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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Athletes protesting war

Staff member's reaction
By Tim Pomplun
Staff Reporter

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light, that our national anthem, our country, all that symbolism in the flag is there representing freedom all the time.

Freedom, what our ancestors fought and died for, freedom of all kinds, freedom to turn your back to the flag in protest of an impending war.

Recently, a college women's basketball player at Manhattanville College, has turned her back on the American flag during the national anthem.

Toni Smith has used her freedom to make a point, not for anyone else; she didn't turn away in hopes of getting on national television.

Smith didn't turn away to enrage Vietnam veterans; she didn't turn away to disrespect those who died fighting for America. She didn't turn away to tell the audience at her games that she hates America.

Smith turned away because she can, because in America, as it would be said, everyone has a voice, and her voice is telling her that right now she is disappointed in her country.

Toni Smith is using that voice that most in this country neglect.

I only hope Smith will look back at this years later and won't regret a thing. She's being true to herself, and I hate to be terribly cliché but she's standing up for what she believes in.

Smith, a sociology major, released a 250-word statement regarding her reasons for turning away.

"That the government's priorities are not on bettering the quality of life for all of it's people, but rather on expanding its own power," said Smith.

For these reasons, she says, currently it is hard for her to salute the flag.

It makes one think, how often at sporting events of any level did you stand up and salute the flag and actually think about what you were doing?

It's sadly a ritual, and a strong enough ritual that simply turning away from the flag has created a media frenzy.

A lot of which has been pretty negative. Fortunately, Manhattanville's President, Richard Berman, has let Smith use her voice as an athlete and a citizen.

Berman commented that, "What she is doing is courageous and difficult."

And personally, I must agree. It's an inspiration to some other athletes as well, who have begun to use their spotlight to take a stand for their opinions.

A Tennessee women's basketball player, Virginia Chatman, has followed in the path that Smith paved. However, Chatman has publicly said she won't turn her back again.

"I did not intend for my see freedom, pg. B8

Owls fall to Babson

After back-to-back OT games, tank empty for Owls, lose in ECAC Championship

By Stuart Kaufman and John Ballou
Contributing Writer and Sports Editor

After two dramatic overtime wins over two upset minded schools—sixth seeded Gordon College and seventh seeded Wheaton College—the Owls just simply ran out of gas on Sunday.

Four different players scored in double-figures for Babson College as the top-seeded Beavers defeated third-seeded Keene State College, 81-71, in the championship game of the 2003 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Men's Basketball Tournament.

It was the first ECAC title in team history for Babson (26-4), which also set a new school record for single-season victories.

The Beavers controlled the tempo during the first seven minutes of the contest, jumping out to a 21-11 lead behind nine early points from junior Jeff Hines. Keene State (22-8) then came storming back with a 12-4 run to cut its deficit to two at 25-23, and eventually tied the contest at 29-29 with five minutes left in the half. Hines later put Babson ahead, 35-32, with 2:19 remaining, but the Owls scored the final three points of the stanza to even the contest, 35-35, at the break.

In the second half, Babson received four points apiece from senior Mark Lussier and junior Luke Weber to build a 43-37 advantage before the two teams traded baskets for a two-minute stretch. The Owls pulled to within four at 47-43 on a lay-up by first-year Ben Maynard, with 13:51 left in the game. However, the Beavers responded with a key 13-4 run to build its largest lead of the game.

Senior Matt Webster and Kelly put the Lyons back up 82-79 with 19 seconds to play. With time winding down, Timson, standing to the left of the circle, hit his first key three-pointer with 5.1 seconds on the clock to knot the score at 82-82. Wheaton had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Jarrett Lewis had the ball swatted away by Bennett Pawlusiak as time expired.

The win was over over seventh seed Wheaton College, in an ECAC New England Tournament semifinal game, played Saturday at Spaulding Gym.

Keene State (22-7) advanced to the tournament championship, where they faced number one seed Babson College in the 2 p.m. final (see above for the story). Babson (25-4) made it to the final by defeating fourth seeded Endicott College, 78-68 in the other semifinal.

Trailblazing by 14 points, 61-47, midway in the second half, KSC used its full court press to get back in the game.

The Owls took a one-point lead, 79-78, with 2:44 to play. A basket by Scott Mahan and a pair of free throws by Sean

sophomore Jeff Nicholson knocked down back-to-back three-pointers to begin the decisive run, and Webster then added a lay-up as Babson took a 55-43 lead. After buckets by Maynard and junior Chris Timson pulled Keene State back to within eight, Nicholson answered with five straight points, including two on a nifty up-and-under post move, to give the Beavers a 60-47 advantage with 8:45 remaining. Keene State trimmed its deficit to eight five times in the final eight minutes, but was unable to get any closer as Babson held on for the 81-71 victory.

Senior co-captain Chris Michalowski was named the ECAC New England Tournament Most Valuable Player after pacing the Beavers with seven assists in the championship game. The senior guard, who received a standing ovation when he checked out with 16 seconds left to play, also dished out six helpers in Babson's semifinal win over Endicott and five assists in the Beaver's quarterfinal-round victory over MIT.

Along with Michalowski, Babson received an outstanding performance from Weber, who finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds, and a game-high five steals. Nicholson added 17 points and eight boards, while Hines chipped in with 14 points.

Sophomore CJ Enere was once again solid off the bench for the Beavers, scoring 12 points while hitting a perfect



Alphonse Michalski (3) and Matt Wheeler (4) watch the ball go through the cylinder during the ECAC Championship game. The Owls lost to Babson, 81-71.

10-of-10 from the free throw line. Junior Bennett Pawlusiak led Keene State with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while junior Alphonse Michalski contributed 17 points and four assists. Timson finished with 14 points on 5-of-10 shooting from the floor, and junior Matthew Wheeler chipped in with 11 points.

KSC Coach Rob Colbert said the Owls ran out of steam in the second half.

"The tank was bone dry," he said. "But give Babson credit. They're a very well coached team."

"We can't hang our heads," Colbert added. "We had a great season."

Among other titles brought home, both Butcher and Lyons were named as Division III New England Coaches of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association.

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With community support, like that of the Savings Bank of Walpole, KSC can create one of the best athletic facilities in New England.

Stadium project nears completion

By Dan Tuohy
Staff Reporter

The KSC soccer stadium project nears completion and establishes itself as one of the premiere soccer venues in the New England area.

Further advancing the project, the Savings Bank of Walpole has donated \$10,000 toward the building of a ticket and information booth, one of the last steps in the completion of the stadium.

The Owls, after capping off yet another successful season of soccer for both men and women, now have one of the finest venues in the area.

The stadium, however, is not reserved for just KSC teams alone. It hosts some of the premiere tournaments and matches for soccer patrons of all around. The stadium caters to professional, high school, and youth soccer during the course of the year.

The ticket and information booth, along with other finishing touches, are planned to kick off after the snow melts and spring makes it way to Keene.

President and CEO of Savings Bank of Walpole Don Tisdale attributes Keene State College as one of it's key partners in the area. And vice versa, the KSC community is very grateful for the banks continued involvement in the spirit of athletics here at the college.

"This gift to the soccer stadium is just one more indicator of the support not only of KSC athletics, but of the Keene community as a whole," said John Ratliff, KSC athletic director.

The project is set for completion for the fall soccer season. Soccer coaches Ron Butcher and Denise Lyons are thrilled for the new facilities.

The players and coaches alike over the last few years have helped make the soccer program one of the strongest sports at KSC. Last year the men's and women's teams both brought home LEC conference titles.

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'Let's go' - President George W. Bush



U.S. troops began attacks in Iraq on March 19 in an effort to remove Saddam Hussein from the country. A fire burns in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad before and during the bombing last Sunday.

U.S. troops attack Iraq

By Patrick Peterson, Juan O. Tamayo and Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Both sides girded Monday for the coming battle of Baghdad as U.S. armored columns advanced from two directions. They came within 50 miles of the capital before sandstorms—and a formidable Iraqi army—forced a delay.

Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders vowed resistance, and U.S. and British leaders warned that the contest for Baghdad could be bloody. Two divisions of Saddam's elite and loyal Republican Guard troops—about 20,000 fighters—were believed to stand between allied forces and the center of Saddam's regime.

Saddam has given his hardened Republican Guard the authority to use chemical weapons, U.S. officials said.

Strikes by Air Force, Navy and Marine jets targeted the Guard on the southwest outskirts of Baghdad on Monday and early Tuesday, preparing the battlefield. Some bombers shifted from precision-guided bombs, used mostly against buildings and other high-value targets, to MK-83 air-burst bombs deployed mostly against infantry.

"We're about to put the 1st Marine Division in scoring position and swing for the fences," said Col. David Pere, of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Meanwhile, 30 AH-64 Apache attack helicopters were in the air.

Off-campus attacks create student concerns

By Shaunna Trudelle
Staff Reporter

Two assaults at Keene State College have students worried and looking for tips to keep themselves safe.

Amanda Warman, director of campus safety, said the first person assaulted was a male at 1:20 a.m. He was seen at the emergency room for minor injuries and released.

The second victim was a female who was sexually assaulted shortly after at 2:29 a.m. She was also seen at the emergency room and released. Both of the assaults were taken place between 85 Winchester Street

ATTACKS, A3

University status not obtained by Plymouth State, no change for Keene

By Mike Kalil
Staff Reporter

Flash back to your senior year of high school. Would you have still chosen Keene as your destination if it was called Keene State University? If more high schoolers applied impressed by the "U," do you think you still would've gotten accepted?

A proposal to change Plymouth State College's name to Plymouth State University got rejected last month.

None other than Richard Gustafson, former vice president of Keene State College and current president of Southern New Hampshire University, shot the bill down. He testified that PSC does not meet the criterion

needed to gain university status. The University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees unanimously approved the name change in an October business meeting in Durham.

University System Chancellor Stephen Reno said, "This is a natural step in the college's evolution," and expected the change to "not only enhance Plymouth State's ability to serve its own many constituencies but will assist the entire University System in its mission of service across the state and region."

Entitled Senate Bill 113, it was submitted by Republican Senator Carl Johnson of Meredith. The proposal garnered support from bi-partisans in the New Hampshire Legislature, including

freshman Steve Kelley said. According to Michael Matros, PSC, A10

Students report a mixture of feelings towards war

By Maureen Kelly
Staff Reporter

While the United States is now in the early stages of a war against Iraq, much of the Keene State College community is questioning the intent and purpose of the mission.

"I don't agree with President Bush's reasoning for going to war right now."

Catrina Rubin, Junior

"I think that it is stupid at this point to have gone to war," said Michael Fitzpatrick, a freshman.

"I would have supported it, but I think they rushed into it and could have waited longer," Fitzpatrick said.

Since the U.S. began moving into Iraq last week, many have said that they are confused about the assorted messages they seem to be receiving about what is taking place.

"I have a mixed view of it. Sometimes I feel that it is important to be there but with all of the accidents that keep happening. I think we need to reevaluate the situation," said Christian Demers, a junior.

Still, others believe that the U.S. government is doing the right thing quickly.

REACTIONS, A2

Blurring the lines of gender roles

By Robert deHaan
Staff Reporter

Caroline Cloutier, a post-operative transsexual and former Keene State professor, spoke about her experiences as a transsexual on March 11. The mostly female crowd for her presentation was so large that people were sitting in the aisles.

"I lived the first 35 years of my life as a male," she said.

"Because of that, I got a blue blanket instead of a pink one," she added. Cloutier went on to say that for the vast majority of people, what genders they are is obvious. This was not the case for her, she added.

"From my first memory, I knew that something was cosmically, metaphysically wrong," she said.

She then told a story about playing knights and castles with her little sister when they were both children. Cloutier said that she wanted to be the princess in the game, but was rebuked by her little sister.

This interaction caused her to retreat from her female gender for a decade, she said. She began cross-dressing as a teenager, and said that

she discovered a lot in college. "That was the first time in my life that I knew that there were people like me," she said.

However, Cloutier continued to live as a man after college, married a woman, and fathered two children, she said.

Yet, the stress of living as a man was taking a toll on her.

"I went through a serious bout of depression," she said.

She discussed the situation with her wife and they came to the conclusion that Cloutier must undergo the transition to a female, she said. She began to take hormones, but delayed further treatment when the couple found out they were expecting a child.

After consulting with psychiatrists, Cloutier was approved for her sex-change operation, and had it performed when her children were 4-years-old, she said.

"I felt really comfortable for the first time in my life," she said.

Cloutier tries to fulfill the role of a father for her children, yet they call her "Mutt," which is the German word for mommy, she said.

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married, for the sake of their children and their mutual love for each other, she said. She later added that her spouse is heterosexual, and they are not sexually active with each other.

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the right thing in intervening in Iraq. Many said that it is important to help the people of Iraq, and feel that the actions the US military is engaging in are necessary.

"I think that the country of Iraq has been under tyranny for so many years and I'm for the liberation of the people," said Jared Bland, a freshman.

"I support the troops and the war effort 100 percent," because I think that it is a worthy cause," said Bland.

Allysha Lana, the president of the junior class and a Campus Crusade for Christ member, believes that the war may actually serve a greater purpose.

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Multicultural housing creates co-ed, supportive community

By Shaunna Trudelle
Staff Reporter

Keene State College has approved its first living learning community on campus dedicated to multiculturalism.

Residence Director Amy Reynelli, said that the multicultural house for the 2003-2004 academic year is being called "Multicultural Advocacy, Promotion and Support (MAPS). The proposal for the new building was begun in late September and submitted for approval in an extensive 12 pages with a one-and-a-half page cover letter.

"Another long term goal of this house is to work with KSC's Diversity Commission to create a multicultural minor," said Reynelli.

Despite the name of the housing, there are some requirements that must be met before anyone can live in the house. A minimum GPA of 2.5 must be held, according to Reynelli. All residents must also enroll and successfully complete ENG-245, fulfill attendance requirements for classes, seminars, programs and events, maintain good judicial standing, participate in

the creation, development and implementation of educational programs and events, and maintain active status with selected and or assigned campus wide committees.

Freshman Danielle Carey said she talked to Reynelli, along with freshman Mathew Roy, about changing their living conditions. They were asked to live together and were told that they could not but looked into having a multicultural house on campus.

Carey said they did research on different environments and feeling comfortable in them. They went to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst to look at their living communities since they did have a co-ed environment.

"We will feel like we



Photo by Chris Dunn
Soon 48 Butler Ct. will turn into multicultural housing.

are helping people out not just ourselves," said Carey. Roy said he is a homosexual and felt uncomfortable living with his roommate. The new house is a great opportunity for anyone. It will open up the campus to know more about diversity and that it is something they have to live with instead of just tolerate.

"In order to have a proper education, you have to feel comfortable in your surroundings," said Roy.

When Kimberly Schmidt-Gagne was asked questions on this topic, one of her responses was, "Lately it seems that no matter how careful I, or other members of Res Life are with talking about things with The Equinox, we are misquoted and at times our words are actually twisted to make things look as bad as possible."

Some aspects of the

requirements for the house were decided by Residential Life, said Reynelli. In the first year the MAPS area will be adjusting, finding its place on campus, and establishing credibility. The school will benefit in many ways from this change.

There will be an increase in student representation in various campus committees, educational programming by students, for students and by students for faculty and staff, by having additional resources available to students who are in some type of minority status, and by having students dedicated to helping the college enhance its efforts in attracting minority students and also in supporting them once they come to KSC.

The house they had approved to use will accommodate eight people. There will be common areas in the house to use for meetings and seminars. There are two bathrooms, which allows for both males and females to live in the house. The house will keep consistent with the male/female split on campus and house five women and three men a 60 to 40 ratio.

Some aspects of the

Presidential candidate organizes KSC volunteers for campaign

By Mike Lenz
Staff Reporter

With less than one year to go, the race for the Presidential Democratic nomination is beginning to heat up.

Duke University students traveled from North Carolina to Keene State College to set up the first organizational meeting for Presidential candidate John Edwards before Spring Break.

While a small crowd attended the first organizational meeting for Senator Edwards (D-NC), the feelings of passion and purpose filled the room.

Andrew Tripp, a Duke University student who addressed the crowd explained why the United States would benefit under Edwards.

"Senator Edwards has been a

man of principle. He is the polar opposite of Mr. Bush in every facet. He supports Roe v. Wade, is in support of international treaties and believes in moving multilaterally and realizes that quality healthcare is important for Americans. Edwards also grew up in the middle class and put himself through school. He understands the importance of America's working class," Tripp said.

As Tripp spoke, a sign-up sheet was being passed around the room. The sheet encouraged those in attendance to sign up for the Edwards campaign. Also in the background were several "John Edwards for President" signs.

Fellow Duke University student Jonathan Krause fired up the crowd with his passionate

speech about why John Edwards should win the Democratic Nomination.

"John Edwards is someone that I believe in. He is a man of tremendous principle. He's everything that George W. Bush isn't. To be quite honest with you, four more years of Bush scares the hell out of me," Krause said.

According to Krause, Edwards is a supporter of a woman's right to choose, a protector of the environment, and capable of diplomatic foreign affairs.

"John Edwards is a man of integrity and he will not let us down," Krause said.

Krause also explained that Edwards has an advantage over other candidates.

EDWARDS, A3



Photo by Jason Ku
Andrew Tripp, Jonathan Krause, and Chris Coates, traveled from Duke University to organize volunteers for the John Edwards campaign.

Sound Off

What do you think about the extreme media coverage for the war?

Compiled by Seth Crehan



"Informational."



"Good for families."



"Good to know what's going on."



"Very surreal."



"It's needed to let the American people know where and how our troops are doing."

Eric Hastadt
Freshman
Safety

Chris Perry
Junior
Communications

Nate Rittin
Senior
Graphic Design

Lauren Hastadt
Elementary Ed & Sociology

Scott Beliveau
Senior
Communications

War, slow economy means fewer available jobs for KSC graduates

Elliot Center offers advice for graduating seniors seeking jobs

By Katie Dominello
Staff Reporter

As the end of the semester approaches, the Elliot Center is willing to help any frustrated Keene State seniors who are having a hard time finding jobs.

With the job market being so tight right now because of the slow economy, many students are finding it hard to get the jobs they want right out of college. For seniors, the outlook of the job market depends on several factors.

"It depends on their major, the location where students are looking for jobs, and the students resume," said Judy Perry, director of academic and career advising.

Perry suggested that students build up their resumes by doing internships, part-time or summer jobs in their related field, or any outside or community service work. Perry believes that writing a resume should be

a continuing process. "Students should be perfecting their resume all along. That's a work in progress. It's never something that you do and put away and is never looked at again," she said.

The Elliot Center also offers weekly resume writing workshops where any student can get assistance in preparing their resume.

The Elliot Center also offers workshops in job search techniques.

"This is not going to be the only job that you ever look for in your life, so we equip students with the skills to go out not just for the first job but all jobs to come," said Marri

VanderWoude, from the career resource library at the Elliot Center.

For students who don't find a job right out of college, Perry suggests they keep looking or find jobs related to their field.

"Sometimes you don't find the ideal job, but you might find a job in the area that you are interested in," said Perry.

Both Perry and VanderWoude suggest that it is never too early for students to be looking for jobs.

Perry said that part-time and summer jobs come in handy when it comes time to look for a job.

"Those jobs can help build important parts of a resume,

your building skills, your networking, those are where your letters of recommendation can come from and your building up a work ethic," said Perry.

For many seniors the stress of searching for a job is beginning to set in.

"It's stressful not knowing where you really going to end up and how you going to get there," said Megan Pollock, a senior who will be graduating with a BFA in studio art and graphic design.

Because of her busy schedule Pollock plans on beginning her job search after graduation.

Pollock feels the classes she is taking in her major have helped prepare her for her job

search.

"We have our portfolio class at the end, and that really prepares you for the real world and what to expect and how to prepare your work and your resumes," said Pollock.

The Elliot Center suggests that students who need help looking for jobs either look on the Web site or come into the center and make an appointment or just look around.

VanderWoude offered advice for students who are beginning to get frustrated with the job search. "The job search is a process and you have to expect that it's going to take time it's just not going to happen overnight."

Seven graduates also thought there ought to be a bar on campus, one thought there should be a St. Patrick's Day celebration, and yet another former student wanted campus safety to "let us party."

No matter how much the veracity of the study is questioned, it seems that just about everyone is in agreement that there is indeed a problem, whether or not it's an epidemic is what's debated.

Whelan said, "Alcohol abuse and misuse is a serious problem in the United States generally particularly among American teens, and on college campuses."

Whelan sees the latest study as nothing short of "anti-alcohol propaganda."

Matthew concluded with, "regardless of the exact statistics, we still know there is a high profile minority of students that are experiencing serious problems as a result of their alcohol consumption, as well as impacting the health, safety and welfare of the rest of their campus community."

Water keeps rising

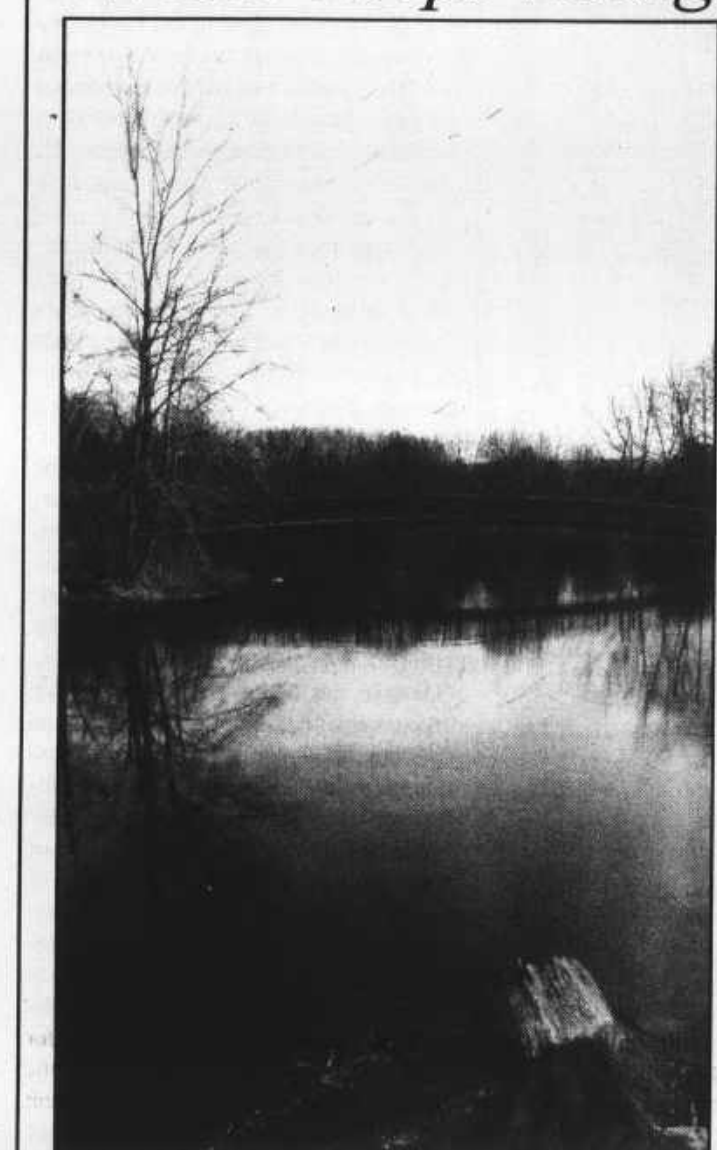


Photo by Jim Francis
With the recent warm weather, the snow that had covered the campus has begun melting, causing the Ashuelot River to rise tremendously.

EDWARDS

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"Senator Edwards has a distinct advantage over candidates such as Joe Lieberman, John Kerry and Howard Dean. Edwards has been elected to office in a largely conservative state (North Carolina), if one looks at demographics it is important to be able to garner the northern and southern votes. Edwards, like former president Bill Clinton has this advantage. He has the experience and the confidence to capture several important states that could decide the election," Krause said.

City Counselor and democratic committee member, Chris Coates, said it is important for New Hampshire Democrats and

Independents to get involved. "It is important for everyone to get involved. New Hampshire is an important state in deciding the Democratic nomination," Coates said.

Like Tripp and Krause, Coates felt strongly that Edwards was the Democrat's best chance to defeat the President.

"Edwards is everything that can make Bush spend his \$800,000,000. Bush is all about corporate America. Edwards cares about the average American," Coates said.

All three speakers encouraged students to form an organizational committee.

"Student organizations are very important. As we found out in the past election, every vote counts," Tripp said.

EDWARDS, A3

-Campus Safety Log-

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ATTACKS

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ment, if something doesn't feel right do something about it, and use the blue lights if needed.

"All of the people who work at campus safety care a great deal for the community and they show that a great deal throughout the year," Christopher said.

Campus safety is doing many things to keep students safe, Christopher said. They are patrolling and responding to emergencies when called. They also have a program called RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense. It is a program taught at a number of colleges and Christopher is one of the five instructors involved at KSC. They also give presentations about crime prevention at the college. They work closely with the Keene Police and follow up and do investigations when needed. All of the residence halls have

electronic access systems to monitor the doors. The fire alarm systems are connected directly to the Keene fire department. They also have crime alerts through e-mails and posters, Christopher said.

"It is a wonderful experience to work with this group of people who have so much heart and commitment," Christopher said.

David Keaveney, liaison officer for KSC and Keene Police officer, said there are several officers working on the assaults. They are more in-depth than was first thought. One of the cases has been closed but the other is more complicated then was initially reported. That case is being followed up by the Keene police investigations committee.

"The campus has nothing to fear, as both assaults do not appear to be random like initially reported," Keaveney said.

NATION and World

Names in the news

By Annette John-Hall
Knight Ridder Newspapers
DIXIE CHICKS VS. PETA

As if President Bush wasn't a big enough foe, the Dixie Chicks are in hot water again, possibly with a more formidable foe: PETA.

Actually, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals doesn't have a beef with the band, but with its management company, which nixed an ad the Texas-based trio did as part of PETA's "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" campaign. The ad featured Natalie Maines, Emily Robison and Martie Maguire posing in a field of flowers clad in nothing more than a few strategically placed instruments.

The band's managers, afraid that the recent brouhaha over Maines' antiwar statements would embroil the Chicks in another boycott, pulled the ad. They even tried to pay PETA \$10,000 to pretend the whole thing never happened, MSNBC reports.

"They are the Dixie Chicks, not the Stepford Wives," a PETA spokesman said. "This trio... aren't afraid to voice their views."

KRAVITZ'S SONG FOR PEACE
Plenty of celebs have been vocal about their antiwar sentiments. Lenny Kravitz is doing them one better: The 38-year-old nose-ringed rocker is letting love rule by recording a duet with Iraq's reigning pop star, Kadim Al Sahir.

"We Want Peace," made available for download on Rock the Vote's Web site Tuesday (www.rockthevote.org), is being billed as "an urgent call... for America to be a peaceful leader in the world."

The song, which contains astute political commentary such as "There won't be peace if we don't try," also features Palestinian musician Simon Shaheen on strings and Lebanese artist Jamey Haddad on percussion.

"Lenny Kravitz is a true patriot," said Jehmu Greene, Rock the Vote's executive director.

Talk about courting controversy. Some folks may wish Kravitz would just "Fly Away."

CALVIN VS. SPREWELL
So is it those baggy NBA shorts or Latrell Sprewell's hip-hop braids that got fashion giant Calvin Klein so fired up?

Something must have gotten to Klein during Monday's New York Knicks home game against the Toronto Raptors' security guards had to escort the 60-year-old designer back to his court-side seat after he walked up to the 6-foot-5 Knicks guard in the middle of play.

Sprewell was about to inbound the basketball just before the end of the Knicks' 100-90 win when Klein grabbed him by the arm and struck up a conversation.

"I wasn't nervous," Sprewell said. "I was a little surprised... I didn't know that was him." He did not divulge what Klein said to him.

After Klein sat back down, he yelled, "Sprewell!" His reps have not returned calls.

POLANSKI'S DELAYED REACTION

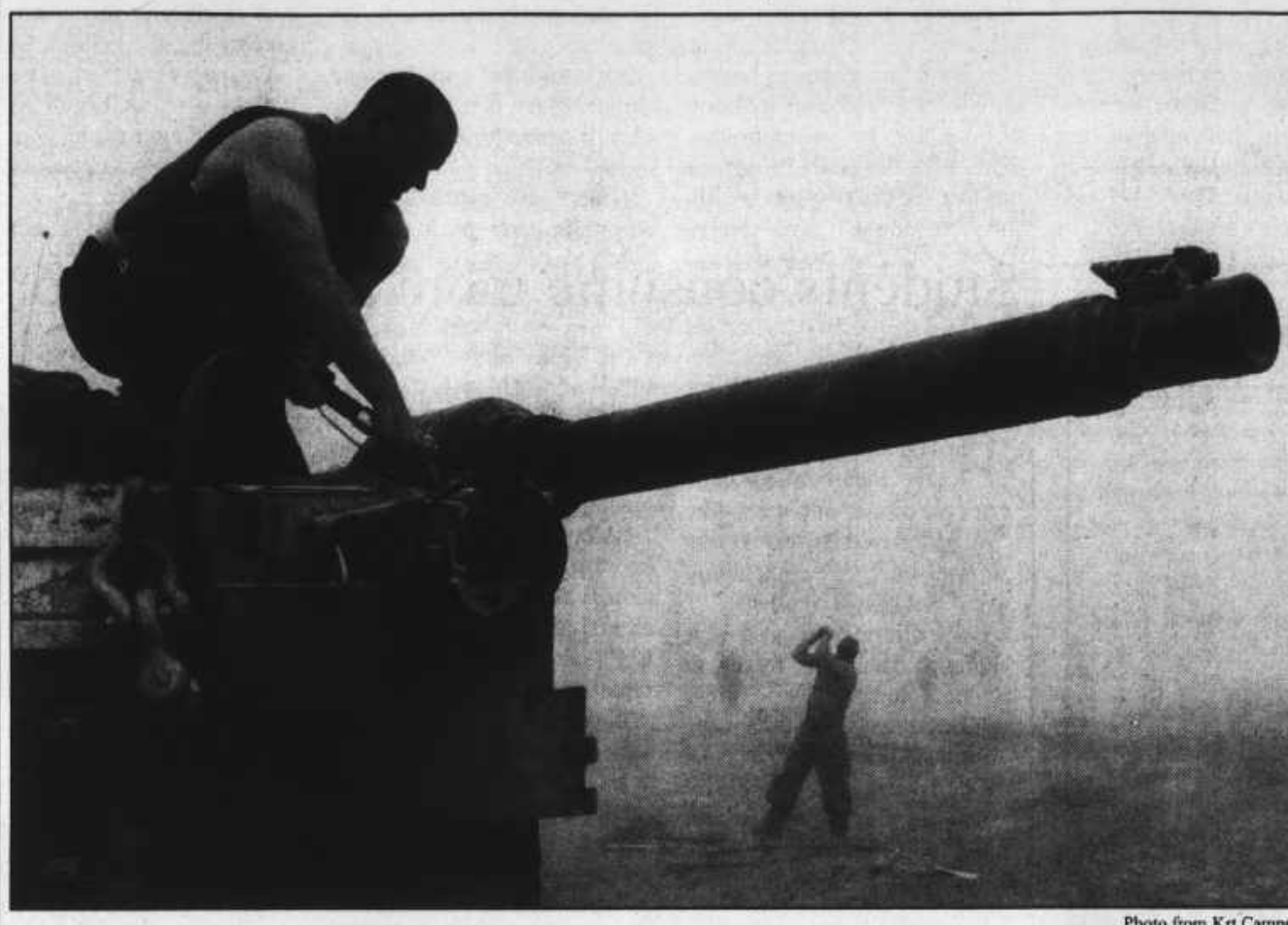
A convicted felon and an Oscar-winning director. As fight promoter Don King would say, "Only in America!" We speak of Roman Polanski, who was barred from picking up his first-ever Academy Award for "The Pianist" because he's a fugitive: He was convicted of statutory rape 25 years ago.

Polanski, 69, and his 34-year-old wife, actress Emmanuelle Seigner, watched the ceremony from a \$2,450-a-night suite at a Paris hotel.

"I am deeply moved to be rewarded for the work which relates to the events so close to my personal experience, events which helped me to understand that art can transcend pain," Polanski said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Andrzej Szpilman, son of the Polish Holocaust survivor whose memoirs the film is based upon, hailed the film as a tribute to the victims of World War II.

War rages on in Iraq led by U.S.



The sandstorm gave U.S. troops a chance to fule up their tanks.

U.S. forces slowed by sandstorms

By JUAN O. TAMAYO,
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A rippling yellow curtain of sand-fueled winds slowed, but did not halt, the coalition's advance on Baghdad as Tuesday, killing hundreds of Iraqis on the road to the capital.

In Basra, the nation's second largest city, hazy reports emerged of a possible uprising against Saddam Hussein.

Near Najaf, about 100 miles southwest of Baghdad, the Army's 7th Cavalry Regiment came under heavy fire from Iraqis armed with rocket-propelled grenades, according to a senior defense official at the Pentagon.

"We did not engage them," he said. "They engaged us."

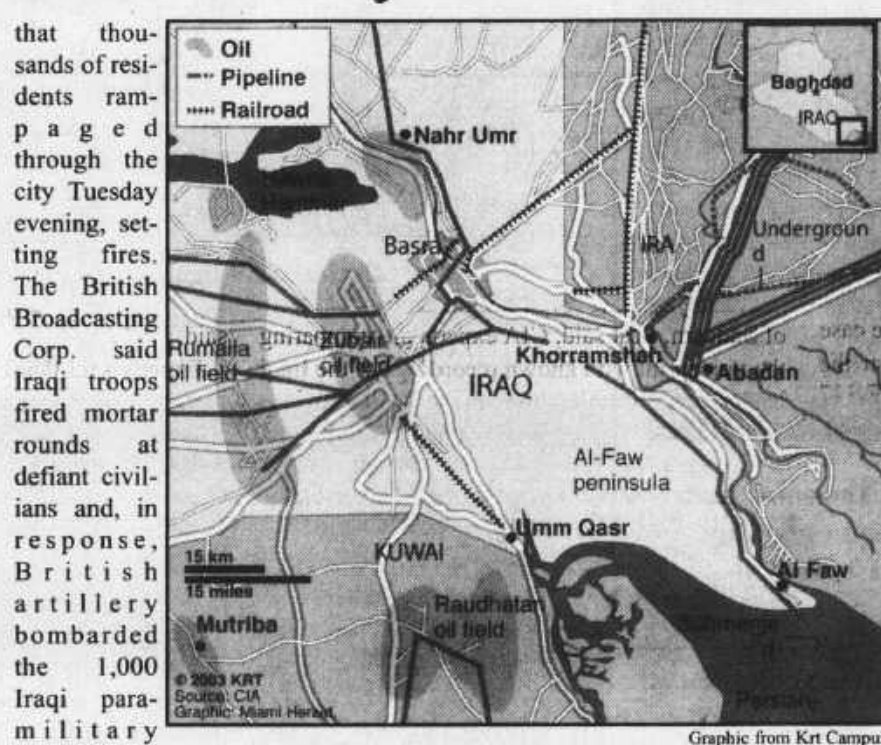
Details were sketchy, but the U.S. troops reportedly repelled the attack, killing as many as 300 Iraqi fighters. No U.S. casualties were immediately reported in the engagement.

With what could be the most decisive battle of the war looming over the horizon in Baghdad, more U.S. troops closed in on the city. Artillery pounded Republican Guard positions that stood in the way. Airstrikes battered Iraqi missile sites just outside the capital.

And nearly everyone cursed and endured the storm. "It looks like it's raining sand," said Marine Capt. Neil Murphy.

As supplies of food, water and other necessities dwindled in Basra, the British media reported a popular uprising there. Most of the city's 1.3 million people are Shiite Muslims who historically have chafed under Saddam's Sunni-dominated regime.

The nature of the rebellion was not clear. Unconfirmed reports claimed



The current hot spots in Iraq.

British military officials, with limited access to Basra, said the situation was difficult to assess. They acknowledged some form of rebellion there, but said its scope, duration, targets and leaders were unknown.

Still, British forces on the edge of Basra launched attacks to support any uprising must succeed," said British Army spokesman Col. Chris Vernon.

Two British soldiers were killed by friendly fire near Basra when their tank was mistakenly targeted by another British tank, officials said.

Iraqi officials denied that a Shiite rebellion was under way, and Saddam again sought to rally his people. "Consider this to be the command of faith and jihad and fight them," he said in a message broadcast on Iraqi televi-

sion.

Some sources said the rebellion seemed relatively small and led by members of the Iran-based Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. If so, that could be bad news for the United States: The group envisions Iraq as an Islamic republic, not a Western-style democracy.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the United States and its allies were not encouraging uprisings but welcomed any support in Basra.

"Anyone who is involved in an uprising has a whale of a lot of courage, and I sure hope they succeed," he said.

The city has been largely without electricity and potable water since Friday. Allied officers said Saddam's paramilitary forces intentionally curtailed availability of those necessities.

SANDSTORM, A8

In media coverage, it's anybody's war

By ROBERT
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Newspapers

During the past couple of years, CNN has trailed the newer Fox News Channel in the ratings, and the current Iraq war is an opportunity to change that. CNN, leaning on the reputation it made for itself during the first Persian Gulf War, is counting on its coverage of this one to help it regain cable-news dominance.

Don't expect it to happen. It's not a matter of who's covering the war better, or who has more reporters in the region, or whom viewers trust more. It's a matter of

there being more alternatives than in the past, and of CNN trying to attract a more general audience while its competition aims at niche viewers.

In 1991, CNN's war coverage helped it earn the respect that it had craved since it went on the air in 1980. CNN's dramatic coverage from Baghdad, with Peter Arnett, Bernard Shaw and John Holliman giving on-the-scene reports while the Iraqi capital was under attack, received almost as much attention as the attacks themselves.

"I do wonder if this (current war) is looked upon by CNN as an opportunity," said Roger Cooper, profes-

sor of radio, TV and film at Texas Christian University. "Because I think people do still associate breaking events and the previous Gulf War with CNN, so people might be tempted to sample CNN more because of what's going on right now than they would on a regular night of television."

But in the years since the Persian Gulf War, CNN's ratings have declined, especially since 1996, when Fox News and MSNBC began offering 24-hour cable-news options. And the alternatives have grown even more plentiful since then, with several cable channels, such as BBC America and

Newsweek International, targeting even more niche audiences.

The expanded landscape makes it impossible for CNN to dominate, but it makes it impossible for any one else to dominate, either. A network that wants to stand out the way CNN did in 1991 would have to offer something spectacularly different from what the other networks offer. So far, that hasn't happened.

When this war's biggest stories have broken, the coverage across the dial have looked a lot alike, even though most networks were using their own footage. When U.S. missiles struck Baghdad on Wednesday

Rumsfeld's strategy under fire as war risks become apparent

By JOSEPH L. GALLOWAY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Five days into the war, the optimistic assumptions of the Pentagon's civilian war planners have yet to be realized, the risks of the campaign are becoming increasingly apparent and some current and retired military officials are warning that there may be a mismatch between Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld's strategy and the force he's sent to carry it out.

The outcome of the war isn't in doubt: Iraq's forces are no match for America and its allies. But, so far, defeating them is proving to be harder, and it could prove to be longer and costlier in American and Iraqi lives than the architects of the American war plan expected.

And if weather, Iraqi resistance, chemical weapons or anything else turned things suddenly and unexpectedly sour, the backup force, the Army's 4th Infantry Division, is still in Texas with its equipment sailing around the Arabian peninsula.

Despite the aerial pounding they've taken, it's not clear that Saddam Hussein, his lieutenants or their praetorian guard are either shocked or awed. Instead of capitulating, some regular Iraqi army units are harassing American supply lines. Contrary to American hopes, and some officials' expectations, no top commander of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard has capitulated. Even some ordinary Iraqis are greeting advancing American and British forces as invaders, not as liberators.

"This is the ground war that was not going to happen in (Rumsfeld's) plan," said a Pentagon official. Because the Pentagon didn't commit overwhelming force, "now we have three divisions strung out over 300-plus miles and the follow-on division, our reserve, is probably three weeks away from landing."

Asked Monday about concerns that the coalition force isn't big enough, Defense Department spokesperson Victoria Clarke replied: "... most people with real information are saying we have the right mix of forces. We also have a plan that allows it to adapt and to scale up and down as needed."

Knowledgeable defense and administration officials say Rumsfeld and his civilian aides at first wanted to commit no more than 60,000 American troops to the war on the assumption that the Iraqis would capitulate in two days.

Intelligence officials say Rumsfeld, his deputy Paul Wolfowitz and other Pentagon civilians ignored much of the advice of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency in favor of reports from the Iraqi opposition and from Israeli sources that predicted an immediate uprising against Saddam once the Americans attacked.

The officials said Rumsfeld also made his disdain for the Army's heavy division very clear when he argued about the war plan with Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the allied commander. Franks wanted more and more heavily armed forces, said one senior administration official; Rumsfeld kept pressing for smaller, lighter and more agile ones, with much bigger roles for air power and special forces.

"Our force package is very light," said a retired senior general. "If things don't happen exactly as you assumed, you get into a tangle, a mismatch of your strategy and your force. Things like the pockets (of Iraqi resistance) in Basra, Umm Qasr and Nasariyah need to be dealt with forcefully, but we don't have the forces to do it."

The Secretary of Defense cut off the flow of Army units, saying this thing would be over in two days," said a retired senior general who has followed the evolution of the war plan. "He shut down movement of the 1st Cavalry Division and the 1st Armored Division. Now we don't even have a nominal ground force."

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Saddam's fate unclear after initial strike on Baghdad

By WARREN P. STROBEL AND TIM
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A war-opening strike against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and his inner circle appears to have significantly shaken the Baghdad regime, although the fate of Saddam and his two sons remained unknown, Bush administration officials said Thursday.

A tape of Saddam broadcast on Iraqi television after the strike appeared to be the Iraqi leader himself, rather than a double, the officials said. They cautioned that computer analysis of the person's voice, mannerisms and appearance was continuing and that no definitive conclusions had been reached.

CIA analysts have not determined whether the tape was live or prerecorded before the attack, said U.S. intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But one official said that the U.S. intelligence community had picked up indications recently that the Iraqi regime was preparing several tapes of Saddam to have "in the can" in the event of a U.S. strike, to portray the Iraqi leader as still in control.

Another official said that the "limited and piecemeal" Iraqi response so far to the first day of U.S. attacks could be a sign of confusion in the Iraqi leadership, or that Saddam's control of Iraqi security forces had been severed.

"There's been no unified counterattack," said the official. "A few commanders are doing little things. A lot more aren't doing anything."

The cruise missile and air strike was launched Wednesday after the CIA learned that senior members of Saddam's inner circle, possibly including the Iraqi leader and his sons Uday and Qusay, had gathered in a bunker under a home in southern Baghdad.

That prompted a sudden change in U.S. war planning, pre-empting plans to open the war with a massive series of airstrikes on Thursday.

"An opportunity presented itself that one took," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in an interview Thursday. "It was a credit to our military and intelligence officials that they were able to deal with this... It really was impressive, and I know about such things. It was good."

Powell, who was in the White House meetings Wednesday until he left to call Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and other leaders, said there was no debate about the legality of targeting a foreign leader. The United States was at war and "we were going after the leadership of the enemy forces, the opposing forces," he said.

CIA Director George Tenet, who made the case for the early strike, remained confident that the attack by Tomahawk cruise missiles and F-117 "stealth" attack planes carrying 2,000-pound, satellite-guided bombs killed or incapacitated at least one and probably more top Iraqi leaders, a senior U.S. official said.

There was an unconfirmed report, apparently from Russian intelligence agencies, that Qusay, the more powerful of Saddam's sons and head of



During the first night of the war the U.S. hit a bunker where officials believed head Iraqi officials were meeting.

Iraq's pervasive security forces, had died in the attack.

Most analysts believe that without Saddam, who has ruled Iraq with bloody ruthlessness since 1979, the regime would soon collapse.

Qusay and the unstable Uday, who was wounded in a 1996 assassination attempt, "don't have the presence or gravitas" to take their father's place, said former CIA profiling expert Jerrold Post, director of George Washington University's political psychology program.

In reference to the tape, Post, who has prepared psychological profiles of the Iraqi leader, said, "My gut reaction (was) that doesn't look like Saddam to me."

In analyzing the seven-minute tape of Saddam, Post said, CIA experts are comparing the voiceprint with known recordings of the Iraqi leader and matching the image with previous appearances, a process not unlike interpreting satellite photos.

Another senior U.S. official said there could be "a good deal of uncertainty for a long while" about the tape and the fate of Saddam.

"If it is him, he clearly had a bad night, because he doesn't look too good," the official said, refer-

ring to Saddam's puffy and bleary-eyed appearance.

But this official and others said there were several clues suggesting that the broadcast may have been pre-recorded.

The person on the tape mentions the date of the U.S. attack, but that could have easily been guessed beforehand because of President Bush's ultimatum for Saddam to leave Iraq, which expired Wednesday evening.

Nor was there any mention of the strike on the leadership bunker, which Saddam might be expected to use to taunt Bush.

"The rest of it is all very generic and could have been done at any time," the senior official said.

Experts said that if he lived through the dawn barrage, Saddam would attempt to hunker down with his most loyal forces, the Republican Guard, Special Republican Guard and Special Security Organization, to lure U.S. soldiers toward Baghdad. The three have a total of about 75,000 men.

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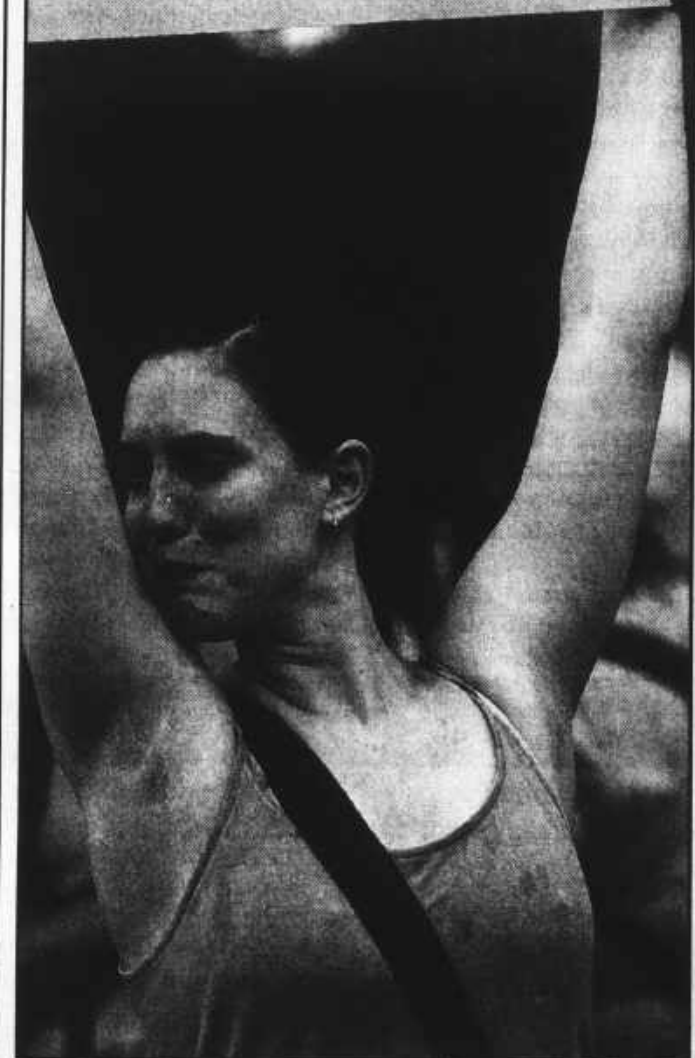
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A voice for peace



Urdina Nagy, a Florida State student from Orlando protests the war with Iraq last weekend.

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Equinox Editorial

War: where do you stand?

As Spring Breakers return from tropical locations, having been forced to replace pina colodas and Banana Boat suntan lotion with planners and pencils, we are greeted by the grim existence of war. And, unlike the first Gulf War that many of us had experienced as adolescents, this is one that mandates our involvement.

From scribbled chalk writings on Roxbury Street's wide sidewalks to angry editorials, from Saturday morning protests to yellow ribbons or thoughts or silent prayers, we are all fighting this war.

It is evident within the pages of your student newspaper that there is, within our small community, a wide variety of opinions regarding the conflict that climaxed last Wednesday.

Although we may not all feel that the war is just, that George Bush is warranted in his actions (although MSNBC reported last Monday that his approval rating increased by five points since the war's start), or that Iraqi citizens are in dire need of a liberating force only the United States Armed Forces can provide, it is necessary to maintain a dialogue and even more imperative to educate ourselves of the war effort.

It takes a collective group to make change. Let's work to educate ourselves to enhance communication with each other to bring about an end to the war.

War is a necessary evil for those who did their homework

I was passing through Keene recently and decided to drop by the campus for a quick yet overdue visit. I picked up a copy of The Equinox.

I was not surprised to see that stories of the impending war with Iraq filled its pages, but as I read the reports of the anti-war rallies and the quotes from some of those protesting, I was angered, saddened and needed to exercise my right to free speech.

Judging from the comments in the many articles, I can only presume that the protesters were not just "Anti-War," but more appropriately "Anti-Bush." If one were to read the quotes in these reports, ones like "They are only concerned about imperialism" and "Unfortunately, people don't understand our history of terrorizing other countries," one would think that these people were residents of Iraq, not America. If these protesters are so anti-violence and peace-loving, then why are they so sympathetic to a ruthless, murdering, oppressive dictator?

Do these protesters then condone the rape, torture and execution of innocent people, which occur regularly in Iraq? I don't get it.

Do they really believe that one morning, George Bush in a state of boredom, decided that he wanted to have a little fun and decided to invade the peaceful, fun-loving country of Iraq? Students say, "Iraq should be free to do what they want" and "I think to attack a country preemptively is wrong." Have these students ever heard of the Gulf War? Do they know that Iraq invaded the sovereign country of Kuwait just because Saddam Hussein wanted to control their oil and gas fields? I guess that killing hundreds, causing millions in damage and causing a catastrophic environmental disaster by lighting the Kuwaiti oil fields ablaze is considered perfectly acceptable to these peace-lovers?

I can't understand why there were no signs or protesters denouncing Saddam. Asking him to comply with just one of the 18 U.N. resolutions requiring him to disarm. No, it's all Bush's fault. As part of the surrender agreement Hussein signed in 1991, he agreed to immediately and completely

disarm his country of all weapons of mass destruction, those that U.N. inspectors confirmed he possessed when they were forced out of Iraq in 1998. They say to "Let The Inspections Work." After seven years of deception, lies and threats, the inspectors left, unable to complete their task. Twelve years and 18 resolutions later, Hussein refuses to comply with the world's request. But that's Bush's fault too, right?

If violence is so wrong, then where were those protests when then-president Clinton lobbed hundreds of cruise missiles over Baghdad in 1998? Where was the outrage, the protest marches when Bill Clinton, without U.N. approval, bombed and invaded Kosovo and Bosnia in 1999? Certainly, Hussein is much more of a threat to America than Milosevic ever was. Why were these military missions under the leadership of a democratic president acceptable to these anti-war protesters, but Bush is a "War Monger?"

Pacifism is a great concept in theory. To live in a world without



What are we teaching our kids?

'Might makes right' attitude an American value

Our children are barraged with escalating images of violence from every direction. Parents, teachers, and community leaders have long been concerned about the part that violent television, films, song lyrics, toys, and video games are playing in the formation of children's attitudes and behavior. The issue has been debated on TV talk shows, in community forums, in our schools and in our homes.

Manifestations of violence, particularly male violence, do not occur by accident. They are often the products of a society that sees violence as a viable and, more often than not, preferable means to resolving conflict and establishing and maintaining dominance over others. One need only watch a sampling of current television programming and popular movies to see how these attitudes of domination through violence and humiliation are being acted out and glorified.

But these are not the only places where our children are learning this lesson of male domination through violence, oppression, and fear. They are being bombarded through the news media by images of a global situation that reflects this "might makes right" attitude. It is the U.S. administration's endorsement of a "strategic intervention" or war as a means to ensure American safety and dominance in a world threatened by terrorism. This smack-down attitude and rhetoric seems to permeate so many of the statements coming from our administration.

We at the MMRC believe the executive branch of our government embodies that attitude. Despite substantial domestic and international objections, our leadership insists on violence as the only solution to ensure American security and influence in the world. Statements like "Axis of Evil," "You're either with us or against us," and admonishing other nations to "show a little backbone," provide a model for domination through violence, humiliation, and fear.

We believe that these strategies are not unlike those of the perpetrators of domestic violence or the playground bully. We believe that by mimicking the worst characteristics of

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Staff Commentaries

Fear and loathing

Terrorism a thousand-head dragon

United we stand? Divided we fall? Well this time folks I am going to have to go with the latter. I am not uniting with this dismal self-obsessed nation I embarrassingly call home. I live in the United States, but I no longer can refer to myself as an American, at least not until Bush is voted out of the White House.



Andrew Forbes is an Equinox staff member.

War is supposed to be the last option. An option only used when diplomacy fails. I don't think George W. Bush (W stands for "what the hell am I thinking?") can pronounce the word let alone define it. I have not heard one valid argument come out of "fearless leader's" mouth concerning this war. I have heard lots of rambling about Sept. 11.

Now this is where most people disagree with me. We deserved it! I am not saying that innocent people should die. I did mourn for those lost in the horrific event, but sorry to say folks, this was a long time coming. Look at our lives and how we live. We are the bullies of the world gobbling up other cultures, super-imposing ours on theirs. We have enough resources here to live a healthy, normal lifestyle. Yet we seem to have this overwhelming desire to get more, faster, bigger and louder.

Go outside of this country and you will feel the tension people have against us, even in countries that are our so-called allies. I fear they won't be for long once "Dubbyla" blows Iraq to pieces, probably not even killing Saddam, and rebuilds it with American money and companies so that it won't look threatening to us. That is our answer to everything. "Let's make them more like us." I just shake my head.

During the president's address on St. Patty's Day, he kept saying we are a peaceful nation. Huh? This is when I took half a bottle of Advil just to deal with the hypocrisy that

was spewing from his mouth. Peaceful, we are bombing the shit out of a country whose people are dying so our president can gain control over Iraqi oil and piss off the French, all while turning the country into our territory.

This war with Iraq came on quickly. It was only in October that Bush addressed Congress telling that Iraq was not currently a threat to our nation. What happened? He had all the facts he has now? I don't understand. I do understand that this is going to result in many deaths, from both sides of the line. But then again, we are all going to be dead by August anyway when North Korea finishes making their nuclear weapons, seeing that CNN reported that North Korea is two years at least ahead of Iraq in their nuclear weapon development. Yet we let them do their thing. Why? North Korea is going to become Terrorist Nuclear Knart (if they name it that I am suing for likeness rights). I know all of you are thinking, well once we kill Saddam terrorism will be done forever. We will have won this "War on Terrorism." Sorry to break it to you folks, but this "War on Terrorism," will be just as effective as the "War on Drugs."

Terrorism is a thousand-headed dragon: you cut one head off, another takes its place. Killing Saddam will only make many more righteous leaders angry. We are the kings of the mountain. Nobody likes the king of the mountain. I know this war is for all the wrong reasons, even you right-wingers should agree.

We are never going to live this down in the eyes of the rest of the world. There are troubled times ahead, and I hope that humanity is spared, but the feeling in my guts feels like the same about our future as I do about this war, afraid.

What's your gripe?

E-mail opinions and letters to the editor to Erin emanning@ksc.mails.cruiser.com



The bar crawl, parking tickets and other hurdles for girls who just wanna have fun

Keene can be so frustrating sometimes. Especially when dealing with the police.

Think about the temperature it has been outside, maybe 10 degrees on average. There are nights when there are frostbite warnings and you shouldn't even be outside. Then comes the weekend and, to a select group of students here, that means going to the bar.

One may come across a responsibility issue of: Do I drive to the bar or do I walk? Now one of the great aspects of the bar scene here is that they are all in walking distance when it's warm out! On the other hand, it's too damn cold, so my roommates and I try to do the right thing and if we don't feel as though we can drive home, we don't.

But now there is another vari-

able: parking tickets. If you leave your vehicle overnight in a public parking lot, you will be ticketed and fined for \$15 a pop. If you drive your vehicle home, you could possibly do much more damage to yourself and those around you by getting a DWI or even worse, getting in a car accident. Keene students and other bar patrons are doing the right thing by walking!

I've had friends get arrested because of unpaid parking tickets, which is understandable, but half of those tickets should not have been given. I know my mom was really excited when she called to inform me that I had a warrant out for my arrest for tickets that I didn't even know about.

How do you not know one may ask? Well, it's simple, I got a ticket one day when it was raining, and it slid down and I never saw it. When I took my car in two months later to get it fixed, they nicely handed me the ticket with the bill. The meter maids in this town are hawks, it's like they watch you leave your car to run an errand and they attack your license plate and your bank account the moment you walk away. The money for tickets goes to keeping the sidewalks clean and for planting flowers, but for us college kids, we can't afford these fines.

My last gripe about parking in this town is that if you park on the side of a street, you will be ticketed too.

Several of my friends have received fines for parking at my house, and at other houses. I know I live in a place where there are restrictions, but as long as it's not time to plow, why are you going to make us pay all of these additional fees?

Getting towed is another story. It costs \$60 to get your car back once it's been towed and \$20 just to get it off the hook, if you catch them before it's gone.

Maybe I'm just being stubborn, and if I would abide by the laws set for me I wouldn't have any problems, but this is a topic that had to be discussed. It makes me and my fellow automobile owners mad. Basically, what I'm saying is get rid of the tickets!

Chicken soup for the collegiate soul: volunteering

I find many of my friends, as well as others, to have either very jam-packed schedules or very open, flexible schedules that allow them a lot of down time.

When a college student has time available, one of the best and most rewarding things he or she can do is become involved within the community.

I am involved in many different aspects of campus life. From sorority life to honor societies and tutoring, I enjoy communicating and socializing with diverse groups of people on all

levels. The most rewarding commitment I have involved myself in, however, is volunteering at Cedarcrest—a facility for very sick children.

Nothing makes my heart more content than seeing one of those children smile at me.

Volunteering for the less fortunate, whether at a soup kitchen, or a hospital, is a truly unique and eye-opening experience that makes you realize that your life really isn't that bad. While

we're worried about a test or a fight with a significant other, these people are wondering where their next meals will come from or if they will survive another day.

There is a stereotype against college students that promotes the perspective that all we do is party.

Yeah, we definitely do that, too. But, what about changing that perspective at Keene State and exposing a new view that illustrates how

we give back to the community instead of taking from it?

While we have the time now before we get into the "real" world, these volunteering experiences help us grow while simultaneously shaping and molding us into the people we will soon be someday.

It will help us learn to appreciate the finer things in life, and to truly count our blessings.

Student encourages all to learn to embrace every chance to say, 'I love you'

Students sometimes get caught up in the college life and forget about how important friendships and families are.



Stacy Anne Barnett is a senior general senior major.

If I could inspire just one event in the lives of other Keene State College Students it would be this: Embrace every chance you have to tell or show someone you care! It may be the last opportunity you'll get. Do not live your life with regret for what you could have done

or said. Last week I lost someone that was very close to me, my 18-year-old cousin Bianca. Bianca was like a sister to me. Her mother died when she was only 8-years-old. After her mother's death, Bianca was sort of adopted into my immediate family. My whole family is in Ohio. But because I live in New Hampshire and am going to college in New England, I don't get to see her very much. I try to get home around Christmas or for at least

one week in the summer every few minutes about my trip.

I had always planned on Bianca being a bridesmaid in my wedding. Now there is only an empty space in my future where Bianca once was.

-Stacy Anne Barnett

month later, a 16-year-old kid intentionally ran a stop sign. His act killed both Bianca and

his own 14-year-old brother. I flew back to Ohio to bury someone that was too young to die. I always thought that we would have tomorrow to hang out or talk on the phone. I always thought that Bianca would be there for my graduation. I had always planned on Bianca being a bridesmaid in my wedding.

Now there is only an empty space in my future where Bianca once was. I had to write her eulogy. I had to call her friends to tell them that she had died. I had to support my grand-

mother who could hardly stand beside the casket because she was so overcome with grief.

When I went to say my good-

byes to Bianca all I could think was that if I had only gotten to talk to her one last time, I would be sure she knew how much I loved her. If you get nothing else out of this story, at least realize that anyone can be taken from us at any time. Call your parents, an old teacher, a friend, or a sibling! Tell them that you care. Don't wait until it is too late.

While all service members will have E-mail accounts, it is unlikely that electronic communications will be "instant."

If you are sending a package, check out the United States Postal Service Web site (www.usps.com) for information about what can and cannot be shipped to various locations. Be creative with your packages. Send photos, silly toys, newly released CDs, or interesting home newspaper articles.

Your friends may not be able to share much information about their locations or missions. At the same time, they may talk passionately about their unit and their desire to serve their country. This enthusiasm is essential to our friends' success and safety in combat, and it is important for you to recognize and honor this part of their experience. Even if you have feelings to the contrary, it is important to keep your communications positive, upbeat, and supportive. You

should begin to contemplate and prepare for your friend's return to the States. The passage of time and the experience of being deployed, not to mention the potentially life-altering impact of armed combat, can result in dramatic changes both within and between people. It is important to be willing to spend the time necessary to slowly reacquaint with one another and to reestablish the relationship on both old and new terms.

Whether or not you have family or friends serving in the Middle East, you may find that you are experiencing more stress and anxiety in your life. The suggestions made in this list are helpful for all. If you find you have difficulty sleeping, are constantly irritable or distressed, or are unable to concentrate on your classes, make an appointment to talk to one of the counselors at the KSC Student Counseling Center by calling 358-2437.

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to sow resentment against the United States and Britain.

In any event, allied commanders said they would shift their strategy there. Initially, they expected the city to surrender easily, but that didn't happen, largely, they said, because hard-core Saddam supporters were intimidating other residents. Considerable fighting had raged on the city's outskirts, including clashes with Iraqis dressed as civilians.

Now, allied officers plan to send more troops to crush pockets of resistance so the coalition can deliver vital humanitarian aid. Officials from the International Commission of the Red Cross are in the nearby port of Umm Qasr, waiting to distribute food and medical supplies.

"There will be some elements of the city that will be military targets," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart, director of operations for the U.S. Central Command, which is running the war. "Our intent is not to siege the city. Our intent is to secure the city as rapidly as you can."

In Washington and London, the coalition's leaders expressed confidence in the war's progress, but again warned that it could be lengthy and, as the battle for Baghdad approaches, increasingly bloody.

At least 20 U.S. troops have been killed by hostile fire or in accidents and 14 have been captured or are missing since the operation began. Iraqi forces have sustained far deeper losses, with 3,500 reported captured. There was no accurate death toll of Iraqis, though various accounts placed the number in the hundreds or thousands.

"We're making good progress," President Bush said during a visit to the Pentagon. "We cannot know the duration of this war. Yet we know its outcome; we will prevail."

A new poll showed that the American public has become much less confident that the war is going well.

The Pew Research Center's survey, conducted March 20-24, showed that 71 percent of the public thought the war was going very well on Saturday, but only 38 percent thought so on Monday. Still, overall support for military action remained steady at about 70 percent, the survey showed.

As the president spoke, two Marine columns heading northwest to Baghdad were still advancing despite the twin plagues of wind and sand. Officers said they absorbed no casualties, as the infrared sights on their

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night, every network covering the attack used the same still shot as dawn broke in the city. When the "shock and awe" campaign began Friday afternoon, every network showed the explosions and smoke in Baghdad.

CNN's Wolf Blitzer remained silent for more than five minutes Friday during the bombing campaign, just letting the audio speak for itself, and it was much more powerful than the narrated video on other networks. But it was one of the few moments so far in which any network has separated itself from the competition.

Another was when Peter Arnett, who is in Baghdad on a "National Geographic Explorer" assignment and is contributing to MSNBC, gave an inside description of the bombing. With CNN's Nic Robertson and Rym Brahimi, along with

tanks gave them an advantage in near-blackout conditions.

"The Iraqis open their eyes and see a 65-ton tank coming," said Col. Dave Pere of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force near Nasiriyah. "They are just blowing right past them."

More troops joined U.S. units closest to the Iraqi capital, settling in outside Karbala, 50 miles southwest of Baghdad and near a stronghold of the Republican Guard. Coalition forces battered the Iraqis from the air and ground, hoping to soften them.

The sandstorm drastically reduced air sorties, particularly those planned by Army and Marine attack helicopters assigned to hammer Republican Guard divisions around Baghdad. "It's a little bit ugly out there," Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart said.

But Air Force, Navy and Marine jets stepped up their attacks on SAM anti-aircraft missile batteries near Baghdad. Those targets originally were to be hit later in the war, but were accelerated because the ground advance is moving so quickly, officers said.

Combat also flared behind the front lines.

In one of the most daring raids of the war, about 100 troops from the British army's Black Watch Regiment fought their way into the southern city of Az Zubayr and snatched a leading official of Saddam's Baath party from an office.

The raiders killed 100 Iraqis during the fighting and suffered no casualties. A British officer said the operation was designed to break Baath party control over the area's military so more Iraqi soldiers might surrender or desert.

Elsewhere, the Marines reported capturing 500 young men aboard several buses at a checkpoint near Nasiriyah, a southwestern city that has offered sporadic but stiff resistance to the allied invasion.

Described as members of the pro-Saddam al Quds militia, they surrendered without a fight, according to Marine officers.

In other action, Marines captured 170 paramilitary troops near a hospital in Nasiriyah in which the Iraqis had hidden weapons, ammunition and provocatively, 3,000 chemical protection suits.

"Why would they need chemical protection suits if they weren't planning to use chemical weapons?" asked one U.S. military official who requested anonymity.

Thus far, no chemical or biological weapons have been found by allied forces.

their producer and cameraman, kicked out of Baghdad by Iraqi authorities, Arnett was the lone broadcast journalist giving an on-the-spot report, creating a bit of déjà vu from his 1991 CNN assignment.

Mostly, though, the networks have succumbed to the 24-hour-network disease. Even when there's not much to say, they still have to say something, and that leads to a lot of guesswork and padding. Eventually, the nonstop news coverage leads not so much to an information overload as a sensory overload. Viewers don't stick with CNN, Fox or any of the other alternatives; they switch off.

"It's too much for me to watch for a long period of time," TCU's Cooper said. "Periodically, I'll try to get an update on things. It's just too traumatic for me, as a viewer, to constantly watch that. But I'm interested in seeing how things are progressing."

Handling of terror suspects undermines U.S. on rights of POWs

By FRANK DAVIES
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The way the United States has handled terrorism suspects since Sept. 11 and Iraqi POWs in the last few days will complicate efforts to protect American soldiers captured by Iraq, several international law and military experts said Monday.

The Pentagon stresses that captured Iraqis — about 3,000 in the first five days of the war — are treated well. Some have even received medical care on a hospital ship in the Persian Gulf.

But television and newspapers also are showing blindfolded and handcuffed Iraqi POWs, an apparent violation of the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners. Some are seen covering at gunpoint.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said there is little comparison between news shots of Iraqi prisoners, which he called "incidental pictures that some network may have taken" and the use by the Iraqi government of American POWs "for propaganda purposes."

Ganda, however, said that while the images are not as stark as a video circulated Sunday showing U.S. soldiers being interrogated by Iraqis, they dilute U.S. complaints about the way Iraqis are treating the Americans.

"Allowing Iraqi POWs to be photographed may serve the Pentagon's purpose in showing

the Iraqi military collapsing, but it makes it much more difficult to protect the treatment of U.S. POWs," said Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch.

Eugene Fidell, director of the nonpartisan National Institute of Military Justice, said he was concerned when he saw a blindfolded Iraqi POW on the front page of The Washington Post.

"That really complicates matters when you're trying to build a case about the treatment of your own POWs," he said. "It just makes it easier for others to take pot shots at us."

Roth and Fidell said the U.S. position is also hurt by its insistence on treating terrorist suspects and Taliban fighters from Afghanistan as "unlawful combatants" without the legal status of POWs and by the use of "stress and duress" interrogation techniques on captives in Afghanistan.

The Justice Department maintains that the suspects held at Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba and in Afghanistan are being treated humanely. The International Committee of the Red Cross has had access to the 660 captives held in Guantanamo. But Roth argued that reports that U.S. interrogators had kicked captives in Afghanistan and suspended them from ceilings hurts its calls for humane treatment of all prisoners.

"American POWs in Iraqi custody need all the help they can get to secure their Geneva Convention rights," Roth said. "It's unfortunate

for them to meddle with," said one senior official. "It's caused more problems, but I think we've managed to overcome them all."

Robin Dorff, the director of national security strategy at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., said three things have gone wrong in the campaign:

A "mismatch between expectations and reality."

The threat posed by irregular troops, especially the 60,000 strong Saddam Fedayeen, who are harassing the 300-mile-long supply lines crucial to fueling and resupplying the armor units barreling toward Baghdad.

The Turks threatening to move more troops into northern Iraq, which could trigger fighting between Turks and Kurds over Iraq's rich northern oilfields.

Dorff and others said that the nightmare scenario is that allied forces might punch through to the Iraqi capital and then get bogged down in house-to-house fighting in a crowded city.

"If these guys fight and fight hard for Baghdad, with embedded Baathists stiffening their resistance at the point of a gun, then we are up the creek," said one retired

general.

Dr. John Collins, a retired Army colonel and former chief researcher for the Library of Congress, said the worst scenario would be sending American troops to fight for Baghdad. He said every military commander since Sun Tzu, the ancient Chinese strategist, has hated urban warfare.

"Military casualties normally soar on both sides; innocent civilians lose lives and suffer severe privation; reconstruction costs skyrocket," Collins said, adding that fighting for the capital would cancel out the allied advantages in air and armor and reduce it to an infantry battle house to house, street by street.

Hussein's modern capital, and his rule, are anchored in the precincts west

Throughout history, Baghdad has been difficult to defend, rule

By BILL GLAUBER
Chicago Tribune

Mongols sacked it, the Ottomans controlled it and the British shaped it.

But none of them could hold it. Now, after a sprint of tanks and other heavy armor through a bleak, bleak desert, U.S. troops are bearing down on Baghdad.

Tasked as liberators instead of conquerors in their bid to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his regime, the Americans are following a well-worn path to an ancient city that hugs the banks of the serpentine Tigris River.

From its heyday as a cultural center in the 8th and 9th centuries to its sad fate in the early 21st century, Baghdad remains an eternal place, outlasting those who came to conquer and rule.

Sprawling on a plain, Baghdad is a city is wrapped in its geography, a fate lying at the crossroads of an old trading route, in the heart of old Mesopotamia.

It is difficult to defend, difficult to rule.

"You can conquer it. Baghdad is an open town," said Behnam Abu Al-Sooof, an archaeologist and Iraqi parliamentarian. "You can enter from all sides. But it is hard to run. The people never tolerate foreign occupation or foreign rule."

Hussein has signaled that Baghdad is likely to be the climactic scene of his 12-year conflict with the United States. He reportedly has moved in his crack troops, the Republican Guard, to defend the city.

In rambling speeches, Hussein has sought to link Baghdad's past greatness and past battles with his own sense of destiny. In an address on the 12th anniversary of the first Persian Gulf War, Hussein even compared President Bush and the American forces to the Mongols, vowing that invaders would be bloodied at Baghdad's gates.

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The city of Baghdad on a peaceful night.

of the Tigris, where broad boulevards link key government ministries, many of Hussein's presidential palaces and an military airfield. Beyond the regime's power centers, many already targeted in intense aerial assaults, is the elite residential district of Mansur, with its shops and imposing homes.

Heading to the east bank across 10 bridges lie sprawling residential districts, scarred by years of international sanctions and the slow destruction of the country's middle class. In the city's heart is a warren of alleyways and shops around Rashid Street, an area that retains British colonial architecture.

"Ancient Baghdad as we know it is gone," said Thomas Leisten, a Princeton University Islamic history and art professor who has lived in the city.

"Saddam's planning has had an impact," he said. "This is why you have big boulevards, to bring in the tanks" to quash rebellions.

Those same boulevards could be used against the regime.

But then, Baghdad always has been a place that rulers sought to defend.

It was built in the 8th century by Abu Jafar al-Mansur, an Abbasid caliph, or leader, who led an Islamic dynasty and ruled a vast empire.

"It was a perfect circle, with fortifications in the center for the palace of the caliphs and a grand mosque," Leisten said.

Al-Mansur called his city Madinat al-Salam, or "City of Peace."

Baghdad was a city rich in treasure, knowledge and culture, where ancient Greek works were translated into Arabic, a hospital was founded, an observatory created.

Over the centuries, the caliphs and the city steadily lost prestige and power. In 1258, the city was overrun by the Mongol forces of Genghis Khan's grandson, Hulagu. The city walls were wrecked, and a mountain purportedly was created from the skulls of scholars and city leaders.

"They supposedly took the last caliph, rolled him in a carpet and suffocated him," Leisten said. "We know a part of the city was destroyed. But we also know there were people in Baghdad."

Mongols, Persians and Turks fought

over Baghdad until the city became part of the Ottoman Empire in 1638. Nearly 300 years later, the British arrived.

An initial British assault towards Baghdad ended disastrously. In 1915, troops under Major Gen. Charles Townshend marched from Basra and got to within 25 miles of Baghdad. Overconfident, lacking sufficient transportation and medical equipment, the British were battered by a Turkish counterattack in the battle at Ctesiphon.

They retreated to Kut-al-Amara, endured a 147-day siege and eventually surrendered in late April 1916. Nearly half the 11,800 captured troops died in captivity or on their way to prison camps.

In March 1917, British-led reinforcements marched back up the Tigris and claimed Baghdad.

British Gen. Frederick Stanley Maude telegraphed the news to London, an announcement that lifted a veil of despair from a country engaged in the grinding stalemate of World War I.

Maude was lauded as a hero.

Within eight months, he was dead of cholera, one of 31,000 deaths suffered by the British and Indian armies during the four-year Mesopotamia campaign.

Maude's grave lies in a sandstone temple in the center of a cemetery out by Baghdad's old north gates, where a railroad once ran.

There are 7,000 to 10,000 graves in the cemetery, with rows of sun-bleached British headstones, a clump of unmarked Turkish graves and an empty expanse once used for funeral pyres for Hindu soldiers.

An engineer supervising the cemetery's refurbishment, Mo Muehsen al-Hashimi, said that each day at sunset he pauses at the cemetery's gate and says a prayer for the dead.

"I believe they were victims," he said of the soldiers. "They were sent by their governments."

Baghdad became the administrative center for the British, who created Iraq in 1920 and exerted power long after the country's 1932 independence. They filled Baghdad with their bureaucrats, businessmen and teachers, even a social club that still remains. In 1958, the British lost their influence when the Iraqi military toppled a Hashemite monarchy in a violent coup.

Ten years later, the Baath party took power in Baghdad, setting the nation on a course that would lead to Hussein's rule.

American diplomat George Kennan, who visited the city in 1944, described Iraq as "a country in which man's selfishness and stupidity have ruined almost all natural productivity."

Kennan wrote that "those few Americans who remember something of the pioneer life of their own country will find it hard to view these deserts without a pang of interest and excitement at the possibilities of reclamation and economic development."

But Kennan concluded, "They will restrain their excitement at the silent, expectant possibilities in the Middle Eastern deserts and will return, like disappointed but dutiful children, to the sad deficiencies and problems of their native land."

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Kate Shultz, 22, senior English major from Beacon Falls, Conn.

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Kirk Sanger, 28, graduate student from Nashua, N.H.

"It felt less stressful than during the fall and spring semesters. The tone of the classes seemed a bit relaxed, and I felt that I could concentrate more on one or two specific classes."

Keene State College Summer Session 2003

calendar

Live in Concert

Friday, March 28
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Art Bridgman/ Myran Packer

Friday, March 28
8 PM
Redfern Arts Center on
Brickyard Pond
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Academic Excellence Conference

Saturday, March 29
9 AM-5 PM
L.P. Young Student
Center and Rhodes Hall
Ann Rancourt,
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or Donna Hinz,
603-358-2104
free admission
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to the public.
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Registration for KSC

Tuesday, April 1-
for Summer Session I and
Full Summer Session
and through
Wednesday, June 25-
for Summer Session II
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KSC Percussion Ensembles

Tuesday, April 1
7:30 PM
Alumni Recital Hall at
Redfern Arts Center
Box office:
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www.keene.edu/racbp
Price: \$5 and \$7
This event is open
to the public.

Baseball

vs. New England College
Thursday, April 3
3 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

Men's Lacrosse

vs. Curry College
Thursday, April 3
4 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

'About Schmidt'

Friday, April 4-
Thursday, April 10
7 PM
also, Saturday at 9:20 PM,
Sat. and Sun. at 2 PM
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N.H. Geography Bee

Friday, April 4
1:30 & 3 PM
Mabel Brown Room,
L.P. Young Student Center
Contact: Ray Jobin,
603-358-2296
free admission!
This event is open to the
public.

Spring Rummage Sale and Flea Market

from the
United Church in Keene
23 Central Square
Saturday, April 5
8 AM-3 PM

"The Beanstalks Variations"

Saturday, April 5
2 and 7 PM
Alumni Recital Hall,
Redfern Arts Center
\$10 for general public
\$7 for KSC students, faculty,
staff, students, senior citizens,
and youth 17 or younger.

Baseball

vs. Western Connecticut
State University
Saturday, April 5
noon
Owl Athletic Complex

Softball

vs. Rhode Island College
Saturday, April 5
1 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

Baseball

vs. Castleton State
College
Sunday, April 6
1 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

Music Workshop

Berit Strong performs music
inspired by landscapes
Monday, April 7
1:30 PM
Alumni Recital Hall,
Redfern Arts Center
Free and open
to the public.

Women's Lacrosse

vs. Colby Sawyer College
Tuesday, April 8
4 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

Softball

vs. Massachusetts College
of Liberal Arts
Wednesday, April 9
3 PM
Owl Athletic Complex

Spectrum Series Recital

Wednesday, April 9
7:30 PM
Alumni Recital Hall
at Redfern Arts Center
Box office at 603-358-2168
www.keene.edu/racbp
\$5 and \$7
This event is open to the
Public.

Women's Lacrosse

vs. Franklin Pierce College
Thursday, April 10
4 PM
Owl Athletic Stadium
603-358-2630
This event is open to the
public.

Ewing Lecture

James D. Ewing World
Affairs Lecture will address
the institution of slavery in
present-day Africa.
Thursday, April 10
7 PM
Mabel Brown Room,
L.P. Young Student Center

'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Friday, April 11-
Thursday, April 17
7 PM
also, 2 PM on Sat. and Sun.
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall,
Redfern Arts Center

Men's Lacrosse

vs. UMass Dartmouth
Saturday, April 12
2:30 PM
Owl Athletic Stadium
603-358-2630
This event is open to the
public.

Baseball

double-header vs.
University of
Southern Maine
Saturday, April 12
noon
Owl Athletic Stadium
603-358-2630
This event is open to the
public.

Women's Lacrosse

vs. Rhode Island College
Saturday, April 12
noon
Owl Athletic Stadium
603-358-2630
This event is open to the
public.

N.E. Conference on Storytelling for Children

Saturday, April 12
Redfern Arts Center on
Brickyard Pond
This event is open to the
public.
For additional information
about this conference,
view the KSC news
release and the
Storytelling web site.

Baseball

vs. Endicott College
Sunday, April 13
noon
Owl Athletic Stadium
603-358-2630
This event is open to the
public.

Awards

The Sixth Annual
Charles Hildebrandt
Holocaust Studies Awards
Sunday, April 13
2:30 PM
Mabel Brown Room
free and open to the public.

"Remnants"

performed by Dr. Henry
Greenspan
presented as part of the Cohen
Center for Holocaust Studies
20th anniversary celebration.
Sunday, April 13
5:30 PM
Mabel Brown Room
free and open to the public.

"View, Voice, and Vision: From Writer to Radical"

Rhea Côté Robbins, award winning
author of *Wednesday's Child*,
investigates the issues explored by
Franco-American women writers
through the ages.
Monday, April 14
7:30 PM
Mabel Brown Room
free and open to the public.

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Features

Thursday March 27, 2003

Equinox

Mushing in the winter woods

By Emily Andreozzi
Staff Reporter

During the winter months
students contribute their
spare time to different activities,
sports, and jobs.

Zeke Jakub is a sophomore in
the adult education program
majoring in Geography, GIS
and specializing in cartography.

A winter sport enthusiast who
is originally from Greenfield,
Mass., Zeke started dog sled-
ding three and a half years ago.

"I saw it one day when I was
out hiking and I liked it, and I
got involved with a racing kennel
in the Greenfield area, and
got a dog from that kennel, and
after I got her I just kind of
started doing a lot of mushing."

Mushing refers to traveling
over the snow with a team of
dogs. While helping out at the
kennel, Zeke bought
"Kashanka," a red and white
Siberian Husky.

"Her name is Russian for
"chestnut" because she resembled
a chestnut when she was
born," Zeke said.

"Kashi," as she is referred to,
has a family history of champi-
ons.

"Her mothers side was all
champion show dogs and the
other half is champion sled
dogs," Zeke said.

"We do a lot of hiking and
trekking, and a lot of winter
camping together," Zeke said of

Kashi.

Zeke is the first in his family
to pick up the sport of dog sled-
ding, and they fully support
him.

"My brother lives up in North
Conway and every race I had in
that area he was there helping
out," Zeke said.

"My main racing is the ski
joring with two dogs," Zeke
said.

"Ski joring is a Norwegian
invented sport on cross country
skis where you race with the
dog pulling you...you skate ski-
ing or race skiing on your cross
country skis and requires only
one dog," Zeke said.

Zeke started out ski joring
and eventually moved up to a
two dog team by borrowing the
dogs of friends from the sled
dog community he networks in.

Zeke's sprint races are
between four to 10 miles with
either two dogs or four dogs
and a sled.

"You don't ski jor with more
than three dogs," Zeke said.

Two important pieces of
equipment for dog sledding are
a gauge line and a snow hook.

"The gauge line is the line that
you hook the dogs onto," Zeke
said.

A snow hook, which is usually
either half a foot long to one
and a half feet long, acts as an
emergency break.

"When you're on the trail and
you've got 12 dogs wanting to



Courtesy Photo
Professor Klaus Bayr ski joring in Wheelock Park last month with dog Kashi pulling him along the trail.

run and you need to stop and
they don't want to stop, you've
got this hook that you pretty
much put in the snow and it
stops the dogs," Zeke said.

"Some people use more than
one hook, depending on how
many dogs you're running,"
Zeke said.

"The dog in the front of the
group, the lead dog, "needs to
know commands like go right,
go left, run, slow down,"

DOG, B3

The stale taste of freedom fries

I hate you America. You are
filthy, wasteful and petty.
French fries will always be
French fries, no matter how
pissed you are at the country
whose name they share. Get
out of my face, I just vomited
in my own mouth.

We've got a whole country
of sheep that go along with
some idiot that decides French
fries need a new name because
France actually has half a
brain. Good god people, use
your heads here! This is not the
third grade, and just because
France happens to be a moder-
ately intelligent wuss, we don't
need to call it names.

Or...umm, do the opposite.
Anyway, the nature of such an
action just stinks with the odor
of stupidity and spite. Defini-
tely not the kind of
ideals I want swimming around
my government.

And "freedom" fries,
please! That is the dumbest
thing I ever heard! Just think
for a minute, would you eat a
freedom cow? Or freedom
broccoli? I wouldn't touch a
freedom fish with a 10-foot
pole. I want my food oppressed
and delicious. Logically, they
should have been America
fries, you idiot. But I forgot
that you work for the govern-
ment, sorry, I was too quick to
judge.

Even further, if these potato-
spaw, really stood for free-
dom, what the hell would they
be doing in the deep fryer?
Certainly not looking forward
to my stomach acids. If I were
a freedom fry, I would still be a
full potato, kicking ass and tak-
ing names. Freeing my
enslaved and salted brothers
from the clutches of evil
McDonalds' everywhere, those
SOBs! I'd have myself painted
green, so no one would eat me.
They'd call me "Spud
MandelaFarakahn. I would be
amazing.



Mitch Wyatt is a freshman and
an English major who enjoys
long walks on the beach and
stargazing. His opinions do
not necessarily reflect those of
The Equinox.

Very unlike an American fry
that is over-fried and sits on its
ass enjoying the catch-phrases
of the ongoing war.

Additionally, where the hell
are my freedom kisses? Jesus
people, if we need these things
for freedom, we better start
getting more liberal with them.
I want them when I need them,
and they'd better be wet
enough to slide into freedom
like a glove. I want my
Freedom roast coffee, and I
want to see Mr. Freedom on
TV. We've got work to do peo-
ple! But again, we're talking
about government officials here.

While we're at it, I'm send-
ing the Statue of Liberty back.
Screw it, I don't want it any-
more. France gave it to us
when we were on speaking
terms, but they said some
things that really hurt my feel-
ings. I think we should cut it
into little pieces and then send
it to France in a box marked
"memories." You know what
France, I want my T-shirt back.

FRIES, B2

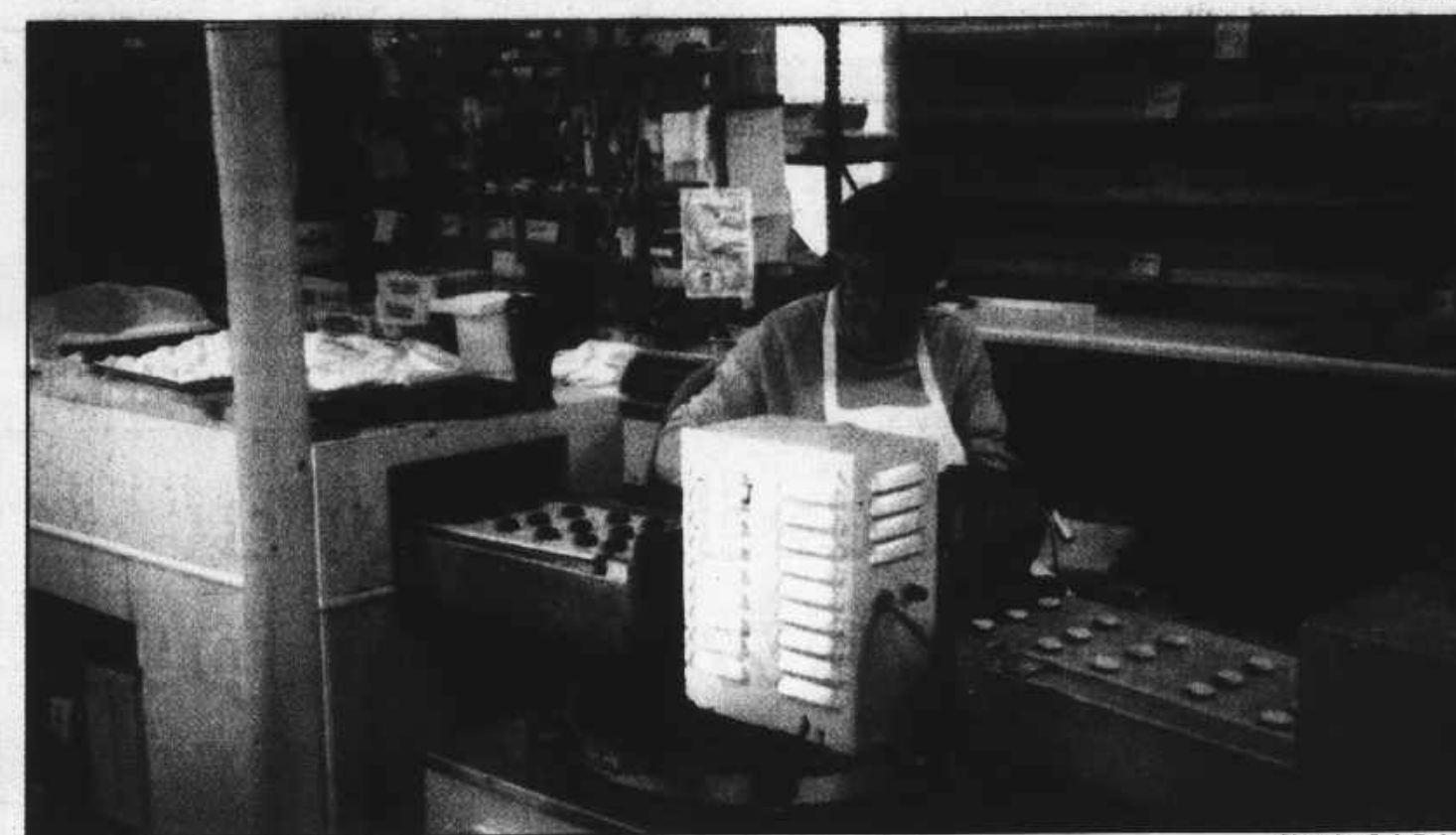


Photo by Seth Crehan
An employee at the Ye Goodie Shoppe in Keene making more chocolate treats for customers that day.

Choose your chocolate

By Shaina Harlow
Staff Reporter

Jason Smart, owner and con-
fectioner at the Ye Goodie
Shoppe in Keene, sits at a con-
veyor belt, carefully taking pre-
made, egg-shaped marzipan
and drenching them in melted
dark chocolate with a precise
motion.

The finished product was a
homemade, melt in your mouth
confection made especially for
Easter.

The Ye Goodie Shoppe was
established in 1931 and has
always been in Keene. It was
originally located on Main
Street, but now resides in the
brick house at the Colony Mill
Marketplace.

There's no escaping the deca-
dent smells of gourmet choco-
late when you first walk into
the store.

Between that and the sight of
being surrounded by more
candy than you can imagine, it
can make your sweet tooth hurt.

Smart is actually the fifth
owner of the shop. His friend
was the previous owner, and
one day he decided to ask his
friend if he would think of sell-
ing it to him.

"I wanted to do it because it
looked like a real nice job,"
said Smart. "People are always
happy to get candy."

The candy is very abundant
at the Ye Goodie Shoppe. All of
the chocolate products are
homemade, right in the store.
And if you come at the right
time, you can watch Smart and
other employees making the
candy in the kitchen, which is
visible through the front store
window, and through a glass
wall inside while you shop
around.

Choosing which kind of
candy you want to bring home
with you is a hard decision.

"They have the best dark
chocolate non-pariels I have
ever eaten," said Patrice
Strifert, assistant associate
director of student activities.

First you have to pick which
type of chocolate you want.

"We do more with dark
chocolate, but that's only
because that is the way it has
always been," said Smart. "But
it depends, like for example,
peanut butter is better with milk
chocolate."

They have a variety of milk
and dark chocolate sweets, as
well as a variety of nut clusters
and cashew turtles, which are
roasted cashews and chewy
caramel half dipped in milk or
dark chocolate, rich truffles in
liqueur flavors like Amaretto
and Grand Marnier, and peanut
butter cups that are bigger than
the usual size.

"It reminded me of the
chocolate river in Willie Wonka
and the Chocolate Factory,"
said junior Jeremy Fink.

When asked which one was
Smart's favorite, he laughed.

"All of them," he said.
"Once you get sick of one, you
move on to another."

They also have dipped

creams in flavors like raspber-
ry, orange, marshmallow, and
vanilla.

"The raspberry creams, light
or dark chocolate, is the most
popular candy sold everyday,"
said Smart. "But it changes
during the holidays."

Students here on campus also
agree that the truffles filled
with raspberry are a favorite
treat.

"The raspberry filled truffles
are scrumptious," said fresh-
man Greg Mamczak. "It's genui-
nely great stuff."

Holidays are quite busy at
the Ye Goodie Shoppe. Right
now they are in the middle of
making all of their Easter can-
dies which include the
Marzipan eggs. The eggs are an
almond-based candy covered in
dark chocolate with festive foil-
wrapped eggs and bunnies.

"They make excellent choco-
late there," said Debra Rohloff.
"It's one of my favorite Easter
baskets."

CANDY, B3

Building for Spring Break

By Angela Watson
Staff Reporter

Some went to sunny, warm sand far off places to relax and get away from it all. Others decided to make a difference with their spring break by joining Alternative Spring Break.

"We made a difference in someone's life in a short amount of time. It was not a matter of giving up Spring Break, it was a matter of enriching it," said Kayte Kennedy, a senior who went on the ASB trip to Cape Fear, N.C., for the first time.

Many of the students who participated in Spring Break had similar feelings to those of Kennedy's.

"This trip is one of the best things I have done in my life," said Kim Brown, a senior who also went on the trip for the first time.

This year, Keene State College's Habitat for Humanity planned and organized eight trips with 125 students participating, said Don Hayes, Community Services Coordinator.

One trip was in January when students traveled to the Dominican Republic with Habitat. A second trip took place in February when a group of 15 student teachers went to Bradenton, Fla., Hayes said.

"Just returned were six trips, two to North Carolina and two to South Carolina working with Habitat for Humanity builds, a trip to Washington DC working with inner city social service organizations and a trip to Cumberland Trail Conference in Tennessee building trails in the 'National Forest,'" Hayes said.

One of the leaders for the Marion, N.C., trip was Aimee Demers, a junior. She took her second trip with the ASB program this year.

"I'll always remember on Sunday how Lowell (one of the helpers in South Carolina) took us to the site we would be

working on and then took us to the house we had worked on last year," said Demers.

"There was a family living in the house. Just seeing the finished project was amazing, knowing some of us had worked last spring break on the vinyl siding on the house. It was nice to see some one appreciating the hard work we had done," said Demers.

Demers did the vinyl siding for the house her group worked on last year, and this year the group in Cape Fear also did vinyl siding on the house.

"We did roofing and vinyl siding. I did mostly siding. We got to meet the woman and her son who will move into the house when it is finished," Kennedy said.

The group that went to Marion worked on roofing one house as well as putting up drywall in a neighboring house, Demers said.

"The first day we finished up putting the tar paper on the roof so we could shingle it the next day," Demers said.

The workers in Marion commented on how fast the roof was shingled as well as the quality it was done in, Demers said.

"On Tuesday we worked with a group of nine other students from the University of Kentucky. Together we got down a system of shingling and were able to get the roof shingled in one day," said Demers.

Besides working on the house the group in Marion also volunteered and tutored in a nearby elementary school, Demers said.

"Members of the trip had the choice of going to tutor with the third, fourth and fifth grade in a nearby elementary school," Demers said.

The school was one that was very poor educationally speaking. They were behind on learning for the standardized tests everyone has to take. The kids get excited and attached to the students they help, Demers said.

"Last year the kids we had told the kids we were from New Hampshire. They wanted to know where it was so they went and grabbed a map for us to show them. When they came back they had a map of South Carolina," said Demers.

During the day the groups worked on their houses and at night they were able to do other activities.

"During the day we worked on the house. Then at night we had dinner at a variety of places. The rest of the night was ours. So some went out and others stayed in, but we always had something to do," said S a t a h Bettencourt, a senior and trip leader for the trip.

Like Demers, this is Bettencourt's second ASB trip.

"I would recommend this experience to everyone. I forgot how much fun it was after my Marion trip. Now that this experience was even better, I hope everyone will participate sometime in their college career," Bettencourt said.

Students go on the trip with friends and also people they do not know, though become close to by the end of the trip.

"Of course I may be biased, but I think it is a great alternative for Spring Break. It brings together a group of students who want to travel to a warmer climate with friends and acquaintances to work on a worthwhile project," Hayes said.



Courtesy Photos

Top-The group of ASB members in Cape Fear. Left-A member hard at work hammering a nail. Bottom-The house the group was working on.



Brown and Kennedy, who were also on the Cape Fear trip, talked about the group of people that they got to work with and how those individuals helped to make it an amazing trip.

Demers also commented on the trip being amazing because of the group of people she worked with as well.

"This is a great program because it brings about an awareness in the world. We are college students who have opportunities and are able to go and make a difference and help people who may not have the same opportunities," Brown said.

While students talked about how their experience made them feel good that they could make a difference and help others on their Spring Break, they

also were able to see a culture that is different from their own. "Most programs are located in poor disadvantaged areas of the South," Hayes said.

Students also agreed with Hayes. "The culture in North Carolina is different, it was a bit of a 'culture shock.' For the first time in my life I saw racial diversity, which does not happen in New Hampshire," said Kennedy.

"We were able to experience the culture first hand, instead of only seeing the 'tourist culture' that most people see when traveling," said Kennedy.

For the one week of fun and hard work, there is also a lot of hard work that goes into getting the trip ready to go.

There are fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for building supplies.

There is a community service project that each group works on prior to the trip so everyone can get an idea of how the group will work together, said Demers.

This is the 10-year anniversary for the Alternative Spring Break program.

Over the years there have been approximately 1000 students who have participated in ASB, Hayes said.

Hayes had been involved with Habitat for Humanity before coming to Keene State. Knowing the program would attract students the first year, they did two trips. One trip was to Pittsburgh, P.A., with Habitat for Humanity, where 18 students participated.

"I've been here 18 hours and

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A writer, poet, and comedian

By Monica MacPherson
Features Editor

Osama bin Ladin than George Bush," said writer Sherman Alexie.

Alexie, who has been named by the New Yorker one of the top 20 writers for the 21st century, spoke to a sold out crowd in the Mabel Brown Room on Tuesday night. His speech, which was titled, "An urban Indian's comic, poetic and highly irreverent look at the world," skipped around from topics such as the war, race, and government leaders, where he brought serious issues into his honest perspective.

"I'm taking a Native American class here and it was good to hear a minority's point of view of what we are doing, as a white middle class," said sophomore Bethanie Beausoleil. "It was very intelligent, humorous and all around educational."

Alexie is known for his two novels, "Indian Killer" and "Reservation Blues," his 12 collections of poetry, and his short stories. Besides writing, he is a recorded song writer, an award-winning independent filmmaker and a stand-up comedian which showed in his speech.

"I really liked how he added a lot of irony to it because it's not a very light subject and people took what he was saying into consideration more because he wasn't so preachy," said sophomore Heather Merrill.

His serious topics were lightened with cracks about "brown people," vegetarians, religion, the government and their leaders.

"I've been here 18 hours and

it took me 18 hours to see a black person. Where do you keep them?" said Alexie.

He went on to talk about information that most people never hear from the mass media or the government. Information that has shown sketchy business moves, like the contractor who has signed on to rebuild the towns of Iraq when the U.S. is done will be the same company that is being supported by Dick Cheney.

Another bit of information that he mentioned was how the first George Bush was the one who had trained these other countries that they are trying to disarm now. After each fact, he would repeat the Web site where the audience could read more, which was www.smokinggun.com.

"You are not getting the full picture," Alexie said.

Alexie also talked about his experience of growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, Wash. After he saw his mother's name in his math book on the first day of school, he got very upset that the book was so old and decided to attend a local high school outside of the reservation.

"To survive, to thrive, to have a chance, you have to leave the reservation as early as possible," said Alexie who said that "Indians" would hate him if he heard him say that.

Alexie brought up points of how the leaders of the government were basically hypocrites for sending other people to do their dirty work for them.

He mentioned the fact that while soldiers were in the beginning stages of war in the desert of Iraq, President Bush spent the week at Camp David.

Speaking from a parent's

point of view, Alexie said, "Why did he go to Camp David? My son is in the fucking desert and my president went to Camp David. I'd be pissed off."

He also pointed out that you can be pro soldiers and against the war. One of his biggest pet peeves he said was when people called him unpatriotic for having his own opinion on the war.

"Don't call me anti-American. I'm one of the best examples of it," he said.

Alexie was asked to come to Keene State College by the staff who ran the summer reading program, which a lot of students had read his books this year.

"I'm in a seminar class and we read his books where he speaks through his characters and you can never be certain where his voice is, which character he stands behind," said Michel Armiento. "It was a great opportunity to hear him speak in person."

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Sniff the smell of love

By Eric Edwards
The Orlando Sentinel

Romantics say that love is blind. And the heartbroken can be heard lamenting that love is dumb.

But one thing is certain: Love has a sense of smell. At least according to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania.

Biologists at that school, obviously taking a break from curing cancer, have discovered that women derive physical benefits from exposure to men's perspiration. While this finding may smell like roses to men who are tired of roll-ons that leave white flakes on their shirts, I am not going to give up my Right Guard just yet.

The study claims that perspiration affects women's moods by reducing stress, inducing relaxation and even affecting the menstrual cycle.

It turns out that the 25-45-year-old women who took part in the study weren't told what they smelled, which explains why this group of researchers lived long enough to write their reports. If the women had been told that the concoction admin-

istered to their upper lips had been scraped from the armpits of men who went four weeks without using deodorant, they might have reacted differently from being told they were testing a new perfume. Eeeuuu de Sweatshop.

If women are attracted to, and even physically altered by, the effects of body odor, the "ick factor" involved is so high they would never even know it.

While the women claimed to have been more relaxed for smelling the perspiration, scientists claim the most important discovery came when they did blood work on the subjects, showing a rise in levels of a reproductive hormone that typically surges before ovulation.

That information may prove helpful for women who are having trouble conceiving, but it might also make prospective boyfriend who are not yet willing to be prospective fathers think twice about getting too sweaty without taking proper precautions.

It has long been suspected that pheromones, chemical stimuli emitted by our bodies, influence whom we find attractive.

Candy they sell that they don't make in the store, Smart makes sure are among the finest. They have a wide assortment of the gourmet Jelly Belly jellybean flavors, and their sugar free candies that are quite popular are "a high quality sugar-free candy to buy," said Smart. They also have a variety of novelties like greeting cards and stuffed animals.

Employees Anna DeBlank smiles as she carefully places small candy bunnies precisely on the marzipan eggs after they are dipped in chocolate. She has been at the Ye Goodie Shoppe for 18 years.

"It's fun here," she said. "You go from one job to another job. I do it all, a little bit of everything."

Siberian huskies and most sled dogs and Alaskan huskies have a genetic background for pulling, they're considered work dogs," Zeke said.

"If you don't let a husky pull, or exercise them in general, a lot of behavioral problems will come about," Zeke said.

"I suggest people go to the Humane Society and check out all the huskies that are there because of behavioral problems," he said.

The dogs are never pulling the full weight of the sled and skier.

After three to four miles of running, when the dogs tend to slow down, the skiers work kicks in more, and at times they run behind the sled, and push the weight of the sled up hill along while breaking when going downhill.

"On flat land you're always pedaling to keep the sled going, and depending on how many dogs you have the weight evenly distributes," Zeke said.

"People don't realize that one of the regiments of owning a husky is running them at a minimum of two to five miles a day," he said.

Zeke can be found waking up five out of seven days at 4:50 a.m. to exercise Kashi.

"If she doesn't run and I leave her at home, she destroys everything," he said.

Aside from his dog sledding hobby, Zeke has worked for Monadnock Developmental Services for two years, working with handicap kids.

"I brought some of my clients out mushing with me, I brought some of them cross country skiing," Zeke said.

"They like participating, even if it's just hanging out with my dog, because some of them aren't physically capable of skiing and/or hanging on to a sled so I bring the dog and they hang out with Kashi," Zeke said.

Zeke has been asked before about concerns that dog sledding is an inhumane sport.

"I think they don't know huskies, or any other sled dogs for that matter," Zeke said of the people who question the

Herbal remedies get a mixed review on campus

By Diana Lyn Chandler
Staff Reporter

ACHOO!!! Keene State College seems to be trapped in a cycle of disease and germs.

At some point people must just wish there were some kind of miracle remedy to cure all of their symptoms and make them disappear for a long time.

There are a few reasons for this epidemic on campus, and one student in particular has her own opinions:

"I believe the school gets sick so much because of the lack of soap in the bathrooms. No soap equals a lot of people on campus not washing their hands properly after using the bathroom," said freshman Kara Corcoran.

Another reason Corcoran thinks there are sick students everywhere is because of the tight living spaces.

"I also believe that the dorm rooms being so stuffy and dusty have something to do with people getting sick," said Corcoran.

In the event of students contracting colds, coughs, influenza and other upper respiratory conditions, one could use Echinacea.

Echinacea is a popular cold and flu killer which helps boost the immune system.

Echinacea comes in a wide



Photo by Chris Dunn

A man choosing which herbal vitamins to buy.

variety of forms: liquid extracts, capsules, or tea.

"I am a big fan of Echinacea, the herbal remedy that prevents colds. It seems to be a more healthy way to get better than chugging NyQuil and things like that," said freshman Libby Gannett.

While some are skeptical of herbal remedies, Gannett said she thinks they are alright for the body.

"Herbal remedies are good for you and it is not like you can overdose on too much Echinacea, so it's pretty safe," said Gannett.

According to the Herb Research Foundation, on a scale of 0-5 of International Acceptance, Echinacea reaches to the level of 3.

"The medicines prescribed by my doctors always seem to

Echinacea, said Rodriguez. This proclaimed "miracle drug" has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), so many people are wary of the effect of it.

"I do not believe in them. I believe that Echinacea in particular will not replace antibiotics which are regulated by the FDA," said Kathryn Boland, a licensed practitioner nurse.

"People always hear about the good effects that the herbal drugs are doing. We never hear about the negative side effects. These drugs are personally used and not medically forced," said Boland.

According to Boland, "An individual could use these precautions to reduce their risk of getting sick along with getting enough vitamins, washing hands on a regular basis, eating right, and having people suffering with cold symptoms not sneeze on you or in your direction."

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What were they thinking? I mean, all we wanted to do was start a senseless war and drag the U.N. down with us. Damn them, they were actually thinking about human lives and worldwide impact. Damn you

France for your intelligence and diplomacy.

I'm not talking to America anymore. I'm going to run a hot bath and soak in my own creative juices. Hell it might be the last time I'm able to. When nuclear winter washes over us like waves onto a sandcastle, come get me so I can move into my bunker.

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Sports Commentary

SPORTS ARE A NEEDED RELIEF FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

By Jim Johnson
Staff Reporter

Should the sports world go on despite the war in Iraq? It shut down during Sept. 11 for a few weeks, so what is difference now? Of course sports should go on, for several reasons.

First, Sept. 11 occurred right here in the U.S., basically in the shadows of New York Giants stadium, where football games were scheduled to be played that same weekend.

Smoke from the buildings could be seen rising towards the sky from any seat in the stadium, leaving fans with no other choice than to witness the destruction firsthand.

It seems Sept. 11 struck a different chord amongst U.S. citizens and sports fans alike. In truth, sports didn't really matter that week to anyone.

Today, war is thousands of miles away, in an foreign country. People are still involved in world news, especially now until (god forbid) the war hits closer to home. There is no doubt sports are medicine for the mind during these times.

Major League baseball has already cancelled the opening series between the Seattle Mariners and the Oakland Athletics that was scheduled to be played in Japan.

Based on quotes from the Mariners and As, many players really wanted to play in Japan. Of course the owners took it upon themselves to cancel the games for fear of terrorist attacks.

The reality is, these attacks are probably more likely to occur in New York City or Los Angeles than in Japan. The whole idea to cancel the games was probably a moral victory for terrorists, seeing how they have altered the course of the sports world by sheer intimidation and fear.

If the players wanted to compete, it is essentially their lives at stake. They should have taken a majority vote and played the games. To let fear control your life is admitting defeat in my eyes.

Lastly, with "round the clock coverage of the war on at least 10 channels, it's difficult for anyone to escape the terrible realities of the world today. The competition of March Madness is an incredible distraction to the war.

Every sports fan can count on NCAA basketball as a "breather" from the media coverage of the war. There may be no greater remedy than to indulge yourself in something you truly enjoy during war time. Play on, sports world, and let's hope for a quick end to this conflict so that the only battle on national TV this summer will be between the Red Sox and the Yankees.

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Welcome home

Owls post 8-5 win over Pilgrims in home opener

By Tim Pomplun
Staff Reporter

It wasn't about revenge for Keene State, though, it felt especially good to take down New England College.

The coach of the visiting Pilgrims may have not realized the mistake she made by negotiating on a contract she signed with Keene State to coach the women's lacrosse team. The Owls made Coach Lockhart of New England College realize that it was a mistake, and that KSC is doing just fine without Lockhart.

"Last year when we beat New England it was definitely about beating the coach a little bit," said junior attacker Natalie Kent. "This year they were just the team we needed to beat."

KSC did just that, beating New England College 8-5, in Tuesday's home opener.

The Owls entered Tuesday's game with a 1-1 record, having spent Spring Break playing in Florida. While there, freshman Colleen Murphy emerged quickly as a bright spot on the Owls' squad. In her first game for KSC, Murphy found the back of the net four times in an impressive, 12-5 victory over the Endicott College Power.

Though the next game in Florida was a disappointing 17-7 loss to Messiah College, Murphy again scorched through

defenders and scored four times. Murphy has formed quite a habit. A habit that anyone dressed in Owls' colors must love, a habit that their supporters can only hope continues for a while.

Colleen Murphy cannot stop herself from scoring four goals every time she steps on the field, as she once again scored

four goals against New England College.

"She's positive energy for the team. Every game she looks to get a lot of points for the team, and so far she's done nothing but that," Kent said about Murphy.

Murphy also pitched in two assists as well, and was extremely noticeable running circles around Pilgrim defend-

ers for the duration of the game. Though the margin of victory was only three goals, Keene State really dominated this game, and often found themselves killing time passing the ball around in their offensive box while New England College just played chase.

KSC held a 4-1 halftime lead, but the action picked up quick at the start of the second half.

Natalie Kent fired a perfect pass and found Liz Maddocks slashing through the middle, yards away from the Pilgrims goal. As Maddocks wound up to shoot, New England College goalie Autumn Pepin, stepped out and hit Maddocks, which resulted in a penalty shot for KSC. Maddocks whipped a hard shot passed Pepin to give

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Heather Listenik (5) pesters the New England College goalie. The Owls won 8-5 to improve their overall record to 2-1.

Indoor track returns from Nationals with school record number of All-Americans

By Paul Phelps
Staff Reporter

This year the men's and women's indoor track teams qualified the largest number of athletes for the Division III National Meet. The Owls went into the race hoping to leave DePaw University with the most All-Americans the program has ever produced.

And they did just that. Leading the way was Mark Miller, who won his second indoor National Championship by placing first in the 1500-meter race with a race time of 3:50.03. It was the seniors fourth overall National Championship.

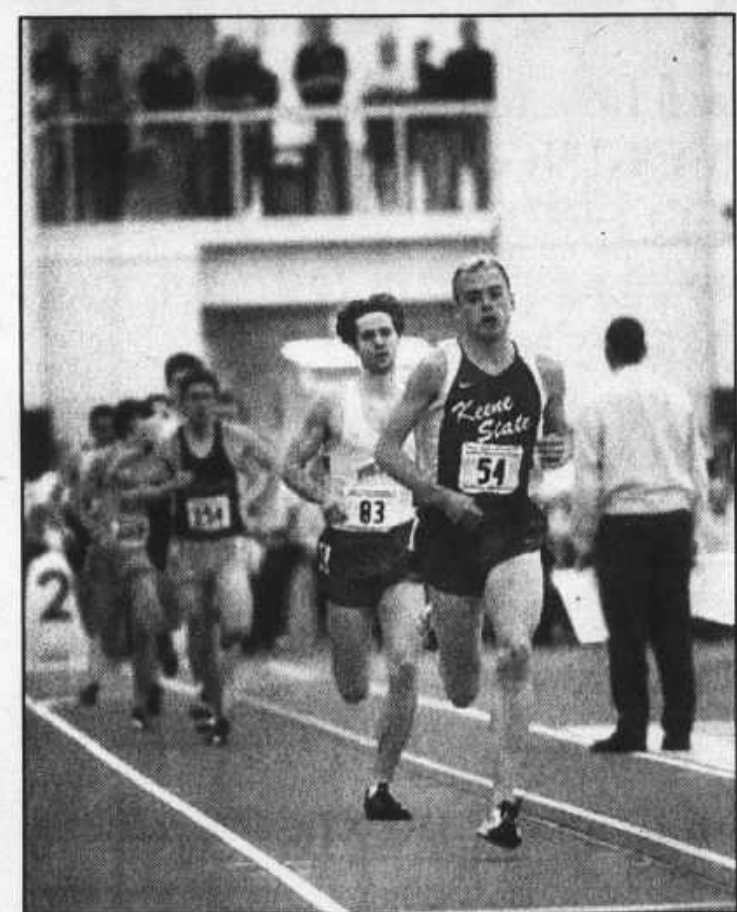
"I took the race out hard from the gun because I wanted to stay out of trouble. I put my self in a bad place last year and I ended up getting tripped," said Miller.

The men's Distance Medley Relay team placed seventh overall, enough for the All-American award. Miller along with sophomore Dave Bridgewater, and freshmen Colby Monahan, and Ryan Gough with a time of 10:21.34.

"They were happy to All-American, but it wasn't the way they wanted to earn it. They had a much faster qualifying time, and I honestly think they could have placed about 3rd or better with a better day," said Coach Peter Thomas.

Bridgewater also competed in the 1500-meter race as an individual but was not able to make the final. His time in the qualifying heat of 4:01.25 was less than a full second off making the final.

"I was a little disappointed with the way my heat went out. Only a couple kids qualified



Miller led the pack at the Division III National Championships last weekend in Greencastle, Ind. Miller won the race, giving him his fourth national championship.

from my heat because of the slow pace. I still have a couple more years ahead of me so I'm not that worried," said Bridgewater.

On the women's side, Mary Proulx continued earning All-American awards with her fourth place effort in the 5000-meter race. Her time of 16:58.63 was about 20 seconds off the winning time.

The women's DMR team also earned All-American honors. Proulx along with sophomores Beth Vachon and Laurie Yorgensen and senior Courtney Stabb placed fifth overall in the

event. Their time of 11:55.32 was almost identical to their seed time. It was only 14 seconds off the winning time.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls DMR ran today. Each leg ran hard and the key was having Vachon and Yorgensen run their fastest times so far this year," said Coach Thomas.

It was the most successful trip in the school's history, bringing home a total of 10 All-American awards.

Outdoor season starts this weekend at the Connecticut Invitational.

Running, national titles and Denny's eating contests: An All-American's journey

By Mark Miller
Managing Editor

Friday night before the national 1500-meter final will go down as one of the worst nights of sleep ever, as I did not fall asleep until well after 2:30 in the morning.

To make matters worse, at 7 a.m., a jet buzzed over our hotel and woke me up for good. I was nervous and scared about racing a national final on such little rest.

I kept a somber mood all day secretly worrying myself into a frenzy about my race. The trip to the track really tired me out and upon arrival I felt like I was going to fall asleep. I searched around for a cup of coffee to pep me up but all I was able to find was a can of Coke from a very helpful official. I shook up the Coke to get rid of the carbonation and downed the whole can before my warm-up.

When I got back from my run, I decided that I had a couple of options for the race. I could save what little energy I had until the last quarter of a mile and sprint to the victory or I could kill myself from the gun and simply run away with the race. I decided that the latter was the noble thing to do, so I psyched myself up.

Running all out from the gun is the toughest way to win a race. While you are out front killing yourself, your rivals get to sit behind you and draft. I knew however, that I was in

better shape than anyone else, and that none of the runners could hang on to the pace that I planned on setting.

Before our race, the head official escorted the 12 runners onto the track to complete our preparations. A couple of minutes later, the starter gathered us to the starting line. The gun went off and I unleashed the fury.

The early going went well and I managed to pass the 800-meter split in 2:01 or 3:45 pace for 1500-meters. At that point my lack of sleep kicked in and my can of Coke wore off.

Fortunately I had built up enough of a lead and was able to coast the last 400-meters to victory. I was pumped to win my last collegiate indoor track race but at the same time I was not as excited as I was winning other titles.

I had this really anti-climatic feeling about the whole meet. Hopefully that will go away for outdoor season.

When we got back to Indianapolis, Mary and I went out to dinner by ourselves away from the rest of the team. Mary was still a bit down about her race but she did not dwell on it like a lot of people do. When we got back to the hotel Mary and I hung out at her room before getting ready to hang out with some people.

Eventually we ended up hanging out with the rest of our

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MARCH MADNESS DOWN TO SWEET SIXTEEN

By Andrew Bagnato
Chicago Tribune

Before the NCAA tournament moves on to the Sweet Sixteen, how about a round of applause for the Sweet Sixteen?

Sixteen games on the tourney's first weekend were decided by five points or fewer. And those nailbiters don't include Marquette's 101-92 overtime victory over Missouri in the Midwest's second round, or Duke's 67-57 opening-round win over Colorado State, which the Blue Devils led by 2 with 1 minute 24 seconds left.

Though there were few stunning upsets, the wave of thrillers left players, coaches and fans wrung out.

"There have been so many close games," said Duke senior Chris Duhon, who kept an eye on the rest of the nation from his hotel room in Salt Lake City. "I think it's great for the game that people don't know who's going to win. This year is the ultimate example of that."

Despite all the close calls, this year's Sweet Sixteen looks a lot like it has in recent years: It's a BCS party.

Schools that participate in football's big-money Bowl Championship Series are once again dominating the basketball postseason. Fourteen of the remaining 16 schools are BCS members, the same number as a year ago.

Likewise, the odds of a surprise national champion appear to be dwindling. The last six schools to win it all—Maryland, Duke, Michigan State, Connecticut, Kentucky and Arizona—are still in the field.

Most of the marquee programs survived the first weekend, but few walked.

The West Region, widely



Number 12 seed Butler is this year's Cinderella story. The Bulldogs upset No. 4 seed Louisville, 69-61, to advance to the Sweet 16. Next up: the No. 1 seed Oklahoma Sooners.

viewed as this field's toughest bracket, ought to be renamed the Maalox Invitational. Fifth-seeded Notre Dame won its opener 70-69 when Wisconsin-Milwaukee blew a gimme at the horn. Fourth-seeded Illinois, which some considered a Final Four candidate, lost to Notre Dame 68-60 in the second round. Third-seeded Duke received a first-round scare from Colorado State. Second-seeded Kansas nicked No. 15 Utah State 64-61 in the opening round.

And top-seeded Arizona had to play 50 minutes to hold off Gonzaga 96-95 in what might have been the most thrilling college game in the last decade. "We're not scared of anybody any more," said Zags guard

Blake Stepp, whose 8-foot shot rimmed out in the final seconds.

Stepp was talking about Gonzaga, which probably could have won the Big Ten this year. But he was also speaking for schools on the outskirts of Bracketville. For four days, they scared the daylight out of their supposed superiors.

Wisconsin, the Big Ten regular-season champion, needed a fluke three-pointer to beat No. 13 Tulsa 61-60 in the Midwest's second round. Maryland, the defending NCAA champion, needed the same thing to hold off No. 11 N.C. Wilmington 75-73 in the South's opening round.

No. 14 Holy Cross battled Marquette into the final minute before falling 72-68 in the

Midwest's first round. Now the Golden Eagles know how Kentucky and Kansas felt after recent NCAA tourney run-ins with the Crusaders.

"I just always feel like these NCAA games come down to a possession or two or a missed free throw or two," Central Michigan coach Jay Smith said. "It's just very balanced."

There are several reasons why this year's games have been tighter.

First, credit the pod system, with stacking the deck in "neutral" venues. Some 2,000 miles from Durham, Duke faced a virtual road game against Colorado State in Salt Lake City's Huntsman Center. Likewise, the Huntsman crowd adopted Gonzaga against

Arizona, giving the Zags a decided emotional lift.

Another factor is experience. As star players leave early for the NBA, the rosters of many big-time programs churn, forcing coaches to rely on younger players. Granted, those players are often blue-chips, but they typically have far less experience than mid-major teams built around seniors.

"I think a lot of it is that a lot of the so-called big-time programs are playing with 18- and 19-year-old kids, and the teams you play against, some of them are 22, 23 and 24 years old," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "It's not just the age. They're not only older, but they have an ego about them as far as how they play."

Krzyzewski said Colorado State's bearded senior forward, Brian Greene, probably

was not intimidated against the Blue Devils, who start two freshmen and only one senior.

"There isn't any aura," Krzyzewski said. "You walk out and you say, 'I've got a beard and he doesn't shave. Greene's got to look at our guys and say, 'Hey, we're playing against four guys who don't shave every day.'"

Another reason for the close calls is the fact that a so-to-term from a big-time conference is often no more talented or prepared than a champion of a lesser league.

"I've often thought the seeds distort things," said Mid-American Conference commissioner Rick Chryst, whose unheralded conference has won

five NCAA tourney games in the last three years. "When you look at Southern Illinois against Missouri on a neutral court in the regular season, you'd say, 'That'll be a great game.'"

And it was in the Midwest's opening round, with the Tigers slipping past the Salukis with the help of a controversial call in the final seconds.

Likewise, Butler's victory over neighboring Louisville in the East's second round probably wouldn't be considered an enormous upset if the teams had played on a neutral court in December, especially with Cardinals starting forward Ellis Myles sidelined. Over the last six seasons, Butler's average RPI is 51. Louisville's is 59.

"It seems like as we get farther along here, there's more and more parity in college basketball, with the scholarship (limitations)," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "And the exposure that a lot of programs are getting via TV has really helped broaden the recruiting pool. I don't think there's that much difference this year between a 13 seed all the way down to a 4, or a 3. It's tough to pick who has the better team out there."

Look for the unpredictability to carry into this weekend, when the Final Four emerge Duke against Kansas Thursday in the West semifinals is a classic matchup, as is Maryland against Michigan State on Friday in the South. There are also a couple of potential upsets, with defense-minded Wisconsin trying to drag Kentucky to its level Thursday and Butler hoping to surprise top-seeded Oklahoma, whose point guard, Hollis Price, is slowed by a groin injury, in the East on Friday.

If last weekend is any indication, the games should be tight.

Big East 8-0 in tourney, could result in all Big East Final Four

By Dick Weiss
New York Daily News

The Big East threw its own block party at the NCAA Final Four in 1985 when Villanova, St. John's and Syracuse represented the conference in Lexington and Rollie Massimino's Villanova Wildcats won the national championship.

It may have gotten lost in history, but Boston College was also in the Midwest Regional final that year.

It was this conference's finest hour.

Now, dare we dream, the Big East could have multiple teams at the Final Four in New Orleans.

Pitt, Syracuse, Connecticut and Notre Dame are all in the Sweet 16. "It was different in '85," Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said yesterday. "In '85, we had great teams. Everybody expected Georgetown to be there. Plus, we had St. John's, which was No. 1 for half the year. Then, Villanova came out of nowhere."

"Nobody is sitting there with expectations this year. You've got to be good, got to be lucky. But we've got four chances."

None of this surprises Pitt coach Ben Howland, whose team dismantled Indiana, 74-52, in a second-round game in Boston.

"We have a great league," Howland said. "We have two Hall of Fame coaches - Jim Calhoun and Jim Boeheim. I think it speaks to the fact that maybe we should have gotten another bid or two this year."

Each of the four teams left has unique personalities that could make them difficult opponents.

Pitt is the best of the four and might be a lock for the Final Four in any other region but the Midwest, where Kentucky stands in the way. But the experienced, well-coached Panthers - who play sledgehammer, man-to-man defense - should be able to neutralize Marquette's marvelous guards Travis Diener and Dwyane Wade with lock-up perimeter defenders like Brandon Knight and either Julius Page or Jaron Brown.

And they are the one team physical enough inside to challenge the top-ranked Cats. Syracuse will have the biggest-home court advantage. The Pepsi Arena in Albany should be flush with Orange fans when the "Cuse plays 10th-seed Auburn in the East Region semis. Syracuse is young, with three freshmen and two sophomores in its top six, but this might be Boeheim's best coaching job ever. Boeheim has been able to showcase forward Carmelo Anthony, the most complete freshman in the country, and that sticky 2-3 zone he uses should cause problems for the talented, but less disciplined SEC Tigers.

Connecticut, which plays top-seed Texas in the South at San Antonio, has a national championship coach in Calhoun, who has accelerated the development of superb young talent. The Huskies are the most inconsistent of the group, but if young stars like sophomore guard Ben Gordon

and 6-9 sophomore center Emeka Okafor - who is the best shot blocker in the tournament - play to their potential and junior point guard Talek Brown can slow down Texas' mercurial point guard T.J. Ford, they have a shot to advance.

Notre Dame, which plays top-seeded Arizona in the West at Anaheim, has its legs back and could be dangerous if it continues to shoot threes effectively out of transition. Danny Miller had five and Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas each had three during a stunning 68-60 upset of Big Ten Tournament champion Illinois in a second-round game in Indianapolis. The Irish also cut down on their turnovers, and upgraded their post defense.

All four teams are playing with a purpose.

"We try to do a lot of things to promote harmony in our conference," Tranchese said. "But nothing has brought our people closer together than the committee taking only four of our teams. I was in Boston and I had players from both Syracuse and Pitt come up to talk to me about it. Jim Calhoun has been outspoken about it. Ben Howland was being interviewed on TV after Pitt beat Indiana. The Syracuse players were taking the floor for warmups before their game against Oklahoma State and they were all stopping by to congratulate him. Our teams are all pulling for each other."

"They're playing with a chip on their shoulder."



Clockwise from top left: Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Notre Dame and UConn all advanced to the Sweet 16, showing how underrated the Big East Conference is.

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Celtics playoff bound, but how far can they go?

By Jamison Zani
Staff Reporter

The Boston Celtics are going to the playoffs. This much we know. But how far they go, once they enter the tournament, is yet to be seen.

The Celtics currently find themselves sixth place in the Eastern Conference even after their recent three game losing streak. Their last loss came from the pitiful Denver Nuggets 90-80 on last Saturday. With less than a month left before the end of the regular season, the question remains: Do the Celtics have what it takes to advance in the playoffs? Hopefully the remainder of the season will answer any doubts.

Just 12 games separate the Celtics from the NBA playoffs. Their first match will be held in Utah against a veteran Jazz team that has shown no signs of slowing down.

Lately the Celtics leaders have been stepping up to support their playoff bound organization. Team captains and 2003 All-Stars Paul Pierce (25.7 ppg) and Antoine Walker (21.0

ppg) have exhibited their leadership in some of the more recent games.

Against the three time defending championship Lakers, both Walker and Pierce held their own, but without true presence in the middle, Shaquille O'Neal single-handedly took care of the green. This brings fourth the task of other players on the Celtics to step up and take some of the pressure off their captains.

If the Celtics want to beat opponents such as the Philadelphia 76ers or the defending Eastern Conference champion New Jersey Nets then the bench will have to step up in a big way.

J.R. Bremer (8.2 ppg) has been a key addition to the Celtics' lineup this season. The hustle and dedication of Bremer seems to motivate the troops in late comeback rallies, and the newcomer always has a way of hitting the big shot when it counts.

Walter McCarty (5.5 ppg) and Eric Williams (8.8 ppg) are two other players that could make the task of defeating the Celtics that much harder come

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Both are veteran players who know the importance of playing well down the stretch. The most important antidote the Celtics could prescribe to themselves could very well be consistency.

Boston managed to pull off a six game winning streak earlier this season, but they have sputtered since their season high performances. Only time will tell if the Celtics have what it takes to go against the league's best in the playoffs.

For a team that has spent most of the recent decade out of the postseason, it is obviously reassuring to fans to watch their beloved Celtics play in the spring with a chance for a title.

But as competitive as the Western Conference is, with the Lakers not even advancing as a number one seed (The Dallas Mavericks retain that honor), it will be interesting to see if the Celtics can take advantage of their weaker conference and play for a championship.

If they can take care of weaker teams such as the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State



Antoine Walker (8) and the Celtics are stumbling toward the playoffs and are currently holding on to the sixth spot in the Eastern Conference.

Warriors, opponents they will be facing within their upcoming 12 game schedule, then there will be no reason for Boston not to capitalize off of the winning

momentum. These questions will have to wait to be answered, but it will no doubt be entertaining to watch as the Celtics move closer towards the

playoffs. Jamison Zani is a freshman majoring in English. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of The Equinox.

Intramurals heat up as playoffs near

By Chris Vozzolo
Staff Reporter

As March Madness is under way, many fans have basketball fever. Keene State College students are getting a chance to play in their own version of March Madness: Intramurals.

"Intramurals give anyone a chance to compete. Everyone just goes down there and has a good time, but it is also a good chance to keep some competitiveness going on," said Jeff Nelsen.

The men's league is heating up, as there are only four undefeated teams remaining, the Nuggets (6-0), the Dingleberries (5-0), Phi Mu Delta (5-0), and the Urban All-Stars (6-0). Each team has faced stiff competition and held their own.

"These four teams have shown that they are the favorites. It is hard to tell who is the best because they all play in different conferences and therefore different competition. The league is still wide open," said Tom Rand.

Rand has done an excellent job as the coordinator for the league. He has kept accurate statistics and made sure that every game is safe and fair. He is one of the main factors why this year has been so smooth and exciting.

Derek Leclerc of the Dingleberries is leading the league in scoring with 32 points per game. Hunter Jackson and Shawn Gagnon are in second with 25 points per game each. Jackson and Gagnon both play with the Nuggets.

hoisted the final pancake and a half into my mouth in one fell swoop. My competitors were speechless, all I had to do now was get it down and keep it down. I sipped on my water and after some time I was able to swallow the last bite.

I thrust my arms into the air before being overcome by sickness. At that point I put my head down on the table and passed out. About 45 minutes later, Dave woke me up to collect money for the bill. I looked up confused and weak and asked what had happened. Dave proudly told me that the others had given up, and that I was the official champion. The weekend was saved!

After a half hour of sleep, we had to get up to go to the airport. From that point on I lived the worst day of my life. After returning to Keene I announced to everyone that I would never eat at Denny's again.



From left to right: Tommy Walsh, Ryan Gough, Colby Monahan, Mark Miller, and Ryan Bak all competed in the Denny's Lumberjack eating contest. David Bridgewater (far right) served as the official referee. Miller ended up passing out, but was declared the winner.

JOURNAL

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team and three kids from Trinity College that Mary and I know pretty well. We all hung out at our hotel and watched Ghost Busters and most of Top Gun. The party ended up splitting and all the guys ended up in my room talking about running and life in general until about 4 a.m. when I remembered the Denny's challenge.

The guys all got pumped and we made the walk through the dark March night to meet our destiny at the breakfast table.

We took up two booths and ordered the first round of Lumberjacks. Since Dave could not finish one Lumberjack on Thursday, we decided to make him the official referee of the contest. Within minutes the first round was there and five of us set out on a journey that would change our lives forever. At the

end of round one, Colby and Ryan made their exits citing that they could not possibly eat anymore.

When the second round arrived it was down to a three-some contending for the title. Myself, Ryan Bak (national champion in the 5000-meters for Trinity College) and Tommy Walsh, also of Trinity, crossed the line into territory that the waitress had never before seen. Walsh jumped to a quick lead as I took a bathroom break while Bak tried to go with the slow and steady strategy.

Knowing that it was not going to come down to the pounding of a milkshake, I kicked it into overdrive to try and re-take the lead. Half the pancakes were down quickly with a ton of syrup. I ate the over easy eggs in one bite and made quick work of the bacon, sausage, and hashed browns. At

that point not only had I already ate way too much but I had managed to pull even with Walsh. Bak was out of contention, hoping for Walsh and I to vomit and disqualify ourselves. At that point I began to tackle the slab of country fried ham that sat ominously on my nearly empty plate. Every bite now hurt, and it felt like my stomach was going to explode, and that my esophagus was going to rip wide open. After some time the ham was no longer a worry and I had a clear advantage over Walsh, with Bak falling even further behind.

The only thing that was keeping me from victory was half a stack of pancakes on my plate. I chipped away, but now every bite pushed me further and further in to a hallucinogenic state. Walsh proudly proclaimed that I was finished and that the title was his. I could not stand this attack on my manhood, so I

their half almost the entire second half, which was attributed to the Owls' defense being able to quickly stop Pilgrim attacks. Add to that a dominating hard fought battle in the midfield, and Melissa Grondin's precision passing and the Owls were clearly in control.

After a good win today, Grondin said the team is focusing on Saturday's game against Lasell College.

"We expect to win every time we step on the field, especially when it's a home game. I know we'll remain in the strong form we've been playing in against Lasell," said Grondin.

The women will host Lasell on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., following the men's game against Salem State College. The men's game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

LACROSSE

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the Owls a 5-1 lead with 27 minutes left to play.

Murphy dazzled the crowd with two huge runs a few minutes later, going almost the length of the field and getting tripped from behind, drawing a penalty. Murphy then spun through and around four New England College defenders and drew yet another penalty in the box.

The constant attack from Murphy resulted in a goal a few minutes later, when after a pass from Natalie Kent, Murphy dodged around one defender and ripped a shot almost simultaneously. Pepin was helpless and the Owls had a commanding 6-1 lead with 20 minutes to play.

Keene's attack was constant as the ball stayed in

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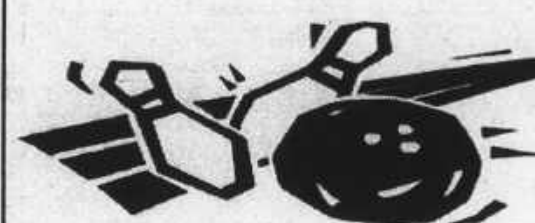
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OSCARs

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past oversights. No dice. The award went to Roman Polanski for "The Pianist," who is undeniably deserving of the award. Still you have to wonder, will Scorsese ever win?

Other noteworthy, but predictable wins were Chris Cooper for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in "Adaptation," the late, great Conrad Hall for Best Cinematography for "Road to Perdition" and Best Special Effects for "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."

Peter O'Toole received an Honorary Oscar. The Academy hands one out when they realize they goofed by not ever awarding a truly deserving person. In the future Scorsese should win

IMAGO

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The next two acts, adding to the randomness of the night, featured a seven-foot tall paper bag and a group of very lively accordions. The paper bag hopped around the stage teetering and tottering back and forth and spastically moving while something inside growled and tried to escape.

Once the bag left, one of the biggest accordions known to man appeared on the stage. Each time it curled up and retracted, pushing itself across the stage a mesh of raucous sound followed. Standing up it took on an almost human personality as it faced the audience and giggled like it was laughing. As another, slightly smaller accordion made its way out, the first one turned and began to interact with it. They began to humorously fight, trying to intimidate each other and filling the theatre with a collage of accordion noises.

Before intermission "Sloth Circus" took the stage amid that defining circus music and through bumbling actions attempted and finally succeeding in spelling out the phrase "AND NOW INTERMISSION" with a tower of boxes that swayed perilously on the edge of the stage threatening to topple over and fall into the seats.

Besides interesting acts, what was so unique about the company was that they excelled at conveying emotion through the use of body gestures and movement. While some of the acts contained masks that did not allow for the audience to see facial expressions, others contained costumes of things that should be inanimate objects, but the cast gave them hysterically funny personalities.

The company also did a wonderful job of including the audience in almost every act; some acts more so than others. When a padded, muscled, six-foot-tall blue man took the stage for the act, "Oskar," he detached his head and threw it into the audience, reacting to how well those who caught it, threw it back.

The head bounced around in audience members' hands like a beach ball at a concert, before the blue man decided to jump into the crowd and climb

one of these, it's the least they could do.

As far as number of awards won, the night belonged to "Chicago" with six wins, including, no surprise, Best Picture, Best Art Direction and Best Costumes. It was amusing that an audience member had to yell to producer Marty Richards to thank Bob Fosse, the writer of the original Broadway musical, "Chicago."

All in all, it was a surprisingly enjoyable ceremony. It took me a long time to realize that the Oscar means crap and once I made that revelation the whole Academy Awards fiasco became far more enjoyable. Of course the fact that the show actually ended at 12 a.m. probably helped too.

Alec Kerr is a movie freak.

through rows of seats as eager children shouted "Come over here," and swatting at him when he walked by. The highlight of the show was quite possibly the "Penguins" skit, in which half a dozen amazingly lifelike penguins begin a game of musical chairs. Each time, the music stopped of course one of the penguins would find itself out of luck and still standing. Sometimes it would be an all out, hilarious battle to get the last available chair, but inevitably the loser would skulk off the stage and the game would continue.

Finally as the loser was cheated out of winning the last available chair and the winner danced off in an ostentatious victory dance. The losing penguin made its way into the audience and evicted an audience member from his seat in an attempt to play musical chairs with him and claim the winning title. Of course the chosen patron won his seat back and on its way back to the stage the penguin became entangled in the curtain, kicking and squirming until it made it safely under.

The show ended with an act called "Paper." All members of the cast paraded across the stage completely covered from head to toe in red, skin-tight suits carrying paper screens, holding them up parallel to the top of their heads. As they walked from one side of the stage to the other, the lights shone into the screens creating a silhouette from their heads down to their waists.

Eventually, they began breaking the paper screens over their heads and by doing so, removed the red masks that had been covering their faces. When they were all unmasked, billowy white sheets of paper began falling from the stage ceiling, snowing down all over the stage.

Each of the cast members disappeared into the paper and when they popped up from within it, their suits were no longer red, but white. A completely random chain of events, but yet visually beautiful and undoubtedly unique. A definite ending to such an aesthetically pleasing night of entertainment.

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Due to technical difficulties the Equinox is unable to provide movie times this week. They will return next week.

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KING

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Without giving away too much of the plot, we learn that an alien spaceship has crashed in the nearby woods and the government has quarantined the area, trapping the men inside its boundaries. This concept alone makes a great book or movie, but only one of the two mediums pulls through without losing the plot to special effects and giant monsters, as opposed to a well-plotted psychological thriller. Take a guess which one is which.

Basically, the movie

HUNTED

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inflicted upon nature's creatures and Bonham works to preserve wildlife in Vancouver and shares his nemesis' perspective.

It is able to keep interest because it doesn't take place in one arena. It begins in Kosovo, then jumps to the flourishing Oregon nature preserves, then over to the forests of Oregon, followed by the city streets of Portland, and finally back to where both men are most accustomed, the wilderness.

Unlike most action flick chase sequences, the ones in this film are necessary. We are privileged to witness Hallam act as a chameleon almost

"Dreamcatcher" starts out well but begins to buckle when it comes time to keep the thrills going. Characters from the book are deleted, and others are slightly altered. Not to say that this is a new concept (books getting changed when it comes to the movie version) but this movie takes the cake.

The movie's ending turns into a computer-graphics demonstration and giant "Men In Black"-like monsters take shape. The psychological edge that the book expressed so well becomes nonexistent as the writers and director of the movie try to get creative.

everywhere imaginable. He blends in with the homeless, the subway patrons, behind a dam, in broad day light, he remains impossible to catch. It is done with such creativity and precision timing, it's inspiring.

At times it's as if the two are the same person when Bonham is able to calculate precisely his enemy's next move, which makes sense he trained him. But, they differ in one crucial way: Bonham is a virgin killer and Hallam has killed too many to count.

The film's director, William Friedkin, is known for his suspense and horror movies, such as "The French Connection," "The Exorcist," and "Rules of Engagement." He recovers from a 30 year slump with this

film, though 1988's "Rampage" was possible, if forgettable.

His horror movie roots are evident and the film is quite gory and graphic. Hallam is portrayed both as a monster and a savior. Scenes become reminiscent of slasher films. Hallam is a Jason Voorhees type character, but he's not out just to kill.

Hallam only goes after those who attack him or innocent animals. He slits the throats of FBI agents like there's nothing to it, reassuring the audience that only one man can take him down.

Most screenplays are 120+ pages, but it is a safe bet that "The Hunted" didn't come close. It is probably safe to say there's less than 10 minutes of actual dialogue throughout the

entire film. When there is talking, it is quick and to the point. No jokes are made. There isn't one make-out scene and not one mention of sex. Production would've been a field day for Jones and Del Toro if the shooting wasn't so physically demanding.

The hero and the enemy only say about two things to one another. When Bonham first encounters Hallam, he immediately attacks him. The sound from the screen mostly consists of screams and grunts, which is totally appropriate, since these are not men we're watching, they're robots. Editors note: They aren't literally robots.

Mike Kalil is a sophomore majoring in journalism.

Kerr's Movie Quote of the Week

"There are certain rules that one must abide by to successfully survive a horror movie. For instance:

1. You can never have sex. The minute you get a little nookie, you're as good as gone. Sex always equals death.
2. Never drink or do drugs. The sin factor. It's an extension of number one. And
3. Never, ever, ever, under any circumstances say, "I'll be right back.""

Randy, (Jamie Kennedy) Scream.

Feminist Economics

an introduction to the ideas of feminist economists Nancy Folbre, Claudia Goldin, and Juliette Schorr with Professor Marie Duggan.

- Dr. Folbre starts from the idea that "production" involves both paid work for wages and unpaid work in the home.
- Dr. Goldin has traced the wages of Black and White women over the past 100 years in the United States, and argues that occupational segregation plays a significant role in keeping women's wages down.
- Dr. Schorr wrote a bestseller on the decline of leisure in the US, and concluded that working women with children work over 80 hours a week.

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New King adaptation is not a 'dream' film

By Mike Lynch
Staff Reporter

The book version of "Dreamcatcher," originally released in 2001, is a nearly 900-page novel that once again showcases Stephen King's talented writing and imagination, however his book has once again been chopped up to satisfy the nonsensical Hollywood-ending standards.

"Dreamcatcher," the latest King book-to-movie, premiered last weekend telling the story of four friends and their fifth friend, Duddits, their dreamcatcher. The written version of this story sticks to King's usual format, focusing on characters from Derry, Maine and their lives together. The book jumps back and forth between the present day lives of these men and memories of their childhood.

The four friends, Henry (Thomas Jane, "Deep Blue Sea"), Pete (Timothy Olyphant, "Go"), Jonsey (Damian Lewis, "Band of Brothers"), and Beaver (Jason Lee, "Mallrats," "Chasing Amy"), are grown up and living their separate lives with the exception of a special 'gift' they share. A low-level telepathy allows them to 'speak' to one another without words, make correct 'guesses' about other's secrets, and to sense danger (of course).

The book's introduction to the four has them in their present lives and jobs, all single men who mostly work dealing with their own problems. Pete drinks too much, Beaver can't seem to keep a girlfriend, Henry is considering suicide, and Jonsey has been having

weird premonitions ever since a car accident six months prior. One of the few things that keep them happy is their long-time friendship to each other and a man named Douglas a.k.a. 'Duddits' (Donnie Wahlberg... yes, Donnie from New Kids On The Block) is a friend from Derry with Down syndrome, to whom the four credit their extra-sensory gift.

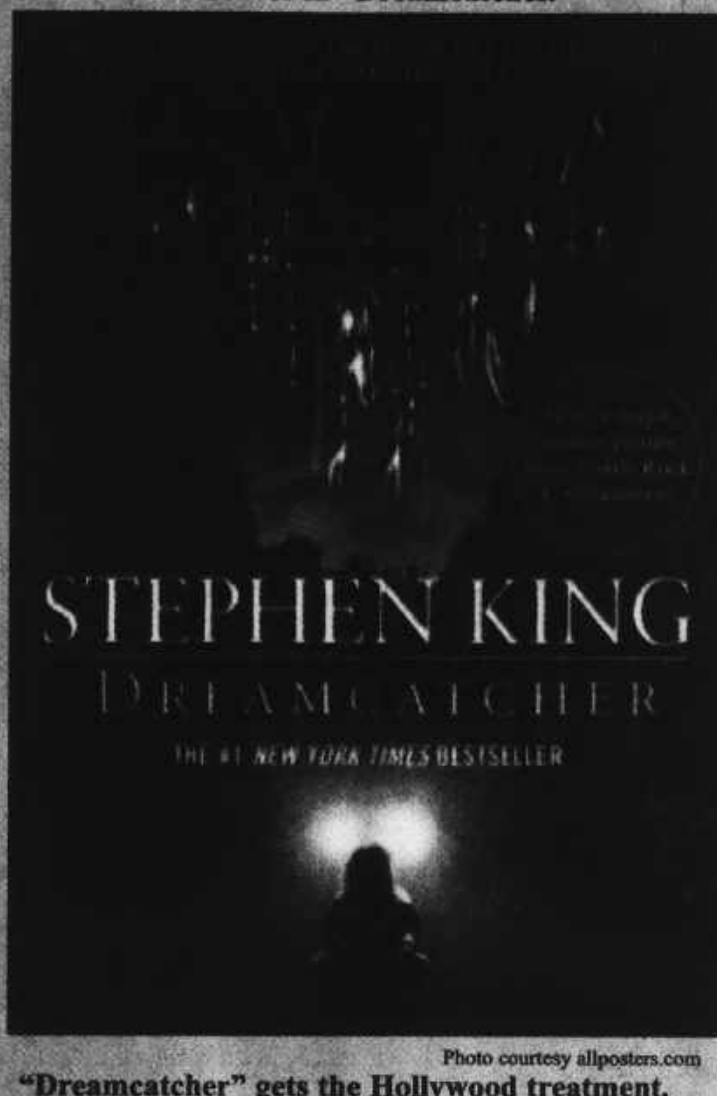
On the big screen, director Lawrence Kasdan, (director of "The Big Chill," "Silverado," "Mumford"), starts the film out by staying true to the book's plotline. The actors are shown in their present-day situations with references and implications toward their telepathy and their interest in their yearly trip back to Derry, where they meet at the 'old' Hole-in-the-wall' cabin for some hunting, a few beers, and lots of laughs.

Kasdan begins the movie beautifully, with great cinematography of birds-eye-view shots of the snowy roads in Maine and by casting talented actors for his movie. The main plot part of the story begins in the woods, where a lost hunter named McCarthy stumbles upon their cabin. Beaver and Jonsey take the hunter in, feeding him and giving him a place to stay, but something seems wrong. The hunter isn't too sure how many days he's been in the woods, and some kind of red fungus is splashed on his skin. When an owl-like monster chews its way out of the man's body and thin gray aliens begin appearing, both the book and movie capture the audience's attention

KING, B10



Jason Lee as Beaver in "Dreamcatcher."



"Dreamcatcher" gets the Hollywood treatment.

Gwyneth Paltrow: Flight Attendant?

By Morgan Sones
Staff Reporter

With a twist of humor, "View from the Top" flies you into the life of a flight attendant and demonstrates the hardships and success one woman takes to follow her career path and dreams.

The romantic comedy "View from the Top" portrays a young woman from Silver Springs, Nev. trying to escape the downsides of small town life. Donna Jensen (Gwyneth Paltrow) gets her ticket to see the world by becoming a flight attendant. From a grungy local airline to a prestigious international airline, the film explores how one woman progresses through the working world to fulfill her goals of seeing the world.

Of course, as always there's a villain (Christina Applegate) today, may find the film to be offensive and distasteful toward their careers.

"View from the Top" was overall a cute but corny story about a woman who is trying to make it in the airline industry. With the famous and hilarious cast of characters, the movie itself should have been more creative and had more of a twist. The film is very predictable, easy to read and is not the best display of Paltrow's acting capabilities.

If you enjoy cheesy romantic comedies, then wait to "View" this when it comes to video, because it's definitely not worth the eight dollars to see it at the theater.

Director Bruno Barreto plays the film more for laughs more than actual excitement and anticipation. The predictability

of the outcome of the film was sitting practically in your lap. The happy ending of the film came as no surprise and will disappoint anyone looking for edge-of-the-seat action.

"View from the Top" is not exactly the type of first-class film that we would expect to see Paltrow in. A cheesy, love flick that degrades women to be classic sex symbols (i.e., their tight, short dresses) just doesn't seem to be Paltrow's cup of tea in comparison to her other movies.

The film itself sets up a stereotypical bias for flight attendants that depicts them to be dirty and flaky. It gives the audience the idea that in order to become a flight attendant, women must wear a lot of make-up, big hair, and be very thin. Many men and women, who work as flight attendants today, may find the film to be offensive and distasteful toward their careers.

With the famous and hilarious cast of characters, the movie itself should have been more creative and had more of a twist. The film is very predictable, easy to read and is not the best display of Paltrow's acting capabilities.

If you enjoy cheesy romantic comedies, then wait to "View" this when it comes to video, because it's definitely not worth the eight dollars to see it at the theater.

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'HUNTED' IS BLOODY, BARBARIC, BRUTAL AND BRILLIANT

By Mike Kalil
Staff Reporter

"The Hunted" is a film rather barbaric, featuring several brutal deaths, but amazingly it turns out to be just as intelligent. It is a film that successfully blends elements of the action, suspense and horror genres, into something a little different.

Benicio Del Toro ("Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas") is Aaron Hallam, a hero of the war in Kosovo who is seen as a cold-blooded killer in the eyes

of the FBI, but is really quite compassionate.

The FBI starts chasing him after he viciously murders two deer hunters in Oregon. It's as if he considers the deer killings as a form of genocide and the hunters as nothing more than war criminals. For that reason he shows no mercy.

Tommy Lee Jones is L.T. Bonham, the man who trained Hallam and many others to be killing machines, though he has never killed anyone himself. For some reason, he is



Tommy Lee Jones does battle with Benicio Del Toro.

sent to investigate the murders, which the FBI believes is the work of a group of lunatics.

It's strange that he is called upon, since he is not an investigator, and never even ranked in the military. Bonham instantly recognizes his trademark slaying style, the slashing of every artery is a dead giveaway. And so the chase begins.

The film has unjustly been compared to "First Blood." Jones nor Del Toro ever fire a gun in the entire story, not even in

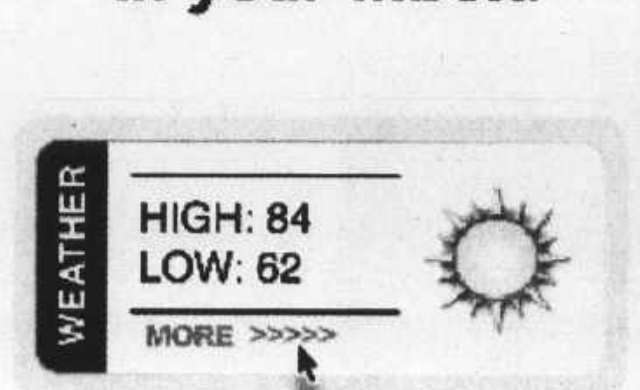
Kosovo. Rambo used machine guns, never even thinking of running out of bullets.

It is not unlike "The Fugitive," which also stars Jones. However, this time the chased really knows what he's doing and truly doesn't have a thing to lose, not even his mind.

"The Hunted" is very environmentally conscious, which comes as a surprise. The two main characters are tree huggers. Hallam is pissed off by the unfair cruelty

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LIZARDS, ACCORDIONS, PENGUINS AND FROGS STORM THE REDFERN ART CENTER

By Laura Cline
Staff Reporter

You would have had to see it to believe it. Frogs with flyswatters, accordions with attitudes, dancing larvae and even semi-educated circus sloth were all part of Imago Theatre's performance at KSC, on March 11.

It seems almost impossible to give such and unbelievable show justice by writing about it but I will try with all my journalistic heart to do the best I can.

As the curtain rose, theatergoers were greeted with three beady-eyed frogs sitting on the stage. Of course not real frogs mind you, just actors in costume. Although the frogs did look freakishly real save for the fact that they were human-sized. Scanning their green bodies, one could hardly see any movement indicating that they were even breathing.

"That's it?!" a small voice yelled cutting through and breaking the stunned silence of the audience. A ripple of laughter followed helping the audience to relax a bit.

The statuesque amphibians

remained stiff for at least four or five minutes, equaling out to what seemed like an eternity, before making slow deliberate movements. As if coming alive for the first time they moved towards the audience, two in perfect unison with their movements while the third, rather slow frog remained a few comedic steps behind.

When the other two had departed from the stage, the third frog made it known it was

all his, and had a brief duel with an invisible, bothersome fly before he wittily swatted it with an enormous fly swatter.

With a contented swagger, he hopped off the stage as the lights in the theatre dimmed and eerie music began to play.

From the wings of the stage, with what little light there was, the outline of large lizards could be made out slithering across the stage, red glowing

eyes freaking out everyone within the first few rows of seats.

They kept sliding closer and closer to the edge of the stage, causing squeals from the children in the front rows. The lizards lingered for a few moments, toying with the audience before whipping around, sending their tails into the first row of seats and then slithering back off the stage.

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Believe it or not, those are people.

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Host Steve Martin provided laughs all night (Left) and a pregnant Catherine Zeta-Jones accepting the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

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Kissing, yelling and awarding "Chicago" big winner at a strange Academy Awards ceremony

By Alec Kerr
A&E Editor

I'd like to thank the Academy for getting me to bed early. Well, relatively early at least.

The 75th Annual Academy Awards aired Sunday, March 23, and actually finished in the projected three-and-a-half-hour. A truly amazing feat considering last year's four-and-a-half-hour ceremony.

The Academy proved to be a little less predictable than usual this year, and winners had few surprises up their sleeves as well. Believe it or not, compared to previous years, this year's ceremonies flew by. They finally paced it out correctly. They'll probably get cocky next year and overblow it again though.

In the last few years, the honor of host has been cycling between Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal and Steve Martin. This year was Martin's turn at the plate and his second time hosting. Martin explained his absence last year in his opening stand up. "I didn't host last year because I was, how do you say, not asked."

Martin came with his patented arsenal of one-liners and everyone was a target. Poor Meryl Streep got zapped by two zingers. First: "Someone was selling the screener tapes...Meryl Streep...don't you have enough?" Which later in the show was followed by "Meryl Streep's performance in 'The Hours' made me think, I will never forgive her for it."

After Sir Sean Connery presented Best Supporting Actress, Martin commented, "So many people are wearing Armani, Sean came in Red Lobster."

Connery presented the award to a pregnant Catherine Zeta-Jones for her show stopping performance in "Chicago." Although her performance was worthy, you get the feeling her husband Michael Douglas pulled some strings to get her the win, so that he could prove his boys can still swim.

cheap tricks like that.

The night had a few surreal moments. First a computer generated Mickey Mouse presented the Best Animated feature to "Spirited Away," a Japanese film that beat out American crap like "Spiri" and "Treasure Planet."

Bizarre moment-number two: Michael Moore wins Best Documentary for "Bowling for Columbine" receiving a standing ovation. For his acceptance speech he invited his fellow nominees up and discussed how they like to work in non-fiction and how Bush, the election and the war were all works of fiction. He was booed off the stage.

Other winners and presenters made remarks about the war, but nothing nearly as biting or abrasive as Moore's. Kudos to Moore for having the balls to make a true statement.

Another big surprise was that U2's Oscar nominated song "Hands that Built America" was terrible. The performance didn't help much either. It was horrendously bad. Cover your ears in agony bad. Bono is a great singer, but something went terribly wrong Oscar night. He sounded sickly and off key. How the song won a Golden Globe, I'll never know.

The Academy didn't let Eminem perform. "Lose Yourself." One can only assume they didn't want to deal with the controversy surrounding his name. It was a major diss that was redeemed when the Academy actually awarded Eminem Best Song, a move that was completely unexpected. The Academy does deserve some props for taking the risk, but Eminem ultimately got the last laugh. He didn't show.

The winner for Best Actor would steal the show. All predictions said that the award would go to either Daniel Day-Lewis' brilliant performance in "Gangs of New York" or Jack Nicholson's subtle work in "About Schmidt." To everyone's surprise it went to Adrian Brody's work in "The Pianist."

The real shocker came when he went up to accept the award and French kissed, opps, I mean Freedom kissed, presenter Halle Berry for several seconds. She actually had to wipe her mouth afterward and was clearly not amused. Brody acted as if

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nothing had happened and gave a usual, "I-didn't-prepare-a-speech" acceptance speech. Then to make things even weirder he commented how making the Holocaust era film opened his eyes to the horrors of war and how we needed peace. He got a standing ovation as his eyes welled up with tears. You have to wonder if it was for the kiss or his moving sentiment.

"The Pianist" also won Best Adapted Screenplay. It is ironic that a film called "Adaptation" didn't win Best Adapted Screenplay. I think the Academy was embarrassed by the fact they nominated the fictional Donald Kaufman. They didn't want to deal with the further humiliation of actually giving an imaginary person an Oscar. Now that would have been cool.

It is official the Academy hates, hates, hates Martin Scorsese. He is one of the most prolific directors of the last 25 years and he hasn't won an Oscar. What is up with that? Of course Alfred Hitchcock never won an Academy Award either.

Everyone predicted he would win this year to make up for



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Best Actress Nicole Kidman on the red carpet.



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Michael Moore uses his acceptance speech to voice his opinions.

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"The Pianist"
Best Actress
Nicole Kidman,
"The Hours"
Best Supporting Actor
Chris Cooper,
"Adaptation"
Best Supporting Actress
Catherine Zeta-Jones,
"Chicago"
Best Picture
"Chicago"
Best Direction
"The Pianist,"
Roman Polanski
Film Editing
"Chicago"
Foreign Language Film
"Nowhere in Africa,"
Germany
Makeup
"Frida"
Music (Score)
"Frida"
Music (Song)
"Lose Yourself,"
Eminem, "8 Mile"
Animated Feature Film
"Spirited Away,"
Hayao Miyazaki
Art Direction
"Chicago"
Cinematography
Road to Perdition,
Conrad L. Hall
Costume Design
"Chicago"
Documentary Feature
"Bowling for Columbine,"
Michael Moore &
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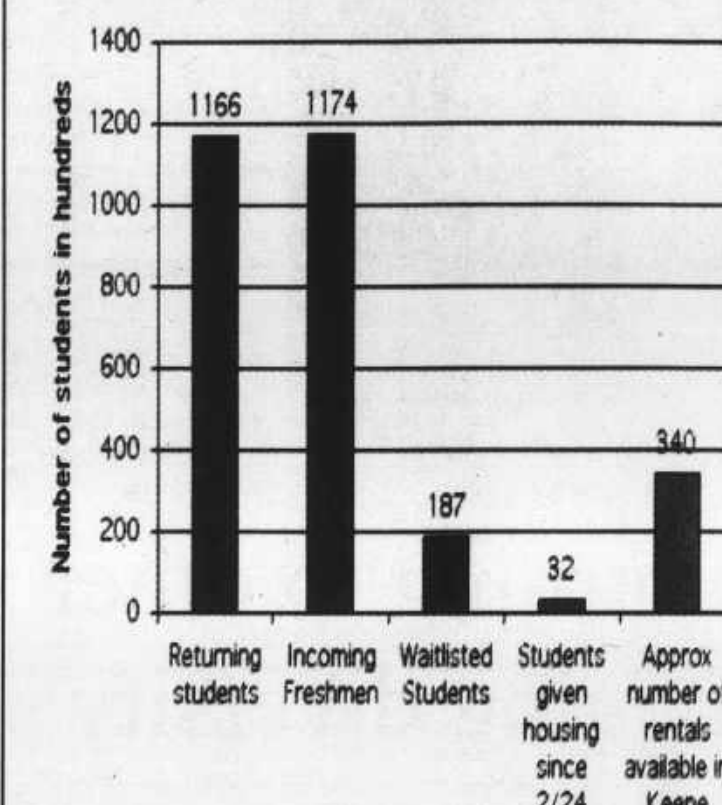
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Waitlisted students seek alternative housing More students remaining on-campus could create a housing scramble

By Katie Dominello
Staff Reporter

Housing KSC Students



Many Keene State College students were forced to look for new housing alternatives when 187 students were put on a waitlist for on-campus housing.

The waitlist was used this year because of overcrowding in on-campus dorms. Housing coordinator Marcia Barrett said the school needed to get the right amount of students in dorms without overcrowding.

In previous years, the school used tripling of rooms and incentives as a way to accommodate the large amount of students who wanted on-campus housing. Barrett said a decision was made to use the waitlist as a way to alleviate the overcrowding in the dorms.

"We couldn't over-assign anymore areas so we had to look at what was the maximum number of beds that we could

accommodate students with, considering we have to save a number of beds for incoming first-year students," Barrett said.

Since the waitlist began on Feb. 24, 32 students on the list have either been given on-campus housing or have been able to find housing off-campus.

"There is change constantly. We have people coming in every day asking to remove themselves from the waitlist or remove themselves from the lottery and receive their refund," Barrett said.

Barrett said she expects there will be a lot of movement in the waitlist after Resident Assistants are chosen on April 11. Students on the waitlist will be urged to check the list that

"Typically, when you're on a waitlist... you're on the waitlist to just actually get a room."

Marcia Barrett

"I don't want to live with a random person. I have already formed a great relationship with my roommate and I want to be able to continue to live with her," said sophomore Noriko Seki.

Seki has been looking for off-campus housing so she will be able to live with her roommate. Barrett said it is more important to try to get students a room

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Journalism professors give take on coverage

By Mike Kalil
Staff Reporter

Once America's war with Iraq was no longer looming and the first series of bombings began in Baghdad, major television networks immediately postponed all scheduled programming.

On a day like Thursday, March 20, a considerably major story could break and get virtually no media attention.

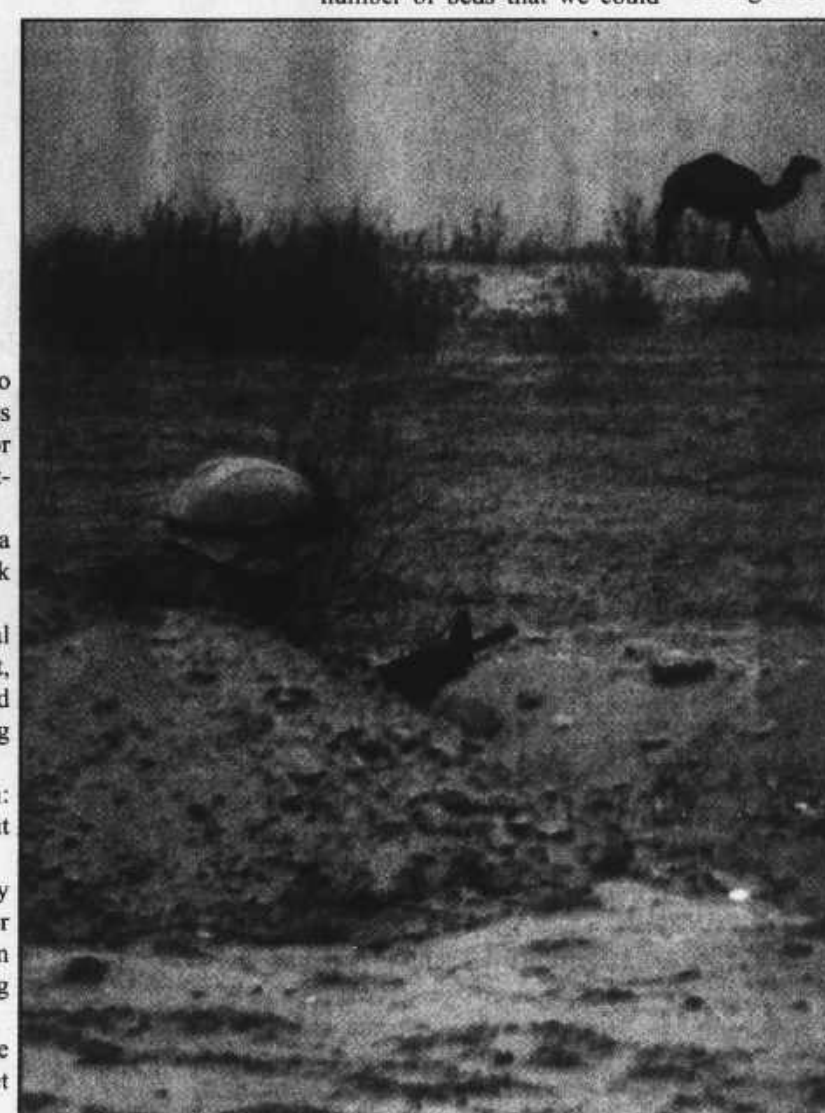
Telecasts were ridden with technical malfunctions, reports were inconsistent, anchors lacked military knowledge, and there were no guarantees concerning casualties, duration, or veracity.

Only one thing remained certain: Americans weren't going to find out what happened on "Friends" that week. Every network urged viewers to "stay tuned," "stick with," "keep it on," or "stay with" their continuing coverage in an attempt to deter channel-surfing promiscuity.

It's worth mentioning where Keene State College's journalism professors get their war information.

Assistant professor Mark Timney relies mostly on television coverage from networks such as CNN, MSNBC and FOX, he said on New Hampshire Public Radio's "The Exchange" on March 26, because it is "easy to be glued

JOURNALIST, A13



U.S. Marine combat engineer Lance Cpl. Steve Dowel, 20, guards the perimeter of Bridge Co. Bravo's encampment in the Iraqi desert on Monday, March 31. For a more in-depth look at the current issues surrounding Operation Iraqi Freedom, turn to A4.

Discussions of war fill KSC classrooms

Conflict is new topic for students, professors

By Nick Archer
Staff Reporter

For months, students have been bombarded by media images and discussions regarding the possibility, and now actuality, of war.

But has the media war barrage translated into more discussion in the classroom, and is it distracting classes from their actual goals?

"There has been a lot of war talk in the classes I've been taking, and it might deteriorate from what the class is about, but at the same time it's relevant," said senior Aric Tillberg.

Political science professor Chuck Weed said that he talks about the war a lot in his "international politics," and "politics of developing areas" classes.

"In 'politics of developing areas,' it's kind of convenient that we've chosen a third world target, a weak target that has grievances with America because of the regime," he said.

English professor Mimi Morton said she has started classes by blending discussion of war with her courses' subject matter.

"I begin each class with any relevant information I have on

events relating to Iraq and the war, particularly artistic and literary material," she said.

Still, most students and faculty spoken to said that it is students, not professors, who are bringing up the war subject, especially since actual hostilities have broken out.

"I feel that in the classes I have, the subject is brought up more by students now than professors," senior Jeff Clegg said.

Morton agreed with Clegg's statement. "Since war began, students are in general more forthcoming with their own views and speculations," she said.

Political science professor Wes Martin said he has seen students become increasingly "more thoughtful and probing" about the Iraqi crisis since war broke out.

"Most significantly, KSC students are prepared to consider the things that they can do to make something constructive out of this conflict," he said.

Trying to gauge the overall student opinion on the war has proven difficult, according to professors, in large part because students are either afraid to speak out or confused about the situation.

"To listen to class discussion, you might think that the majority of the students are anti-

-Correction-

In the March 27 issue of The Equinox, comments were made in an article called "Off-campus attacks create student concerns" which implied that a campus safety officer's reaction time in an emergency situation was slow. We would like to extend our sincere apologies to the officers at campus safety.

Also, in the same article, mention was made of the Clergy Report, not the Clergy Report, as was reported in the story.

April fools!



Photo by Nicole Smith

Just when it seemed like spring was here to stay, students were greeted with snow flurries throughout last weekend and on Tuesday, April 1. Beathan Regan, left, and Jason Mun, stop to have a conversation during the unexpected snowstorm.