

Sports

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Upcoming games at Keene State

Men's Soccer:
Saturday, Sept. 22 vs. Western Conn. State University 1p.m.

Women's Soccer:
Monday, Sept. 24 vs. Endicott College 6p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 26 vs. Middlebury College 6p.m.

Field Hockey:
Thursday, Sept. 20 vs. Williams College 6p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22 vs. Plymouth State 2p.m.

Volleyball:
Wednesday, Sept. 26 vs. Eastern Conn. State University 6p.m.

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Owls off to a quick 5-1 start

ADAM HARGRAVES
The Equinox

The Keene State College women's soccer team put their unbeaten record on the line when they hosted the Golden Bears of Western New England College last Thursday. The Golden Bears ran into a fired up Keene State College team oozing with enthusiasm.

From the opening whistle, the Owls kept constant pressure on the Golden Bears defense. The game ended with a 3-1 Owls victory.

KSC got their first scoring opportunity when sophomore forward Jennifer Orisi's charge to the net led to a corner kick. Williams play-making ability is a huge catalyst for the Owls offense.

Orisi's presence in the middle of the field gives the team a goal-scoring threat at any time. Western New England College got on the scoreboard when Molly Burke gained possession of a corner kick and pushed the ball by Mason.

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Michelle Mason, had other plans as she snuffed the scoring opportunity single-handedly.

The Owls got their second goal of the game on a perfectly executed corner kick. Senior midfielder Jessica Williams sent a corner kick over everyone on the Golden Bear defense.

The kick found the head of Orisi. Without hitting the ground, the ball sailed into the net.

KSC got their third and final goal on a breakaway. A magnificent send by Williams gave freshman forward Melissa Bergeron a chance for her second goal of the season.

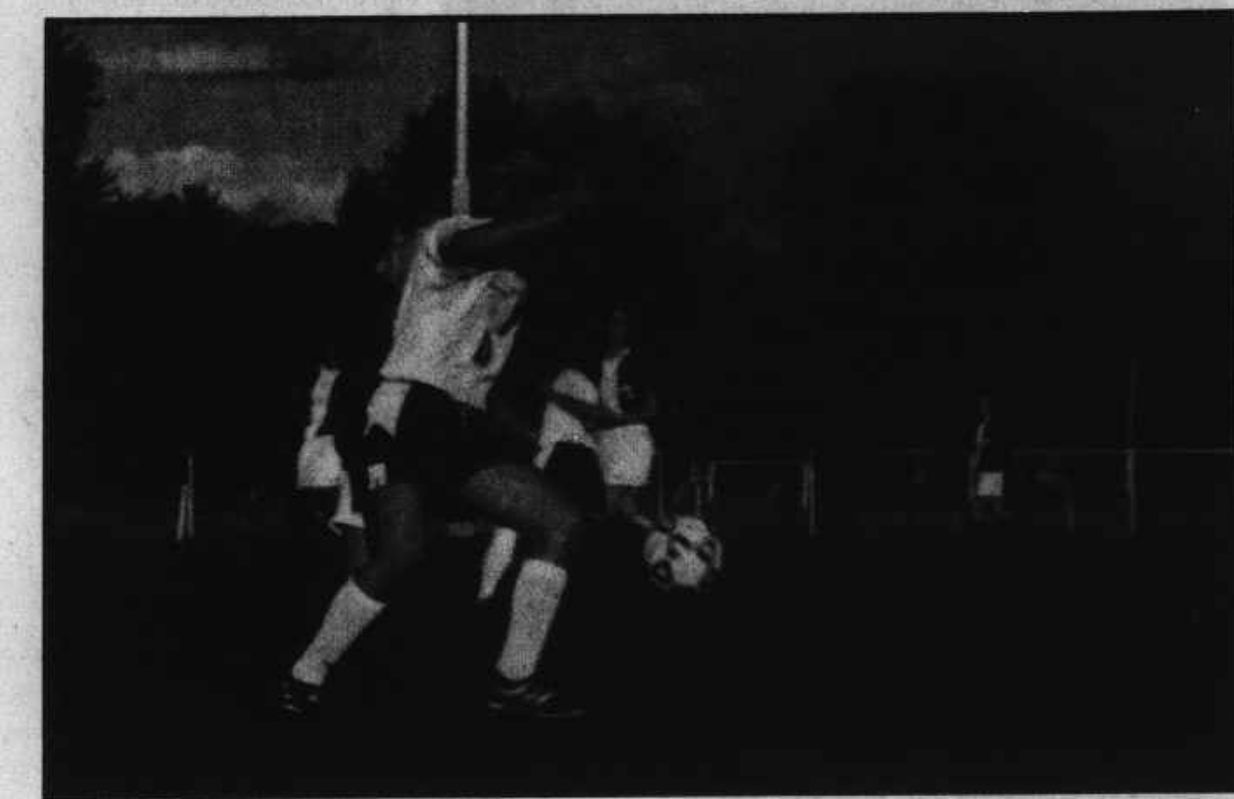
Bergeron made good on her opportunity as she pushed the ball past Vital for the goal.

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Jennifer Orisi fakes out a Western New England College defender.

Equinox photo by Jed Odoardi

Golden Bear scoring opportunities. Mason's play is a main factor in the Owls unbeaten record. For a freshman, Mason seems to play without nervousness. She looked confident and unfazed. This could spell trouble for opposing members of the Little East Conference.

Editors note: Last Saturday the Keene State College women's soccer team picked up their first loss of the young season to Wheaton College. Wheaton, the sixth ranked team in the nation, and first in the New England region, beat the Owls, 3-0.

The Owls bounced back Tuesday night with a 1-0 victory against Framingham State College.

Amy Lamson's goal with 1:15 to play in regulation time was the difference as the Owls pulled out a 1-0 victory.

KSC will take to the road this weekend when they face Western Connecticut State University on Saturday.

Problems with Everett continue for Red Sox

BILL DIAMARAL
The Equinox

Once again, Carl Everett has placed himself in the center of controversy. Everett showed up late on Sunday for a team workout at Fenway Park.

The volatile Red Sox outfielder's actions led manager Joe Kerrigan to send Everett home from the stadium.

A shouting match subsequently followed and Kerrigan fined Everett an undisclosed amount of money.

This latest chain of events only gives the Red Sox further cause to somehow dispose of Everett's contract this offseason. Everett has been a problem for Red Sox management since last season, and for the bulk of this season, too.

When the Red Sox acquired Carl Everett from the Houston Astros for infielder Adam Everett, it seemed like a match made in heaven.

In recent years, the Red Sox have paraded the likes of Lee Tinsley, Milt Cuyler and the offensively challenged Darren Lewis out into centerfield.

Most of these players provided admirable defense and adequate speed; all failed in providing a threat at the plate.

Enter Carl Everett, the hard-hitting, fast-running, slick-fielding outfielder.

Everett was exactly what this team needed: an offensive presence to replace Mo Vaughn. The relationship started out beautifully. Everett smashed two home runs for the Red Sox in the 2000 home opener en route to a 13-4 victory over the Minnesota

Twins. Everett would do much more smashing in 2000, unfortunately not all directed at baseballs.

After a hot start with the Red Sox, Everett's production began to fall off.

This season alone, Everett has formulated a rap sheet able to make even the bravest of managers shudder.

Former Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams fined Everett nearly \$100,000 for missing team buses to exhibition games during spring training.

Everett repeatedly questioned the authority and competence of Williams, and now his successor Kerrigan.

When injured, Everett failed to attend several workouts, taking his recovery into his own hands. Teammate Trot Nixon encouraged Everett to do everything possible to help his rehab process, and, once again, Everett fired back.

Everett is now most likely done for the season and may require knee surgery.

Trot Nixon has filled in admirably for Everett during his time on the disabled list. He continues to serve as a respected member of the clubhouse and is beginning to show some of the promise that he carried when the Red Sox drafted him back in 1993.

With Everett having a subpar season and once again blasting off against Red Sox management, Trot Nixon has never looked better in centerfield.

Bill DiMaral is a writer for the Equinox and his opinions do not necessarily represent the paper's.



Nichole Dalls in action during last weekend's game against Fitchburg State.

Equinox staff photo

Field Hockey moves to 3-2

RICHARD EGAN
The Equinox

The Keene State women's field hockey team dominated Fitchburg State to win their first Little East/Alliance Conference game of the young season.

Keene was led by Melissa Harnch-Smith, who had a goal and an assist.

The Owls had a balanced attack, dominating both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

The Owls outshot Fitchburg 26-1, which helped give Lindsay Hamilton her first shootout of the year.

Keene scored their first goal late in the first half to give them a 1-0 lead going into halftime. A few minutes into the second

half, Keene scored its other two goals within two minutes of each other giving them a commanding lead.

"With our record currently being 3-2, things are finally falling into place and looking a little better," said Tanya Strong.

"There are still some things that need to be worked on, but for the most part we are looking better as a team."

"It is a lot more fun when you are winning games," added Strong.

The victory over Fitchburg State was the third in a row for the Owls.

The win showed that despite being a young team, the Owls are a force to be reckoned with in the Little East/Alliance conference.

"Fitchburg was our first conference game so we were all pretty pumped up. Our record is improving and we are beginning to learn to work together," said reserve Cheryl Lains.

"Our offense came out strong and we dominated most of the game. Our defense is also looking great."

The team has two more conference games this week, including one against Plymouth State.

The Owls

Equinox photo by Jed Odoardi

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FOR THE RECORD
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The Bean and Bagel Express at the student center is facing opposition from students.

Photo by Equinox Staff

Students are waiting in line at the Bean and Bagel "Express"

ROBERT DE HANN
The Equinox

Students are complaining about waiting in long lines at the new Bean and Bagel Express in the L.P. Young Student Center.

Rob Luz, a sophomore, went to the Express a short time ago at around 2:00 p.m. to get a bagel. He found a line of approximately ten people, and claims to have waited in line for about 15 minutes.

Luz did get his bagel, but when asked if he would ever go back to the Express, he replied, "probably not."

Some students do not even bother waiting in line if they perceive the line as being too long. That perception is the issue, according to Travis Burns, the retail director of the food court.

Burns claims that 10 minutes is

usually the maximum amount of time people have to wait.

"We do our best to accommodate people," Burns said.

To figure out just how to accommodate people, Sodexo Services (the company that operates the food court) conducted a CDP, customer driven process. During a period of over four months, 12 Sodexo managers observed the business and made suggestions, according to Burns.

According to a pamphlet offered at the counter of the Express, these suggestions have produced changes. There is no longer a FLEX ban, the hours of the food court have been extended, there are more food options, and the freshness of the food has been upgraded.

The claim that some may dispute is that there are faster moving lines.

When asked if something could be done to perhaps speed up the services more, he responded that the Express had two or three employees on during peak hours, and there was only room for one register.

Burns also explained that there is going to be a survey in the next few weeks to address any problems that students may have.

What Burns would like most is for people to give the Bean and Bagel Express another chance.

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What people may fail to realize, according to Burns, is that people no longer have to move through several lines (one for coffee, one for sandwiches, and one to pay), but only have to stand in one line at the Express.

"Service has been sped up," said Burns.

When asked if something could be done to perhaps speed up the services more, he responded that the Express had two or three employees on during peak hours, and there was only room for one register.

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Men's rugby team still feeling effects of last semester's accident

KIM DUQUETTE
The Equinox

Last semester the Keene State men's rugby team was involved in an automobile accident resulting in several severe injuries and extensive damages to the van the players were riding in.

The team had a game against the University of New Hampshire in Durham last year. Following the game, a few members of the team remained behind to meet and socialize with players on the UNH team.

On the return trip to Keene a designated driver took the wheel, but somehow an intoxicated driver took their place after a rest stop. The driver then struck a telephone pole causing the injuries and damages. A lawsuit may be pending against the college and some people involved.

"The assembly found out about it this year when we returned. It was brought to our attention. The reason it was brought to our attention was to cover the liability on the school's insurance. Money was removed from the assembly accounts because they

are a student assembly funded organization," stated Jeremy Nelson, the Keene State student body president.

Action was taken to reprimand those directly involved and they were suspended from the team. The money that left the student accounts is for the team and because of the incident, it is frozen in the student account.

Nelson, along with Jessie Gannett, the student body vice president and Erin Peterson, the student assembly chair, had a meeting with two members of the team.

They stated the kinds of measures that will be taken this year to prevent another incident. Their plan involved speaking to recreational sports and the college itself.

Team members this year will put forth a hugely positive effort to pull the team back together. The key to their plan was pulling the team back together to be seen under a positive light.

Not a lot of information was

available on who was injured in the accident because this case is still pending.

"The school has insurance on itself and when something happens like this, the school has to pay the deductible," said Peterson.

Generally the money is taken and put into a separate account if something came back to the school's insurance.

"Right now the money is still in the school's account if something does happen and a deductible as to be paid and no one is allowed to access it," she said.

Both Nelson and Peterson said, there have not been any recent updates or future plans yet but members of the team are working hard to improve the team's image and morale with community service.

They are actively involved to get back to normal and show the school that on or off the field they are dedicated to each other and the school they represent.

SOUND OFF

Photos and Interviews by Erin McKee

Are you and/or your family displaying American flags anywhere?



"No. I believe what we need right now is not patriotism; it's patriotism. It's not about waving a flag, it's about doing what's right."

Adam Cook
Senior majoring in Sociology



"No, I'm not because I don't support America's decision to respond with violence."

Sarah White
Senior majoring in Sec/spec. Ed and Social science



"Yes, on my family's cars. They are showing their support. I'm for all people showing support."

Jeff Clegg
Senior majoring in Safety



"No, what the flag is meant to symbolize does not reflect our country's actions."

Christine Salera,
Majoring in Communications

Campus Safety Log

Fri. September 14

1:32 a.m. - A person called stating that people were playing basketball and keeping them awake. An officer looked at all areas around building finding nothing.

Sat. September 15

1:09 a.m. - A resident of Holloway Hall called report that there were

people running up and down the hall making a lot of noise.

2:21 a.m. - The Monadnock resident advisor called reporting that there was a large group of people on the Winchester Street side of Fiske Hall being very loud.

5:39 p.m. - A Randall Hall resident advisor called

in a propped side door. She was unable to unprop it due to too many pennies.

Sun. September 16

12:18 a.m. - A Carle Hall resident went to a room for a noise disturbance and smelled a drug odor. An officer responded and requested Keene Police Department respond. The

Resident Director was contacted and responded. An arrest was made.

1:01 a.m. - In an Owl's Nest apartment, an individual called and stated that someone had thrown a TV down onto the street. The TV was not a KSC TV. Unico was contacted and cleaned up the mess.

Mon. September 17

1:29 a.m. - A bicycle was found lying against the south side of Huntress Hall. It is believed to have been stolen back in May.

1:56 p.m. - A student on Appian Way reported damage to her bike.

Tues. September 18

5:46 a.m. - A Holloway Hall resident was worried someone was trying to break into their room or was just trying to enter into the wrong room. An officer was sent to investigate.

8:32 p.m. - The owner of a white dodge neon was told not to drive on Appian Way.

Wind for sale

By Laura E. Huggins
Hoover Institution

In the 1850s Chief Seattle suggested that the wind could never be sold. But Seattle never witnessed the new economy.

Wind rights are now for sale and they're going fast. Brokers are offering cash to farmers who are willing to plant a crop of wind turbines, and farmers are discovering that investing in the wind can be more profitable than raising traditional crops.

In Minnesota, for example, a typical annual harvest nets \$40 an acre; a single wind turbine, which takes up about one-eighth of an acre, can generate about \$2,000 in a year.

Turning wind into power is nothing new. Europeans have been using windmills since the 1500s.

Windmills were also used throughout the American West in the early 1900s until the arrival of rural electrification.

Modern windmills are once again sprouting up across the United States as wind farms become a viable option for utility companies struggling to meet high demands in the face of rising oil and gas prices.

Much of the growth in wind-produced energy is due to the development of more efficient turbines, making wind power competitive with other energy sources - and more than just a green power fad.

Today's turbines have sophisticated sensors and blades that are able to rotate and change direction automatically to capture the most wind.

A modern 1.5-megawatt turbine can produce electricity for 3 to 4 cents a kilowatt-hour, which is comparable to modern coal-fired plants, according to a recent analysis by Stanford University engineers.

In addition to being cost-effective, turbines are environmentally friendly. Wind power produces

no air pollution. It does not threaten the earth's climate.

It does not deplete our natural resources, and no land must be strip-mined to extract the wind.

With capacity expected to double within the next year, wind is the nation's fastest growing source of electricity.

According to studies by the Earth Policy Institute, Texas, Kansas and North Dakota combined have enough wind potential to generate electricity for the entire United States.

But what happens when the wind stops? Until a storage mechanism can be created, utilities are forced to rely on backup power sources.

Another source of conflict with wind power is a shortage of adequate transmission lines - a key component in getting energy from rural areas to population centers.

New technologies, however, such as the development of compressed air energy storage, are already being advanced to overcome these hurdles and help eliminate energy shortages.

Large companies are eager to harness the wind. Shell Oil, for example, recently bought its first wind farm in Wyoming.

Landowners are also eager to collect wind royalties - especially farmers who can continue to farm with turbines on their property.

As Pat Wood, President Bush's appointee to the Federal Energy Commission, observed, "We've got lots of wind and it's about time that people figured out a way to make some money off it."

Energy policy for the 21st-century should take into account emerging technological advances in wind power and other alternative energy sources.

If wind power is cleaner and as cheap as coal-fired power plants, then perhaps the answer to our energy crisis is blowing in the wind.

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The gift of time and art

SHAUNNA TRUDELL
The Equinox

Over the years Keene State has accepted many gifts from people and organizations from all over. However, none quite like the one from the class of 1951.

The graduates of Keene Teachers College class of 1951 decided 10 and one half years ago to leave a gift to the college in celebration of their 50th reunion.

They raised over \$14,000, and used \$3,000 of the money for the Dr. Young recognition plaque that hangs in the Young Student Center. They used \$10,000 towards the East West Meridian Sundial.

"These gifts from the class of 1951 are a wonderful statement of the class members' loyalty, love, and respect for their alma mater," explained Judy Kalich, Keene State's director of advancement.

The sundial located temporarily outside of the science center can be used to convert the sundial reading into real time. It will be moved to the south side of the

Mason library after the library undergoes its second renovation in the summer of 2002.

This area will be transformed into the "Alumni courtyard." The sundial will sit in the middle of a garden surrounded by a seat wall composed of red bricks and a granite seat.

The seven benches surrounding the sculpture will have the names of the alumni in them and will read: In memory of Ian Steward Burns class of '94, in recognition of the Davis-Turner family graduates 1916-1953, Betsy Staples '51 and David Staples '55 in loving memory of their son David Charles, Dr. Aubrey S. Thomas Jr. '62 and Satoko N. Thomas, in recognition of Elizabeth Law Travis and John W. and Elizabeth Travis Grace, and the two benches from the class of 1959 as their 40th reunion gift.

This area is meant to be a courtyard that invites students and visitors to relax and be with friends. Kalich was very excited about the gift and the final product. The courtyard will be a beautiful place

to go and reflect on the day while enjoying the atmosphere she said.

The sculpture is not only beautiful it is also a way to change its time to real time, said Kalich. The sundial is a vertical dial with two-hour plates, one facing east, one facing west, and the hour lines lie parallel to one another.

The sunlight passing through the holes in the sundial form a shadow boundary on each of the face-plates.

The position of the boundary lines shows the time, but people have to look at the lines' farthest reach to know the actual time of the dial since the lines are curved.

This area is soon to be established is a place where everyone should go with friends and get to experience the joy in it.

Stanley J. Yarosewicz, the president of Keene State, said he is "especially pleased with the vision of the class of 1951 to enhance the campus with the gift of the sundial sculpture. I hope it is the first of many new sculptures that will be added to the Keene State campus."



The East West Meridian Sundial was given to Keene State as a gift from the class of 1951.

Photo by Equinox Staff

Some fear drugs that humans pass may pose danger as they move into water supply

By Teri Sforza

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. - A mysterious stew of drugs - which have passed, unmetabolized, through the human body - cascades into America's waterways daily.

Antibiotics, hormones from birth-control pills, chemotherapy agents, blood thinners, anti-inflammatory drugs, beta blockers, antidepressants, caffeine, nicotine and thousands of other pharmaceuticals and "personal-care products" are not removed from sewage by traditional treatment processes.

Scientists have found them in treated wastewater that pumps into rivers and oceans all over the world.

The chemicals occur in tiny concentrations - so small that the technology to measure them has emerged only in recent years.

But even these low doses may profoundly impact wildlife and lead to more resistant strains of bacteria.

No one knows how it all affects humans, or what the dangers of so many drugs mixing together may be.

Every day, for example, Orange County's sewage-treatment plants pump about 270 million gallons of wastewater into the ocean, none of which is screened for the presence of pharmaceuticals because no such requirements exist.

Only 150 million gallons gets two levels of treatment, as required under the Clean Water Act; the remaining 120 million gallons gets just a primary level of treatment, removing mainly solids, because of a waiver of the law that is up for renewal in 2003.

The waiver to allow continued dumping of minimally treated sewage is raising wrath. And, a \$600 million plan to pump highly treated waste water underground to replenish Orange County's drinking-water supply is raising eyebrows. Officials approved the first stage of that plan in March.

"The question is, what is the impact of injecting very minute concentrations of all sorts of different compounds into the ground water?" said Christian G. Daughton, chief of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Chemistry Branch in Las Vegas.

"The normal degradation processes that happen above ground are very greatly attenuated below ground. There are many fewer bacteria, no sunlight, so things can last a long, long time."

"What's the significance of that? I don't think anyone can answer that question right now," said Louis J. Guillette Jr., a professor at the University of Florida. "That scares the heck out of some of us."

Such unknowns helped derail similar "toilet-to-tap" projects in Los Angeles and San Diego. Orange County officials say that won't happen here.

Ten years ago, John Sumpter and his colleagues in the United Kingdom noticed that something very strange was happening to male fish that swam in wastewater effluent. They were becoming females.

In laboratory studies at Trent University in Canada, Chris Metcalfe exposed aquarium fish for 100 days to the synthetic female hormone ethinylestradiol at levels as low as one part per

trillion. The male fish had complete sex reversal, he found.

Ethinylestradiol is used in birth-control and estrogen-replacement pills - medications people take every day.

It has been found in sewage wastewater in the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada and the United States at fish-feminizing concentrations, Metcalfe said.

Something similar was happening to alligators in Florida. Young males had shrunken genitals. There was a sharp drop-off in the number of alligator eggs that hatched.

In a controlled experiment, Guillette and colleagues collected alligator eggs from relatively clean lakes and compared them with eggs exposed to estrogenic chemicals at levels found in some Florida waters. Result: The chemical-exposed alligators developed the same problems as alligators in the wild, while the "clean" alligators did not.

At the University of California, Berkeley, David L. Sedlak has been analyzing wastewater from several Bay area sewage-treatment plants.

He found concentrations of estrogenic hormones comparable to those that cause feminization of male fish.

Even after the wastewater received secondary sewage treatment, designed to remove organic material, 30 percent of the hormones remained.

"It's a major problem not only for fish, but for people," said Dave Schubert of The Salk Institute for Biological Sciences.

He points to studies in Europe linking high hormone levels to

low sperm counts in human males, although such studies are hotly debated by scientists.

"These are things we haven't thought about," said Guillette.

"We assumed once out of our bodies these things were no longer environmentally active - that once they went to the sewage-treatment plant, we didn't have to worry about them."

"But with the reuse of water, this is becoming a real concern. And it's not going to go away as the human population increases."

Antibiotics are also flushing into the sewage system. When antibiotics became widely available in the '40s, they were hailed as miracle drugs that could kill bad bacteria while sparing healthy human cells.

Use has soared: 2 million pounds was produced in 1954; more than 50 million pounds are produced today.

Bacteria have rallied their natural defenses to fight this onslaught.

Today bacteria have grown stronger and are tougher to kill than ever before, and many strains are increasingly unfazed by medicine's fiercest antibiotics.

This bodes ill for human health, warns the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC estimates that between 50 million and 150 million antibiotic prescriptions every year are unnecessary - prescribed to treat colds and viral infections that antibiotics are useless to fight.

Not all of these medications are fully metabolized in the body. They pass into sewers and are released into oceans and rivers

through treated and untreated wastewater - and via urban runoff from farms, where many cows and chickens are even more overmedicated than humans.

Several studies have found that bacteria in waterways near sewage-treatment plants are resistant to a wide array of antibiotics including vancomycin, one of the toughest in the arsenal.

In Chicago, bacteria from wild geese were found to be resistant to tetracycline, penicillin, ampicillin and erythromycin.

In Spain, bacteria downstream of a waste-water-treatment plant were more resistant to numerous antibiotics than bacteria upstream. Such results have been found all over the world.

"The sewer has become a selective pool for all sorts of evolutionary advancements of all sorts of organisms," said Dele Ogunseitan, a professor in the University of California, Irvine, Department of Environmental Analysis and Design who researched caffeine in wastewater from the Irvine Ranch Water District.

"If we're adding antibiotics, we're selecting for antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and that may ultimately prove very dangerous."

Also found in wastewater: ibuprofen, clofibric acid (from a cholesterol-lowering drug), salicylic acid (from aspirin), tranquilizers, preservatives, herbal remedies, vitamins.

In Japan, live oral polio virus was found in sewer and river water. In Germany, 36 different drugs were found in sewer effluent.

And the flesh of carp, perch, eels and other fish downstream of sewage-treatment plants contained high concentrations of the chemicals used in perfumes, shampoos, detergents and sunscreens.

European scientists have been far ahead of their American counterparts in researching the issue, partly because denser cities and older sewage systems make the problems there more acute.

But the U.S. Geological Survey is trying to close the gap. Its Toxic Substances Hydrology Program has been analyzing dozens of American waterways over the past several years to figure out what's in them.

Detailed results won't be released until winter. But at a technical meeting last year, scientists said they've found many of the 100 compounds they're testing for in American waterways, from caffeine to cocaine, antacids, cholesterol-lowering agents, anti-depressants and birth control hormones.

USGS researcher Larry Barber traced a chemical used in shampoo from a sewage-treatment plant in Los Angeles to well water used by people in Pico Rivera and Whittier, Calif.

The chemical isn't dangerous, Barber said, but it shows that these chemicals are entering the drinking-water supply.

A German study discovered that as well. The water cycle was truly completed, said researcher Thomas Heberer: The same drug that originally passed through someone's kidneys was found in the drinking water that went into someone's mouth.

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Opinion

Who is Benjamin Netanyahu and what is he telling our Congressmen?

Although he is not currently the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu has recently been seen repeatedly on television addressing America on the issue of terrorism. Last week he sat down with our House of Representatives, and this week he addressed the Senate and took questions publicly, before retiring for a planned advisory session behind closed doors. As a former Prime Minister of Israel he is an acknowledged expert on the effects of terrorism. On the other hand, it has been U.S. policy so far to try to separate the Arab-Israeli situation from the events that occurred in America. So why are we looking to this man now for advice, and what does he have to say?

Born in Jerusalem, Oct. 21, 1949, he attended high school in the U.S. but went back to Israel in 1967 to enlist. He served in an elite, anti-terror commando unit, and was wounded during the rescue of the hostages on the hi-jacked Sabina Airline at Ben Gurion Airport. He was cited, then, for "outstanding operational leadership."

Back in America, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in architecture, and his Masters degree in management studies from MIT. He studied political science there, too, and at Harvard.

In 1979 he "initiated and organized" an international conference against terrorism which was attended then, and again in 1984, by former president George Bush, and then Secretary of State George Schultz. Later he held other positions such as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

He is a man of action. "Talk" is important, he told his supporters after his election as Israel's Prime Minister in 1996. But, he said, "to do" is what matters. And that is just how terrorism was handled, back in 1976, in the incident which became known to the world as the Raid on Entebbe.

Between his personal military experience and his public diplomacy career, Benjamin Netanyahu has a unique outlook on handling terrorism. He has also written several books about it and now has become our ad hoc advisor.

During the public part of his presentation to our senate, he stressed three important points.

First, he said that terrorists are the "pirates" of the world today. Historically, focusing on one bad pirate only allowed the practice to flourish elsewhere, in fact it encouraged it. "It was only when Britain, France, and America together" fought against the "practice of piracy" that it was stamped out as a way of being. Today we have both contraband and terror networks, and Netanyahu agreed that the financial way must be used to combat both.

While he praised President Bush for not slapping back indiscriminately, his second major point was that "the terror cells cannot survive without the support of terrorist states." He went on to name specific countries and groups that must be targeted, and implied that killing their funding is not enough.

The third point, and possibly the most important one, Netanyahu phrased as a question, asked directly of the senators, who are in charge of our foreign policy that pushes for peace in the Middle East.

"Now," he said, "now that we can understand as a nation what it feels like to be under the attack of suicide bombers-how can we ask them to give concessions to the Palestinians?"

At the time he was elected- in Israel's first direct popular election- he had put together a coalition of outsiders. By representing Sephardic Jews, Russian Immigrants, West Bank settlers, and the Ultra Orthodox, he fought the secular establishment and became the "hard-liner" against the "peacekeepers."

Although he did sign the Wye peace accords, he told our Senate this week that Arafat has "the most blood on his hands with the possible exception of Bin Laden."

And although he praised the way the western world works, his vision for Israel is purely Jewish. As he put it, A free market and an open society without bureaucracy and patronism is the 'key' to bringing in millions of immigrants, and only this way will we be able to implement the dream of Zionism, to bring the majority of the Jewish people to this land."

Perhaps no one has fought terrorism as hard as Benjamin Netanyahu. But before we follow his lead too far, America, we must decide if we are prepared to shed our blood for his homeland.

What you reap is what you sow



"Wasn't it love that made the world go 'round'?"

Learning about Love

It's rough when you have been dating someone for a long time, and then things end. I learned this the hard way when my boyfriend of a year and a half and I broke up three weeks ago. I know reflect those of the paper.

It's a really long story as to why things ended between us, but the long and the short of it is that we didn't always see things eye to eye. I had my views on things, and he had his views. When they clashed, things started to get ugly.

There are things to be learned from any relationship, and I have learned a great deal. I learned that it's alright to be different and not agree on everything that is brought up.

Part of a relationship is compromise, and I didn't always do that. I tended to want everything my way, but my way wasn't always the way that things went. My ex-boyfriend told me more than once it was "like

pulling teeth" to get me to do what he wanted with him, when he would do what I wanted without a second thought.

He once asked me to go for a walk with him, and it turned out to be a nice hike up a mountain. I whined and moaned and groaned the whole way up, and felt bad about it afterwards because he was just trying to show me something beautiful. I know that a relationship is a two way street, but sometimes it was only a one way street with myself and him.

There were times when I wanted to go out with my friends and break plans with my ex-boyfriend. I will admit I did it more than once, and finally, it just went too far. My ex-boyfriend once said that "it takes an act of God to break plans with your friends, but you'll break plans with me without a second thought."

I have learned that its not too cool to act like a snobby brat. I know that everyone is raised differently, but the way I was raised, it seemed that it's okay to not respect your significant other's feelings.

My friends told me that I

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

Thomas Jefferson, founding father of our nation

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one college campus, a bunch of students decorated eggs and dropped them from a 3-story building. All the eggs broke except one. An egg that had the word "GOD" written on it.

What intriguing myths and legends exist on your campus? Please e-mail your response to seablue33@aol.com with your contact information.

Thanks in advance for your participation,

Lizabeth Zindel

THE LEGEND OF THE POSTURE PHOTOS:
There is a rumor that locked up in the vaults of another University are hundreds of naked pictures of the backs of many past students (some who are now celebrities). These pictures are "Posture Photos" taken many years ago.

When students enrolled in this college, they had to get their backs photographed to make sure their spine was straight.

THE LEGEND OF THE DIVINE EGG
At an Egg Dropping Contest on

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Letters to the Editor and Commentary

A little critique from the Writing Center

To The Editor:

I'd like to thank both Bryan Markiewicz and The Equinox for publishing last week's article about KSC's Writing Center. I consented to an interview because I wanted to help not only Bryan, an aspiring journalist, but the Center, which can always use publicity. I do, however, feel compelled to correct some of the erroneous information- not just in my name, but in the name of accurate reporting. Here are a few mistakes:

At 21 years of age, I did not move from Brooklyn to Brattleboro to work at Johnson State College. Johnson is 153 miles north of Brattleboro. I did, however, move to Johnson from Brooklyn and did indeed work at the Lamoille County Weekly until I eventually landed a position at Johnson State College.

I did not earn either of my two Masters

Degrees from Johnson State College and certainly did not do my doctoral work there- they don't have doctoral programs at that school. My degrees are from N.Y.U., University of Southern Maine, and University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

And I never said that I was "one of the main people trying to bring back good writing to the college." I did say, however, that the mission of the Writing Center and the Writing Task Force was to increase the level of the students' writing and I think we facilitated an awareness of the importance of writing.

I also couldn't help but notice the dozen or so fragments, run-ons, lack of commas, lack of subject-verb agreement, lack of capitalization, lack of parallel structure, etc. I certainly don't mean to embarrass Bryan; I

truly believe the responsibility lies with the entire editorial staff who either skips the entire proofreading/editing stage of the writing process or simply doesn't know better. The Equinox reflects our college community and clear, reasonably correct, and accurate information should be a standard. Everyone involved- students, faculty, staff- deserve that. And of course, if you need help, the Writing Center is always available, but you know that already.

Warmly,

Phyllis Benay
Writing Center Director
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Reconsidering roundabouts to preserve KSC's future

To The Equinox:

I have a confession. When I ran for city council last year, I made a mistake; I supported the state's \$60 million by-pass plan. I figured the roundabout people were a day late and a dollar short.

I was in error. The overbuilt highway project will become a de facto wall around city. The new highway will be built on an elevated berm of dirt. This "Causeway" will girdle Keene State College. It will project itself upon the campus.

How will the college expand? How will students lead, as Henry David Thoreau once put it, the contemplative life with an interstate outside their door windows?

I harbor hopes KSC will become a second state university someday. But this will be problem-

atic if we build a massive roadway next door with trucks running all hours of the night.

The college is what makes Keene "Keene," not just a former factory town like Claremont or Berlin. Local insurance companies depend upon KSC graduates. We must protect this golden goose.

Instead, we should build the roundabouts at the intersections as a short-term solution. If a massive rebuild of the highway is warranted, we can build it later. But we must build it in a new highway corridor: one further to the south, a safe distance away from the college.

Steve Lindsey is a Continuing Education student who has taken a semester off

Will we see a return of the draft?

Staff Commentary

As the days drift away from the terrorist attacks on September 11th and the talk of mourning turns to talk of retaliation and war, two words remain fervently in my mind, and the minds of many men my age: **the draft**. Now, let me be clear. The Pentagon, the Selective Service department and the White House say the actual possibility of reinstatement of the selective service draft is, at this point, very unlikely for logistical and political reasons. Regardless, wherever the word war is mentioned in classrooms or on television, the word draft isn't far behind.

I've talked with a lot of people my age: friends, classmates, and as I talk about this situation with them, many questions come to the forefront. Some concern the real possibility of the draft. Sure, the government is saying a draft is unlikely right now, but the military is also saying this will be a long campaign, spanning years and taking American casualties. Who's to say if those casualties exceed expectations that the Congress won't consider draft reinstatement?

There's also the question of the scope and strategy of this campaign. As of now, we have been fortunate to have the cooperation of many Middle East States as we plan our response. But suppose there are a lot of innocent casualties in Afghanistan. That support could instantly turn to resentment and opposition, and escalate the conflict to a regional scale. If that happens, who's to say that the need for more infantry won't increase, and thus the possibility of a draft become more prevalent?

Other questions that come up in our discussions involve the basic fairness of the draft and the selective service process entirely. Can a presidential administration and a congress with members who did everything possible to avoid being drafted themselves in the Vietnam era legitimately lay claim to have the right draft people

ple of this generation into a risky conflict that will see many of them lost? What about the gender issue? Why is it that in this supposed age of equality, that only males are required to sign up for selective service, lest they be denied future government loans and employment opportunities? Is the government deliberately excluding women from selective service requirements in order to keep the amount of people opposed to the draft requirement in a firm minority, and thus be politically powerless when a draft becomes inevitable? If we are a country that values freedom and personal choice, how can we force anyone to fight and kill despite their personal beliefs?

These discussions also inevitably turn to our own personal opinions. Should we be drafted? How much do I value my own self preservation versus how much do I value my country and its principles of freedom and democracy? What are my options should I be opposed to going to fight? Jail? Making a run for Canada? I had one friend who said he'd "bash his foot with a baseball bat until it was liquefied" in order to avoid going to war.

Again, as I close, I'd like to reiterate that there is little evidence that a draft is or will ever, be considered. Still, whenever there is war, the possibility exists. It is imperative that all of us whether we are subject to the draft or not, look at the real consequences of our country's military action and its draft policies historically and to take some kind of action if we don't agree with them- be it verbal protest or letter campaigns or something else. We can't stand idly by and hope the draft doesn't happen; we have the power to insure it doesn't, if we choose to use it.

Nick Archer is a journalism major at Keene State College

Biology professor fears Bush's reflexive policies

To The Editor:

As anyone who has ever been in a fight knows, one of the first victims of violence is reason and thoughtful discussion, yet that is exactly what's needed if we are to prevent an escalation of the terror and violence we have just experienced.

Less than two weeks, after a calamity of such overwhelming magnitude and unprecedented significance, is hardly enough time to experience our grief, wipe away our tears, and begin to sort out our true causes, let alone devise an effective strategy for preventing its recurrence. This would require a most profound examination of our role in the world over the years, and the reasons we have engendered so much hostility among so many, whose feelings we ignore or dismiss at our own peril.

Nevertheless, we are being encouraged by cynical and/or ignorant political "leaders" to wave flags of unity for war and revenge against an enemy we

cannot identify, locate or hope to destroy, and whose motives we have shown no honest interest in understanding.

Those of us who lived through the time of the Vietnam War see the all-too-gruesome parallels, including the inevitable prospect of thousands of innocent lives lost on all sides, succeeding only in recruiting even more resistance and hostility against us. And in the process, we will suffer the curtailment of the civil liberties we claim to be defending.

According to President Bush, we are either for his reflexive policies, or we are for the terrorists. I for one cannot accept those alternatives. And, for the first time in decades, I am afraid for our future and for our right to express our honest, informed opinions in the face of mindless war frenzy.

Ben Wise
Biology Department

To The Equinox:

I wish to share these words from the Latin American Solidarity conference website:

Another World is Possible. While the tragic terrorist attack on US soil is new for our country, it is not new for many of our Latin American neighbors. We must remember the 30,000 Nicaraguans, the 70,000 Salvadorean, and the 200,000 Guatemalans who died at the hands of state-sponsored terrorists armed and trained by our own government. Today this tragedy is being replayed in Colombia, again supported by the United States government.

We share the pain of those who lost loved ones on September 11. We also share the pain of the hundreds of thousands of families in Latin America and elsewhere who have been, and who continue to be, the victims of US-sponsored terrorism.

In the aftermath of September 11, we have witnessed to the finest people have to offer- donations of blood to the point where hospitals are overwhelmed, rescue workers sacrificing their very lives to save someone else, volunteers willing to work 24-hour shifts to the point of exhaustion, strangers comforting strangers in shared national grief.

We have also seen some truly despicable acts- Moslem women and children attacked by roving bands, mosques defaced with graffiti, calls for death of Arab-Americans by youth drunk on beer and false patriotism. We need look no further than our own political leadership to find the source for this senseless hatred. Our

president appeals to the most vile and hateful sentiments for vengeance as he whips up war hysteria to justify a massive new wave of militarization around the globe- the same kind of politics that contribute to state-sponsored terrorism and lead many around the world to hate the US. President Bush ran on a platform of increased military spending, and he is shamelessly using this national tragedy to further his party's own narrow political agenda.

Our nation has been damaged in a fundamental way by the events of September 11. The fabric of our community has been torn. While this is new for the US, it is not new for humanity. While we watch the poignant images of lower Manhattan, we must also remember the images from places like Hiroshima and Nagasaki, villages throughout Vietnam, refugee camps in Palestine, Guatemala- and on and on.... Our capacity for humanity must not end at our borders.

As we participate in a process of healing, we have before us some stark choices. We can follow President Bush into a new World War, making excuses for our actions while the rest of the world condemns us. After the pain of seeing 5,000 die in New York, how can we justify the slaughter of other civilians as "collateral damage?" Do we resolve the scourge of terrorism by continuing the scourge of terrorism ourselves? Do we allow our political leaders to use this tragedy to promote corporate capitalism unopposed? Or are we strong

enough and brave enough to chart a new vision- a better world where we lead by example, not by killing?

It is time for the US to re-evaluate. Why are we so despondent in so many parts of the world? Is it because corporations get rich and enjoy the protection of our military and political leaders, while one-third of the world's population goes hungry?

We are all painfully aware of the impact corporate globalization has had on the US's people and the earth. If we in the US are to be truly sure that the events of September 11 will never be repeated, we must redouble our efforts to demand global justice for all of the world's people. It is only through global justice that we will achieve peace.

We therefore encourage all groups working for justice in Latin America and around the world to join the call for non-military solutions to our present crisis. It is time for us to chart a new future and be courageous enough to stand up and tell our political leaders that enough is enough.

The Latin American Solidarity Conference website can be found at www.americas.org/LASC contributed by Mike Casner, Beaver St. Keene, NH

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night owl café

U.S. unprepared for biological warfare

FAYE FLAM
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A biological attack, if it ever were to come, would begin silently: no explosions, no smell, nothing visibly changed for at least several days. Even when people started showing up at hospitals, doctors might mistake their symptoms for the flu.

There is no evidence that terrorists have access to smallpox, anthrax or other deadly germs. But the government clearly is taking the possibility seriously: In the days since the attacks on New York and Washington, federal authorities have twice grounded crop-dusting planes, one conceivable method of distribution.

In theory, most germ-warfare agents, like many diseases, could be prevented with vaccines or treated with antibiotics. In reality, the U.S. has inadequate supplies of both and lacks the plans needed to use them effectively, experts said.

"We are today ill-prepared to deal with (a bio-terror-induced) epidemic of any sort," said D.H. Henderson, director of the Center for Civilian Biodefense at Johns Hopkins University, in testimony at a congressional hearing six days before the attacks. "There is, as yet, no comprehensive national plan nor an agreed strategy for dealing with the problems of biological weapons."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes

about 20 potential biological weapons. The most serious include smallpox, anthrax, tularemia, plague, and the toxin that causes botulism.

Smallpox has killed more people than any other disease in history - 300 million in the 20th century alone. A third of those infected die; most who don't die end up with disfiguring scars, and many are blind or suffer kidney damage as well.

Smallpox is the only microbe on the CDC list that can be transmitted easily from person to person, so an outbreak in one city could mushroom into a nationwide epidemic.

After the disease was eradicated from the planet in 1980, two frozen samples of the virus were believed to remain - one in the U.S. and the other in the Soviet Union. Soviet defectors later said labs there had used their sample to manufacture tons of the virus for weapons. No one can be sure that some was not stolen or sold.

Most Americans born before 1970 have been vaccinated against smallpox, but the protection is not permanent. "We have at least one generation with no protection at all, and an older generation that has waning protection," said James Meegan, a program officer at the National Institutes of Health.

Stuart Isaacs, a virologist at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, is researching ways to lessen what were historically bad reactions to the old vaccine, and ultimately ways to cure the disease.

A cure would take years. For now, Isaacs said, a strategic pattern of vaccination might contain an outbreak. Smallpox victims incubate the disease for 12 to 14 days and then develop flu-like symptoms before break-

ing out in a rash. They are not contagious until the rash appears.

If smallpox were released in a major city, Isaacs said, public health officials would quarantine an area around the outbreak and start vaccinating people in concentric circles until the epidemic was contained.

But the nation's supply of vaccine - 10 million doses - falls far short of the 40 million that the CDC estimates would be needed for a margin of safety even if the concentric-circles idea were implemented.

And some scientists question the shelf life of the existing vaccine, which is at least 20 years old and sitting in a warehouse owned by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories in Pennsylvania's Lancaster County.

Several biotechnology firms have federal contracts to produce smallpox vaccine using more modern, sanitary methods.

Experts estimate it will take at least three years to build up the needed supply.

Second on the list of serious biological threats is anthrax, a bacterial spore found naturally in soil.

The spores can be concentrated into a deadly aerosol, and in the 1960s both the U.S. and the Soviets concentrated anthrax as a biowarfare agent.

If released from the air, a few pounds of the spores could create an invisible, deadly cloud that might extend for miles.

Congress' Office of Technology Assessment estimated that 200 pounds of anthrax released over Washington could kill as many as 3 million people.

Inhalation anthrax generally leads to a fever or cough within a few days, followed by pneumonia; nearly everyone dies.

New brew ready to hit shelves

BARRY SHLACHTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Alchemists at Pete's Wicked Brews, in desperate need of a hit, have come up with something very different.

Only time will tell whether Pete's Wicked Red Rush Ale, billed as a new American style of beer, catches on with the imbibing public.

It is new. It is distinctive in color and taste. Its head is amazingly rich and fizzy. It is not for everyone.

Then again, Red Rush is not meant to be.

This entrant to the very crowded beer market is aimed at young drinkers, 21 to 30, who have tried various alternative products like the Red Bull energy beverage and are ready for something new, says Greg Warwick, the Pete's brand manager at the San Antonio-based Gambrinus Co., better known for brewing Shiner Bock and marketing Corona to half the country.

The entire Pete's line has been revamped, and even the flagship brown ale has been reformulated, Warwick said. The need for change was evident.

The line was begun in 1986 by home brewer Pete Slosberg, whose timing was perfect. He launched his somewhat bitter beers just as the microbrewing boom took off. Craft brands mushroomed from 100 to 1,500.

Unlike most, Slosberg never opened his own brewery, relying on others to produce his line on contract. (They're still brewed under contract, in North Carolina and Washington state.)

But just after sales started to slide, Gambrinus bought control in 1998 for \$64 million and took it private. From a peak of 8 million cases in 1996, shipments are expected to run at about 2 million this year, Warwick says.

Pete Slosberg, who stayed on a few years as a consultant, is gone. The revamping is being led by Gambrinus' in-house brewmaster, Jaime Jurado, who formulated Red Rush along with another market entrant, a Munich-style lager called Pete's Wicked Helles. ("Helles" is German for light in color, and the style was born in the mid-19th century to compete with clear lagers masterfully developed by the Czechs.)

Red Rush has a very creamy head, due to extremely high carbonation, and has a pleasant finish. Some might find it light in flavor and not very complex for a craft brew at a very premium price. But more has been spent on less.

It is classified as an ale only because of the peculiarity of Texas law, which deems all brews with alcoholic content of 4 percent or more as either "ale" or "malt liquor."

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Airline chairman ready for pay cut

TERRY MAXON
The Dallas Morning News

American Airlines Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Donald J. Carty, whose company is preparing to eliminate 20,000 jobs, told employees Monday that he'll give up his pay and asked them to volunteer to give up some pay as well.

Carty's offer to forego pay comes after a severe drop in passenger traffic and dramatic revenue losses among U.S. carriers, precipitated by the hijacking and crashes of four jets. Two of them were American Airlines planes.

Based on an annual salary of \$772,500, Carty would lose about \$200,000 in base pay, plus any bonuses or other compensation he may have qualified for as leader of American and its parent, AMR Corp.

"Now, I don't want to suggest for a minute that anyone else give up their paycheck," Carty said on a hotline message.

"However, what I am announcing this morning is a voluntary program for all nonunionized employees, whereby anybody who is willing to take a pay cut - of whatever size and for however long - will have the opportunity to contribute to helping our company through this financial crisis."

Katy Sterry, an 18-year American Airlines flight attendant who lives in Indianapolis, said she was proud of Carty's sacrifice.

"It's going to be a rough road for all of us," she said, "and when our CEO takes a pay cut, it makes it a little easier for us to accept whatever pay cut we

face." Last year, Carty received the base salary, a bonus of \$1,351,875 and stock options that gave him the right to buy 375,000 shares of AMR stock at a price of \$33.375.

AMR's 2000 proxy statement valued the options at \$5.6 million, based on a formula that assumes the shares will increase at a given rate. But with AMR's shares closing at \$18.40 in Monday trading, the options are currently worthless.

Carty said he has asked unions to let members participate in the voluntary pay cut, "and since the decision to participate is strictly up to the individual, I expect the unions will agree."

Twenty cents of each \$1 in pay cuts will go toward an education fund for the children of the American Airlines pilots and flight attendants who died in the two American crashes, and to help "unique hardship cases" from the job cuts, he said.

American, commuter airline American Eagles Airlines Inc. and TWA Airlines LLC will altogether cut about 20,000 jobs in coming weeks, with the bulk coming from American.

In other cost-cutting moves, American informed the 435 employees at its 107 city ticket offices throughout the United States that it will close all but seven offices at week's end. Only one office will remain open in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the location at American headquarters near Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

American spokesman Al Becker said that any employee with a seniority date before Aug. 1, 2000, will be offered the

option of working at one of American's reservations centers. American also closed its Admirals Clubs in six airports last Friday: Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport; Cleveland; Detroit; Nashville, Tenn.; Honolulu, and Phoenix. It also has shut down its five Platinum Service Centers: two at D/FW Airport and one each at Miami, Chicago O'Hare and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

American's unions have complained that American is using exceptions allowed during national emergencies to avoid providing severance pay, moving expenses and other benefits.

For example, mechanics or airport employees who must relocate to keep their jobs will not receive the \$12,500 allowance in the Transport Workers Union contract.

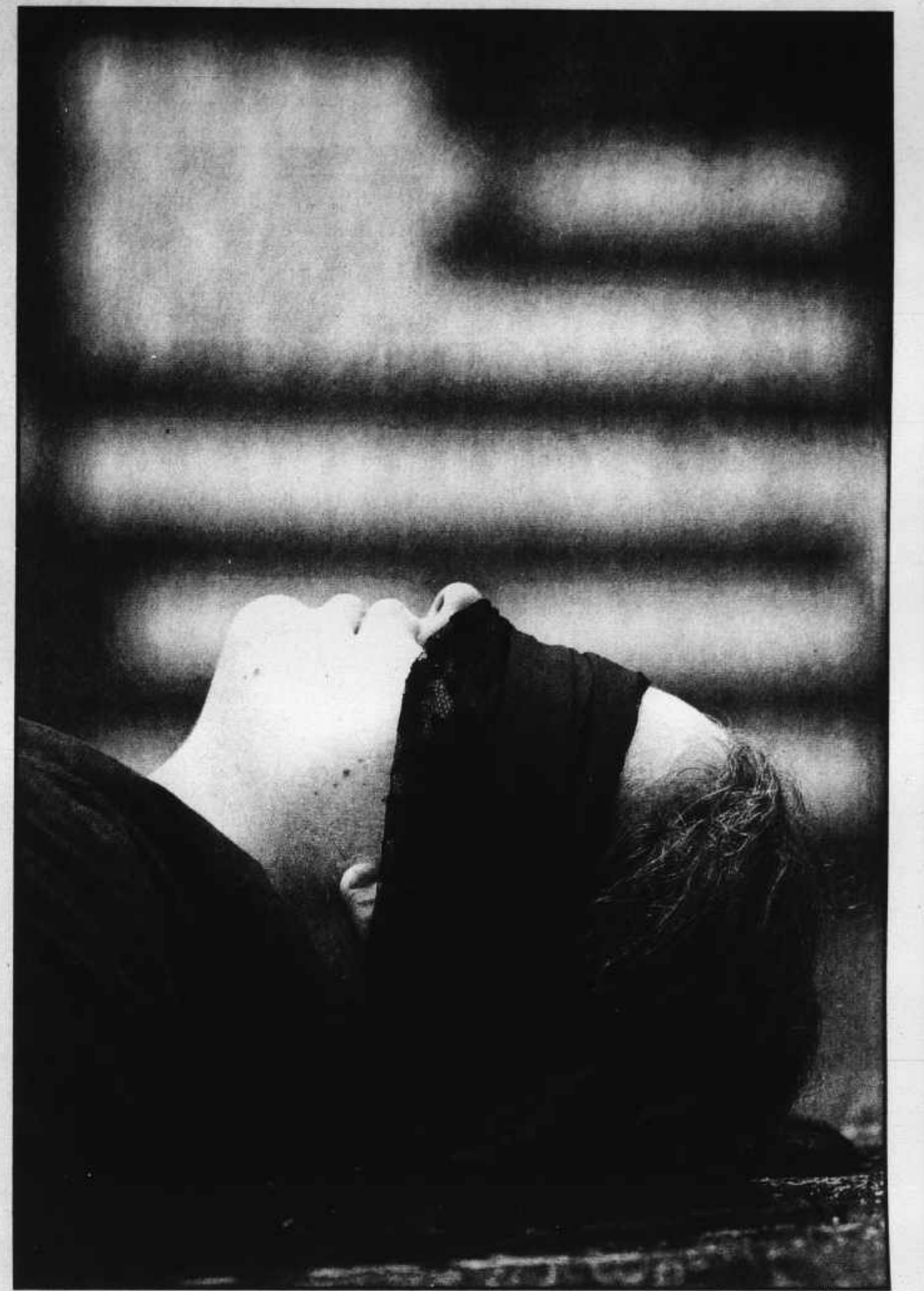
American spokeswoman Karen Watson defended the company's actions as necessary to keep the company alive. She said the labor contracts make provisions for national emergencies.

"What we're talking about is a life-or-death struggle to save the company," she said.

In other restructuring news: American confirmed its plan to furlough 1,000 rookie flight attendants on probation.

American and United Airlines Inc. said they plan to retire the flight numbers involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist crashes.

American pulled the Sept. 15 issue of American Way from planes because it had some articles and advertisements that it considered inappropriate in light of the crashes.



One of many students across the country silent in protest.

photo courtesy of KRCampus

Students join in protests against war

MICHELLE CROUCH
Knight Ridder Newspapers

As the war drums grow louder in Washington, an anti-war movement is emerging on college campuses across the country.

Last week, students from more than 150 colleges - from UCLA to Harvard University - staged a series of peace rallies, candlelight vigils and petition drives.

In the Carolinas, more than 180 Davidson College students are painting messages of peace onto cloth squares they are joining into a giant "Peace Quilt." Others signed letters

urging American leaders "not to duplicate these horrors." At Duke University, dozens of students, faculty members and staff participated in a peace rally

Friday with the slogan: "No more victims."

The events, evoking muted images of 1960s activism, were aimed at encouraging a restrained response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The efforts are united by what students call a need for "peaceful justice."

"We wanted to bring people together who are interested in finding alternatives to war," said Chris Paul, a student organizer at Duke. "We're not implying there shouldn't be any action, but it should be with the awareness that others will be hurt if we do take military action."

Davidson students said they considered a rally, but decided a quilt would be more appropriate, said student organizer Grant Bleacher. "This is an opportunity for stu-

dents to use their creativity and leave their mark," Bleacher said. "We can hang it up and it will be around for a while. We hope it will get people to think."

Bleacher said he's working to get permission to hang the quilt in the college's student center, and he would eventually like to rotate it to different locations.

Pieces were covered with peace signs and quotes from Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and JFK. On one, the words, "It's in our hands," encircle a large globe.

Another is addressed to the president: "Bush, only fools rush in." A third proclaims, "THINK" in bold white letters on a red background.

"Retaliating with violence for violence is just going to lead to more violence," said Mary Donoghue, 19, a sophomore whose colorful square simply reads, "Shalom." "The lives of people in Afghanistan are just as important as the lives of people in New York."

Write for The Equinox...it will feed you on Tuesday Nights

Do you want to do something?

The L.P. Young Student Center supports clubs and organizations fundraising events for the Relief Fund For the police, firefighters, rescue workers, victims and families of those lost in the horrific attack on the Pentagon and World Trade Center

Some ideas from clubs already fundraising

- Car Wash, Carle Hall
- Money Drive, Holloway Hall
- Band performance in front of Dining Commons for donations, TKE
- Blood Drive, money collection, Student Assembly

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2-7:45 pm MADE - Film - Putnam Lecture Hall
6 pm Red Cross Benefit LIVE CONCERT
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12-2 pm MADE - Film - Putnam Lecture Hall
8 pm L. J. Thompson Lecture - Film - Putnam Lecture Hall
HEADLINES: 10-11:30 am The Equinox, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
PEOPLE: 12:30-1:30 pm The Scott Miller - in Coliseum Theater

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12-5 pm BLOOD DRIVE - in St. Bernard's Church - Keene
4-8 pm Cut A Ton - Banquet by Putnam Lecture Hall - Keene
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Ember Swift brings poetry and politics to homecoming



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Lyndelle Montgomery looks toward the crowd at the Night Owl Cafe on Friday Night.

Canadian Band
Brings Message of
Human Equality to
Keene State

BY STEPHEN T. PARKER
The Equinox

The politics of peace can be as simple as the joyousness of dancing. Or it can be as gritty or controversial as the times in which we live. Kinetic energy is the outer mode, pure expression is the soul, eclectic music is the raw spirit. Bob Dylan once referred to R & B vocalist Smokey Robinson as the embodiment of

all these energies and said he was one of the most "cosmic people on the planet". Had Dylan been at Keene State College's Night Owl Cafe on September 21st he most certainly would have included Toronto-based singer Ember Swift and her two bandmates, guitarist Lyndelle Montgomery (aka The Leo), and drummer Michelle Josef (aka the Pisces), in the

same auspicious category.

Swift, 26, a multi-faceted singer/songwriter/pianist/poetic commentator, born in Burlington, Ontario, began writing songs at age nine and performing at age ten. Ever the maverick, Swift's musical approach is decidedly unconventional, which is to say, it is truly creative.

Surprising shifts in tempo and explosive acoustic riffs in the middle of an otherwise sedate tune are not uncommon occurrences during a live performance. The quirky spontaneity of the music allows for all emotions to be used as an audience-participation catharsis which transcends the stereotype of "angry, young woman feminism," making it accessible universally.

Montgomery, 27, a native of Smithers, British Columbia, wowed the Nite Owl crowd with her diverse musical skills on bass guitar, electric violin, and bowed guitar. Four standing ovations and encores later, Montgomery's unflagging energy, fueled by a background in film soundtrack scoring, as well as the unique talent of stillwalking, was as prime at the concert's end as at the beginning of the evening.

And as if those creative aspects aren't enough, Montgomery is also a successfully published author, having achieved critical status with her 1997 book, *Boys Like Her*, released by Press Gang Publishers.

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Performing on the heels of the historically shattering acts of terrorism in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the group members commented on how, as Canadians, it was startling to drive through the rural northeastern U.S. and see throngs of cars sporting American flags and bumper stickers reading "We'll get them!"

Swift pointed out that she feels that the world situation affects all

people, and that hate crimes are to be deplored on any level. Delivering the song "Pek," a piece awash in middle eastern styling and one which incorporates a wordless, plaintive, wailing vocal suggestive of an emotional cry to the heavens, Swift and crew underscored their message of tolerance with an aura of spirituality.

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The Night Owl Cafe goes eclectic

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Seattle, Washington native Bill Horst brought his "odds 'n' ends" improv guitar style to the Night Owl Cafe Thursday, September 20, presenting a unique blend of technical prowess and ingenuity. Horist's appearance is deceptive. He emerges from the audience, with an average haircut, an average outfit, and assembles an average set. Maybe he has a few more effect pedals than most musicians, and a few other unique items stowed away behind his amp, but with his youthful and innocuous appearance, it's easy to confuse him for a stagehand or a spectator.

All misconceptions about his identity are summarily and effectively dispelled when he sits and places his guitar on his knees and begins to pluck his first few chords.

Horist employs a sampling machine during his shows, allowing him to record what he plays on the fly, and then loop it on top of itself multiple times. His guitar becomes an infinitesimally diverse orchestra, mold-

ing a variety of melodies and effects; from a single instrument, he creates the tones of a harmonica, a violin, a drum, a whale and various sound effects from those campy sci-fi movies.

He rarely holds an actual note, playing by sound rather than within the confines of chords. He is trancelike and methodical, eyes rarely leaving the instrument, except to adjust his sampler or select a new utensil. It's a self-mixed, live guitar extrapolation, and it's not for everyone, but it is a truly unique form of art and expression. If Frank Zappa was right, and the guitar solo is nothing more than musical masturbation, then Bill Horist practices auto-erotic asphyxiation along with a host of other unspeakable fetishes.

He begins the show with a six-inch metal rod in hand, pinning the strings in place, changing their pitch, and then rubbing it at angles to create different effects. That's as close as the

remaining 45 minutes of his show comes to normalcy. His sound ranges from angelic to demonic, and then from incredibly harsh and abrasive, to a suddenly soft harmony.

However, the most memorable moment of the show occurs during a lighter mix. Horist wedges a business card holder, essentially an antenna-shaped piece of brass, under his strings, playing the antennae with an orchestral bow. The sound bears remarkable resemblance to the songs of a whale, and when combined with the absurd imagery of

Horist's guitar amalgamation, leaves a marked impression in the mind.

Another visually impressive scene featured a pair of roach clips attached to the strings near the head of the guitar. Horist bounced his legs, like a parent toying with an infant in their lap, and allowed the roach clips to bounce back and forth, like the wings of a drunken butterfly, and creating an impressive "WA-WA" sound.

composer, and for the layman or music aficionado. The show is an opening look at the techniques of sampling, and gives a better understanding of where each sound effect on any album comes from.

Horist's show is exciting, packing a unique and powerful blend of 80s thrash metal, Native American panflute, and Celtic dance. Each track builds so much power that at times you're left shocked that nothing exploded while he played. In addition to those already mentioned, his arsenal of guitar utensils also included a shoe polish brush, a kitchen faucet, wooden dowels, a pair of cymbals, an egg slicer, and a portable electric fan.

This unique performance is something any music fan should experience at least once, and while there's only a small market for Horist's skills in today's society, his musical foley work can be a moving and enjoyable experience, well worth watching.

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Bill Horist, musical man of mystery, played at the Night Owl Cafe. Don't you feel special?

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"System of A Down" returns

Brings "Toxicity" to New England Venues

BY TOM ZIMMERMAN
The Equinox

System of a Down's sophomore album comes three years after their self-titled debut climbed the charts on the back of powerful, if occasionally kooky songs like "Sugar" and "Spiders". Their latest album is topping album sales this week, with the help of its devoted cult following, and the first single "Chop Suey!", a stoically powerful quasi-ballad.

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With progressive rock drumming courtesy of John Dolmayan, and the artistic thrash guitar stylings of Daron Malakian, the song soars on melodious harmonies of Daron and lead singer Serj Tankian's voices. "Chop Suey!" is typical of "Toxicity" on the whole, and as good of an example as any of how SOAD garnered its large

cult fan base, meandering and meshing a variety of styles into an exquisitely catchy track.

The album remains true to SOAD's truly unique blend of poetic lyrics, vitreous metal guitar, ancestry, and socio-political commentary. While "Toxicity" was designed to be more accessible, it's lyrical merit and sound remain uncompromised, delectably free of the mainstream Rock/Rap me-centric style predominant in groups like Limp Bizkit and Disturbed. SOAD's sound is their own: a blend of the members' backgrounds in jazz, poetry, and the Middle Eastern musical roots of their Armenian

ancestry.

Serj's voice packs a three-fold punch, delivering rapid-fire socio-political rap a la legato Zack De La Rocha on the album's first track, "Prison Song," a straightforward commentary on the US Government's drug policy. With the aid of Malakian, he ties down the heartfelt moments of the album, while his unique voice

alone, the rolling of his tongue along an occasional word, and the mid-pitched Armenian chords, present a wild, rollicking, often chuckle-eliciting voice through even the most powerful songs.

"Needles", the second track, begins with a short abstract bit of guitar work reminiscent of Frank Zappa, and the descends into power metal stylings the bands producer, Rick Rubin, first pioneered with groups like Slayer in early '80s thrash metal scene. While they lack the brutally talented guitar work of Slayer's Jeff Hanneman, SOAD's perfect synthesis of a variety of skills more than account for the difference.

"Psycho", the thirteenth track of the album, boasts an ironic chorus in light of the riot by fans incited by the police-mandated last minute cancellation of SOAD's free concert in Hollywood. "Psycho, Groupie, Cocaine Crazy, makes you high, makes you really wanna think and stop." No doubt the band wishes it's fan's had stopped to think. \$30,000 worth of their

equipment, including their drum set and amps, were destroyed or stolen during the ensuing incident.

The symmetry of "Toxicity" as a whole, and standout songs "Chop Suey!", "Ariels", "Jet Pilot", and the titular track, make it a must for any System of a Down fan. However, even if you haven't experienced their sound yet, it's a worthwhile investment, and easily one of the most unique hard rock groups out there.

SOAD can be seen this fall on the Pledge of Allegiance tour, alongside Slipknot, Ramstein, Mudvayne, and others. The tour is scheduled in New England for October 19th in Hartford, CT at the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum and for October 30th in Worcester, MA at the Centrum, but is subject to change in light of the events of September 11th.

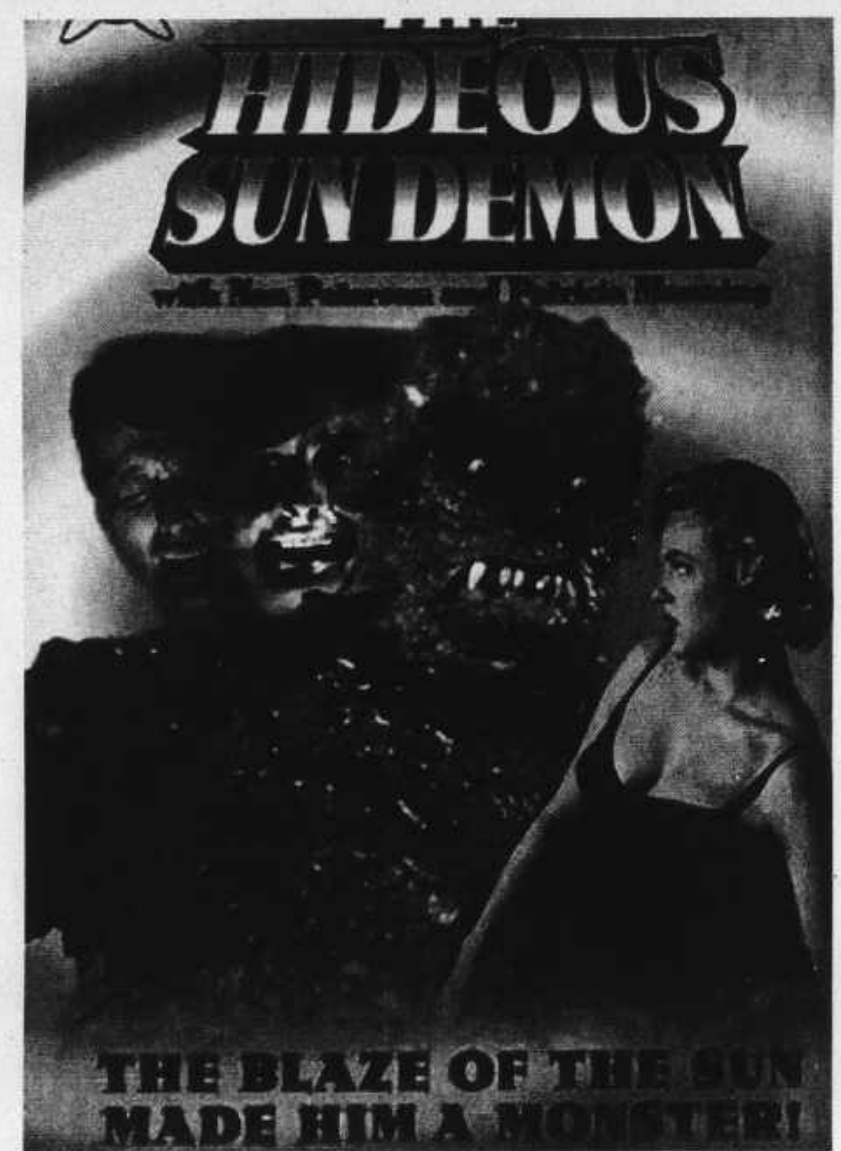
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Above: Serj Tankian, the lead singer of "System of A Down", waving his hands in the air like he just doesn't care. "Everybody get up and get down, now jump around!" says Tankian.

Steve Parker's "DVD Dementia"...

...A view into the world of obscure and odd movies on DVD



BY STEPHEN T. PARKER
The Equinox

Everyone knows what happened to Pandora when she opened that infamous box. The troubles of the world flew out and we have been plagued with strife and discord ever since. Pandora was apparently a curious girl who thought she knew what she wanted. Her little indiscretion would hardly have been noticed in the 1950s. Everyone was doing something sneaky apparently.

Oh, you don't remember the 1950s? A time when most people thought their relative or neighbor might be a pod person who only resembled Aunt Gladys or Mr. Lipschitz next door. At very least, Mr. and Mrs. Smith could secretly be communist sympathizers in league with the Russkies. In such a paranoid, sexist time, Pandora would have been regarded as just another dumb, ponytailed, poodle skirt-wearing dingbat teenager who couldn't resist seeing what was on the other side of that door, even if what awaited was green,

scaly, sweaty, savage, and psychotic (and I'm not talking about the Creature from the Black Lagoon or Kermit the Frog on crack either).

And apparently Pandora was the first to put a hole in the ozone. Or was it Dr. Gilbert McKenna (Robert Clarke). Pandora's male mad scientist male counterpart? He was curious, too.

A harmless infatuation with splitting atoms and tinkering with new radioactive toxins. Simple stuff. Not nearly as obnoxious as accusing fellow citizens of political treason.

Of course, there was a slight problem. One which Coppertone Suntan Lotion and Ban de Sole or other various sunblockers could not solve. McKenna made a boo-boo in the lab one day and soon found that exposure to direct sunlight morphed him into a carnivorous, bipedal reptile-man, a pretty big hindrance in terms of the singles scene. Except when he would go out after dark, unbeknownst to his annoyingly overprotective girl-

friend, Ann Russell (Patricia Manning), to visit his favorite nightclub. Too bad that vampish singer Trudy Osborne (Nan Peterson) didn't know that McKenna was a literal lounge lizard before going on a beach romp with this sexist salamander! Perhaps it was the fact that she always played the piano at an oddly tilted angle while singing

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the incredibly awful song "Strange Pursuit". Nonetheless, when the sun came up on these lascivious lovers, it wasn't musical scales that Trudy was screaming!

In order to save his reptilian reputation, McKenna slithered into the daylight, icky iguana skin and all, and, well, why reopen Pandora's box and spoil the rest of this "scaly scorcher"? Thanks to the pristine craft of DVD production, "The Hideos Sun Demon" has never looked more scaly or less grainy! Legendary horror and sci-fi film collector Wade Williams has issued this creature classic in his

growing line of DVDs aimed at preserving 1950s shock cinema forever.

The keep box features extensive liner notes and personal remembrances from actor/writer/producer/director Robert Clarke and film historian Tom Weaver. And if you're really a good detective you might be able to track down a VHS copy of the rarer 1983 parody "What's Up, Hideos Sun Demon?" The dialogue has been replaced by comical quips from stars such as Jay Leno, Susan Tyrell, and Googy Gress, converting the original film into a tale about sustan lotion that works from the inside out (with a certain sexual side effect).

"The Hideos Sun Demon" definitely rates 4 scaly scales and one forked tongue on the lizard-ometer.

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Cowboy Junkies coming to Colonial Theatre

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The cult-classic, country-tinged alternative rock band, Cowboy Junkies, bring their mellow, atmospheric sound to the Colonial Theater on Friday, September 28th.

The Junkies have been a strong presence on the indie scene for the past decade and a half. They are quite eclectic, using both reflective, slower numbers and fast-paced rock songs a la rock giants R.E.M.

Armed with the hauntingly beautiful voice of singer Margo Timmins, driving guitar of Michael Timmins, and deter-

mined bass of Alan Anton, they add an array of other instruments, including piano, organ, accordion, mandolin, and harmonica to broaden their tender sound.

The aptly titled Cowboy Junkies chose their name simply to gain attention, but in truth, it very much describes the band's intense, ethereal sound. The introspective beauty in each piece they do leaves a strong vibe that you can almost reach out and grab.

Being influenced by the do-it-yourself spirit of punk rock and post-punk of the late 70's, they formed in 1985, when siblings Margo, Michael, and Peter, along with Anton, jammed in their garage at 547 Crawford St. in Toronto, self-dubbed "Studio 547", where they

recorded their first album.

Their next outing, the classic "The Trinity Sessions", was recorded in a church, with the band unorthodoxly recording each song simultaneously on one microphone. There, they covered the Velvet Underground classic "Sweet Jane", adding their own unique twist to it. The Trinity Sessions gave the band a diverse cult fan base.

Through the following years, the Junkies signed with RCA Records and later with Geffen Records, which soon merged into a larger industry conglomerate, leaving the Junkies to go unnoticed by the parent label. In their true-to-the-music spirit, they've gone back to releasing their music on their own Latent Recordings, the Junkies original

recording company. They are currently distributed through the independent, Boston-based Rounder Records Group. The Cowboy Junkies have toured extensively during their career, playing all over the world. They have released 11 records to date, including eight studio albums, two live albums, and one B-sides and rarities compilation.

The current tour is in promotion of their latest record, "Open", which has been described as the band's "heaviest to date." This time around, the band has brought along a keyboardist, background singer, and a multi-instrument utility player to increase their already grand stage presence.

Opening for the Junkies is Tim Easton, who will be hyping his new album, "The

Truth About Us". Easton's sound can be described as bluesy, acoustic rock.

To find out more about the Cowboy Junkies, visit their official website, www.cowboyjunkies.com for current tour diary, album reviews, and extended biography on the band's music and history.

The Colonial Theater is located at 95 Main St. The doors open at 7:30 and show time is at 8:00. For more info, visit the Colonial's website at www.thecolonial.org, or call the box office at 352-2033, Monday through Saturday, 12-9 p.m.

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If you don't expect to be paid for what you're doing, you won't be disappointed. You will get paid for it, but not in money. What you get will be better.

May 21-June 21

This is not a good time to make requests, especially for cash. Although what you ask may seem reasonable to you, the other person is unlikely to agree. If you want something, it's best to pay for it yourself.

June 22-July 22

Take your worries into consideration, but don't let them take control. The past is your teacher, not a wall between you and fun. Follow your heart, and blow those old fears to smithereens.

July 23-Aug. 22

You'd like to pay for everything, but you simply can't. Let the others pitch in. You're generous to a fault, as everybody knows. Don't pretend you have more than you do. That's just courting disaster.

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Should you visit relatives or stay home to clean your house? You want to do both. Amazingly, the day goes better if you play first and tidy up the place later.

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Easy does it. No need to rush. Perseverance counts in this game more than speed. Getting things right may take a few tries. Keep practicing. You can throw out the ones that don't work. Every error you make is a lesson learned.

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Worry about money some other time. You don't have to monitor the stocks while they take their roller coaster ride. You should be resting and getting your priorities straightened out. Love rules!

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's hard to get to places on time. Obligations keep popping up and throwing you off schedule. Better figure out your priorities first, or frustration will set in. Pick the most important thing and do it. Then, toss your agenda.

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

A book you're studying brings valuable insights. Do the lessons apply not only to the characters but also to you? Things like having to face the consequences of choices? The need for forgiveness? Yep!

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Feb. 19-March 20

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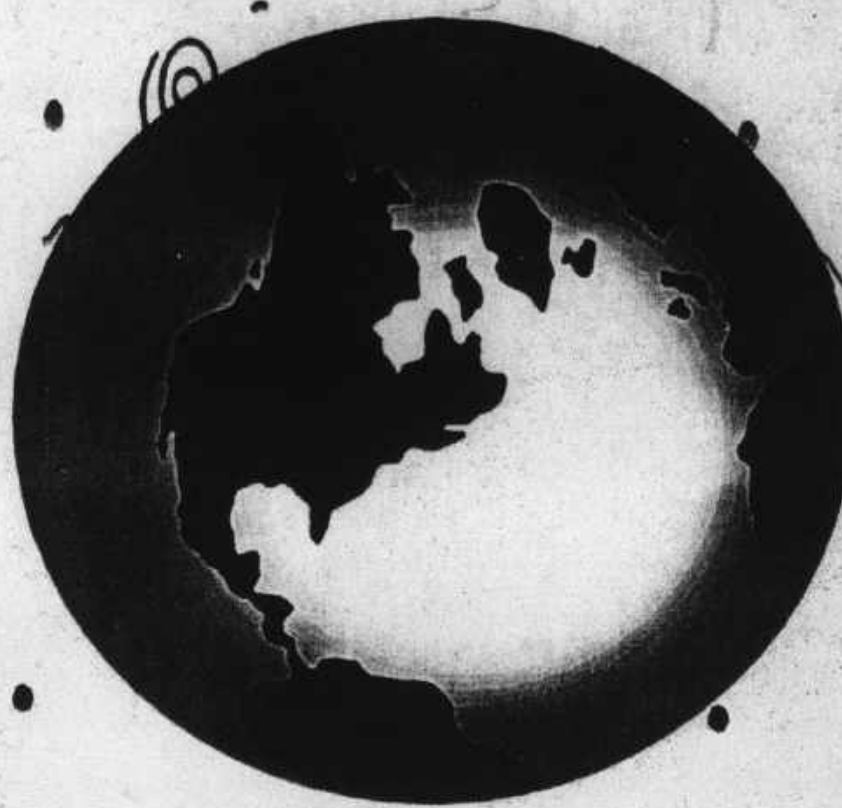
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Americans not feeling so safe

PAUL H. JOHNSON
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

African-American Muslims say that whatever brand of religion those terrorists were practicing, it wasn't Islam.

"These people who did it are just crazy," said East Orange, N.J., Councilman Jimmy Smalls. "What the terrorists don't realize or don't care is that many Muslims were in that building." Smalls said the Koran forbids the killing of innocents and even unarmed combatants in a war.

"Instead of going to heaven," Smalls said of the terrorists, "they'll be going to hell."

As news about the attacks on the World Trade Center focused on suspects who are Arab Muslims, African-American adherents of the faith worried that the nation's reaction would be to defame Islam and its practitioners - a form of racism familiar to many African-Americans.

"I'm very disturbed by this trend," said Onaje Muid of Englewood, N.J., who became a Muslim 20 years ago because he identified more deeply with the religion his African ancestors followed. "It's almost as if a frenzy is being whipped up."

At a Thursday news conference in New York City, boxing legend Muhammad Ali, who converted to Islam in 1964 due to the influence of Malcolm X, reminded Americans that Islam is a peaceful faith.

"Islam is not a religion of hate," Ali said. "It's a religion of love."

Ali was a young boxing champion when he caused a flurry of hostility by converting to Islam and changing his name from Cassius Clay. The public finally accepted his Muslim name.

Although many African-Americans became Muslims in a movement popularized by the Nation of Islam's Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X, it is a religion long associated with people who have North African, Middle Eastern, South Asian roots. Smalls said many

Americans still see Islam as an exotic religion for African-Americans.

"Their perception was that Muslims are from foreign lands," said Smalls, who has served on the East Orange City Council for eight years and is the Science Department head at William H. Brown Academy in Newark.

Smalls said he gets confused looks and questions when he tells people he is a Muslim. The perception has been that only foreigners follow Islam, a belief that ignores the growing numbers of American Muslims.

Of the 6 million Muslims in the United States, approximately 30 percent are African-American, according to "The Mosque in America" a report prepared by the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Only Muslims from south-central Asia now living in the United States outnumber African-American Muslims here.

Many African-Americans were attracted to Islam through the Nation of Islam, the black group criticized for its opposition to Israel, but later embraced mainstream Islam, as did Malcolm X. He split with the Nation of Islam, taking the name Malik El-Shabazz, and became an adherent of a more traditional movement.

"My major inspiration was Malcolm X," said Muid. "Islam is a civilization-building religion."

Muid said that as the United States rushes toward war, the words of Martin Luther King Jr. ring in his ears.

"He said, 'If we can't live together as brothers, we'll die as fools.'"

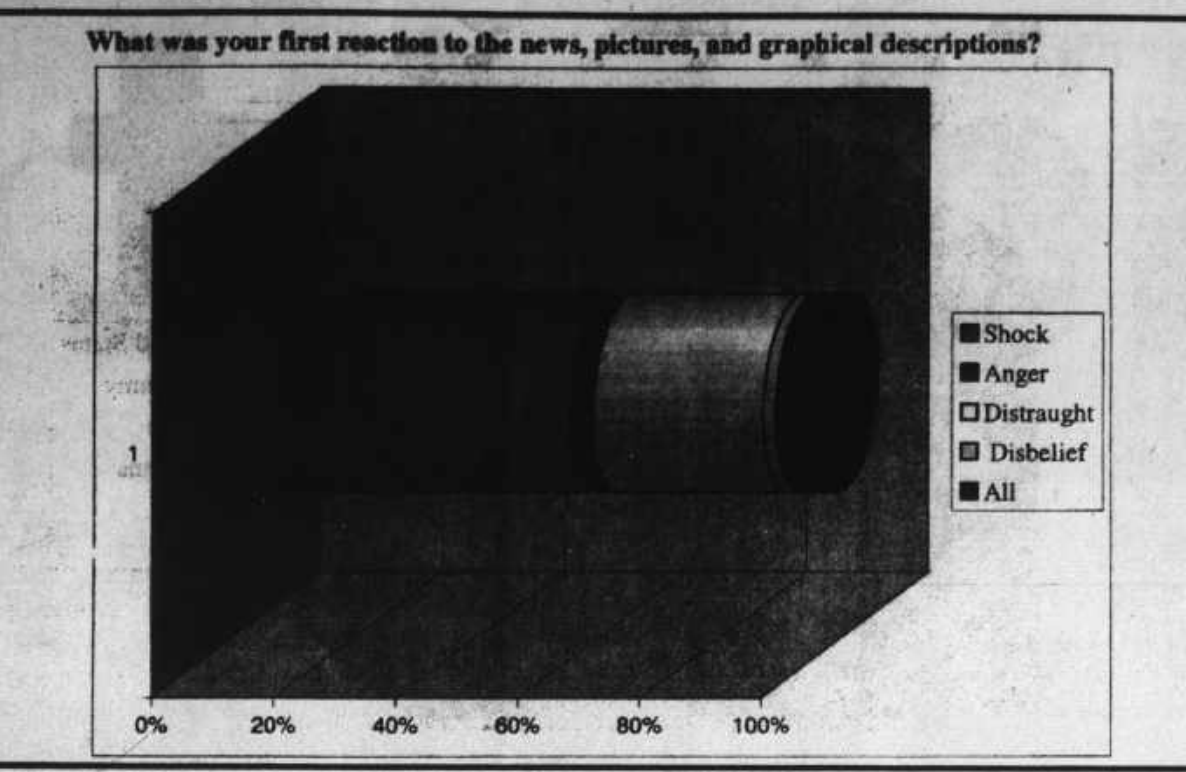
Some African-American leaders warn that more violence is possible, and everyone needs to take a strong stand against hate.

"There's no room for that mentality in American society," said Robert Robinson, president of the Bergen County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"What we really need to be doing is comforting people who are hurting."

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Students express their opinions about the events of September 11, 2001

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The Equinox

Last week a survey was given to 50 students on campus. These students offered some interesting views on what happened in our country in the last few days, and historically. The questions were very broad, and so were many of the answers.

It is shocking to think about how many of us know at least one person involved in the armed forces. When asked if the US military should send ground troops if necessary, 60 percent of the students answered yes. If the US does send ground troops, we can expect even more losses related to this tragedy.

Senator John McCain of Arizona was quoted by CNN saying, "In order for us to preserve America and our way of life, we're going to have to sacrifice American treasure and unfortunately in some cases, perhaps American blood."

This military action as the President and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld have both explained could take a while. Little under half of the students surveyed when asked whether or not they would personally be willing to go to war said they would. I guess we could support our troops from our dorm rooms and apartments just as easily. For many Americans, keeping busy has proven to help calm the thoughts of terror.

Of the 50 students asked why the Trade Centers were targeted, 94 percent said they could under-

stand. Tiffany Karkman wrote, "The world trade center is a symbol of capitalism, materialism, and globalization." These terrorists were attacking a global center for capitalistic ventures as most students have come to realize. I wish to ask another question, this one to the entire student body though. Do you understand why these terrorists would be willing to take their own lives in order to do away with such a symbol?

One student provided a metaphor, for us to consider. "Have you ever been lying peacefully in bed at 7 in the morning, then the obnoxious alarm goes off right next to your ear? Your first thought is to smash the hell out of the alarm clock." Tara Lucchetti goes on to write, "America has been lying peacefully in its bed dreaming about fast cars, unlimited gas to fuel those cars, etc., and then this loud horrible alarm clock of terror goes off right in your face. What do we want to do? Smash the alarm clock - make it stop! But who set the alarm on the clock in the first place? It was us. We were setting ourselves up to be rudely awakened by reality."

Being awakened by reality is not what one student wanted, they wrote "what we need to do is stop dwelling on it, move forward and put it in the past. If we continue to mourn, the terrorists have won." All I wonder is what prize will they win, is it a failing American economy, more dead, lost jobs? Is that defeat?

A question on the survey was related to how our president has handled this situation. On a scale

of 1-5, 5 being favorable, students here have given him a lot of support. Of the 50, 40 students ranked his performance between 3 and 5. One student added a -5 to the list and circled it.

Lisa Weiner wrote that she felt "nervous of how Bush would handle the situation." Nationwide his approval ratings are increasing. He makes attempts at clearing up the fact that this was not an attack from Islam. It is important that we hear him.

Though eight percent of the students surveyed thought that the attack was by all people of the Muslim faith, it seems that the other 92 percent got the picture. A recent fortune cookie read, "the philosophy of one century is the common sense of the next." Let us drop the ignorance of last century, and just act upon our love for life.

This leads to the last and final question on the survey. Have you heard about the gentleman killed in Mesa, Arizona? Only 18 percent of the students had heard. On the Sunday following the attacks in NY and Washington, a crazed man killed a gas station owner. The owner, Balbir Singh Sodhi was an Indian born immigrant that was targeted because of his appearance it seems. These types of attacks have been occurring all over the globe.

The saddest part of the entire situation is that a true American would not make assumptions like these. Our country dictates freedom of religion, and our doors are open to people of all creeds, races, and religions.

Commentary: 12 days in the life of a transfer student

ERIN E. MANNING
The Equinox

Presently, I have been at Keene State College for twelve days. I am a transfer student; faceless, friendless, in a strange place with strange people. My apartment is one mile from campus (a walk not easily maneuvered in big heels). My bathroom light is temperamental, forcing me to shower in the dark at times, my freezer won't stay shut and the only comfort I have found is locking myself in my room with a stick of nag champa incense and MSNBC. Welcome to my world, ladies and gentlemen.

Members of the freshman class, to some extent, face similar feats in that desperate rush to hold a door or flashing a smile in hopes of making a friend. But these students are wrapped in that fuzzy blanket known as comradery. There are many freshmen that find solace fortunately for them in each other.

But what about us? To begin my plight, my letter of acceptance to KSC was accompanied by the regretful words that went something like this: "There is no on-campus housing." It was a plain day and a slap in the face.

The scramble for comfortable housing (the adjective was soon used loosely) was followed by a punishing security deposit. Phone tag with the roommates (previously unknown to me) and the hour commute to paint or clean or become acquainted with Keene became rites of passage.

Perhaps all of the above dreadful in their own special ways served as an omen for my first year at the college.

And this is my fourth year of college. I am nearing 22-years-

old and ready for that next step. I find myself void of that patience necessary in meeting friends and becoming comfortable in my skin in an unfamiliar place. My last (and belated) university sat just across the Atlantic Ocean and only a short commute to what is, to me, a booming metropolis. It was Southern New England, rich in history, knee-deep in sunshine and good times. It was perfect. It was my home.

So my first night here was like that very first high school football game; you know, when you and your closest friends maul each other with face paint and glitter (not much has changed for me since). You couldn't help those warm butterflies, the apprehension will be undefeated? Or will the cheerleaders win more trophies than the football team? Should I just drop out now or wait until homecoming? It certainly was worth the spirit, nevertheless, and was an excellent attitude to begin the season.

I made my rounds that Friday night with that very attitude. My roommate and I made canvases at local bars including the jewel in the crown of KSC, Penuche's. A shot of Hot Damn and a great night took precedence over any doubts, gray areas concerning my ventures as a transfer student.

My classes are great. I write in an e-mail to my mother. Despite two draining general education classes, my schedule makes me smile.

One professor of mine, who teaches a large lecture class, waved to me the other day. Normally to any teacher with a lengthy roster, I am a social security number. But he waved, he recognized me. Maybe this will be a winning season after all. So,

naturally, I waved back so that others on Main Street could see. Hah! I am cool! Look at me! I know somebody! The mile home that day was a cakewalk.

But in all seriousness, I feel as though I represent that demographic of transfer students when I walk through campus, as breathing-taking as it is, I see others that have attended KSC for a year or two and their circle of friends has already been established. It's disheartening.

Is there a solution beyond what mom replied in her e-mail? Join the drama club, she'd write.

How about a party instead? Multiple kegs of beer, jell-o shots, or maybe a pimp and hoe theme?

I feel that what it comes down to is location. Again, living in a dorm or similar housing arrangement would facilitate me, as it does the freshman, in attaining popularity. Like Cher Galacovitz popularity (Alicia Silverstone in Clueless, boys).

But the fact that I reside one mile from campus limits my company to the guy that plays the trombone downstairs from me or the want-to-be rock stars next door.

So I sit now on my balcony, overlooking a quiet residential street, the peace interrupted every so often by the sounds of breaking glass or the yelping of the twenty-something boys in the adjacent house. Crickets mesh nicely with such sounds that serve as a reminder that, hey this is college. It's supposed to be the greatest, funnest, most selfish years of your life no matter how you swallow it.

Needless to say, folks, the invitations are in the mail.

Have an idea for a story? Want to see your name in print? Join The Equinox This Week in Greek

SHERRY WATERHOUSE
The Equinox

The members of Greek Life would like to thank all of those KSC students who participated in Fall Rush, we hope you all had fun and got something out of it. Congratulations and welcome to all of those who are eligible and decided to final sign at any house. To the entire freshman rushes that participated we hope we will see you all and many more next semester.

On Saturday, October 6th all members of Greek Life will be participating in the annual Ashuelot River clean up at 10 a.m. until the river is clean. Both the Panhellenic Council (Panhel) and the Inter-fraternal Council (IFC) got together for this event the first time last fall and got a big turnout for the event. At least two-thirds of each Greek organization is made mandatory to help out in the cleanup. The members of IFC and Panhel are hoping for an even bigger turnout this fall than last year.

On Friday, October 12th the executive boards of Panhel and IFC will be cleaning up a two-mile stretch of RT. 9 in Keene through the college's Adopt a Highway program. They will be on the highway starting at 3pm for anyone who would like to pitch in.

Members of every Greek organization, along with several Keene State athletes and other students took part in a two-hour Hazing Tele-conference in the Mt. View Room of the Student Center, October 24th. The conference gave out information and ideas on how to prevent hazing in

college and high school organizations from happening.

Sororities

Phi Sigma Sigma's intramural volleyball team won Monday night. The sorority placed third in the Homecoming spirit banner contest, and the sisters also participated in homecoming events throughout the weekend to welcome back their alumni. Nationally, Phi Sigma Sigma has raised \$14,000 for the American Red Cross.

Eta Gamma Chi turned 25 years old on September 22nd. They celebrated the occasion with their alumni sisters, some who traveled from Georgia to attend the reunion.

Tau Phi Xi will be sponsoring a food drive until Friday, September 28th. All donations will be sent to those who were affected by the events on September 11, 2001.

Fraternities

This past weekend, despite the poor weather conditions on Friday the 21st, Phi Mu Delta and a couple of sisters from Delta Phi Epsilon held a free car wash to help raise money through donations for the New York City Firefighters Association. Every brother also donated a couple dollars and blood to aid the American Red Cross in the help for America.

Phi Mu Delta also went out with other Greek organizations on the morning of Saturday the 22nd to aid in the setup for different Alumni events around campus. There were two losses this weekend in softball and football, with a bye in soccer, but we'll just have to get them next time around!

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Students sound off about the Dining Commons

BY CHRIS VOZZOLO
The Equinox

Dining Commons food is always a hot topic to talk about around campus. Students always have an opinion on what they like about it, dislike, or what needs to be done to make the food and place better. Students have a very big part in deciding what changes are made to the Dining Commons. The people who run Zorn Dining Commons usually grant the requests of students.

Students have noticed some good improvements to the food this year. Students are always pleased to see the pizza station filled with their favorite types of pizza.

The pizza is always a hot item at the Dining Commons because it is simple and it tastes like delivery style pizza. Alongside the pizza is the pasta. Students have showed their concern about the pasta. Most students wish there were more of a variety with the pasta rather than having them be the same almost everyday. Students would like to see bowties and ravioli on a more com-

mon basis. The most popular main entrée dish is definitely the turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. A majority of students would eat this everyday if they could. When this entrée is being served the line is usually out the door, so get there early if you plan on having this favorite.

Students wish that ticket night happened more often or that some of these items were put on regular rotation on the menu. Chicken cordon bleu and calzones are loved by students but they have complained that you can only get them on ticket night, which doesn't happen too often.

"Ticket night is the best at the DC, the food is steps above from the other nights. I just wish I could have some of these things more often at the DC," says Junior Chris Southard. Of course, there are always going to be complaints about the Dining Commons. Students who eat there a couple times a day are definitely going to get sick of the food and have complaints, but this would be expected with anywhere you eat every single day. Several students have showed the

concern with the roll-up and sandwich station. They wish to see more kinds of cold cuts and meats to choose from. There is usually such a big line for roll-ups; students who are willing to wait should get a solid choice of sandwiches.

"One major problem with the DC is the overcrowding and the lines. I think that they might need to hire some more workers and open up some more stations so we can get our food quicker," said Ashley Mazur.

One way to avoid the long lines is going at times, which are not busy times. It seems that 12-1 is the busiest time for lunch and 5:30-6 is the busiest time for dinner.

Avoid these times and students should be able to avoid almost all of the lines.

The Dining Commons workers and administrators should be applauded at the job they have been doing. Students are expected to have their complaints and concerns about the food, but the only way to change things are to voice your opinion to the Dining Commons staff.



The dance team before Midnight Madness last year.

KSC Dance Team looks forward to Midnight Madness

BY TIM POMPLUN
The Equinox

The Keene State Dance Team arrived at school this year assuming the team would do its usual thing at half-time at Owls basketball games.

However, unknown to the team, member Christina Popillo sent a video to the Citrus Bowl committee for the half time show. The news came from Popillo that the team had been accepted to take part in one of the most important college football games.

"The initial reaction from the team was 'pure excitement and eagerness,'" team member Jess Morland said.

That initial excitement didn't last long enough because a harsh reality soon followed. In order to be part of the Citrus Bowl half time show, the team was required to purchase a package set up by the committee. The package is a non-negotiable \$869 per person. The team planned to bring 24 women and estimated the amount for the trip to be around \$27,000, as the package does not include airfare.

The team quickly got to work writing businesses both locally and from the team members' respective hometowns to sponsor

them. In addition to this, they tried a few long shots such as sending letters to a few talk show hosts. The team has not heard back from any of the talk show hosts. In addition to other fund raisers being unsuccessful as they had hoped, they decided as a team to not go this year, and try for it next year. The team also received a generous amount of money from the Student Assembly in which they are planning to return.

"It is somewhat of a relief to not have to worry about raising the money anymore," said Lauren Moretti.

According to the team, there was too much money to be raised in such a short period of time, and also because of the current condition of America and air travel.

"Fundraising was taking from the team and the fun of it. There was always stress about who was calling what company, who was sitting in the Student Center, and just always worrying about something," said Karen Colaninno.

"It was also interfering with the main priority which was and still is maintaining strong performances at the basketball games," added Faith Emerson.

As a six year old organization, the completely student-run dance team understands that although

they won't be attending the Citrus Bowl this year, it was still quite an honor to be accepted to such a prestigious bowl game.

The team said they are able to find comfort in the fact that the club has come very far in the past six years.

The team owes a lot to captains Adina Zimmerman and Cheryl Reagan who run practices, choreograph the dances, teach and coach.

The team's wildest dreams might not be coming true this year, but they are excited and anxious to get in front of all the students and fans at Midnight Madness and the basketball games. With some of the money the team earned from the fundraisers, they plan to enter some local competitions and run a seminar.

The Keene State Dance Team will still continue to represent our school with great performances and passion for their club. The team thanks all those who donated and truly appreciate their support. Maybe next year, another article will appear in the paper about these women going to the Citrus Bowl. At the rate they are going, no one doubts they will be invited to any game they want.

This organization brings the unmatched little brothers and sisters to campus for a day of fun and games, Hayes said. If a student wishes to become involved in the organization they can do so two ways. The first is to go to one of the organizations meetings every other Monday night. Or they could stop in at the Student Volunteer Organizations office in the student center.

photo by Faith Emerson

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Cross-Country wins Middlebury

PAUL PHELPS
The Equinox

The Keene State Men and Women's Cross Country teams traveled to Middlebury College two weeks ago to compete in the Panther Invitational.

After finding out about the cancellation of the Dartmouth Invitational due to the national tragedy, the teams were a little let down.

"I was really hoping to test myself against the faster competition at Dartmouth," said Mark Miller.

After all was said and done, the men's team came home with the first place plaque and the women placed fourth overall.

Along with the great team performances, Mary Proulx and Mark Miller also raced to new course records.

Leading the men's team to the championship was All-American Mark Miller, who led from wire to wire and finished with a new course record time of 25:35.4 for the five-mile course.

Following his footsteps were junior Paul Phelps and freshman Dave Bridgewater, who placed fourth and fifth overall with respective times of 26:43.3 and 26:43.7.

Right behind them was sopho-

more Josh Ferenc, who placed seventh overall with a time of 26:55.8.

"I cramped up real bad early in the race and should have finished higher," said Ferenc.

Scott Singleton rounded out the five scorers for KSC, finishing in ninth place with a time of 27:12.4.

Also finishing well for KSC were sophomore Casey Cole and junior Luke Mitchell, who placed 25th and 31st overall with times of 28:33.8 and 29:06.7, respectively.

With a total of 26 points, KSC outgunned St. Lawrence University, who finished second with a score of 42 points.

On the women's side, All-American Mary Proulx led the Owls to a fourth place finish.

The Owls were running against the number one and two nationally ranked teams and came away with a strong team finish.

Proulx beat everyone to the finish and also added a course record to her day with a time of 17:49.

"I felt very relaxed out on the course today," said Proulx.

Freshman Sadie Purinton was the next Owl across the line, placing 18th in a time of 19:41.1.

Following her was sophomore Hannah Horton, who placed 23rd with a time of 20:02.9.

Rounding out the top five were freshman Stephanie Gibson and freshman Laurie Yorgensen, who

placed 26th and 39th overall with times of 20:07.1 and 20:41.

With two nationally ranked teams competing in the race, the women showed they could be a threat in years to come with such a young team.

Moravian College won the title, edging out Middlebury, 34 to 37.

KSC finished a very strong fourth with a total of 97 points.

"With such young talent on this team, I'm really looking forward to seeing them improve as the season goes on," said coach Pete Thomas.

Editors Note: Last Saturday the Owls j.v. team traveled to Boston to compete in the 34th annual Codfish Bowl at Franklin Park in Boston.



Paul Phelps and Dave Bridgewater kick in the final half mile at Middlebury.

The men raced to a 13th place finish. The meet was won by UMASS-Lowell with 51 points.

The Owls were led by exchange student Alistar Langron in 37th place in a time of 27:31.

Langron will be making a bid

in the next few weeks to make the varsity travel squad.

The women's j.v. team raced to a respectable 16th place finish.

The Owls were led by junior Karen Jordan in 98th place with a time of 21:13.

This weekend, the men's and

women's varsity teams will travel to New York City to compete in the Iona Invitational.

*Mark Miller is a member of the KSC cross country team, and the Sports Editor of The Equinox.

Jordan coming back to the NBA

TIM POVTAK
The Orlando Sentinel

As a front-office executive, Michael Jordan failed to turn the lowly Washington Wizards into a winner.

And as hard as it is to imagine, he will fail to do it as a player, too.

But who cares? That's not what this is about.

When Jordan officially announces this week, perhaps even today, that he is coming out of retirement-again-it will be heartily applauded around the league as a much-needed boost for everyone.

There was nothing wrong with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant taking the Lakers to a second straight title last season, the sudden appreciation of Allen Iverson in Philadelphia or the dramatic rise of Tracy McGrady

in Orlando. But they aren't Jordan. Nobody is, or ever will be.

"How could his return possibly hurt anything?" asked Pat Williams, Magic vice-president and veteran NBA executive.

"The TV ratings, the merchandising, the sellouts, the matchups. It's wonderful news for everyone. He's the most beloved, examined, fascinating person in sports history. It doesn't matter how old he is."

Jordan, 38, hasn't played since he hit his final shot to take the Chicago Bulls to the 1998 NBA title, his sixth league championship and third in a row. The NBA hasn't been the same since.

His return won't solve all the long-term problems that have diminished the league's popularity in recent years, but it surely will cure a lot of short-term woes.

Once the announcement is

made, the Wizards, who won 19 games last season, will become the league's top-drawing road team.

"When he makes his announcement, you're going to see the phones light up in every ticket office all over the league," said Chris D'Orso, Magic director of marketing. "At the ticket window, it'll be Wizards first, Lakers second."

Every team in the league already has huge orders pending for Jordan/Wizards merchandise, waiting only for his announcement to ask for overnight delivery. The Magic were wise enough to put a Wizards game into each of their two, 10-game ticket packages they are selling.

Because individual, regular-season game tickets won't go on sale until Oct. 6, all but about 500 tickets for the Wizards games likely will be sold in those packages. Most teams in the

Eastern Conference also have packaged Wizards games in the same fashion.

NBA Commissioner David Stern already said that - if Jordan returns - the league's national television schedule will be changed to give the Wizards the maximum number of appearances this season on NBC, TNT and TBS.

The NBA, in the last season of a four-year, \$1.5 billion television contract with NBC and Turner Sports, opens talks this week on a new deal. The league is hoping to use Jordan's announcement as leverage for an even more lucrative pact.

Jordan's return will unleash a flurry of activity among the league's biggest corporate sponsors. Nike, for whom Jordan endorses sporting goods, is prepared to introduce a new Jordan basketball shoe, which is expected to sell for \$200 a pair and

come with a compact disc. Gatorade, another product Jordan endorses, has a new television commercial already made. The league office has its Jordan promotions ready to fly.

The Wizards already have sold 12,000 season tickets - 3,000 more than last season. They anticipate selling out their premium-level season tickets for the first time in the four-year history of the MCI Center.

Jordan retired and returned before to win his final three NBA titles after trying professional baseball for much of two seasons. But he was considerably younger then, and he returned to almost the same Bulls team he had when he left.

This time, he's 38 and is returning to a dreadful team that used the No. 1 pick in the draft to select Kwame Brown, an 18-year-old forward who never played in college. They are likely

to start a lineup that includes Jatorade, another product Jordan endorses, has a new television commercial already made. The league office has its Jordan promotions ready to fly. The Wizards already have sold 12,000 season tickets - 3,000 more than last season. They anticipate selling out their premium-level season tickets for the first time in the four-year history of the MCI Center.

For a champion like Michael, the definition of success is winning championships," said Pacers Coach Isiah Thomas, who played against Jordan for many years. "But the question is now, can Michael come up with a new way to define success that may not include winning championships. I can't imagine him coming back to the NBA and not being successful."

Women's soccer wins again

CASEY DOHERTY
The Equinox

With a win over Westfield State last Wednesday, the Keene State College women's soccer team is further down the road to Nationals.

With 2:30 left in the first overtime, Celena Chickering pulled through to score the winning goal, giving KSC a 3-2 victory. Chickering scored her first goal of the season, as she took a crossing ball from Suzanne Heinkel and beat WSC goalie Natalie Shove.

"Celena played hard during overtime. She pulled through and got it done for us when we needed her most," said captain Amy Lamson.

"Celena's our right half and forward. She has amazing skills," said Lauren Dayne.

Westfield State took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Liz Rosales at the 33:53 mark.

The Owls tied the game on captain Jessica Williams's first goal of the season with 35 seconds to play in the half.

"Jessica is a great leader. She is nasty on the field," said Lamson of her co-captain. Katie Parkinson gave the Owls their first lead of the game when she arched in a direct kick for her third goal of the season.

Westfield's Ali Jordan sent the game into overtime with a direct kick goal with 6:16 left in regulation.

Michelle Mason, a freshman from Fairport, N.Y., ended the

game with seven saves for KSC. WSC's Shove finished with five saves.

The Owls have a 6-1 record and they are feeling very confident that they will go to Nationals this season.

Lamson mentioned how talented and skilled the freshmen were this year.

"We have a lot more depth than we have had in the past. We will go to Nationals this year," said Lamson.

"The team is good, spirit-wise, this season. We are much more united as a team than last year. We believe in each other more," said Dayne.

The team battled Western Connecticut for the Little East Conference lead this Saturday.

Student Volunteer Organization is one of the volunteer organizations on campus.

SVO helps out the campus

HEATHER SKIDMORE
The Equinox

Student Volunteer Organization is a group of students who promote volunteerism on campus through weekend service projects.

Student Volunteer Organization provides educational programs that relate to volunteerism," according to the Keene State College web page.

According to Student Volunteer

Organization's advisor, Don Hayes, the organization is involved in "a lot of one time projects. They also commit themselves to a semester long project each semester." This semester the organization is volunteering one night a week at the soup kitchen in Keene.

Student Volunteer Organization started as a group of students interested in community service and wanted to start an organization so others could get involved.

Since 1992, according to Hayes, the group has been very successful and now has 45 members.

Not only does this organization volunteer their own time to projects, they also encourage others to do the same. They are advocating to the students, Hayes commended.

Other services Student Volunteer Organization is involved in is the AIDS walk, the Red Cross Blood Drive on campus, and the Big Brother program.

This organization brings the unmatched little brothers and sisters to campus for a day of fun and games, Hayes said.

If a student wishes to become involved in the organization they can do so two ways.

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Keene State teams in action this week

Men's Soccer:
Saturday, Sept. 29 at University of Southern Maine, 3 p.m.
Tuesday Oct. 2 vs. Babson College at Owl Stadium, 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer:
Saturday, Sept. 29 at University of Southern Maine, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Bridgewater State, 3:30 p.m.

Field Hockey:
Saturday, Sept. 29 at Eastern Conn. State University, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2 vs. Bridgewater State at the turf, 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball:
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29 at The Russell Sage Tournament, 4 p.m.

Cross-Country:
Saturday, Sept. 29 at Iona Invitational, 10 a.m.

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Field hockey beats Plymouth

RICHARD EGAN

The Equinox

The Keene State Owls dominated their Little East Conference rival Plymouth State on Homecoming day this past Saturday. The victory gave Keene a three-game winning streak in the Little East.

The Owls were led by sophomore Tanya Strong, who netted a goal and assisted on another. Strong's goal was the first of the game, giving Keene a 1-0 lead going into the half.

Keene dominated the first half, but thanks to the outstanding goaltending of Ellen Ward of Plymouth, Keene only had a 1-0 nothing lead.

"We had one of the best games when we played Plymouth. Everything seemed to fit perfectly together...our passing, our corners and our drive for that win. We wanted it more than they did and it showed at the end when the score was 3-0," said KSC goalie Amy Carroll.

Liz Peltokenges and Melissa

Harch-Smith added a goal each in the second half to put away Plymouth. Lindsay Hamilton and Carroll combined in net to shut out a very good Plymouth team.

"Our win against Plymouth was huge; it was a big confidence booster for the team as well as a big win for our Little East record," said Strong.

"There has always been this rivalry between Plymouth and us and this win will hopefully keep us on top so that we will be able to hold our home field,"

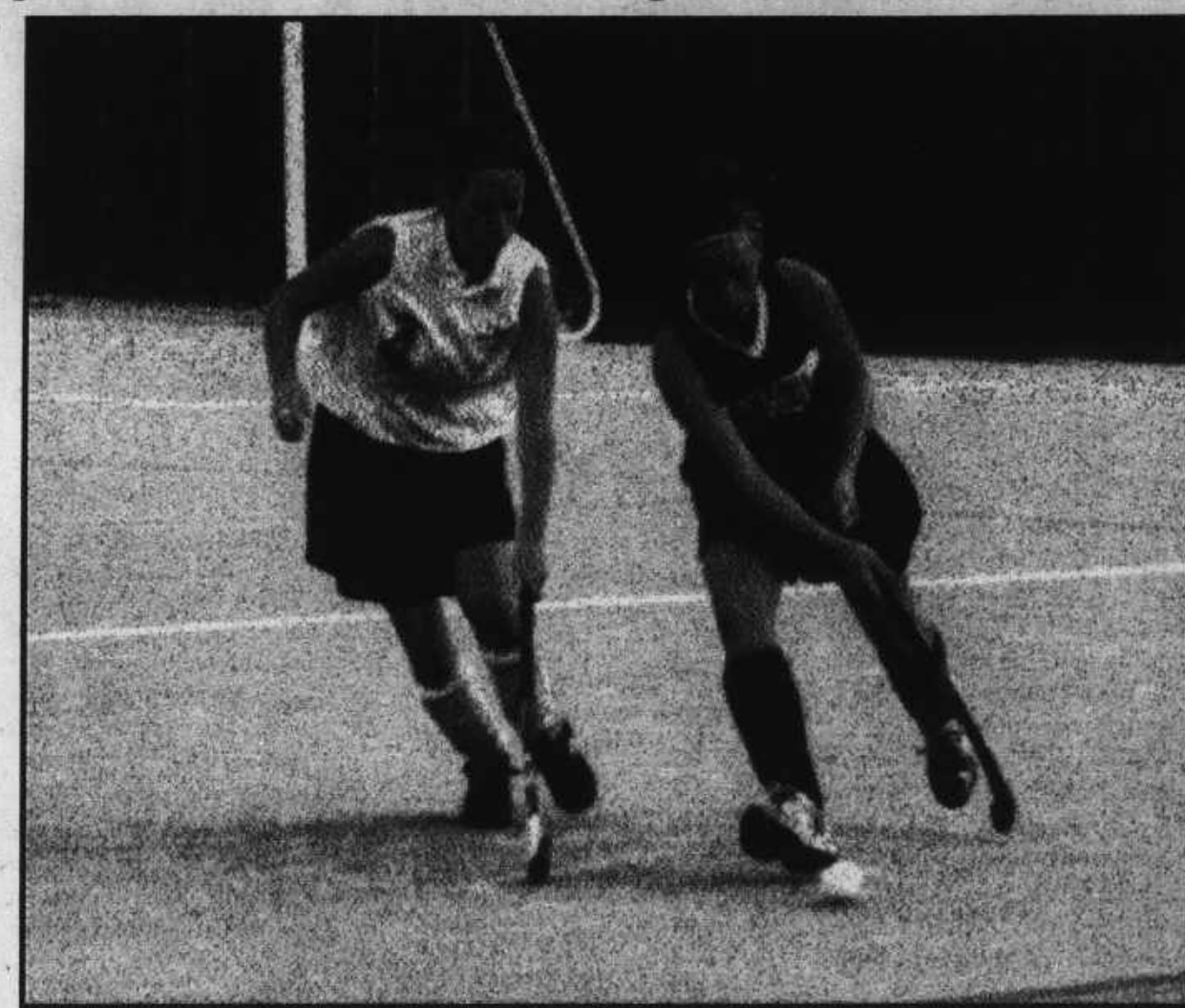
said Strong. "Beating Plymouth was awesome."

Kate Barnowski, KSC field hockey, said Strong.

The win gave Keene its fifth out of the last six, and put them in first place in the Little East Conference.

The defending champion Panthers dropped to 2-1 in the conference, trailing Keene by only one game.

"Beating Plymouth was awesome, but the best part was that everyone got playing time and we all played so well with each



Cheryl Ainsworth goes to work on a Plymouth State player in last weekend's game.

Equinox photo by Mary Donahue

other and really came together for a team win," said defenseman Kate Barnowski.

The Owls still have work to do,

but this a young team and they are making their case as the best team in the Little East Conference this season.

Richard Egan is a junior and a sports writer for The Equinox.

Women's soccer beats Endicott

KRISSY ROYCE

The Equinox

On Monday night, the Keene State women's soccer team won their non-conference game over Endicott College, 3-1. This game improved the Owls' already stellar record to 7-2.

The game was off to a slow start, only having one goal in the first half.

Jessica Williams scored the goal from left wing; she crossed the ball to put it just inside the far post. This was her second tally of the season.

Midway through the second half, Suzanne Heinkel scored the second goal for Keene State.

She took a lead pass from Melissa Bergeron, and put it to the far left corner of the net, giving her three goals for the season. Celena Chickering scored the third goal, and it appeared as though the Owls would have a shutout.

The Owls' hope for a shutout was caught by surprise in the last minute of the game.

The spotting goal was an amazing shot from the far baseline and the ball curved into the far corner of the goal.

Endicott's Megan Peekham converted a corner kick from Jessica Scholz.

"A shutout would have been

nice, but she deserved the goal; it was a nice shot," said junior Lauren Dayne about the unexpected goal.

Nicole Fargione, a senior who was working on the crew crew said, "The shot was incredible; she had worked hard all game and deserved it."

Owls goalkeeper Michelle Mason had a good game, protecting the goal well, finishing with six saves.

It's looking good for the Keene State women's soccer this season, as they have proven with an excellent record early on.

"We are very excited about the rest of our season, and if we keep up our hard work and keep playing well and sticking together as a team, we should have a successful season," said Lauren Dayne about her outlook on the season.

Keene State will be on the road for the next several games, but will host Plymouth State in a critical conference game on Saturday, October 6th at 1 p.m. at the athletic complex.

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Men's soccer whips Westfield

ADAM HARGRAVES

The Equinox

The Keene State College men's soccer team hosted Westfield State College in a non-conference game last Thursday.

Westfield State stifled the Owls offense in the first half before a three-goal outburst in the second half. Keene State went on to win the game, 3-0.

Keene State goalie D.J. Nordmark made several incredible saves in the first half to keep the game tied at zero. While Keene did dominate the time of possession in the first half, Westfield did have some scoring opportunities.

Westfield's Steve Jorge found an opening in the Keene State defense and unleashed a shot bound for the upper-right corner of the net. A textbook diving save by Nordmark halted the ball's

progress. Nordmark made a number of quality saves throughout the game.

Towards the end of the first half, a foul inside Westfield's eighteen led to a penalty shot for Keene State. Senior midfielder Mike Monteiro lined up the shot. Westfield's goalie D.J. Conway managed to get a foot on the ball, thwarting her attempt.

A relatively dirty play by a Westfield defender awakened the Owls defense in the second half. Westfield's Mike Cotrone laid his shoulder into Keene's Matt Lam on a loose ball. The hit knocked Lam to the ground violently. After an injury timeout, Lam walked off the field amongst heavy applause from the KSC faithful.

On the ensuing throw-in, KSC continued to get help from its standout freshmen. A head flick by freshmen John Harke found the fleet feet of

Little East Rookie of the Week Casey Banks. Banks flipped the ball by Conway for the game's first goal.

Harke notched a goal moments later when he turned the corner and launched a blistering shot past Conway.

Monteiro got the assist on the play. The goal knocked the life out of Westfield's attack. Harke's speed and quickness will continue to give opposing teams fits for the remainder of the season.

KSC got an insurance goal on another cannon of a shot from freshmen forward Francisco Vasconcelos. Freshmen Joey Ammaio notched the assist. The teams ran through the motions for the remainder of the game.

As the game ended, Nordmark claimed his first shutout of the season. The goalie's outstanding play made life easier for the Owl's defense.

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Holocaust survivor speaks at KSC

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At the fourth annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture at Keene State College, child survivor Zev Weiss spoke optimistically in reference to his experiences and the recent terrorist attacks against the United States when he said, "No matter how dark it seems, eventually the sun will come up."

Weiss then referred to when his son called him shortly after the news of the attacks broke and he remembered being in the camps.

"They showed people jumping out of windows, and it brought me back to when I saw people jumping into the barbed wire," said Weiss. "It was hard for me, 55 years later and here it is again. What is humanity coming to?"

Weiss then went on to speak about his family and his ancestors living in the same town for over 250 years. After further detail about his family Weiss discussed how Nazi Germany began to decimate his family.

"At one point I had 72 cousins, and by May of 1945 I had only three

left," said Weiss. Weiss then talked about being rounded up with other Jews and being marched off to a ghetto where he was crammed into a single room with five other people. Weiss spoke of the departure from his family after arriving at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"After arriving at Birkenau, we were greeted by dogs and ordered out of the train. This was the last time I saw my mother, my sister, and my father," he said.

Weiss then spoke of his experiences standing for several hours and not knowing what his fate was going to be while being able to stay alive by what he considered "sheer luck."

"I saw POWs, many of them hanging on a regular basis. People threw food at us, but anyone who bent down to pick it up was shot. This went on until the Russian army closed in on Auschwitz in 1945."

Weiss then spoke about how he asked God why the Germans were not stopped earlier.

"We were later taken to Linz because the noose was getting tighter on Germany. We were stopped near a German ammunition train and bombers totally destroyed a German train. I asked myself, why couldn't God do this to the tracks that led to Auschwitz?"

Towards the end of his speech, Weiss discussed how he and another person escaped into a ditch and how he ended up at a hospital.

"An American jeep and two soldiers, no communication, put in a seat and took us to a hospital in Austria. After arriving there, the admissions office said that they could not take people of our kind in, until one of the soldiers took charge. I was there for six weeks," he said.

Weiss mentioned one of the soldiers that had The Equinox

"I was just being realistic about what kind of time I had. On a what kind of time I had, but when it came down to physical work as education majors and offers programs to students with that major."

"My academics were of the utmost importance. I still want to be a part of student government; I'm actually running for senior rep," said Gannett.

As a student representative, Gannett would still be able to be involved, though she wouldn't be dedicating as much of her time, as the vice president puts in 15 to 20 hours a week and the representatives put in two to five hours per week. Gannett is running against Tiffany Karkman for the position.

"She (Karkman) hasn't been involved in leadership yet, but she really wants to get involved and I think either way, if she gets it or I get it I'll be happy because she's wonderful. She'd be great and I'm willing to work really hard also, so I think either way the senior class wins," said Gannett.

Gannett also works in the student life offices in the student center and as a personal care attendant for a disabled student on campus. Gannett said both are jobs she wouldn't want to give up and needs in order to pay her



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Student body vice president resigns

By KAT MORRIS

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Gannett finished the week because she had put a lot of her time into putting together the activities fair and also the freshman elections.

"I already miss the job. I loved it. I absolutely loved it. But I think that if I am elected as senior class rep, I can still get that feeling of involvement and being a part of a group that I love so much," said Gannett.

Running for Student Body Vice President are Ashley Buchta, a senior, and two juniors, Chris Marchand and Ken Peiffer. Petitions for the job are due today and the appointment of a new vice president will happen at the October 9th meeting of the assembly. Each candidate will get an opportunity to go before the board and give a speech. The assembly will then ask the candidate questions and they will then vote for the new vice president.

"We're really going to miss Jessica," said Student Body President Jeremy Nelson. "She did a lot of work, even before school started. I certainly would attribute the student activities fair and the freshman elections mostly to Jessica's work. She really put those together before most of us got back to school. She will be greatly missed."

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Students want an on-campus pub

By MARK MILLER

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Over 70 percent of Keene State College Students think it would be a good idea to revive the tradition of having a bar in the student center.

There was a time not too long ago when a 21-year-old student could go into the student center on any given night and get an alcoholic drink.

The Pub Club was an on campus tavern that exclusively served drinks to off-age Keene State College students until it closed in the mid 90's.

In a survey conducted recently by a KSC news writing class, a sample of 50 KSC students took part in a voluntary non-scientific survey. The surveys were handed out during the lunchtime hour in the student center so the surveys could be taken by a wide array of KSC students.

Students were given identical surveys to be filled out and returned. Every one of the 50 surveys that were handed out was returned and the data was compiled to write this story.

The reason 50 surveys were given was so approximately one percent of the entire campus would be represented.

By looking at a survey of one percent of the campus we can make generalizations about how a survey of the entire campus community would go.

Nearly 66 percent of the respondents did not know that there used to be a pub on the grounds of KSC.

The students that had heard of the Pub Club were all fifth-year students that had been around during that era.

Only 28 percent of KSC students felt that this was a tradition that our college was better off without.

Sophomore Alistair Langron thought that there would be several benefits

Turn to "Bar," on page two for the rest of the story

SOUND OFF

What could the Equinox do to be a better newspaper?

Photos and Interviews by Erin Johnstone



"Put in the weather. Use the five-day forecast."

Shauna Gaulin
Senior, safety major



"Gear it more towards the interest of the students. Put subjects like music in there."

Jim Reed
Chemical Dependency



"They should make up stories to spice up the safety log."

Dominic Berrini
Senior, English and Education



"Something like Dear Abby, a fashion column, or comic strip for entertainment."

Abby Bartig
Senior, Management



"Put more national news in there."

Stephanie Guerrette
Junior, Journalism