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The Equinox Sports



Is it time for these two all-stars to go?

For several years Raymond Bourque and Adam Oates have lead the Boston Bruins into the playoffs. Now the B's are in the cellar and fans are starting to get frustrated.

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Swimmers ready for the New Englands

Jacob Mical
The Equinox

The regular season is now over and the time that really counts is upon us. The postseason is when the true tests come and the real competitors can raise their hands high in victory.

This doesn't just occur at the big schools either because it is happening at Keene State College now.

The women's swim/dive team is headed to the New England Championships and they are ready to raise their hands high into the air.

Eight swimmers from the team qualified during the season. Now is the time when their hard work can pay off. This is when they are shown the money.

Melanie Tripp is leading the women to the championships, competing in the 500 freestyle, 400 individual medley, and the 100 individual medley.

Also racing for the women is Seanna Matthews in 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, and 100 IM. Lissa Cross in the 200, 100, and 50 backstroke. Kate Guerra in the 200 and



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

Keene State swimmers are preparing for the New England Championships held this weekend.

onships are Barbara Hahn and Dana Griesenbeck.

"The relays should do well at the championships. Melanie (Tripp) and Melissa (Salinger) should also do well," said Gene Leonard, head coach of the swim/dive teams.

Six of the 10 women competing, are freshmen or sophomores, which means the team should remain competitive for some time.

In the tri-meet that was held on Saturday, two women set Keene State records as they defeated Western Connecticut 47-32 and

Eastern Connecticut 46-38.

Elkins won the 50 breaststroke and set a Keene State record with a time of 36.24.

The other record was set by Tripp in the 100 individual medley, with a time of 1:07.54.

In the 200 freestyle, Guerra defeated her opponents by posting a time of 2:14.26, three seconds better than the second place finisher.

Matthews had two victories in the meet, in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

"I am more focused and therefore have a better chance to win. The competition will be tough, but I am trying to be optimistic," said Matthews, about the New England Championships.

Freshman Salinger took a win in the 500 freestyle, sealing both victories.

According to coach Leonard, this has been an excellent start and he thinks he has a lot to build on.

"Gene (Leonard) is one of the better coaches I've had. He takes no excuses and pushes us harder," said Matthews.

The women's New England Championships are held this weekend.

Owls continue to play from the heart

David Haley
The Equinox

Did someone forget to tell the Keene State College men's basketball team that they have nothing to play for?

By the way the Owls have been playing someone must have.

With all hopes for qualifying for the New England Collegiate Conference Tournament dashed, the Owls have put together their best string of games of the season during a recent three game road swing.

The Owls traveled to Manchester for a Feb. 12 date with the nationally ranked Penmen of New Hampshire College (22-2, 15-1 in conference).

Keene State was able to work a little magic to turn a first half pumpkin into a second half coach as the Owls erased a 30 point deficit in the 78-62 loss.

"We were able to convert on our shots down low in the second half and I thought we did a good job with our pressure defense in the second half," noted head coach Phil Rowe.

Saturday saw the Owls travel to the University of Bridgeport (5-19, 2-14 in conference) where the Owls nearly pulled out the win before losing 87-83.

Jamie Smith was the man, scoring a career high 30 points in the losing effort.

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Lady Owls keep postseason hopes alive with victory

Paul Silverfarb
The Equinox

The hopes of the Keene State College women's basketball team for making the New England Collegiate Conference Tournament are still alive as they beat up on the University of New Haven 68-50 on their home floor Tuesday.

Keene State came out on fire, going on a 15-1 run, thanks in large part to the excellent first half play of sophomore Judy Izzo.

Izzo was the focal point of the Lady Owls' offensive surge, as she scored 16 of Keene State's 33 first half points.

"Judy took control on the court tonight on their press. She attacked

it and that was the big difference," said head coach Keith Boucher.

By halftime, the Lady Owls were enjoying a comfortable 33-21 lead.

Keene State began the second half the way they started the first, as they went on a 11-2 run.

By the end, the Lady Owls had dominated every aspect of the game, and took the victory 68-50. Izzo finished her career night with 28 points, while freshman Carrie Trudeau added 10.

On Saturday, the Lady Owls traveled to the University of Bridgeport, but lost the game badly 84-45.

The Lady Owls were outplayed on every side of the ball, and were

down 40-22 at the end of the first half.

The second half did not fare any better, as Keene State served as a practice team for Bridgeport.

For the game, Bridgeport shot 46 percent from the field, while the Lady Owls shot a dismal 24 percent.

Trudeau led the Lady Owls with 11 points, and sophomore Lindsay Arnold pulled down seven rebounds in the losing cause.

In terms of the postseason, the Lady Owls are right on the bubble. Keene State is currently in ninth place in the NECC, and in order to get a spot in the tourney, the team has to finish eighth.

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Luck of the draw

Students still confused over room draw process

Anthony Vogl
The Equinox

Room draw.

To some, it's a right of passage signifying the completion of another year. To others it's just another opportunity to stand in line and fill out even more paperwork.

Well, no matter your feelings, it's back again.

For freshmen, room draw is intimidating and overwhelming. For upperclassmen, room draw is monotonous and annoying. For many Keene State College students, room draw is confusing and a hassle.

Students first need to go to a room, fill out a form, drop it off and get a number, said Melissa Brogna, a senior. Then when that is done, they need to go to a certain building on campus at a designated time and line up according to that number, she said. Brogna took a long breath after describing the arduous process of room draw.

number. Squatting is not allowed in the Bushnell Apartments, Holloway Hall, Pondsides and the Owl's Nest Apartments and Lofts.

Michelle Leao, a sophomore agreed, saying that buildings such as Huntress cause problems with the process.

"They should get rid of Huntress being an all-girls residence hall," she said.

There is not enough housing for everyone, Melissa Kenney, a senior said. By having Huntress be a single sex residence hall, Kenney says, only adds to the housing shortage.

Kenney says residents need to pay their dues before getting the prime digs.

Freshmen should be housed in residence halls such as Carle and Randall, Kenney said.

"Second year students want the luxury of having somewhere better to live," Kenney said.

"If people are bitching and moaning, that is a direct result of them not looking hard enough."

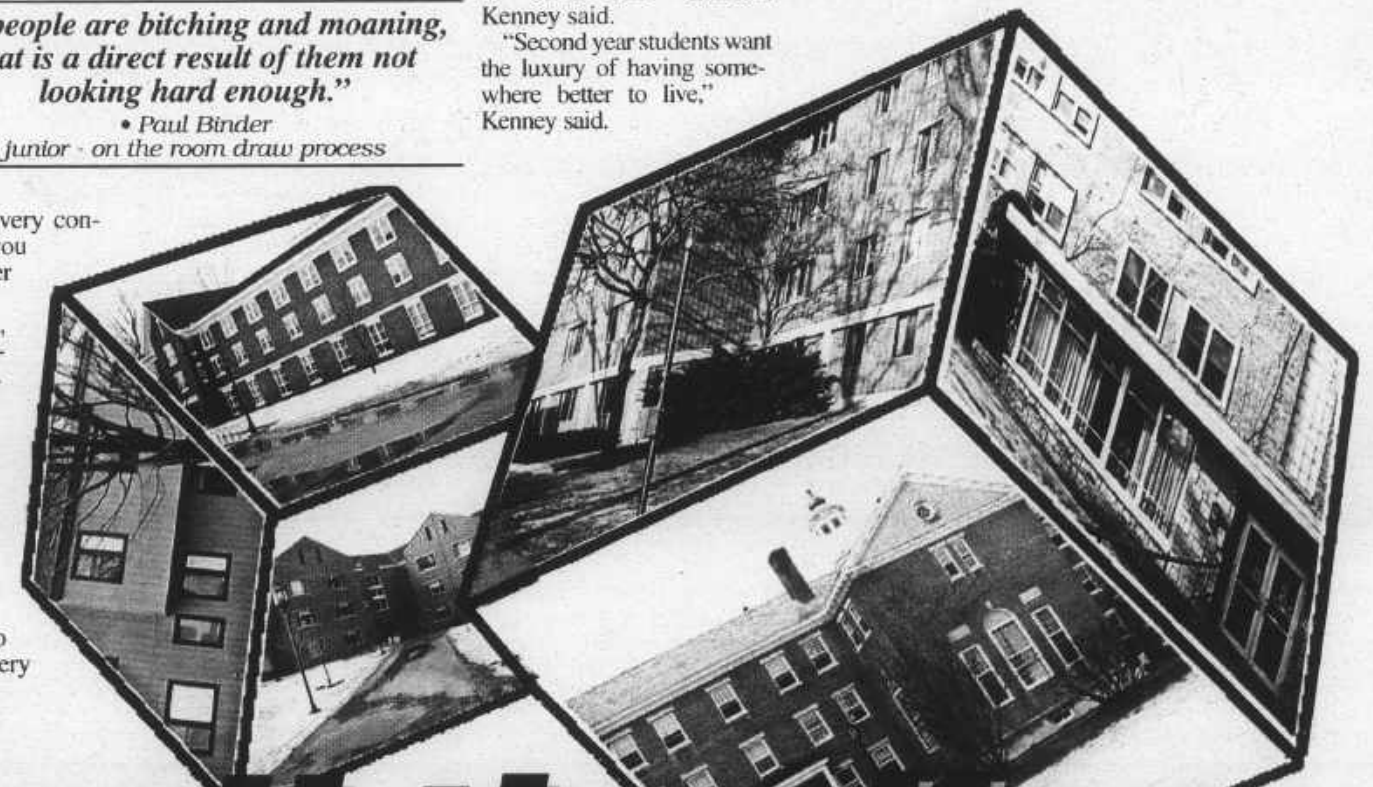
• Paul Binder
junior - on the room draw process

"The whole process, in general, is very confusing," she said. "Which number do you pick if your roommate gets a higher number?"

Another problem with the process, according to Hillary Bullard, a sophomore, is the lines to pay room deposits are too long.

Bullard also said students should be able to squat rooms and the houses which were built just for individual majors, such as the environmental residence hall at 331 Main St. are not fair to the process.

Students who wish to squat rooms for the next academic year may sign up with their roommate(s) of choice so long as they receive an eligible lottery



... roll the dice

Student newspaper undergoing changes

Kimberly L. Szydio
The Equinox

The Equinox now printing on Thursday, in Concord

In an effort to improve the quality of the student newspaper of Keene State College, *The Equinox* executive board has decided to move.

The switch in printers from *The Keene Sentinel* to *The Concord Monitor* is effective immediately.

This is the first time in *The Equinox*'s nearly fifty-year history that a printer outside of the Keene area has been selected.

"Of course we would rather spend our money locally...but that factor simply does not outweigh the pros of using the modern press," Joel Kastner, executive editor of *The Equinox* said in a written statement.

It is difficult for *The Equinox* to leave *The Sentinel*, but Kastner said he feels this is the only possible solution.

Equinox officials are sighting several reasons for the change in

printers, but first and foremost is *The Concord Monitor's* ability to reproduce high quality color photography, Kastner said.

"The press at *The Monitor*, which is industry standard in terms of larger-scale, big city newspapers, has the capacity to provide superior color reproduction," Kastner said.

In addition to improved color reproduction, the press at *The Monitor* has environmentally friendly qualities including its use of water-based inks, he said.

In looking for a new printer *The Equinox* compiled a list of criteria and the Keene State Purchasing Department looked for newspaper who could meet these qualifications.

The different newspapers then bid for the contract to print *The Equinox*.

"By using the competitive

bidding process we were able to hold down our costs, extend our deadlines and move to a Thursday publication date. All of those things should make *The Equinox* a better paper that will do a better job of serving its readers," Craig Equinox advisor said.

We think that the finished product should reflect the dedication of *The Equinox* staff, Kastner said.

"Here we have assembled the best page designers, the best graphic artists and the best photographers we can find, and we just think that the finished product should be indicative of their hard work and effort," Kastner said.

The switch to a new printer may also boost *The Equinox*'s chances of winning awards in regional and national competi-

tions, he said.

"Our staff has worked so hard to become competitive, and I felt that to take the paper to the next level, we really needed to have a stellar looking front page," Kastner said.

The inconsistencies of *The Sentinel's* older press conflict with Kastner's goals for *The Equinox*.

The Monitor's newer press allows for greater consistency from week to week and will therefore give *The Equinox* a more competitive edge, Kastner said.

In addition to the improved production quality that the newer press will provide, *The Equinox* is looking to sign a contract with *The Concord Monitor*, he said.

"For the first time, we have a contract which will protect *The*

Equinox," Kastner said.

In the past, if *The Equinox* officials were not satisfied with the finished product, very little could be done to correct problems, he said.

In the end the switch should not cost *The Equinox* any additional money.

Because *The Monitor* has to throw away fewer papers, and because of the type of inks they use the relative cost of production is decreased, Kastner said.

"You're getting more for less, essentially...It's hard to tell sometimes, but we aren't expecting any increases in printing costs," Kastner said.

Because of the switch from *The Keene Sentinel* to *The Concord Monitor*, *The Equinox* will now be published on Thursday as opposed to Wednesday.

Filing taxes doesn't have to hurt

Denise Mead
The Equinox

The dreaded tax season has come again and it's time for everyone, including students, to file their returns.

Students may think they don't have to file income tax returns while they are in school, but this isn't true. Everyone earning over \$4,000 must file by April 15.

Non-New Hampshire residents, or those who worked out of state in 1996, must also file income tax returns in the state where they worked.

Student's income tax returns are no different from non-student's income tax returns, local tax preparers said.

"The filing is the same for students and they have to pay tax for the money they made," Henry Haas, a local tax preparer, said.

One thing that may affect student's returns is if they can be claimed as dependents on their parents' tax forms.

Parents are eligible for tax breaks when paying for higher education, however students are not eligible for these breaks, Haas said.

"Students who are claimed by their parents cannot claim themselves, so they need to be sure to talk with their parents to find out who is going to claim them," Nan Bigalow, a tax pre-

parer for H&R Block, said.

Students will have to pay taxes on money earned from work study programs and income earned over \$4,000, Haas said.

Students who made less than \$4,000 in income and less than \$650 in interest are exempt from filing federal income taxes, Haas said.

"The filing is the same for students and they have to pay tax for the money they made."

• Henry Haas
local tax preparer

If students are going to use a professional tax preparer, they should bring their W-2 forms to show what they earned. They should also bring their 1099 forms to show any interest received during the year from bank accounts, CD's and stocks.

Money received from scholarships is also tax deductible and these records are also needed when filing a return.

Keene State College does not have a tax service on campus, but there are many services available in Keene for students.

H&R Block offers basic tax preparation for \$25. Electronic filing which provides a rapid refund, costs between \$19.95 and \$89.95, depending on the refund, Bigalow said.

"Students can make an

appointment or just walk in, if they don't mind waiting for a little bit," Bigalow said.

Anderson and Associates Inc. offer a 10 percent discount to Keene State students who bring valid identification to file their tax returns. The fee for filing a return varies depending on the refund a student receives, an Anderson and Associates representative said.

Keene State had free student help for filing tax forms about three years ago.

The program was run by students who had completed a taxation class in the fall and who passed an exam that certified them to give advice on filing tax returns, Barbara Charkey, management professor, said.

The program was supervised by the Internal Revenue Service and was successful, Charkey said.

"We had a large group of very dedicated students who volunteered their time to help other students with their tax questions," Charkey said. "We had a table set up in the student union. I hope we will be able to do the program again in the future."

For now though, students can either seek professional help or go it on their own.

To some, the 1040 forms are tougher than midterms. Local tax preparers are offering discounts to help students decipher their tax situation.

Hey, at least they're furnished ...

A hall by hall* guide for students going through room draw.

*Excluding mini-houses and Tisdale Apartments

Pondside
Co-ed; primarily upperclass; carpeted rooms; elevator; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry room; study rooms; suite bath; TV lounge; wheelchair access; 105 residents



Randall Hall
Coed; primarily freshmen; rec. room; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry room; piano; common area bath; TV lounge; 261 residents



Monadnock Hall
Coed; primarily freshmen; vending area; kitchenette; laundry room; piano; common area bath; TV lounge; 134 residents



Carle Hall
Coed; rec. room; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry room; study room; piano; common area bath; exercise room; TV lounge; wheelchair access; 304 residents



Bushnell Apts.
Male/Female; primarily upperclass; carpeted rooms; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry room; suite bath; TV lounge

source: KSC Residential Life



Holloway Hall
Co-ed; primarily upperclass; carpeted rooms; elevators; rec. room; vending area; piano; kitchenettes; laundry rooms; study rooms; suite bath; sound modules; TV lounge; wheelchair access; 253 residents



Huntress Hall
Female; primarily freshmen; carpeted rooms; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry room; piano; common area bath; TV lounge; 156 residents



Fiske Hall
Coed; carpeted rooms; rec. room; vending area; kitchenette; laundry room; study rooms; piano; common area bath; TV lounge; 98 residents



Owl's Nest
Female/Coed; primarily upperclass; carpeted rooms; vending area; kitchenettes; laundry building; study room; common area bath/suite bath; TV lounge; wheelchair access



KSC reassuring students about room draw

Deposits due March 21

Ellen Pagnano
The Equinox



Williams and 750 spaces for freshman, Williams said.

About 900 students drop off the deposits and applications the day before the deadline, the day of the deadline, Sarah Wilson, administrative clerical supervisor of residential life, said.

It is very hard to process all the applications in this "crunch time," Wilson said.

Because of the high number of students who pass in deposits toward the deadline, Residential Life is offering an incentive this year.

Students who turn in their \$100 deposit and housing/dining applications by March 7, will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 credit to their student account.

"We are offering the \$100 drawing as an incentive to students to drop off their deposits and applications early so that we get them processed more efficiently," Wilson said.

All students who want to live together must turn in their \$100 deposits at the same time, along with the housing/dining contracts, Williams said.

Students going through as doubles, triples, etc., will use the lowest lottery number of any person in the group and the highest class standing of any person in the group.

"Look around at the different residential buildings and find the room you want and then make a second and third choice," Williams said.

Residents who wish to keep or "squat" their rooms for next year, may sign up with their roommates of choice.

These students must also receive lottery numbers, Williams said.

Squatting rooms is not permitted in Bushnell Apartments, Holloway Hall, Pondside, or Owl's Nest Apartments and Lofts, Williams said.

The reason being is that these areas are the most popular choices on campus.

One change in room draw is that this year it will be com-

"Look around at the different residential buildings and find the room you want and then make a second and third choice."

• Michel Williams
assoc. director of residential life

pleted in two nights. In the past, room draw has lasted three nights, Wilson said.

The Office of Residential Life hopes to have room draw down to a one-night session by next year.

"I want the process to run more smooth in the coming years," Wilson said.

Important Room Draw Dates/Deadlines

• **Friday, March 21**
Deadline for housing contracts and deposits
The Bursar's Office closes at 3:30 p.m. Submit your contract and deposit ahead of time and avoid the long lines. Students who submit their contracts and deposits after March 21 will be placed on a late pay waiting list and will be considered for housing on a space-available basis only after all other newly admitted students and ineligible students have been housed.

• **Friday, April 11**
Lottery numbers posted by 4:30 p.m. in residence halls and at residential life office.

• **Monday, April 14**
Squatters, displaced students and students with pre-approved medical situation sign up for rooms via Residence Directors during their office hours.

• **Monday, April 21**
Room draw
Singles; five and seven person apartments, and MEN - Randall Hall. Specific sign-up times will be announced during their office hours.

• **Tuesday, April 22**
Room draw
WOMEN - Randall Hall. Specific sign-up times will be announced after the completion of the lottery number assignments.

Opinion

Sexual consent policy: little more than words

Editorial

In the attempt to set boundaries in defining a serious crime, some members of the University of New Hampshire's Student Senate have taken it upon themselves to impose a new sexual consent policy at the university.

Their philosophy, as one of the crusading student senators said, is that "...saying 'No' isn't enough, a person has to say 'yes'."

They say that there has been a problem with some alleged attackers saying that they didn't know that certain words or actions meant "No."

We never found the word "No" to be hard to understand. Has it occurred to the student senate that people accused of rape or sexual harassment might deny knowledge of a lack of consent by the alleged victim?

We understand the students are concerned. Sexual harassment and rape are problems that colleges, universities, and society as a whole have to face.

However, the UNH sexual consent policy takes things too far. UNH has created a policy that is a politically correct response to a problem that needs solutions that are rational and

well thought out.

Do they think that a black and white policy will be able to define an issue with many grey areas?

Rape is a serious crime and deserves to be addressed in a serious manner. No two cases of accused rape are the same and should not be compared to a college's textbook definition. The accusations of sexual harassment and rape need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

This policy unwisely assumes that the underlying causes of all rape and harassment cases

are exactly the same. The policy's creators apparently believe that by attacking an underlying cause, the rape and sexual harassment problems will magically disappear. They are sadly mistaken.

The policy is merely a philosophy that no one will pay attention to in the least.

The motivation behind the policy should be commended, however, their attention should be directed towards a more realistic and viable solution.

... AT THE HOUSE OF THE UNH PRESIDENT



Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Matthew Daly

"Would you be willing to pay more money for improved technology?"



"Yes, I don't know to what extent, because technology can influence lives in various ways."

• Faith Verrill
junior
psychology/theatre



"Yes, because we have to educate ourselves, due to other countries being ahead in technology."

• Rania Atiya
freshman
communications/business



"Yeah, because I want to be prepared for the future."

• Luis Corga
sophomore
management



"If there was a shortage, and they could fill the gap reasonably, then sure."

• Greg Murano
freshman
undeclared

Students should be aware of research grant opportunities



Susan Whittemore

Why don't more undergraduates take advantage of this terrific opportunity? Is it because we haven't advertised enough and students aren't

aware of the existence of this outstanding program? Or are many students aware of this opportunity but not certain it's for them and how they might participate?

Perhaps, it's because "The Undergraduate Research Grant" at Keene State College is relatively new and it takes a couple of years for any new program to achieve a high level of interest and activity.

Two years ago, Keene State's president, Dr. Stanley Yarosewick, set aside \$10,000 per year to establish an undergraduate research and creative productions grant program.

This program is designed to provide financial support (research, production, supplies, and travel expenses) for students at any stage of their academic career who are actively engaged in research or creative production with a faculty mentor.

The activity supported by this grant is not intended to cover projects designed to fulfill specific course requirements, but instead to support an independent effort by one or more students under the careful guidance of a faculty sponsor.

I have been a member of the Undergraduate Research Grant committee since its onset in the 1995-96 academic year, along

with other faculty and student members, and the Director of the Instructional Innovation Center Merle Larracey.

In 1995, when Dr. Y. asked us to set up this program, we decided that, in addition to providing the necessary support to enable students to achieve a product or outcome that reflected their own interests and talents, we wanted them to also gain first-hand experience with a granting process. So we have modeled our program to reflect the typical granting procedure that students might encounter during their future careers.

Under the guidance of a faculty sponsor, student applicants must prepare a grant proposal which includes an abstract, description of project (purpose, relevancy, methodology, timeline), a justification statement that explains how this project impacts the student's academic

development, and a budget.

These proposals are reviewed by the Undergraduate Research Committee which then makes funding recommendations to Bob Golden, vice president for academic affairs. For example, last year 11 grant applications from 15 students were submitted (some were collaborative proposals) with nine of those proposals (or 13 students) receiving full or partial funding.

So far, most of the proposals submitted and therefore, most that have received funding have been in the natural sciences (biology, environmental studies, and geology). The Committee would love to see greater participation in other academic areas (the social sciences, arts, education, etc.). To encourage broader participation, this year we changed the title of the program from "The Undergraduate Research

Program" to the "The Undergraduate Research and Creative Productions Program."

For example, an education major could design a science or art unit for use in a local public school classroom. Perhaps an art major could pursue a creative project that falls outside the range of projects covered by any of the current art course.

Of course, as with all proposals, the burden falls upon the individual student to promote the academic merit of their proposal. Funding of proposals is based both on the absolute merit of the project and the availability of funding to support all worthy projects.

I recently surveyed some of the Undergraduate Research Grant recipients who are conducting their research in the Biology Department.

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Letters to the Editor

Anti-Semitic letter was inappropriate for publication

Extremely poor judgment was used when printing the anti-Semitic letter on Feb. 12. Yeah, you can go on about attacking the source instead of the messenger, but by publishing The Letter you are also taking responsibility for the source.

Any tasteful newspaper would not have allowed that garbage to appear in their copy because it is pure racism. And printing that kind of bunk is a great way to lose readers ... Or aren't all readers equally important?

Yes, we have a right to our own opinions, but published opinions should be those which can also be held by any member of any race. Nobody should ever be publicly shot down and humiliated because of his or her heritage.

Those who victimize innocent people are not educated enough to argue about some-

thing that can be backed up with facts. Why waste your space and our time with "nearly unintelligible babble" when it could be filled with something worth debating?

I thought this country had grown up a little bit and begun a slow progression towards acceptance of equality, but upon seeing The Letter in print I realize that our society either has not changed or has regressed at least one hundred years.

What's next - publication of letters from members of the Ku Klux Klan?

It is not only the writers of the letters who are "dragging down the nation." They are putting the ammunition into the gun and you are choosing to pick it up and fire it.

Janis Tharaldson
Keene State College junior

Why did you print the letter on Feb. 12 about the alleged Jewish conspiracy? It originated out of state. It did not discuss Keene State College students or programs, nor did it have any relevance to the every day lives of most people in our community.

The editor wrote in the Feb. 19 issue about his reluctance to censor opinions.

But is it really censorship to select what to print based on what pertains to our campus? Do you print every letter to the editor that you receive? Do you print information from every press release or College Press Service bulletin? Do you print every story submitted by your staff?

I suspect you exercise some editorial judgment based on space, clarity, and local interest.

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NBC, Ford proving that capitalism comes first



Keith Moriarty

If you think about it, commercial television has always been devouring the collective consciousness of the American public, and I think this was made more clear on Sunday night. NBC presented Stephen Spielberg's film "Schindler's List," without any commercial interruption. Hooray for Corporate America!

It's unfortunate that all of the ads leading up to the presentation let everyone know that the film was sponsored by Ford. So the importance of this powerful film was undercut by capitalism.

I really don't think this needed to happen. Most car commercials range from the sublime to the stupid. Either I have to listen to how perfect the car is while classical music sedates me, or some obnoxious guy (with the closeup so tight I can see his last meal) yelling over second rate rock and roll about how much I need this car to express myself.

That, to me, has nothing to do with ethnic cleansing. It has nothing to do with the millions

of people who died so some fascist could populate Europe with his Aryan youth.

Before I ramble on any further, I'll let you all know what brought my attention to this: I was looking through *USA Weekend* (a publication pandering to the lowest common denominator) and saw the tiniest little story about the commercial-free broadcast, touted by NBC as a network television first.

Never mind the fact that the movie might find a whole new audience; other people might realize what happened in a part of history we'd all like to forget. That isn't important. No other network has ever broadcast an entire film without commercials. That's important.

Big deal. Here's the network, showing the movie, but it's embarrassed, so it finds a good sponsor (one without shame, like an automobile company) and a loophole ("It's a network TV first!") to hide its shame. It's a wonder they agreed to show the film at all.

I don't think the Jews who were killed during the holocaust care about Ford or NBC, nor do those companies care about them. Corporate America is interested in the bottom line. And that isn't right.

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Return power to the states? Look at what they've done so far



Peter Lambert

It is common these days to say that politicians in Washington have lost touch with the rest of America and with America's needs.

Some people say that if Washington minded its own business and gave decision making power back to the states and communities, this country would be in much better shape.

So what exactly have the states and communities been up to anyway? With all the power Washington has, what sort of important decisions and laws have the states and towns made that have made a difference or made the quality of life better for the citizenry?

For one thing, the communities have taken it upon themselves to combat sexual harassment. In Ottumwa, Iowa, it is "illegal for any male person,

within the corporate limits of the city, to wink at any female person with whom he is unacquainted."

In Los Angeles there is a rule which surely would have been a deciding factor in the outcome of the O.J. Simpson miniseries, had the juries known of its existence. The Los Angeles law states that a man is legally entitled to beat his wife with a leather belt or strap, as long as the belt or strap is not wider than two inches. However, a wider strap can be used if the man has his wife's permission.

The appearance and dress of the populace is of great concern to many communities. Women are forbidden to appear unshaven (including legs and face) in public in Carrizozo, N.M. Women in Michigan must get their husband's permission before they cut their hair. In Oxford, Ohio, women may not strip off their clothing in front of a man's picture.

Kentuckians solved a perpetual problem of interstate highway sunbathing when they passed a law stating that no

female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway unless she is escorted by at least two officers or is carrying a club.

This law, however, only applies to you if you weigh between 90 and 200 pounds. Female horses are also exempt. These fashion laws do not only apply to women, however. In Carmel, N.Y., it is illegal for a man to go outside wearing a jacket and pants which do not match. In Miami, it is illegal for a man to appear in public in a strapless gown. If it has straps, however, it's perfectly legal. Knowing Miami, it's probably encouraged.

One of the great concerns of the average American is public safety and crime. To combat the violence that is taking over our streets, Baltimore has a law that forbids throwing bales of hay out of second story windows. You also cannot take lions to the movies in Baltimore. Don't let the police catch you crossing the street while walking on your hands in Hartford, Conn. It is also unlawful to bathe two babies in the same tub at the same

time in Los Angeles.

Animals also need protection in today's society. It is illegal in Zion, Ill., to give a lighted cigar to a dog, cat, or any other domesticated animal. When driving at night in Pennsylvania, you must stop every mile, fire off a rocket signal, and wait ten minutes for the road to be cleared of livestock.

But don't think the animals can do whatever they want - In California, animals are banned from mating within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school, or place of worship.

To bring back that old time religion, it is illegal in Nichols County, W.Va., for a preacher to tell jokes or humorous stories from the pulpit.

St. Louis has an ordinance against anyone sitting on the curb drinking beer from a bucket.

Gary, Ind., may have one of the highest murder rates in the United States, but bad breath is no longer a problem. The city ordinance outlaws going to a movie theater or riding in a streetcar within four hours

of eating garlic.

The Oklahoma legislature was presented with a bill that made sure that no biscuit should ever be made or served in the state that was not at least six inches in diameter, weighed less than one ounce and was not piping hot when served. To combat racism, the bill also made sure that no baker, of any sex, race, nationality or religious affiliation, was exempted from the biscuit law.

The state of Kansas once had a law regulating the railroads. In case two locomotives met on the same track going in opposite directions, the law stated, they were to both stop and not proceed until the other moved.

Yes, folks, these laws prove that the politicians in Washington may do things they think are necessary, like providing funding for national defense or reforming welfare, but it's in the states and towns across America where the real decisions are being made.

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

Grant

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These students unanimously expressed a high level of appreciation for having the opportunity to learn outside the normal

classroom setting. They are being challenged daily to solve the problems normally associated with doing research. For some, this experience has made all the difference in helping them decide what direction they should pursue after graduation and more often than not,

they are choosing to pursue a more challenging career option.

Many of these students will soon be traveling to present their results at a regional undergraduate research conference in Connecticut in April, an additional rewarding experience.

Inspired? Find a faculty men-

tor that will provide you with some guidance, design an appropriate project to be completed during the 1997-98 academic year, and submit a proposal this spring to Keene State's Undergraduate Research and Creative Productions Grant. Be on the

lookout for our colorful application sheets currently distributed around the campus. The deadline for submission is March 28.

Susan Whittemore is the assistant professor of biology at Keene State College and a member of the Undergraduate Research Grant committee.

Letters

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I would appreciate knowing how you select what to print and why you included this particular piece. If you were trying to start an impassioned discussion about free speech, you have succeeded.

Congratulations.

*Susan Fuselier
administrative secretary
College Relations*

On behalf of Keene State College's chapter of Hillel (Jewish Student Organization), I would like to express my anger and disappointment in *The Equinox* staff for printing such a stereotypical and hateful letter as you did in the February 12 edition.

There are many reasons why this letter should not have been printed.

The main one is the fact that the author is not even from the Keene area. The second reason is that this letter makes

everyone who is Jewish look bad.

This letter only reinforces the stereotype that all Jews are bankers and accountants and that we are greedy when it comes to money. This is not what being Jewish is all about.

A huge part of the Jewish religion is the whole philosophy of tikkun olam, which means repairing the world. People of Jewish descent are constantly giving back to the community through volunteering and contributing to numerous charities.

By printing this letter, you are saying that it is okay for people to express these hateful views of Jews.

Jews have made a lot of positive contributions to society. Let's focus on these instead of the hate that one person feels for us as a whole.

As a person who is extremely proud to be Jewish, reading this letter was like having a knife go through my back.

*Andrea Salzberg
President Of Hillel*

Thanks given to Financial Aid

Things always seem like they need improvement. And that may be true for the Office of Student Financial Aid.

But according to *The Equinox's* article and editorial this week about the Office of Student Financial Aid, going to people there is like wandering through a nightmare.

My experience, so far, has not proved that. I'd like to publicly state that I appreciate the work the people in the Office of Student Financial Aid has done for me. I have always found them helpful, courteous, and concerned.

There are burdensome, bureaucratic regulations that seem absurd, but becoming upset at a person who is trying to guide you through that maze is unfair and ultimately only alienates you from those whose help you need.

*Joe Perez
Keene State College*

Group therapy is beneficial

The Counseling Center is now beginning this semester's support and therapy groups, and space is still open. Many people ask us "why group therapy?" What is group therapy all about?

Perhaps the most beneficial aspect of coming to a group is the awareness that you are not alone. Other people have similar feelings. A group provides the opportunity to see others solving their problems; as a result, this helps mobilize one's own motivation to strive for self improvement with hope and renewed energy. In a college setting, very personal topics are often not talked about with roommates or with significant friendships, even boyfriends, girlfriends or sorority and fraternity brothers and sisters. Many issues have never been addressed with parents because perhaps they were part of the problem. The Counseling Center groups offer a totally

confidential environment in which to explore these important topics. Group members share impressions in honest and caring ways. This feedback helps to increase self knowledge and encourages members to try out new behaviors in a place of safety and support.

Participating in a Counseling Center group can help you both in and out of the classroom setting.

Most groups are small - five to eight students. They last for 50 minutes once a week throughout the semester.

In many instances group therapy is more effective than individual counseling. If you are interested in knowing more about our groups, please contact The Counseling Center at extension 2437 or come up to the Center on the third floor of Elliot Hall.

*Judith Putzel Price
associate director
Counseling Center*

Editor's note: Due to the size of this week's issue, The Equinox was unable to print all letters to the editor. They will appear in next week's issue.

Swimmers sink at New Englands

Jacob Mical
The Equinox

Keene State College has never had a long tradition of a strong swim team.

That may be changing soon, however. This past weekend, Keene State made a move in this direction, by competing in the New England Championships.

Bowdoin College in Brunswick Maine, hosted the three day event.

Once again though, swimming powerhouse Williams College dominated the competition, winning by over 500 points.

On Saturday, Keene State's Melanie Tripp set a school record in the 400 individual medley. Her time of 5:03.65 bettered the former record by more than five seconds.

The best individual finishers for Keene State were Seanna Matthews and Lissa Cross in the 50 backstroke. Their times of 30.20 and 30.22, respectively, earned them 17th and 18th place finishes.

The Owl's 400 freestyle relay team consisting of Matthews, Tripp, Cross, and Jen Gannon, finished 21st with a time of 3:57.49.

"We're a young team and this was a good yardstick to what we need to do to be competitive in Division III," said head coach Gene Leonard.

Keene State finished 24th out of the 32 team field.

Other top finishers were Middlebury College with 1161 points, Amherst College with 1083 points, Springfield College with 713 points, and Bowdoin College with 637.5.

Plymouth State finished 18th in the championships with 181 points.

Award winners during the event were Diver of the Meet Nicole Huber of Smith College, Diving Coach of the Year Kim Biertwort of Smith College, Swimmer of the Meet Jessica Stokes of Williams College, Swimming Coach of the Year Carl Samuelson of Williams College, and Senior Award winner Kristie Kleiner of Regis College.

sports briefs

Women's hoop drop final game of year

The Keene State College women's basketball team fell to UMass-Lowell in their season finale, Saturday at Spaulding Gymnasium 65-48.

Entering the game, Keene State needed a win and a little help from Sacred Heart University, in order to qualify for the postseason.

Adrenaline was flowing as the Lady Owls knew exactly what had to be done.

Keene State opened the game with a smothering defense over the Lady Riverhawks. Unfortunately, shots were not falling for the Lady Owls and UMass-Lowell was able to keep the contest close.

The Lady Riverhawks captured the lead at the end of the first half, and would not relinquish it.

Keene State attempted to regain the advantage, but could not slow the play of UMass-Lowell.

In their final appearance at Keene State, seniors Kelly Hall, Deb Hammond, and Kerri Martin combined for 20 points. Hall and Hammond had five assists each and Martin

captured ten rebounds.

It was also the final game for the Lady Owls at Division II. Next season Keene State begins play in the Little East of Division III.

"Division III will be tough," said head coach Keith Boucher. "I am optimistic but apprehensive because we are going into our first season there, and it is like going into somewhere unknown."

Men's basketball end season with loss

The Owls of Keene State College were edged out by UMass-Lowell 66-57, at Spaulding Gymnasium, Saturday.

Keene State remained close throughout the first half, led by Rich Bahlman and Corey Boilard.

Down by only four at the half, the Owls tried to stay focused and gain their third win of the season.

With 8:39 left to play in the game, Eric von der Linden made a shot that gave Keene State a two point lead.

UMass-Lowell then sealed the game during their next two

possessions. A three pointer, a Keene State miss, then another three pointer, allowed the Riverhawks to pull away.

Keene State sharpshooter Doug Jenkins was blanketed throughout the game by UMass-Lowell defenders to prevent a possible three pointer in return.

Ryan Hooper led the Owls with 18 points and ten rebounds. Boilard contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds.

It was the final game for seniors Jenkins and Josh Hills.

The Owls move to Division III next season, and continue to rebuild.

Men's swim team head to championships

The Keene State College men's swim/dive team is competing in the New England Championships this weekend at Williams College.

Robin Oelkers, Gavin Kane, Nate Furze, Jason Eastham, Kevin Tougas, Matt Schulde, Neal Benson, Matt Donovan, and Brian Hester will be competing for the Owls.

Rec Sports Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

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

Game Summaries

Red Tape defeated the Sigma Eagles 50-41 Sunday. Jamie Smith ripped open the game scoring 24 points for Red Tape. Todd Sorenson led Sigma with 13 points.

Brett Seidman scored 16 points for YESKA as they beat up on the A Team 56-46. Sean "Dippy" Thibodeau equaled Seidman with 16 for the A Team.

League Two	W	L
Huskies	3	0
Class I	2	0
Parchesis	1	1
TKE	0	2
Goodfellas	0	3(FF)

Game Summaries

The Huskies sneaked out a win Sunday over Parchesis 46-45. Adam Sidrow had 23 for the Huskies, which was matched by Ben Davidson of Parchesis.

Class I won by forfeit over the Goodfellas.

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

Game Summaries

Michael Hayes and Jason Dillon scored 32 and 18 respectively, as the Choochmasters took care of Nuff Said 64-59. Steve Labine had 16 in the losing effort. Pete Ives contributed 14 points for Nuff Said.

The Circus Midgets won by forfeit over Con't. Ed.

League Four	W	L
Barnum & Bailey	2	0
Playoff Bound	2	1
Lucky Seven	1	1
D.C. All-Stars	1	1(FF)
N. W. O.	0	3(FF)

Game Summaries

The D. C. All-Stars defeated N.W.O. 62-37. Kevin Chevalier scored 18 in the win.

Barnum & Bailey took OT to defeat Playoff Bound 32-29. Derek Lines scored 11 points for Barnum & Bailey. Chris Boulanger had 16 in the loss.

League Five	W	L
Alpha A	3	0
Kappa	2	0
Vanilla Thunder	1	2
Phi Kappa Theta	0	2
Mothership	0	2

Game Summaries

Kappa squeaked by the Vanilla Thunder 46-44. Mark Peterson scored 18 points for Kappa. Jarod Clayton had 17 for Vanilla Thunder.

"Dangerous" Dave Haley led Alpha A to victory over Phi Kappa Theta 69-42. Haley scored 28 for Alpha A. Jay "I'm too sexy" Fuller and Tim "Petey" Alexander had 16 and 15 respectively for Phi Kappa Theta.

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

Game Summaries

N.W.A. took a win over The Pickles 26-16, Wednesday. Jeff Spaulding had 11 points for N.W.A.

Jason Meny led the KG Boyz to a 31-23 win over Phi Mu Delta-B, with nine points. Will Panagiotis scored nine for Phi Mu Delta-B in the loss.

Women's Basketball

League One	W	L
Whatever	3	0
The Bus Drivers	2	1
Spartans	1	2
Explorers	0	3

Game Summaries

The Bus Drivers defeated the Spartans 60-38. Becky Koenig scored 17 points and Becky "gimme di balla" DiBella scored 12 in the win. Katelyn Haggerty and Hannah Lozier each had 13 points in the loss.

Whatever won by default over the Explorers.

League Two	W	L
Muffers	2	1
Kappa Gamma	2	1
Buzzer Beaters	1	2
Tigers	1	2

Game Summaries

The Tigers won by default over the Muffers.

Kappa Gamma won by default over the Buzzer Beaters.

WE'RE MOVING!

The Equinox

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

The Concord Monitor has a multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art press that we feel will help us produce a better newspaper - one that reflects the amount of time and energy our staff puts in.

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

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

Also, due to the change in printers, we have to make a few changes in the size of our newspaper. Listed below are the NEW advertisement sizes for on-campus advertisers*. Please note that our rates are still the same. If you have ANY questions, please call us at 358-2401.

* The new size for per column inch advertisements is 1.9 inches

Quarter Page**
4" wide
by
6.25" high

Half Page**
10.25" wide
by
6.25" high

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12.5" high

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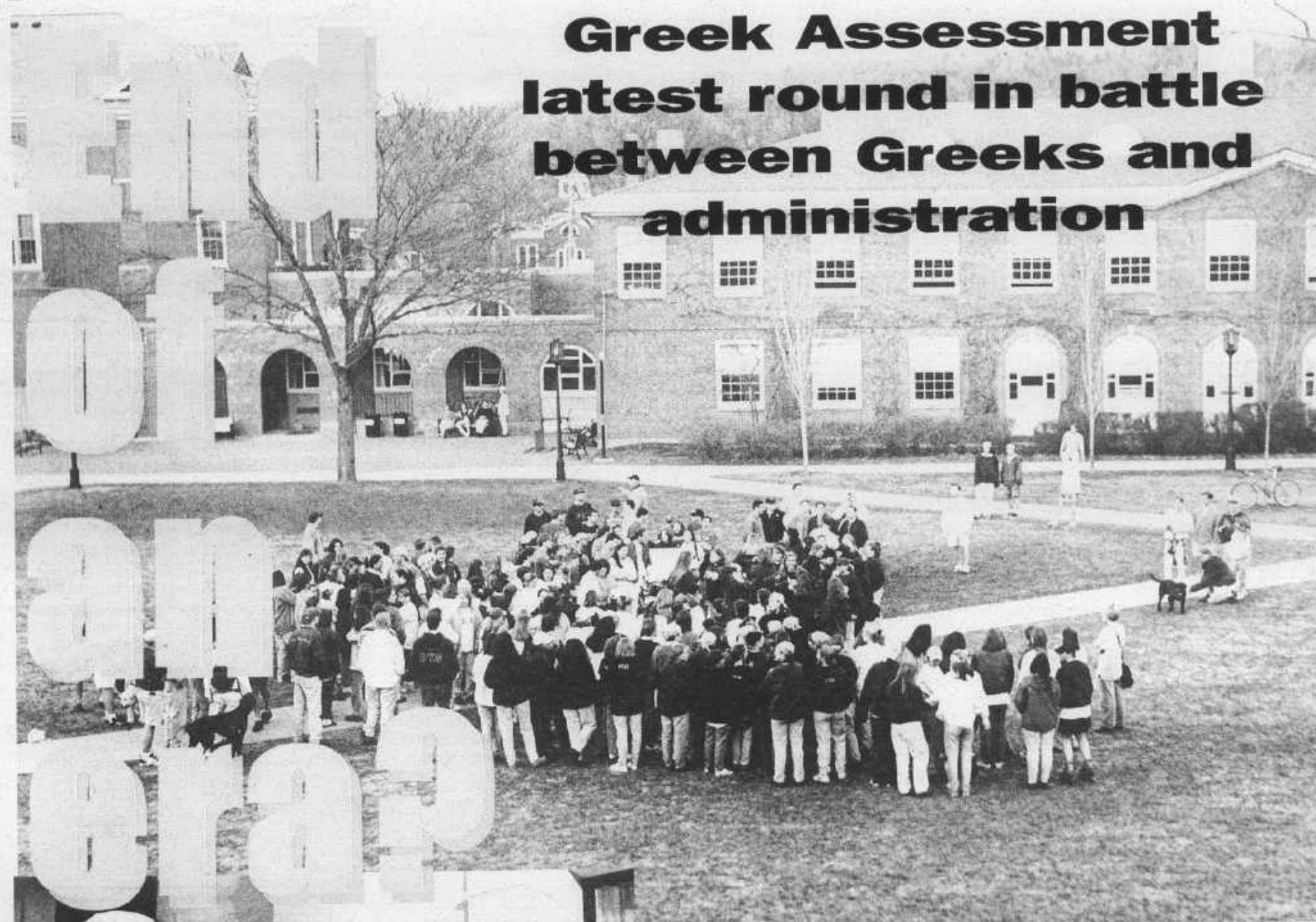
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Greek Assessment latest round in battle between Greeks and administration



Jonathan Cooper
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

Members of Greek Life and college administrators have traditionally been at

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

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

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

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