drug paraphernalia, subject must appear in court

## Fire Log

**Monday, February 24 12:24 p.m.**  
Fire Department responded to a medical emergency in Randall Hall

**Monday, February 24 9:45 a.m.**  
Fire Department responded to a medical emergency in Carle Hall

**Tuesday, February 25 9:30 p.m.**  
A smoke detector was set off by cigarette smoke in an Owl's Nest

**Sunday, February 2 2:12 a.m.**  
Cooking set off a smoke detector in 1A Carle

## Bug found to cause fatigue

Lidia Wasowicz  
Reuters

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Researchers have found how the agent that causes sleeping sickness in humans works. The parasitic organism does its dirty job by keeping the body's natural bug-busting machinery at bay. Humans are not infected by this organism because, once in the blood, it is soon destroyed by certain disease-defying proteins in human serum which work like a Trojan horse binding to the cell surface of the parasite and then being ingested by the cell, leaving them free to destroy the pesky organism from within. They then looked at a related organism, which causes the debilitating human disease called sleeping sickness. The human-attacking culprit is resistant to the bug-busting human serum. The proteins bind to the cell surface, but it all ends there: their failure to be ingested by the enemy cells means the attackers escape destruction and are free to cause their own.

# Calendar

# March 6 to 12



File Photo

Ani DiFranco will be playing in the Colonial Theater in Keene Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00p.m.

## Thursday, March 6

Huun-Huur-Tu, The Throat Singers of Tuva 8 & 10 p.m. @ Moore Theater Hopkins Center Hanover, NH (603) 646-3991

## Friday, March 7

Hambro Quartet of Pianos 8 p.m. @ Jorgensen Auditorium 2132 Hillside Rd., U-104 Storrs, CT (860) 486-4226

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## Saturday, March 8

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## Sunday, March 9

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## Monday, March 10

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## Tuesday, March 11

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## Wednesday, March 12

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## Low

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"We've shot at the Elm City Brewery, Kilkenney's (Pub), the Troy Diner, and both the Best Western and the Days Inn motels," Harty said, while on location at Penuche's Ale House on Adams Street.

For those who don't know what's involved in the making of a feature film, it may seem to be an easy task, like playing around with a camcorder. However, there is much more to the process (and to the equipment) than just a simple, handheld video camera.

For starters, once the locations have been scouted out and permission to use them has been granted, the real process of movie making begins. And the beginning starts before the sun rises.

Each day of shooting, the nine-member crew acts like a moving company, transporting school-loaned equipment of all weights and proportions (enough to fill three cars and a truck) to the shooting location. Although the school has provided the equipment for the students to use, it's not without risk. "We break it, we pay for

it," Harty said.

The lights, tripods, camera booms, battery packs and sound equipment can take hours to move and set up, according to Kara Mickley, a Keene State junior and director of photography.

"Half our day is spent carrying and adjusting our equipment," Mickley said.

The chaotic scramble to assemble the inner workings of a scene shot in a local bar, appeared at first glance to be something out of a Monty Python episode. Fueled by desire to get to the next scene, the crew humorously cursed at each other under their breath, forcing laughter at sometimes unwanted intervals.

A typical day on location lasts 12 to 14 hours, sometimes back to back. Sleep deprivation is a condition most of the cast and crew know well.

"The first weekend of shooting, we shot two 14-hour days," Mickley said.

The time consumed shooting a scene can range anywhere from minutes to hours, with the latter usually closer to the norm.

"Eight hours of shooting for two-and-a-half minutes of usable film" isn't uncommon, Harty said. At this rate, shooting the 28-minute film will in-

volve over one hundred hours of on-location filming.

Shooting eats the bulk of time and money, but the technical work of the editors and sound technicians also takes a major chunk of time and cash. The crew purchased their own movieola (or at least the exclusive rights to one for the semester), a machine used for editing film, for \$1,000.

They also spent close to \$1,500 on the 400-foot rolls of raw stock film used in the cameras. This may seem an outrageous price, but for editors Scott Hancock and Dave Morrissey, the money was well spent.

Other aspects of the process that require large sums of money are the negative cut and answer print, both costing \$1,000 each, along with the cost of processing the film, which is \$2,160.

The money for the film comes from a combination of sources. Each crew member fronted around \$800 each and the rest of the money was fundraised from student organizations such as the Student Assembly who donated \$500. The Barnstormers, a student film-makers club, gave \$800.

Along with the crew, other people have volunteered their time and endured the rigors of a

day on the shoot. The five main actors and make-up people have offered their services along with cameo actors like Bob Gunther, a Keene State film professor.

The crew advertised in *The Keene Sentinel* classifieds for two weeks as well as posting signs around town and campus for actors available to work for free. The selection process went rather quickly.

"We got head shots and cast four of the five main characters by word of mouth," Lundstrom said. "I'm very happy with the people we got."

The people they got are a mix of students and local residents, none of whom has any problem enduring the tough hours involved with the project.

The two lead characters, Loretta and Wes Beale, are played by Maya McDermott and Jeffery Turgeon. The three supporting roles are played by Ken Arnold, Dave Mast, and Wendell Goodrum. Among the character roles are a hit-man, a mob boss and a femme fatale.

Because of the commotion, the crew had to make local authorities aware of their activities every time they filmed outside. Certain scenes containing blank gun shots are one reason the police and fire departments

had to be made aware of the filming. Shooting in bars was another. Not everyone working on the project is of legal drinking age.

Much of the enjoyment in working on the project comes from the freedom to do whatever they want, artistically.

Tom Cook is the assistant professor of film production and the man who ultimately grades the project. "I try to let them be free," he said.

Cook said he will base the project's grade on a number of technical factors and, most importantly, on whether or not it meets its deadline.

The student crew is composed of all film majors, many on them seniors, working for graduation. For them, the debut of "Low Lifes" will mark an end to a four year film production class, their final assignment completed.

The Student Film Festival will probably not be the last film festival screening "Low Lifes," Harty said. The crew will most likely send the film to other student festivals such as the New England Student Film Festival, the New York Student Film Festival and the Toronto Film Festival.

• Kimberly Szydio contributed to this story.

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**College GOP president accused of fraud**

The Michigan Daily  
University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Nick Kirk, president of the University of Michigan chapter of the College Republicans, allegedly gained access to the state Republican convention about three weeks ago by pretending to be a reporter for The Michigan Review.

"It's just an accusation," Kirk said. "They have no tangible evidence."

But Sage Eastman, press secretary for the Michigan Republican Party, confirmed last night that Kirk said he was a Review staff writer.

"I find it odd that someone in charge of the College Republicans would pretend to be a member of the press," Eastman said. "It's disappointing."

Some College Republicans said that given Kirk's status as the leader of the group, he would not have needed to pre-

tend to be a reporter to gain admittance.

"The position he's in gives him access to most people there," said Pete Rinato, the group's vice president for alumni affairs. "Nick's pretty well-known across the state."

Geoff Brown, editor in chief of The Michigan Review, said there has been a history of tension between Kirk and the Review.

"The Review has had a problem with him," Brown said. "That might have been his motivation to choose the Review."

Brown said he discovered Kirk's alleged fraud after receiving "several e-mails from College Republicans saying this had happened."

Kirk said there are certain members of the College Republicans who are conspiring against him.

He said these members are admitting many people into the group who have not participat-

ed in events only to aid specific candidates in the group's March 19 officer elections.

"This is just an organized campaign against me," Kirk said. "They're trying to rig the election."

Kirk also said the Review has a personal vendetta against him.

"The Review has called me 'Dick Jerk.' They have called me 'Roy Cohn.' They have called me 'Richard Nixon,'" Kirk said. "They're just flinging mud at me."

Brown said Kirk was the only member of the College Republicans who pretended to be a Review writer. Also, Brown said he has been unofficially told that Kirk forged a press identification pass, but that charge has not been confirmed.

"Allegedly, Nick (Kirk) made a press I.D., got it laminated at Kinko's and signed my name to it," Brown said.

**Greeks**

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The assessment is not the final word in the future of Greek Life at Keene State. Yarosewick will present his formal recommendations after March 21.

"It's still very much in that discussion stage," Yarosewick said. "I want people to read it for both pro and con. There will be people who say the assessment didn't go far enough and there will be people who say it went too far."

**Affiliation**

The first recommendation included in the report states that by April 15, 1999, all fraternities and sororities must affiliate with a regional or national organization.

Chris Ragusa, vice president of Greek Senate and president of Alpha Pi Tau, a local fraternity, said "this would be taking 75 years of tradition and brotherhood and throwing it away."

Alpha Pi Tau is the school's oldest Greek organization, founded in 1925.

Ragusa said that requiring his organization to adopt a new constitution, pledging process and history "would take the heart and soul from Alpha Pi Tau."

"As an alumni I wouldn't be coming back to Alpha Pi Tau. I would be coming back to something I wasn't involved in," Ragusa said.

Phi Mu Delta brother and Greek Senate President Matt Miale said he was offended by this recommendation.

"Each organization has its own traditions," he said. "This is basically saying that you and your organization are no longer valid."

**Pledging**

The assessment also contains recommendations that could affect one of the staples of Greek Life - the pledging process. At least four recommendations included in the assessment will have a direct impact on pledging.

Currently second-semester freshmen, students who have completed 12 credits are allowed to pledge.

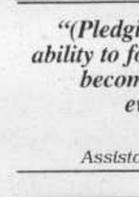
Under the proposed changes, students would have to complete 24 credits before pledging. Transfer students would need to complete 12 credits at Keene State before being eligible.

This and a recommendation to cut the pledging process from its traditional six to nine



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KSC President



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• Patrice Strifert  
Assistant Director of Programs



*"If you have 27 years of history and tradition, how could you possibly get that in a two week period?"*

• Matt Miale  
President of Greek Senate

weeks to a two week period are designed to lessen the impact pledging has on students' lives.

"(Pledging) impacts students' ability to focus in the classroom," Assistant Director of Programs Patrice Strifert said. "It becomes the priority over everything else."

Miale said the college is attempting to have too much control over students' lives by suggesting this change.

"The hypocrisies that are being laid down here are ridiculous," he said. "You're coming to college to gain a new outlook

that pledges bond with each other and learn the teamwork and brotherhood that his organization is based on.

Though Ragusa said it is possible for pledges to finish in two weeks, Miale said it is "impossible."

"If you have 27 years of history and tradition, how could you possibly get that in a two week period," he said.

Miale referred to Greek Life as a "lifestyle" and he reiterated that new members cannot experience that lifestyle in such a short amount of time.

**Grade Point Averages**

Fall 1995 to Spring 1996

**Greeks**

Women 2.68

Men 2.38

Overall 2.56

**Independents**

Women 2.85

Men 2.67

Overall 2.77

source: Greek Life Assessment

As far as the academic aspect of the pledging process, Ragusa said "you won't see one of my guys miss a class."

He said Alpha Pi Tau requires all pledges to attend every class meeting and guarantees adequate library time during pledging.

He joked that pledging was the only semester he has not missed classes since he's been at Keene State.

Ragusa said it is essential for pledges to perform well academically because if they complete pledging with a substandard grade point average they will be ineligible to participate in their fraternity's or sorority's functions.

"Why would you want to go through all that and not be able to participate?" he said.

Other recommendations will require Greek advisors to have "full knowledge of and approve of all pledging practices and be present at final sign events," according to the assessment.

Also, all pledges will continue to participate in the one-credit Alcohol and Personal Health class.

Despite the time invested by both the administration and members of Greek Life it appears the two sides are as polar as ever.

College administrators said there is a need for change because of the high risks involved with its affiliation with Greek Life.

Greeks don't feel it is the college's place to step in and regulate.

"The affiliation is valuable to us and we know that, but the affiliation can't take away from what Greek Life is," Miale said. Though he admits he has problems with aspects of the assessment, Ragusa said there is room for compromise.

"Life is about compromise and I was hoping the assessment was a tool of that," he said.

Miale said he had the willingness to compromise before he read the assessment.

"The intention is to compromise," he said. "We thought by cooperating we would come up with something that reflects all aspects of Greek Life," he said. "These recommendations don't mention anything positive."

**Alcohol**

The recommendation to keep the requirement that all pledges attend the Alcohol and Personal Health class stems from the concern Assessment Team members expressed regarding Greeks and alcohol consumption.

As part of the multiple-choice surveys distributed to Greeks, many questions centered around the purchasing, consumption and sale of alcohol.

When asked if their "chapter discourages underage drinking," 76 percent of those who responded to the question said they "agreed or strongly agreed" that they did discourage underage consumption. Eleven percent disagreed and 13 percent did not know.

In what seems to contradict these responses, when asked if "underage drinking happened in (their) chapter in the last six months," 55 percent said they "don't know."

The remaining responses were split with 22 percent agreeing or strongly agreeing and the other 23 percent disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

The assessment states that

**Avg. Weekly Consumption of Alcohol**

Measured by E.A.I. report

**Greeks**

Women

8 drinks per week

Men

20 drinks per week

Overall

13 drinks per week

**Independents**

Women

4 drinks per week

Men

14 drinks per week

Overall

9 drinks per week

source: Greek Life Assessment

"based on the survey responses, it is apparent that the organizations do not actively discourage underage drinking."

Another concern cited in the assessment was the alcohol consumption among Greeks.

According to the Environmental Assessment Instrument survey, a survey distributed to a random sampling of both Greeks and non-Greeks, Greek males consume an average of 20 drinks per week as opposed to 14 by their independent counterparts. Greek females double the consumption of independent females, eight to four.

The Equinox attempted to contact the presidents of each Greek organization, but they either refused to comment or could not be reached.

James Quinlan, president of Phi Mu Delta and chair of the Greek President's Committee, said the president's have "no formal statement at this time."

Kristen Flink, president of Kappa Gamma, also would not comment.

Quinlan said they are in the process of drafting a letter expressing their concerns and will present it to Yarosewick by week's end.

Yarosewick is accepting comments on the assessment from the campus community until March 21.

Copies of the assessment have been made available to all Greek organizations and are also available in Yarosewick's office, Hickey's office and the Mason Library.

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# Rec Sports Scoreboard

## Men's Basketball

League One	W	L
Tall Taggers	3	0
Red Tape	2	2
YESKA	2	1
A Team	1	2
Sigma Eagles	0	3

**Game Summaries**  
The A Team broke into the win column, when the Sigma Eagles were forced to forfeit.  
The Tall Taggers posted a 55-46 win over Red Tape. Jamie Lee had 12 points and Gary Maser had 10 points for the Tall Taggers. Jamie Smith scored 16 for Red Tape.

League Two	W	L
Huskies	3	0
Class I	3	0
Parchesis	1	2
TKE	1	2
Goodfellas	0	4

**Game Summaries**  
Class I moved into a first place tie with a win over Parchesis 55-46. Matt "the mad man" Simoni scored 13 points in the win. Andy Papaethemiou and Zach "drivin' the" Lane contributed 12 points each. Ben Davidson had 17 points for Parchesis.  
TKE collected their first win over the Goodfellas 32-28. Jon Betz and James Lewit each had nine points for TKE. Chris Clark had a game high 11 points for the Goodfellas.

## Co-Rec Volleyball

League One	W	L
Raptors	2	0
Alpha Pi Tau	1	0
Bloomers	1	1
EPY	0	2
Tau Phi Xi	0	1

**Game Summaries**  
Raptors 15-11, 15-10  
Bloomers  
Alpha Pi Tau 15-9, 15-7  
EPY

## Success

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Possibly one of the better in the Northeast, with returning starters Russ Schlip and second team All-Conference performers Brian Hamilton and Mike O'Brien.  
Hamilton worked on his hitting over winter break and looks to put up huge numbers as the team's premiere power hitter. O'Brien set the school

League Three	W	L
Choochmasters	3	0
Nuff Said	2	1
Phi Mu Delta-A	1	2
Circus Midgets	1	2
Con't. Ed.	1	3

**Game Summaries**  
The Choochmasters defeated the Circus Midgets 73-65 behind 29 points from Michael Hayes. Mike Miller tallied 20 points to lead the Midgets.  
In other action Con't Ed. was led by former baseball icon Shawn Berry who guided the team to a 37-22 win over Phi Mu Delta. Phi Mu was led by Eric Capron with 13.

League Four	W	L
Barnum & Bailey	2	1
Playoff Bound	2	1
D.C All-Stars	2	1
Lucky Seven	1	2
N.W.O	1	3

**Game Summaries**  
Alpha's Barnum & Bailey fell 52-30 to The D.C All-Stars in a major upset. Ryan Hasting's squad was down five at the half but the All-Stars pulled away behind the shooting of Kevin Chevalier (17 points) and Chris Masiello (11 points). B&B was led by Todd Bigelow and K.S.C baseball legend Geoff Sylvester. The All-stars are not eligible for the playoff's.  
Elsewhere N.W.O beat Lucky Seven 68-20.

League Five	W	L
Alpha A	3	0
Kappa	3	0
Vanilla Thunder	2	2
Phi Kappa Theta	0	3
Mothership	0	3

**Game Summaries**  
Kappa destroyed Phi Kap. 57-25 to set up a battle of unbeaten and possible championship preview against Alpha A, March 19th at 8:45. Dan Racicot and Phil Yockel combined for 23 points in the win.  
In other action Vanilla Thunder sewed up third place with a 38-22 win over The Mothership. Jesse Leo led the way with 14 for the winners.

League Six	W	L
N.W.A	3	0
KG Boyz	2	1
The Pickles	2	2
Phi Mu Delta-B	1	2
Black Lungs	0	3

**Game Summaries**  
Long live The Pickles!! A blistering defensive presence and aggressive work on the boards led the Pickles to a 37-32 win over Black Lungs. The Pickles, a team no one wants to face come Campus tournament time, were led by NECC soccer standout Chris Gingrow with 14 points. Brendan Paul Huffman knocked down 11 in support. The Black Lungs high scoring Mike Defina was held to two points by Rob Nunez's suffocating defense. Bill Monas had 11 for the Lungs.

## Women's Basketball

League One	W	L
Whatever	4	0
The Bus Drivers	3	1
Spartans	1	3
Explorers	0	4

**Game Summaries**  
The Bus Drivers rolled to victory over the Explorers 47-13. Kirsten McKerley scored a game high 14 points for the Bus Drivers. Becky DiBella continued to be a force to be reckoned with, adding 10 points in the win. Pam Rosa gathered seven points for the Explorers.  
The Whatever continued their winning streak with a victory over the Spartans 52-16. Lisa Willey had a game high 17 points for the Whatever. Kim Roy added 14 points for Whatever. Katelyn Haggerty had 11 points for the Spartans.

League Two	W	L
Muffers	3	1
Kappa Gamma	3	1
Buzzer Beaters	1	3
Tigers	1	3

**Game Summaries**  
Elizabeth Henderson scored a game high 12 points for Kappa Gamma as they beat the Tigers 45-10. Melissa Doughty and Pam Prall each had eight points for Kappa Gamma.  
The Muffers won by forfeit over the Buzzer Beaters.

# Lady Owls miss postseason by a single game; finish 9-14

Paul Silverfarb  
The Equinox

Defying the odds and making the best of what they got was the story of the 1996-1997 Keene State College women's basketball season.  
Keene State was only one game away from making the postseason tourney, but they lost to UMass-Lowell, who was number one in the conference.  
All hope was not lost because if Stony Brook would have lost to Sacred Heart, Keene State would have beaten them out for the eighth spot.  
The Lady Owls beat Stony Brook twice, earlier in the season and would have the tie breaker.  
Unfortunately, Sacred Heart lost and the wins against Stony Brook didn't matter, because the Lady Owls season was now officially over.  
The season was not a total loss.  
Keene State was picked not to win any NECC game and finish last.  
At the game versus UMass-Lowell, they were in ninth place and fighting for a playoff spot.

Considering the injury problems the Lady Owls had this year and how young they were, they still were competitive in most their games.  
That shows the determination the Lady Owls had and how badly they wanted to prove to the NECC that they were not going to roll over and die in their last season as a Division II team.  
Keene State had their destiny in their own hands.  
The turning point in the season came on Feb. 12, when they played New Hampshire College.  
They needed the victory to remain in the hunt for a playoff position, but none of their shots were falling and nothing was going their way.  
Keene State started off the season strong.  
They won their first two games of the season as well as taking the first ever Keene State College Holiday Tournament.  
The Lady Owls then hit a cold streak.  
They won their first NECC game against Stony Brook College on January 18.

Within a month time-span, the Lady Owls took the next four out of seven games they played, including a big game against Southern Connecticut at home which kept them in the playoff hunt.  
With a victory against the University of New Haven, one game remained on their schedule, a showdown with UMass-Lowell.  
Unfortunately, for Keene State UMass-Lowell showed why they are number one in the NECC.  
The season was great for the Lady Owls fans as well.  
"The fans were fantastic and were like the sixth player for us," said head coach Keith Boucher.  
Next season, Keene State will be in their inaugural season in the Little East Conference.  
With the move to Division III complete, athletics director John Ratliff is anxious to start the 1997-98 season.  
"If we start winning in Division III, we will hopefully double the attendance next year," said Ratliff.

# Softball ready for new season

Jennifer L. Kuehn  
The Equinox

bring Keene State back to a post season appearance.  
Regional All-American and NECC "Co-Rookie of the Year" Lindsey Blood and Carrah Fisk will be a striking force on the mound.  
Blood will return to the mound after posting the best numbers ever by a Lady Owl freshman.  
"Everyone who pitched is back, and the players that came in are really strong," Blood said.  
Fisk had an equally strong season last year, highlighted by a win in the ECAC tournament.  
Helping out on the mound will be junior Lisa Rowe and sophomore Kara Suhie.  
Keene State pitchers will find comfort behind the plate with junior Melissa Camire.  
However, the Owls will miss the presence of Katje Mickola, who graduated.  
Backing up team captain Camire will be freshman Lianna Blach.  
Lisa Michelle and Beth Ponte will battle for the starting position at first base, filling

the void left by Jessica McCourt.  
Sophomore Erin Van Nostrand and freshman Kristy Symonds have the offensive and defensive power to fill the shortstop position, after the departure of Stephanie Casey.  
Keene State will find depth at second base. Returnees Kelly Mason, along with Bernie Ryea and Beth Rossi are working towards a full time job.  
The Keene State outfield will shine with Melissa McMullan taking over for Anne Kelleher in center field. Playing beside her is sophomore Kara Suhie in left field and transfer Kristen Bailly.  
"We're new up the middle," Beach said. Florida is the perfect opportunity for Keene State to get ready for the season.  
"It's very difficult to predict the future," Beach said.  
Beach is no psychic but he says that after their trip to Florida it will be easier to see how the future might look.  
"I think the team as a whole is taking each game as it comes," Blood said.

# Geared

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The Owls found themselves to be without a point guard for most of the season and that is a hole Rowe hopes to fill through recruiting.  
Freshman Corey Boilard made tremendous strides at the end of the season and looks to be a major contributor in his final three seasons.  
Boilard was forced into the role of point guard late in the season and although he played well, should move back to his more natural off-guard position next season.  
Coach Rowe found himself a diamond in the rough in junior transfer Rich Bahlman who asserted himself as the team's best player midway through the season.  
"He is the type of player you appreciate more every time

you see him play," notes Rowe. "He will be the cornerstone of this program next season. He is a coach on the floor for us."  
Jeff Matuszko looks to provide a considerable outside threat for the Owls as he could very well slide into the slot left by the departure of Jenkins.  
In addition freshman Steve Treffiletti gained valuable experience in his first season and his ability to see the floor and find the open man make him a contender for a larger role next season.  
Coach Phil Rowe cautioned as the season began that this team may make strides that do not show up in wins or losses.  
With nine of his top ten players returning for next season those strides should translate to more wins as the Owls could contend right away in the Little East conference.  
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# Rowe geared up for next season

David Haley  
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In sports, the term "wait till next year" has become as worn and dated as "the check is in the mail," "O.J didn't do it," and "your car is almost ready."  
It's familiar, it is redundant, and usually doesn't contain an ounce of truth.  
But upon stepping into Keene State College men's basketball coach Phil Rowe's office, you quickly become convinced otherwise.  
Rowe's commitment and belief in his basketball program is almost contagious.  
Although a 2-22 regular season record is nothing to hang your hat on, you quickly see that this is year one of a process aimed at turning around what

Wednesday before Thanksgiving next season.  
"It is a great opportunity for us, it will attract players towards the program," acknowledged Rowe.  
Rowe let it be known to his players late in the season that this was a bus on the move, and they could work hard and get on or be left behind.  
The results were more than encouraging.  
"We had some guys who really played well at the end of the season and that gives you something to bring into next season."  
The Owl frontcourt for next season looks to be a strength as R y a n Hooper, J a m i e Smith, Eric von der Linden and Rich Winget all return.

*"I think the guys really learned a lot this season and that is a credit to how hard they worked."*  
• Phil Rowe  
Owls head coach

has been one of New England's sorriest programs.  
"I think the guys really learned a lot this season and that is a credit to how hard they worked," said Rowe.  
Next season brings a new conference, new rivals and a new set of goals.  
The Little East is one of the better Division III conferences in the Northeast.  
Instead of New Hampshire College next season, it will be powerhouse UMass-Dartmouth.  
As the rivalry with Franklin Pierce comes to a close, so begins possibly a more spirited one with Plymouth State College.  
"We are excited about this, we feel like we can be competitive right out of the gate next season," adds Rowe.  
Rowe is in the process of recruiting over 30 different players from the Northeast region.  
Everywhere from New Jersey to Maine to Connecticut.  
From Class M New Hampshire to prep, and private schools all over New England, there are players that can fit into the scheme of this teams future.  
One major selling point will be a game against the Division I-AA University of New Hampshire.  
Rowe and Wildcat head coach Jeff Jackson agreed to play the

Smith became an impact player late in the season and showed the ability to play in the Owls high pressure defensive system.  
Ryan Hooper showed marked improvement as the season went along and was the Owls best post presence by the end of the season.  
Only a junior next season, Hooper will be called upon to handle more of the scoring load.  
Von der Linden had an up and down season but when healthy, was a steady defensive presence.  
At 6'9, von der Linden allowed perimeter defenders to play more aggressively because of his shot blocking abilities in the middle.  
Winget also had an up and down season but also poses the ability to score on the low block and help with the rebounding chores.  
Bryan Brochu also figures to see more minutes in his sophomore season for the Owls.  
The backcourt for the Owls is not as certain.  
Doug Jenkins departs after making major contributions in his senior campaign.  
"He (Jenkins) was an absolute pleasure to coach. He was someone who gave so much of himself to the betterment of the program. His presence and leadership will be missed," adds Rowe.  
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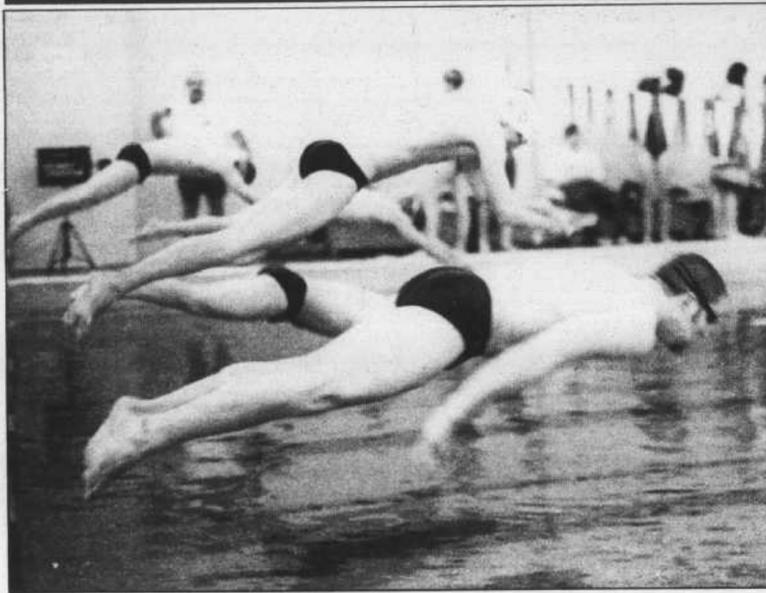
# The Equinox Sports



## The doors of Division II basketball close on Keene State

The Keene State College basketball teams are finished with Division II level play, the men and women reflect on their seasons.

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Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

The KSC swim/dive team travelled to the New England Championships this weekend.

## KSC swims at championships

Jacob Mical  
The Equinox

The Keene State men's swim/dive team travelled to Williams College this weekend to compete in the New England Championships. If the Division II and III competed separately in the championships, then Keene State would have placed third. Unfortunately, this is not true and Keene State dropped from the top five to 22nd with 50 points.

The 26 team field consisted of five Division II schools and 21 Division III schools.

Williams College finished at the top for the 11th consecutive year by a 400 point margin. The weekend was highlighted by four new Keene State records.

Robin Oelkers set two of the records, in the 50 butterfly and the 200 freestyle. His time of

25:10 in the 50 butterfly beat the old record held by Jamie LaFleur. The 200 freestyle time of 1:49.50 bettered the former record that was held by Carl Arlig, an All-American in 1976.

Oelkers also finished 24th in both the 50 and 100 freestyle with a time of 22:80. Ninety nine swimmers competed in the 100 freestyle.

Sophomore Gavin Kane had the best finish among Keene State swimmers, placing 15th in the 100 individual medley. The time of 58:42 set a new school record, shaving over a full second off the former record.

"People don't understand how much of an honor it is to swim at the New Englands. We compete against national champions, some that will be at the next Olympic trials," said Kane.

Keene State had three of

their relay teams place during the Championships. The combination of Oelkers, Kane, Brian Hester, and Matt Donovan finished 19th in the 400 freestyle relay.

The four teamed up again in the 200 freestyle relay to finish 20th and set a new Keene State record. The time of 1:34.05 was nearly 11 seconds off from the first place Williams College team, who won the event.

The Keene State 200 medley team placed 24th in the region with a time of 1:50.78.

The top Division II school was Southern Connecticut State, who finished ninth with 503.5 points.

"The reason we can't compete with Division III schools is not because we don't have high caliber swimmers, but because our school won't give the swim team proper funds," said Oelkers.

## Owls set to find success in Florida

Looking to return to ECAC tourney

David Haley  
The Equinox

Last fall as the leaves of New Hampshire exploded with color to the delight of many, Ken Howe waited.

While the snow decorated the mountains surrounding the Keene area, he continued to wait. You see, Ken Howe and assistant coach Pat Hearn have waited nine months for what is now upon them.

A chance to get back on the field. It hasn't always been like this for the Keene State College baseball team.

Years of disappointments and second guessing made life sometimes miserable for the Owls. But last season was different from many of the seasons before them.

"You could just tell after our slow start that we were going to pull it together as a team," noted senior co-captain Martin Testo. "After that it just seems to roll from there."

Indeed, a seven game winning streak and a huge finish launched the Owls to contender status and changed the psyche of a once fragile team.

"We're ready right now," adds assistant coach Pat Hearn. "We feel like we are ready to compete in Florida."

What the Owls have behind them is a 24-16 season that saw the Owls fall one game short of reaching the ECAC championship game as Howe was being named conference coach of the year.

What the Owls have ahead is a schedule in Florida that includes three top 25 Division II teams, plus a conference slate that will be one of the tougher ones in the Northeast.

"There is definitely some carryover from what we accomplished last season, the players got a taste of what tournament ball is all about

and they want to continue on that success," said Coach Hearn.

The Owls graduated four major contributors from a year ago, in All-Conference and All-Region standout Geoff Sylvester, Shawn Berry, Scott Power and James McTeague.

In their places are a group of younger players who saw limited action a year ago but, in the coaching staff's eyes, are more than ready.

"We have been working really hard. Coach Howe and coach Hearn have been on us every day to ensure that we are prepared," noted Testo.

The Owls will look to a rotation of returning seniors Guy Harrington, Scott Ely and Testo. Sophomores Matt Mckewon and Mike Leighton will step into the veteran rotation.

"We feel like our pitching can be a strength for us," noted Hearn. Testo added, "Ely and myself just have to prove we can win on a consistent basis. Guy (Harrington) has already proved that he will keep us in every ballgame."

Relief will come in the form of sophomores Greg Brown, Adam Cooke and senior Ryan Royce. Howe will also look for short relief from All-Conference outfielder Mike O'Brien.

"Pat has done a great job working with the pitchers, we all feel ready to go and anxious to get to Florida," added Testo.

The catching duties will be split between junior Ben Forbes and freshman Josh Robinson, until one can win the job from the other.

"We will miss McTeague, but all Ben and Josh needs is a little experience. They both catch a capable game," added Harrington.

The outfield may be the best in the conference. see SUCCESS, page 22

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