



First place in Sunday's snow sculpture contest sponsored by the Student Activities Council went to the Owl in front of Owls Nests St. The \$50 went to Jay Ralito, Bob Zuber, Bob Pitman, Gordon Walsh, "Jimbo" Kullander and Joel Feitler.

## 'Whites lack awareness'

### KSC blacks air problems to Redfern

By Jerry Falardeau  
Equinox Staff

Minority students at KSC have met with administration and student government leaders to discuss assimilation and other problems on campus.

At a breakfast meeting two weeks ago, President Leo Redfern, Dean of Student Affairs Thomas Aceto, Student Government Chairman Andy Jalbert, Student Body President Frank Easton, and most of the blacks students aired many feelings concerning the "lack of awareness and sensitivity to the problems of ethnic minorities, especially the black culture," said Redfern. Redfern, who had barred Equinox reporters from covering the meeting, related the discussion afterwards.

"One cause of the assimilation problem is how the black students are received by the whites. In the black urban culture, the "cool" attitude is valued. Here, however, it may be interpreted as arrogance or defiance. The New Hampshire blacks, growing up in a state where minority students are rare, have become culturized, and have little problem assimilating into the New Hampshire college atmosphere. The trouble arises when urban blacks are confronted with this same, mostly white culture, and the cultural differences surface," he said.

One black student, Joy Johnson, from Mt. Holly, N.J., said that people from N.H. don't know how to react to black people. "When confronted with a black, they may become uneasy, or ask embarrassing questions. It's not their fault, as there are few blacks in New Hampshire, but it does make it difficult at times, sometimes embarrassing."

A recommendation was made to place student teachers in urban areas. Also, a community action program for internship might be organized to provide more social relationships outside of Keene. The black students also suggested a change of conferences, workshops and faculty with

other schools in the same situation to find out what programs have worked.

"The small proportion of minority students at KSC also creates social and educational problems. With only three black women, the ratio of black men to women is unbalanced. In social functions, the men are in greater numbers than the women, which restricts dating," Redfern said. "There seems to be a double standard, in that it is considered acceptable for black men to date white women, but not so in reverse."

"KSC definitely needs more blacks, and women in particular," Johnson said. She feels that the larger number of students would make their presence known, and



Redfern: 'a lack of sensitivity'

people would be more aware of them and lessen these problems.

The students suggested that the admissions department make a special effort to recruit more blacks and other ethnic minorities to Keene, Redfern said. "These students can help with admissions, as aids in recruiting students to KSC, as they could visit high schools and personally

## Sullivan elected chairman

### Time schedule to be set as dean search begins

By C.J. Foster  
Equinox Staff

Since the election of four teaching faculty members to the Dean Search Committee, the committee has begun their work of looking for a replacement for Dean Clarence G. Davis. They have met three times since February 12.

The four members from the faculty are William Sullivan of the English department, Steven Smith from the Education department, Stuart Goff of the Math department and Richard Scaramelli from the History department. Sullivan was elected chairman for the committee at the Wednesday meeting.

Miriam Goder, chairman of the music department and Malcolm Keddy, English

department chairman, were elected by the Academic Council to serve on the committee. Keddy, who is on leave the first half of this semester, is being represented by Harold Nugent, acting department chairman.

Vice chairman and recording secretary for the committee is Frank Easton, student body president. James C. Hobart, director of administration, was chosen as committee coordinator.

"Hobart's position is much like that of a corresponding secretary. He will keep the logistics of visiting candidates and he is in charge of the advertising program," said Redfern.

The advertising program, according to Redfern, is of nation-wide proportions. Ads for the position of dean have been sent to three newspapers and a number of professional educational journals. The newspapers are the Manchester Union Leader, the Keene Sentinel and the Sunday Boston Globe.

"The newspapers were used because they cover a wide portion of the New England area and we recognize that there may be a large number of local talent that would be interested in the job," Redfern said.

Redfern stated that the advertisements in the professional journals, such as the "Chronical for Higher Education," will reach across the nation and into Canada. Redfern also said that Hobart had informed him that an encouraging number of applications have already been received.

What the committee now must do is set up a tentative time schedule for interviewing of applicants and to discuss the qualifications that they are looking for in the candidates.

"The committee is planning to hold an open meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. in the Waltz Lecture Hall in the Science Building. They will be there to discuss and hear suggestions from interested people (students, faculty and staff) concerning criteria and qualifications for the dean position," Redfern said.

It seems certain that the students of KSC will be given a chance to actively participate in the dean selection. The committee had plans to arrange campus visitations of finalists that will provide time for the campus community to meet and have an open discussion with each finalist.

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## Chancellor candidate here

The fourth candidate in the group of finalists for the position of chancellor of the university system will be on campus tomorrow.

Dr. Roy E. McMarnaghan, president of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies will be having breakfast with KSC President Leo F. Redfern at the Dining Commons at 8 a.m. Some members of the

board of trustees will also be present there.

From 9 to 10 a.m., he will take a tour of the campus.

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., McMarnaghan will meet with faculty, staff and students in the library conference room, and from 11:30 to 12 noon there will be an open period.

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## Alex Haley, bestselling author to speak

Alex Haley, bestselling author and unique chronicler of modern black history will speak at Keene State College tomorrow. The lecture, entitled "Black Heritage—A Saga of Black History," will begin at 8 p.m. in the Brown Room of the Student Union.

Haley is the writer of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," which has sold 3 1/2 million copies and which has been printed in eight languages. It was named among the "Ten Best American Books of

the 1960's Decade." Haley met the controversial Malcolm X when interviewing outstanding personalities for *Playboy* magazine. Haley has also written for other leading magazines including *Harper's*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Reader's Digest*.

"Roots," Haley's latest book, is an account of the author's own family history, which he traces back to a Mandingo youth named Kunta Kinte, from the village of Juffure, the Gambia in West

Africa. This slave, Haley's seventh-generation forefather, was brought to colonial America in slavery in 1767.

The research for "Roots" spanned five years and three continents and was based on a few, slender bits of history passed on to the author by his maternal grandmother.

The film rights to the book were purchased in advance of its publication by Columbia Pictures which plans a four-hour epic to be filmed in The Gambia, England, and America.

Haley's lecture will recount of the story of his research and the fabulous chain of events that led him to his personal roots and, indeed those of many black Americans.

The lecture is free to anyone with a KSC I.D. General admission is \$1.00.



Alex Haley, to speak tomorrow



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## S.U. offers holiday

Through the services of the National Entertainment Conference, of which the college is a member, the students, faculty and staff of Keene State College and their families will be able to participate in a group-rate trip to Ocho Rios in Jamaica over the Spring Break. The tour will depart from New York on Saturday, March 15, 1975 and will return to New York on Saturday, March 22nd.

Included in the \$252 fee for the trip are: round trip jet air transportation, seven nights at the Turtle Beach Towers Hotel Condominium (four per two bedroom suite, kitchenettes, pool, verandah, beachfront, tennis, golf near by, discotheque, coffee shop, restaurant), all

taxes transportation between hotel and airport, and gratuities to airport porters, bellmen and maids at the hotel. Meals are the responsibility of the tour participants.

Optional trips are available to Fern Gully, a lush tropical winding mountain ravine and to Dunn's River Beach and Falls, a spectacular waterfall cascading over a series of smooth rock "steps" directly into the Caribbean sea.

Participation in the tour is being arranged through NEC Travel & Leisure, Inc. as a Student Union service.

Deadline date for sign-up and deposit fee is Wednesday, March 5th; sign-ups may be taken after that date on a space-available basis.

## Beer dance is Saturday

A "beer dance" sponsored by the Social Activities Council (SAC) and the board of selectmen, for the benefit of Cedarcrest, will be held Saturday in the Brown Room at 8:30.

The Cedarcrest home in Westmoreland is a school for physically and mentally handicapped children. It is subsidized primarily by private sources. Two Keene State students, Patty Collinson and Donna Caputo, who do volunteer work at the home, became aware of Cedarcrest's financial needs last fall. They began mobilizing efforts to hold a dance at the college, the profits from which would be sent to Cedarcrest.

Caputo and Collinson ran into a series of obstacles in getting permission to hold the dance at Keene. The most pressing problem was acquiring a liquor license for the event so that beer could be sold legally. Their original intent was to hold the event in the dining commons, which already has a liquor license. Officials in the college refused to grant permission to hold the dance in the Commons because of the risk of potential vandalism.

The board of selectmen was approached early last fall for assistance in organizing

the dance. In order to hold the event elsewhere on campus, Collinson and Caputo had to obtain a liquor license. They asked the board for assistance in getting the license, but the board initially showed little interest, primarily because they did not want to establish a precedent. SAC had already agreed to sponsor the dance, which was originally scheduled for February.

This semester, Collinson and Caputo approached the board again, and in a special meeting of student government the decision was made to purchase a liquor license, in the name of the board, for this one event. Members of the board made it clear, however, that the purchase of the license in no way establishes a precedent for assistance in future events where liquor would be sold. The stressed the fact that the license was being purchased only because of the benefit nature of this event.

The board is subsidizing the purchase of beer for the event, and will be monitoring the beer concessions in the Student Union Coffee Shop. SAC is sponsoring Jack Flash for the dance in the Mable Brown Room. All profits are being donated to Cedarcrest.

## Chamber concert tonight

A Chamber concert will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. in the Brown Room. It will consist of a Brahms' trio played by Melanie Shurts, piano; Debbie Jeffs,

clarinet; and Larry Carter, cello. Also, Tedd Mann and Debbie Gallante will be performing a duet on guitar and flute.

The public is urged to attend, and the admission is free to all.

# Battenfeld is looking forward to heading English dept.

By Judi Redden  
Equinox Staff

David Battenfeld, professor of English at Keene State, will serve as chairman of that department this fall.

Battenfeld came to Keene in 1965 from Florida. He has been teaching since 1952 in

institutions across the country. He began teaching at Stanford while in graduate school, and moved on to Notre Dame, John Carroll in Cleveland, and the University of Southern Florida at Tampa. He said he wanted to return to New England, where he had lived for a time

while he was young, and when a job offering came from Keene, he decided to leave Florida.

In discussing the upcoming department chairmanship, Battenfeld said he views his role "as a mediator between the administration and faculty." Enthusiastic about the challenge ahead, Battenfeld said he feels "...reasonably secure. I am generally not threatened by criticism, and I enjoy intellectual opposition. I am not intimidated by the administration." He cited one problem that confronts all department chairmen—their teaching load, which he feels should be decreased to a half-time commitment.

Although his department, like all departments on campus, needs additions to the staff, he said it is unreasonable to assume those needs will be met in the near

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Dr. David Battenfeld will be the new English department chairman starting next fall. (Photo by McStay)

## Chancellor candidate

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From 12 noon to 2 p.m. the candidate will lunch with the college's executive committee in the commons special dining room. Then he will leave for Manchester.

McTarnaghan was born August 16, 1933 in Warraw N.Y. He received his B.S. in Speech at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, New York in 1954. He received his masters degree in Speech at Ohio State University in 1957, and received his Ph.D. in Higher Education at Michigan State University in 1962.

McTarnaghan received special recognition for being a research assistant at Michigan State from 1960-61; a summer research grant at Michigan State in 1961, and recognition for being a teaching assistant at Ohio State from 1956-57.

His past experiences include being the director of the State Council of Higher Education, Virginia, 1970-72; associate director of the Virginia State Council of Higher Education, 1969-70; and acting vice president for academic affairs, dean for planning and research, associate dean of

the college, associate professor and director of admissions, and assistant professor and admissions counselor at SUNY. He was also a speech and hearing therapist in Fairport, N.Y., and was a visiting professor at William and Mary, University of Virginia, among other things.

His memberships include the American Association for Higher Education, the Southern Regional Education Board Advisory Committee, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, the Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Commission on Graduate Studies, Phi Delta Kappa, the National Laboratory for Higher Education, the Central Virginia Educational Television Corporation, Goodwill Industries and Rotary International.

Other activities include the Governor's Committee on Narcotics and Drug Abuse, Chairman of Virginia Governor's Task Force on Higher Education, Four Legislative Subcommittees on Higher Education, and as a Consultant, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

## Blacks air problems

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situation. Some teachers see it as a lack of intellectual capacity, not understanding the social, cultural and educational difficulties and differences that persist," said Redfern.

"It's not that we want anything special, or want to be treated any differently," said Johnson, "but we need our presence known and acknowledged by faculty and students. We want more identification, but our problems are mainly student problems, not racial."

The students feel that more exposure of the minority cultures is needed. Johnson and others responded well to the Concert and Lecture Series, which in the past has featured Dick Gregory, Shirely Chisolm and which will host author Alex Haley Feb. 27. "Also, a Martin Luther King Day would publically acknowledge the black culture here," said Redfern.

"The cultural adjustment to KSC for the minority students on both sides, not just for the blacks or other ethnic minorities. The Affirmative Action Program has made an effort to help the minorities, mostly urban blacks, but we also need to permit more easy acceptance and assimilation through the white students," said Redfern.

The students feel that the meeting was a good idea, to open discussion on an important problem. Johnson said, "we are under a lot of pressure, by students, faculty and the city itself."

"The meeting was intended to air the feelings of these students, to work on solutions and programs to improve the

situation at KSC. Its aim is not to make KSC more congenial, but to make the campus better able to relate to the real world," Redfern said.

Another meeting was scheduled for this morning, to again discuss similar topics.

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## Twenty-seven students escape to find themselves

By Eric Maloney  
Equinox Staff

Learning how to relate to the self, others, and God was the goal of a recent weekend retreat for Keene State College students sponsored by the Keene State Newman Center.

Twenty-seven students went to the retreat at the Franciscan Friary in Rye Beach from Friday, February 14, to Sunday, February 16, to "think more about their lives," according to Newman Center director Father Paul Groleau.

"It was to help students decide about who they are and how they associate with others," Father Groleau said. "February and March are often difficult months for students to go through, and we felt the need."

The students, who included non-Catholics and two atheists, combined times of solitude with small group discussions, Groleau said. The three topics were self-acceptance, from Friday night to Saturday morning; relating to others, from Saturday morning to supper; and feelings about God, for the rest of the weekend.

"There was no emphasis on religion," Father Groleau said. "The discussion centered on what people feel keeps them going, and whether God is a reality or a figment of man's imagination."

Two of the four men who went said they didn't believe in God, Father Groleau said, "and they started asking some questions. Things got really vocal for a while."

He said that the disproportionate

number of women was probably due to the male population trying to be masculine. "They're doing it by trying not to get involved," he said. "They're saying, 'I'm independent, and don't need it.'"

Chris Colburn, a freshman from New Boston, New Hampshire, said that the weekend was "fantastic—it can't be described."

"I wanted to get away from Keene, and gather my thoughts," she said. "I heard about the weekend through Father Paul and decided to go."

She said that although she didn't know any of the others on the retreat, she got along well with them. Everyone was "super-sensitive," she said, something which made it more difficult for her when she returned to the campus.

"It seems harder," she said. "I apply what I learned at the retreat and people here don't react."

The weekend will have a long-term effect on her life, Colburn said.

"Everything's new, and in a different perspective," she said. "I've come to know myself more."

Both Lorraine Savary of Conway, New Hampshire, and Gretchen Taylor of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, agreed that the weekend was difficult to verbalize.

"You can't put it into words," Savary said. "I just find it much easier to laugh and smile."

"It helped make me understand other people more," Taylor, a transfer student, said.

When Taylor came here in January she didn't know anyone on campus, she said, and her attitude was negative. "My face showed it," she said. "I always had a mask on. But I learned that happiness is a creative art, and you have to work at it."

Taylor said, however, that the weekend would have been different if there had been more men, "if only because men have viewpoints that are obviously different."

Freshmen Kevin Lonie of Keene, a resident of the Newman Center, didn't see that there was any difference.

"The talks were not based on a male-female level," he said. "I didn't see that much difference in men's and women's experiences—only in how they experienced them."

Lonie, a veteran of three previous retreats, said that he went "to unwind and find peace with myself."

He said that the retreat differed from others that he has attended in that people needed to be alone more.

"People went off on their own, and came back when they had found themselves," he said. "I often wondered what a person was thinking of."

Lonie said that the majority of the people who went will be strongly affected by the weekend. "The people have become aware, and are thinking more," he said.

Lynette Gemme, a junior from East Hartford, Connecticut, looked at the weekend as a "review." "For some people, it was the first time they had accepted themselves and Christ," she stated. "I had already reached the point most people were trying to get to."

Gemme, who called it a "thinking type of weekend," felt that it was a good experience. "A lot of people meant a lot more to me," she said. She said, however, that the experience would have been better with more men.

According to Father Groleau, the reaction after the weekend finished was good.

"There's been a lot of follow-up," he said. "People are coming and asking questions they didn't feel were answered on the weekend."

A second retreat is being planned for sometime in April, he said. It will be limited to 12 students, he said, with no religious preferences. Father Groleau hopes to coax some college administrators into going.

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"American Fosters of the Nineties" is the theme for the exhibit at the Thorne Art Gallery. See story on page two. (Photo by Foster)

## Will yearbook exist in '76?

There may be no yearbook for the 1975-76 academic year, according to Lee Bird, treasurer of student government and chairman of the finance committee.

Bird explained that Kronicle editor Eric Maloney had failed to submit a budget for

that organization by Feb. 14 deadline. The Kronicle is the only organization that has not requested funds for next year, Bird added. After considerable debate, the Board agreed to stretch the deadline date for the Kronicle if it could be determined that the students want a yearbook next year.

Some questions were raised about the literary magazine that was supposed to be published earlier this year. Last spring, the Kronicle and the literary magazine were merged into one organization and funded as one by the student government. Approximately \$5000 were appropriated by the Student Senate for the new Kronicle organization, which was

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# Sports stories 'Fall victim' to cliché

By Gary Fitz  
Equinox Staff

At one point or another in every Journalist's life, whether he be print or broadcast orientated he inevitably "falls victim" to the cliché. Sports writers and sport broadcasters are the worst perpetrators of cliché verbosity. Needless to say this desk is not immune to this problem.

Right here on the home front, we have the slumping Owl hoopers. They can't seem to get on the right track, they have no momentum. Coach Theulen would like to see more zing in the offense coupled with a stingier defense. Worst of all the team lacks camaraderie (a term ABC Sports turned into a cliché overnight with the Superstars competition). Well that's the way the ball bounces.

With baseball season just around the corner it's time we all prepare for those blazing fastball and brushback pitches

where players hit the dirt, which can happen to any fair country ballplayer: A good prospect making a diving stab at a screaming liner would put a twinkle in any manager's eye. After all the team that plays together wins together. And who can forget those absorbing post game interviews with managers and players. For instance: TV announcer Chic Score: Well Hornpout, you pitched a dandy ballgame. Just two Little Texas Leaguers that your second baseman should've had anyway and you would have had a no-hitter. Hornpout Fingers: Yeah Chic, my fastball was zinging, my curveball was breaking, my slider was sliding, and my changeup was changing. Besides those guys can't hit worth a damn anyway.

Chic: Yes Hornpout, you sure put it all together today; you really looked cool out there. What do you attribute your confidence to? Hornpout: Well Chic I'd have to say my five year no cut contract

for \$5 million.

When all is said and done, post-game football interviews with the coaching staff, on any given day, can be most disturbing to the naked ear.

Announcer Bud Crossbar: Coach, your boys played one heck of a game this afternoon. What do you think was the turning point when the momentum turned your way and your team was home free?

Coach Bear Lohardi: Well Bud, I feel like we're old friends, though I just met you. I'd say the opening kickoff would have to be the turning point. We jumped to a 7-0 lead and never looked back. Granted Little Rock Community College isn't the toughest team on our schedule but the 77-0 score was not indicative of the way those guys played. Those little guys played one helluva game.

Yes, the cliché is an institution in sports right up there with hot dogs, peanuts and WIN buttons. Fans have developed their

own unique variety like: "Shape up or ship out," "Do something, you overpaid hotshot" and "See you back in the minors." Yes, fan utterances can be most disturbing, usually originating from the less than sober members of the audience. Their taunts are not limited to players. They often offer constructive criticism to coaches and officials.

"Open your eyes, you're missing a good game," or "Why don't you call a foul on them for a change?"

Attempts have been made to eliminate the cliché from the news pages, but they still live a happy healthy life on the sports pages. To eliminate them from their last bastion of safety would be tragic. They are an endangered species not unlike the polar bear and the sperm whale, and just as much an American institution as the bald eagle. Although they must be protected, population control is in order. An over abundance of the species is also undesirable.

## SPORTS



## Keene trips on track

By Gary Fitz  
Equinox Staff

Keene State's Track and Field team competed last weekend in two indoor meets at Tufts and Amherst colleges. Coach Bob Taft used these two meets to start conditioning for the outdoor season which begins April 12 at Plymouth State.

Although there were several bright spots this weekend, it's difficult for the Owls to compete on an equal basis with teams who have indoor facilities.

Last Thursday the Owls contested Tufts, South Eastern Massachusetts University, Lowell Tech. and Worcester State and finished last. These teams all train indoors. Bright spots for the Owls were Gary Miller, who finished third in the high jump; Stan Brittingham, third in the 50 yard dash; and Larry Carter, third in the triple jump. The Owls were also third in the mile relay.

On Saturday, in the Amherst Invitation Relays the Owls won the long jump and took thirds in both the mile and distance medley relays.

Taft said any success at this point is a bonus and looks favorably to the spring season. He envisions a Field House in the offing in the not too distant future.

A facility of this type would have a wide variety of uses. Besides track it could be used for indoor tennis, intramural activities, baseball training, and many other activities. It would alleviate much of the strain currently put on the Spaulding Gymnasium.

In the past Taft's squads have lacked depth but this year's team, aided by several transfers and freshmen, is deep in most events. Coach Taft said he sees a possible conference title, but much depends on how hard the boys train between now and the Plymouth meet.

## Owls confront Bently

The Owls close out a disappointing season Friday night against nationally ranked Bently College. Bently is the third ranked college division team in the country. They have both size and finesse and play a superior brand of basketball. The Owls will need to have everything going for them to stay close in this one. Tomorrow the Owls entertain traditional rival Plymouth State. The Panthers edged out a two point victory earlier this season.

Last week the Owls split a pair of games

## Tomorrow to be Alumni Night

Alumni Night, scheduled each year at the Keene State-Plymouth basketball game, will be tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Spaulding Gymnasium.

The event, sponsored by the KSC Department of Physical Education and Athletics and the KSC Alumni Association, is open to all alumni, spouses and friends.

Special door prizes will be given away at half time, and refreshments will be served in the street shoe gymnasium after the game.

Alumni are asked to bring their ticket or alumni I.D. A special Alumni Section on the east side of the gym will be available.

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## Hockey scores win 1st win

The K.S.C. hockey club picked up its first win of the season by defeating Franklin Pierce College by a score of 10-1. The game was played at Cheshire Fair Ice Arenas before a crowd of about 200 people.

Top scorers for KSC were Barry Donnelly with a three goal "hat trick" and Mark Olsiewski who picked up a pair. Single goals were scored by Don Roloff, Kieth Clark, Glen Brauhart, John Tower,

and Mike Silverman.

Goaltender Ray Archambault played excellent shutout hockey, turning away 19 shots on goal before being benched in the third period for what was F.P.C.'s only goal.

KSC's next home ice hockey game will be played tonight against New Hampshire College. Game time is 7 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

# EDITORIALS

## A plebian's eye view from totem pole's bottom

Judi Redden

I got up late one morning last week, and had to rush around to get my children ready for day care so that I could be on campus in time for an interview.

Well, wouldn't you know. The damn car wouldn't start. I must have tried to start it a dozen times, and when I finally realized that the car wasn't going to cooperate, I got a friend to jump-start the foolish thing.

Whenever I drive my car through town, I always feel as though I'm on top of society. It's a '56 Cadillac. It's got 200,000 miles on it, and it's rusted underneath.

Now, suppose you're wondering how a college student, the lowest on the totem pole of plebians, could possibly afford such a symbol of American capitalism. It's called living off the state...welfare bought it for me.

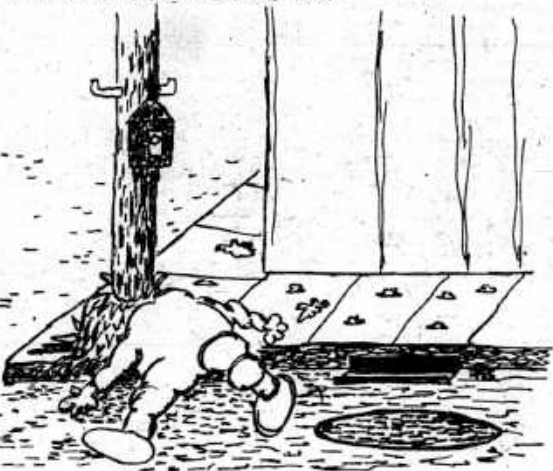
For those of you who believe that welfare is a "sociological disaster," you're probably right. After all, your tax dollars subsidize my entire existence, and many people like me. Our appropriations consume so much of your taxes that we live like queens. We can afford to get fat and dumpy, to keep the State Liquor stores in commission, and to keep the credit bureaus hopping. And your dollars also pay the salaries of the massively-staffed Division of Welfare, which has to be a big operation to keep track of the mounting number of welfare mothers who, living up to their legend, are negligent. All those little children who are abused, beaten and starved have to be protected from their mothers.

One very special department in welfare, which requires an enormous amount of subsidization, is the Welfare Garage. It is the service station that the division has established to meet the needs of welfare recipients who are privileged enough to own a car. I thought that, since you are all appropriately concerned about your taxes, I should know all about the operation of one of the major consumers of your money.

My Cadillac died in the midst of central square traffic, so I called the Welfare Garage to have my car towed and serviced. I didn't have any change with me, only food stamp tokens from a local supermarket, and the payphones can't take those. So, I walked into the welfare office in town and asked to use one of their phones. A reluctant caseworker let me use

a phone in an office hidden in the rear.

The phone at the Garage had been disconnected. By this time, I was hopelessly late for my interview. I figured the person I was supposed to see would



cast me off as the typically irresponsible welfare recipient, so I didn't worry too much.

A friend drove into town and pushed my car to the Garage. This was my first visit to the station, for my car had never required extensive servicing. The welfare department doesn't authorize money for repairs, anyway. I've always wondered why the Division invests such an enormous amount of money—\$500—in a car for a recipient, and then fails to keep the car in condition. I finally resolved in my mind that this was their way of keeping us welfare mothers in our proper place in society: driving junky cars is the best way to maintain a recipient's posture in the middle class.

The Garage, much to my surprise, is an empty, desolate building. I went in to find a service station attendant, and found no one there. On the wall facing the entranceway is an enormous picture of the

Honorable Governor Meldrum Thomson. I stood in awe of his handsome, courageous and dignified face for a moment, and continued my search for an attendant.

The funny thing about the Garage, as I reflect back to the whole experience, is that there are no automobile parts. I wondered how my car was going to be fixed.

own, private service station, so I don't gripe.

Bruce got up out of his comfortable chair, and braved the cold to check out my

car. He told me it would cost \$200 to fix it, and said he wasn't authorized to make the repairs.

"What, then, do you do?" I asked, incredulous, and slightly irritated.

"Oh, I sweep the floors, dust the place off, and keep the good Governor's picture in top condition."

Jesus Christ, I thought. But then, I thought about the generosity of the Division, and my rebellious spirit was contained. Bruce took me back into his office to explain his predicament. Then he gave me some advice.

"...yep, it's the only way to survive these days. You've gotta have credit cards—lots and lots of credit cards. I got my first one from Sears—that's where you've gotta start. When you get that one, you can qualify for a Grants Card. Then you get a gasoline card. That's what you need, so you don't run into this kind of mess again."

"But you don't seem to understand. Welfare recipients are looked upon as outrageous credit risks. None of us qualify for credit unless we can get co-signers up the wall."

Bruce was generally sympathetic. He couldn't help me, though, and I left him as he pulled from the drawer of his desk a stack of credit cards. Then, as though in a trance, he began to count them all according to the credit line on each particular card. "...\$200...and \$500, that makes \$700... and \$500, well now, that's \$1400..."

I took the wrong door out of his office and found myself in, of all places, the men's room. The medicine chest door was partially open, and I saw a little card taped to the inside of the door. Curious, I read the age-old words, now hardly legible. "If you feel you have been treated unjustly, you are eligible to apply for a fair hearing."

There, in the goddam men's room, where welfare mothers are, of course, barred from admittance, was the only legal advice anyone can give a welfare recipient.

I walked back out into the cold, looked at my beautiful car, and thought, that's typical.

That was when I found Bruce, the station attendant. He was sitting in an old, stuffed chair in the back room, reading National Lampoon and smoking an ungodly cigar. He didn't notice me at first so I said, "Hello?"

"Yeh?"

"Hi. Can you look at my car? I think there's something wrong with it."

I had to go through the usual procedure of showing my welfare identification, proving that I had no money to go to another station, and showing the guy pictures of my two children. That way, he'd know I was a full-fledged welfare mother. Some people receive assistance from a program called Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD), but because of their "natural" handicap, the state's neglect of their circumstances is a little more benign. They get their cars serviced at any local station.

But it's more of a privilege to have your

## Don't blame that poodle!

To the editor,  
To Eric Maloney,

As an owner of a poodle, allow me the opportunity to come to the defense of an animal who cannot speak for itself. Evidently, there is so much to print in your paper that your hatred of poodles surpasses these noteworthy articles.

May I point out that Checkers was a political tool. Checkers was given to "Tricky Dicky" to gain favor with Nixon, along with other gifts. Nixon eventually gave back these presents but did not have the heart to return Checkers because his two daughters loved the animal too dearly. Who knows - if Checkers had been a registered pedigree french poodle Nixon

and the country would not be the mess that we are in now.

Lassie, Rin Tin Tin, dogs that sniff out dope and seeing eye dogs are all dogs of great stature. This once again proves that Americans put more value on quantity than on quality. Good things do come in small packages, don't they?

As for the perfumed baths, ribbons in the hair and stuffed miniatures—who are the ones who buy the merchandise and give the poodle the bath? Don't blame the Poodle when it is mankind's foolish wish that puts the animal through these stereotypes.

I would like to relay a short story about

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## Battenfeld heads English

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future. He said he would like to see the drama staff expanded, and the department needs a specialist in literary criticism and aesthetics. He added that he would like to hire someone to teach literature beyond English and American, and a professional writer to teach creative writing.

Battenfeld has participated in college government for years. He is currently serving his third term on the College Senate, and has been a member of the Faculty Evaluation Advisory Committee (FEAC) three times as well as serving the Faculty Appeals Committee (FAC) once. He has been appointed to numerous ad hoc committees in the college, and is a member of the American Association of University Personnel (AAUP), where he has served as president. He has also been president of the Faculty Association.

He said he doesn't see the need for any specific changes in the College Senate, stating that the current representative system seems best for the college at this point. He added that a regulation should be established to govern senator absentees and said that some senators "simply don't pull their own weight." The college is not ready for the widely-discussed unicameral

system of government, he said.

When Battenfeld is not devoting time to the college, he's out taking long walks with his family, or at home listening to jazz. He said he also loves to read. "I'll read almost anything—I love to read."

Battenfeld and his wife are also active in politics. Since he came to New Hampshire, Battenfeld has helped to mobilize the McCarthy campaign, serving as chairman of his city ward's McCarthy Committee. He has been a delegate four times to the Democratic State Convention.

## History dinner Tuesday at Dr. Fred Bisson to lecture

The history department with assistance from the KSC History Club is sponsoring the "History Club-History Majors" dinner Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the east room of the dining commons. All history majors, history club members and students having a special interest in history are urged to attend.

The main event of the evening will be the reading of a paper by Dr. Fred Bisson, "The Legitimation of Violence: Boston in the Eighteen Thirties."

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## Yearbook is in trouble

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scheduled to produce two literary magazines and a yearbook this year.

Glenn Stone, chairman of the Constitution Committee, proposed the new election procedures that Frank Easton requested at the beginning of this semester. He also moved for recognition of the Christian Science Organization, but considerable debate followed among members of the Board. Points discussed were the right of student government to

fund organizations that are by constitution discriminatory, and the notion of separating church and state. The constitutions of the Christian Science Organization and the Bahai Club were postponed until the next Board meeting so that an investigation could be conducted into the discriminatory nature of student organization constitutions.

## Poodle

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my poodle. One day an insurance man knocked on the door, and my dog barked until she was put into the bedroom. Later in the conversation the man asked where we had put our Great Dane? I went into the bedroom to get my Great Dane and the embarrassment was obviously written all over the man's face. The poodle is a house dog, that is not kept in a dog house or in the basement, but allowed to roam freely in the house. And through a closed door the person on the other side cannot tell if the dog is a Great Dane or a poodle.

I could go on but I feel my point is made and may I ask what fraternity you belong to?

Sincerely,  
Stephany Fallat

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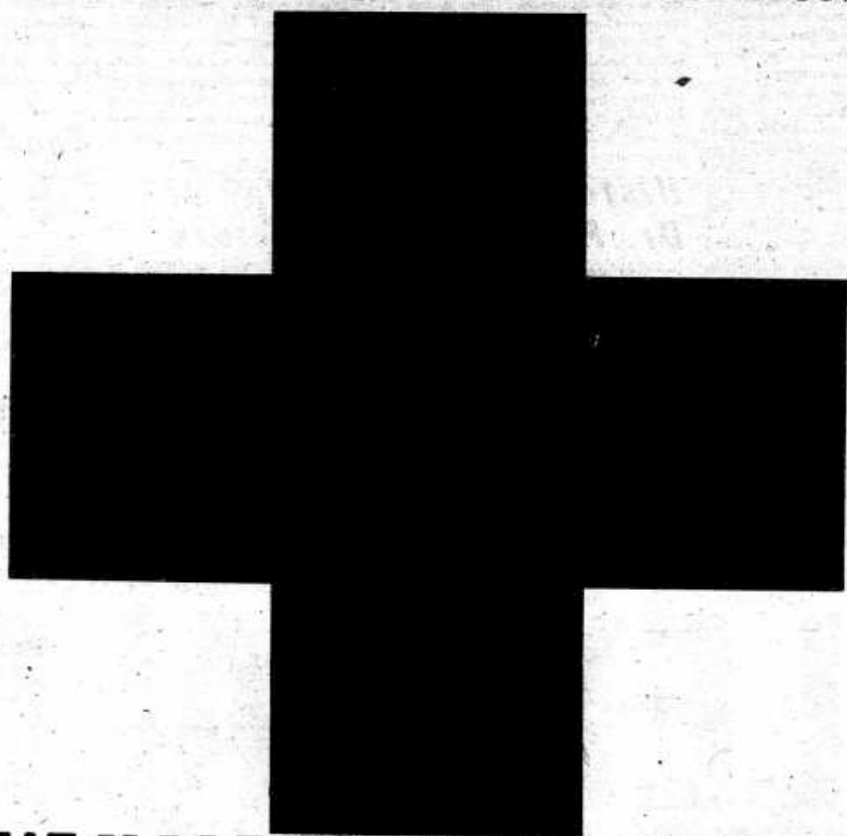
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Alex Haley's latest book, "ROOTS" will be published in September of this year, but already critics are hailing it as a landmark in American literature. Mr. Haley spent eight years on three continents tracing the origin of stories and words he had heard at his grandmother's knee. By working backwards through slave records, talking to linguists and finally interviewing African griots, (native oral historians) he succeeded in tracing his seventh generation ancestor, Kunta Kinte, back to a particular village, Juffure, in Gambia, West Africa. "ROOTS" is a gripping story of that ancestor's life in Africa: his capture and journey in a slave ship to Colonial America, and his life in this country. The book promises to be a classic and its story, told by the author, makes for a fascinating lecture.

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