

April 17, 1997

The Equinox Sports



Bon Voyage

The Hartford Whalers have never been a phenomenal team. But with the team moving out of the Hartford Civic Center, many sad and angry fans came together to say goodbye Sunday.

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KSC's Liane Blad takes a cut during Saturday's action against Sacred Heart University. Equinox photo by Kyle Piper

KSC splits weekend 1-1

Mike DeFina
The Equinox

On a cloudy but mild afternoon, the Keene State College softball team said hello to familiar surroundings as they hosted Sacred Heart University for a doubleheader on Saturday.

Although Keene State did have a good day with the bats and played well all around, they finished the day with a split, bringing their record to 6-14 overall, and 4-2 in the NECC.

In the first game of the afternoon, the Lady Owls jumped out on top quickly, thanks to a two-run double by freshman Beth Ponte, which brought home Carrah Fisk and Kristen Bailey.

Although the Lady Owls got six hits in the game, the two runs in the first inning would

be the only of the game for Keene State.

Sacred Heart struck for three runs in the third inning, two coming off the only Keene State error of the day.

Sacred Heart never looked back, despite the Lady Owls' attempted comebacks in both the sixth and seventh innings.

Lindsey Blood, who sustained a quad muscle pull earlier in the week, pitched three innings and took the loss for the Lady Owls.

The second game of the afternoon went more smoothly for the Lady Owls.

Keene State fired up their bats for eight hits and played errorless ball behind the strong three-hit shutout pitching performance by Fisk.

"I told her (Fisk) right after the game that it was the best game that she has had in her

two years here," Lady Owls head coach Charlie Beach said.

"It was fun," Fisk said of her victory. "I was confident with every pitch I threw and I used all of my pitches," she said.

"I was very pleased with the effort in both games. Sacred Heart is a great team, and there was pressure to win, but they handled it fine," Beach said.

With a 4-2 NECC record, the Lady Owls are in pretty good shape for the long haul.

"I am optimistic for the rest of the year, and if we go undefeated the rest of the season we can go into a tie for first," Beach said with a laugh.

The Lady Owls will put their 4-2 conference record to the test on Saturday, when they host the University of Bridgeport for a pair of games starting at 1 p.m.

Owls being led by Harrington

David Haley
The Equinox

Anyone who knows Guy Harrington will tell you that he lets his pitching do the talking.

Harrington is quiet by nature and shows little or no emotion when he is on the playing field, but his performance is making quite an impression on NECC foes.

After dropping a pair in a midweek doubleheader to New Hampshire College, Harrington and his Owl teammates were quite aware of the predicament they had put themselves in.

A weekend series at Sacred Heart University could be the difference between momentum and a disappointing season.

"We went down to Sacred

Heart feeling like a split wasn't going to do it, we needed the sweep and getting it on the road made it even bigger," noted All-Conference outfielder Mike O'Brien.

Harrington weaved his magic to the tune of a 4-3 win in the opener behind the hitting of Brian Hamilton and some key strategic moves by head coach Ken Howe.

"We have a lot of confidence in Guy, you know you won't find yourself down early whenever he is in the game," added outfielder Brian Hamilton.

Sophomore Michael Leighton followed the lead of Harrington with his third strong start of the season.

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Owl's pitcher Guy Harrington brings one to the plate. Equinox photo by Kyle Piper

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Spring Weekend offers something for everyone

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Marcy Playground



Equinox photos by Jesse Stenbak

Campus Safety Log

April 15 Tuesday

6:47 p.m. A call was received from the dining commons. A transport to the Cheshire Medical Center was requested for a subject with a broken finger.
10:04 p.m. There was a report of a student making an in-line skating ramp using a table.

April 16 Wednesday

11:35 p.m. There was a report of four people trespassing in the fenced in area of the old Lloyd P. Young building. The subjects said they only entered the area to retrieve their lost frisbee.

April 17 Thursday

1:33 a.m. Campus Safety officers responded to a call on Blake Street concerning a male subject banging on dumpsters, but were unable to locate the subject.
7:14 p.m. Campus Safety officers spoke with people playing golf on Sumner Joyce field. Subjects were informed they

were trespassing.

11:09 p.m. Someone kicked open a fire exit door (location deleted) and ripped the magnetic frame off in the process. Campus Safety officers responded.

11:13 p.m. Someone set paper attached to fire door (location deleted) on fire.

April 18 Friday

1:21 a.m. There was a complaint of someone yelling profanity (location deleted).

2:03 a.m. A report was received of malicious mischief in a first floor girls' bathroom (location deleted). Shaving cream was found on people's belongings and there was urine in the sink.

7:10 p.m. An alarm accidentally sounded in the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery. The Keene Police Department was notified.

7:59 p.m. There was a request for assistance with alcohol and

other prohibited items.

10:34 p.m. A blue light phone outside Owl's Nest 3 was reported dysfunctional.

April 19 Saturday

3:24 a.m. A call was received reporting two prank calls. The caller said she could hear other voices in the background.

8:17 a.m. Someone in Elliot Hall reported that their office door was open and the lights were on when they arrived at the building. The subject believed the entry may have been made by a new member of the staff.

6:03 p.m. A window was reported broken on the west side of Merrimack House.

7:02 p.m. Two non-student subjects were observed walking down Winchester Street with open containers. The KPD was notified.

11:38 p.m. Blood was cleaned up on the first floor (location deleted). The campus cleaning

service was called.

April 20 Sunday

3:37 a.m. Vomit was cleaned up in Monadnock.

5:00 a.m. Campus Safety officers reported that the (words deleted) was found in Appleton Street Lot with the windows smashed and the hood dented.

1:51 p.m. Someone was riding on the hood of a car on Butler Court. The subject was issued a verbal warning.

4:19 p.m. An RA reported that someone vomited in a unisex bathroom in Owl's Nest 3.

4:47 p.m. A report was received that someone may have been having a cookout on the second floor (location deleted).

5:36 p.m. Nine subjects were seen on the roof of the dining commons. Campus Safety officers removed and checked their IDs.

5:51 p.m. Campus Safety officers saw several subjects hanging off a second floor railing. No damage was reported.

The Campus Safety officers thought drinking may have been involved.

6:57 p.m. Someone was reported stuck in an elevator in Holloway. Paul Sullivan responded.

11:30 p.m. Campus Safety officers responded to noise complaints on Fiske Quad. Campus Safety officers observed a crowd with open containers and possibly intoxicated subjects. Fiske Quad was closed due to health and safety concerns. The KPD was called to assist in dispersing the crowd.

A crowd started forming on the Fiske Quad around 11:30 p.m. when about 15 ralliers arrived and began shouting and urging people to gather.

April 21 Monday

12:43 a.m. A group of 30 to 40 males was reported antagonizing RAs and preparing to enter Huntress. The KPD was called and responded with three units.

1:05 a.m. There were three consecutive reports of explosions due to heavy duty firecrackers. No damage was reported.

Pot rally never lit up Demonstration moves to Appian Way

Brent Carris
The Equinox

The third annual "pot rally" started with a spark late Sunday night, but never really caught fire.

It ended two hours later when police and Campus Safety moved along the remnants of a steadfast crowd from Appian Way.

A crowd started forming on the Fiske Quad around 11:30 p.m. when about 15 ralliers arrived and began shouting and urging people to gather.

Fifteen minutes later the rally swelled to about 75 people, sitting together in small groups and clumped in a circle at the middle of the lawn.

Compared to the 300 people who came to the rally last year, this year's small crowd disappointed many.

"I heard it was kickin' last year, this sucks," freshman Beth Ibitz said.

Drug use was also not as prevalent at this year's rally.

"This year sucks. No one's smoking pot," sophomore Melissa Sarcia said. "People are wimping out man, no one's here."

The poor turnout was caused by fear of arrest, especially after last year's rally was broken up by police, freshman

Dave Liebowitz said.

"People are just scared about what's going to happen to them when really nothing can," Liebowitz said.

Sophomore Peter Steese thought people feared being discriminated against by professors and bosses who identified them with the rally and marijuana smoking.

"It's not fun to be looked down upon by a bunch of people. When you walk through a place people are staring and pointing at you," Steese said.

Sophomore Shari Kochilaris disagreed.

"I've seen people pointing fingers and I don't care. So many people are too chicken-shit to stand up for their beliefs," Kochilaris said.

Not long after the rally began, Campus Safety officials arrived, and a series of confrontations began between Campus Safety and ralliers.

This continued for the remainder of the event.

The officers told ralliers there were noise complaints from one of the residence halls so the quad was being closed.

Ralliers protested by refusing to leave and shouting jeers and slogans such as "pig," "Dunkin' Donuts," and "fight

the power."

The crowd's conduct didn't resemble anything like a rally. Vernon Baisden, director of Campus Safety said. He said the crowd was made up of two groups.

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• Melissa Sarcia
sophomore

"One group had been drinking and had no respect for residents trying to sleep in the halls. The other group was made up of members of *The Equinox* who I feel were trying to incite news rather than report it and I do not believe that group is representative of the student body," Baisden said.

Campus Safety called the Keene Police Department, who sent five officers to the scene.

At about 12:20 a.m. police and Campus Safety officers moved onto the lawn and announced the quad was closed.

"If Campus Safety were cool and if we were making noise



Equinox photo by Josh Lynn

Kate Wadleigh and a Campus Safety officer stop ralliers at the Pot Rally from making a dash through Huntress Hall. The rally was broken up by Campus Safety officers and Keene Police officers by 1:20 a.m.

maybe it would be cool that they were busting us, but there's no one smoking pot, no one's making noise and all you see are people hanging out trying to have fun," Sarcia said.

Some ralliers thought that the police were causing more trouble than the students.

"If there was no cops there would be no trouble. Everyone would just be peaceful and do their own thing and have a good time," Steese said.

Some ralliers protested the

legality of closing the quad without "proper written confirmation." There are formal rules for closing off public sites on campus and they were not followed, sophomore Ryan Pettigrew said.

"It's almost like the police. For the police to come in your house they need a warrant. For them (Campus Safety) to close off the quad they need written confirmation," Pettigrew said.

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Keene Police Log

April 15 Tuesday

12:50 a.m. Call received from Keene State College Solid Waste, general information report filed.

9:37 p.m. Follow up at the Keene Book Exchange.

11:22 p.m. There was a motor vehicle stop for an unlawful turn behind Paks on Winchester Street, summons issued.

April 16 Wednesday

1:21 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on the corner of Main and Winchester streets, checkslip issued.

April 17 Thursday

12:17 a.m. A complaint of loud yelling at a sorority house on Blake was received, services rendered.

12:46 a.m. Call received of criminal mischief at Owl's Nest 4, general information report filed.

11:21 p.m. Call received of criminal mischief on the second floor of Carle, general information report filed.

April 18 Friday

7:13 p.m. An accidental alarm was reported at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery.

April 20 Sunday

4:15 p.m. Motor vehicle, stop on Winchester Street in front of KSC, summons issued.

4:18 p.m. Report of subjects with open containers on Winchester Street in front of KSC.

11:59 p.m. Call received from Keene State Campus Safety about a large crowd on Fiske Quad, officers sent to disperse and render services.

April 21 Monday

12:46 a.m. Report of a large group outside Huntress, services rendered.

Fire Log

April 17 Thursday

12:39 a.m. A fire alarm was pulled in Owl's Nest 6 side D, building #4.

11:14 p.m. Firefighters responded to a fire set at Carle near rooms 213-214.

April 20 Sunday

3:36 p.m. Personnel were assigned special detail during a concert on Appian Way.

6:38 p.m. Firefighters were called to the Spaulding Gym for a medical emergency.



Equinox photo by Matthew Daly

A campus maintenance crew works on pipes outside the Dining Commons.

Greek Senate funding divides Student Assembly

Anthony B. Vogl
The Equinox

The decision to repeal the funding of Greek Senate on April 14 has caused a divide in the Student Assembly.

On Monday night, after a letter from Vice President for Student Affairs Delina Hickey was read, the Student Assembly voted almost unanimously to take back the vote they had made on March 19. The previous vote was to fund Greek Senate.

The controversy lies in the difference of opinions of whether Greek Senate is inclusive or exclusive and if it is exclusive, can Student Government fund it?

Ron Rogers, the University System of New Hampshire attorney said that Greek Senate is an exclusive organization and that this would prevent student fee funding from going to fund them.



"Members of the Student Assembly abused their position. They went against the guidelines."

• Jennifer McTeague
freshman class representative

Rogers said since at Keene State the sororities are open only to females and the fraternities are open only to males, then for his reason, the handbook prohibits funding these Greek organizations.

Micah Minium, former student body president, said he was for funding Greek Senate.

"I am a proponent of funding Greek Senate and I am an opponent of breaking the guidelines to do so," Minium said. The guidelines he was referring to are those found in the Student Programs

Handbook.

He said that he believes the way that the Student Assembly made their decision to fund Greek Senate "jeopardized the integrity of Student Government."

In order for Greek Senate to be funded, the guidelines need to be changed, Minium said.

Some of the Greek members of the Student Assembly were not pleased with this decision.

Mike Gagnon, junior class representative and Phi Mu Delta brother, said he thought the decision to rescind the funding was ridiculous, and he was upset.

"We had two marathon meetings when we discussed this issue," Gagnon said.

He said he felt let down by the administration of Keene State College because of its interaction with the assembly.

"What is the point of making



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• Mike Gagnon
junior class representative

a decision if they are just going to send it to Dr. Y," Gagnon said.

Jennifer McTeague, the freshman class representative, had the exact opposite sentiments.

"I am glad that finally we have the input of the administration," McTeague said. Their input, she said, would give the Student Assembly "another perspective."

She said she was grateful to Hickey for her input in this matter.

"Particular members of the Student Assembly clearly

needed a reminder of what our purpose is and the legalities of the situation," she said.

McTeague said while Greek Senate does serve a part of the student body, an exclusive organization.

She said that Greek or non-Greek, they must remember to maintain objectivity and not to sway or allow their personal interests to hinder their vote.

Minium disagreed with McTeague that there could be a conflict of interest in the Student Assembly. "Everyone acted as they thought best," Minium said.

"I believe particular members of the Student Assembly abused their position," McTeague said. "We do have guidelines to follow which say

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Environment theme at solar talks

Sam Lehman
The Equinox

Campus Ecology's solar-powered Earth Day concert braved rain and clouds Saturday, April 19.

Based on an environmental theme, the event featured guest speakers discussing environmental issues, performances by local and regional bands and booths displaying literature on various environmentally conscious organizations.

Tim Allen, assistant professor of geology, spoke on the impact every person can have regarding ecology.

Allen discussed issues such as global warming and the Greenhouse Effect and said the "system" can be changed if the right decisions are made.

"The point is that you do



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

The solar panel trailer powers the Solar Powered Festival that was held in the Mabel Brown Room on Saturday.

have a choice. What you buy, what you eat, where you live, what you do, how you live your life, you have options," Allen said.

Allen closed his speech with the unofficial theme of the day, "Earth day is every day."

Karen Cangialosi, professor of biology, spoke about tropical rainforests.

Using statistical facts, Cangialosi warned the crowd that the rate of rainforest depletion is accelerating.

She explained that this depletion is cutting biological diversity or causing the extinction of certain animal and plant species.

"In 1950, 15 percent of the Earth's land surface was covered by rainforests. Today, more than half of that is gone," Cangialosi said. "We lose 137 species a day through rainforest destruction."

She endorsed boycotting companies such as Mitsubishi which contribute to cultural disintegration. She said that commercial logging is the number one cause of rainforest destruction.

Jo Beth Mullens, assistant professor of geography, spoke after a set by Vitamin C, a six-piece band formed at the Uni-

versity of New Hampshire.

Mullens began her speech on water-use and quality with the number 985.

There are 985 days until the new millennium and scientists say to "look at this number as in terms of a goal for us to get our shit together with regard to the environment," Mullens said.

She talked about the ways of reducing water consumption in the home.

The primary focus is the bathroom because this is where the most water is used each day, she said.

Aside from water saving sink and shower heads, Mullens suggested a simple rhyme to save water.

"If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down," she said.

Mullens said the Ashuelot River is a "major resource for this community."

Mullens offered some comical advice to the crowd while talking about the pollution of the Ashuelot.

"When you find someone throwing one of those shopping carts into the river, you throw them in the river," Mullens said.

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Net policy sets down rules

Brent Curtis
The Equinox

For years, computer users at Keene State College have cruised the great silicon highways without a road map, speed limit or "break for pedestrians" sign.

But now, a new policy has been accepted by the College Information and Technology Committee (CITC) at Keene State, which maps out the do's and don'ts for computer use on campus.

"It's like someone saying, 'Here's your license, go for it.' There are rules of the road when driving a car and the same is true here."

• Tom Richards
director of academic
advising and creator
of the policy

The User Network Policy, in effect since the beginning of April, lays down ground rules for appropriate use, Tom Richards, director of academic affairs and creator of the policy, said.

Richard said the policy is important for educating students on the rules of computer use, much like drivers' ed, is important for learning to drive a car.

"It's like someone saying 'Here's your license, go for it.' There are rules of the road when driving a car and the same is true here," Richard said.

Richard described many of the rules defined in the policy as common sense.

Access to computers in the labs, for example, is scaled on a priority basis. Any student can use the labs, even for recreational use, but students who need the machines for academic use have first priority, he said.

"You don't log on and play games when 17 people are waiting to write papers," he said.

The policy also establishes guidelines and standards for punishing users who violate the rules as well as an appeals panel to review those violations, Richard said.

Even though the policy succeeds in establishing guidelines, it fails to make provisions for a network administrator to run the system, Troy Kammerdiener, a computer

science professor and a member of the CITC, said.

Right now, the policy gives all administrative control to Chuck Thompson, the director of computer services. Kammerdiener said having

Thompson controlling both positions represents a conflict of interest between administrative and academic views.

"I would like there to be an administrator who is sympathetic to academic concerns, not just conversant with academics, but open to free speech," he said.

Kammerdiener said academic interests might conflict with the interests of Jay Kahn, Thompson's boss and the vice president of finance and planning at the college.

These reservations led Kammerdiener to vote against the policy on March 21.

"I felt it was important that there be a voice of opposition so I voted no on the policy," he said.

Despite the protest, the policy passed CITC by a vote of 7 to 1, Kammerdiener said.

Richard said the appointment of an independent network administrator is a good idea but one that was impossible for him to address while drafting the policy.

"Part of what I had to do with the policy is work with what I had. Some faculty want an administrator who would be separate from computer services and others want someone with a Ph.D and experience. Whether we go that direction or not is not something I can rely on today in terms of writing the policy," Richard said.

Another potential problem the policy faces is the question of who may use the system.

Presently the policy excludes alumni from accessing the system.

That exception was the only flaw in the policy, said Stephanie Norton, the student representative for CITC.

Norton said she would like to see alumni allowed in but supports the policy and the reasons for the exclusion.

"If you said that alumni could use the system you'd have this tremendous number of people trying to use [it]," Norton said.

The "alumni rule" may change in the future, Richard said, but only after appropriate security issues have been resolved.

Student privacy and confidentiality must be secured before anyone outside the college, including alumni, are allowed into the system, Richard said.

The policy is a positive step, but there are flaws which need to be worked out, Ben Andrus, a senior and computer science major said.

Andrus said the policy is too vague in determining "appropriate use" and needs to discuss volume of use as well.

"That's the whole gray area stuff, that's the part that sucks. It gets back to having Chuck or Ken Whitaker [the system administrator] running the system. What do they think is appropriate use," he said.

The policy does not try to infringe on personal use, Richard said.

The policy recognizes the students' right to free expression and contains a passage paying homage to the First Amendment, he said.

Changes can be worked out in the policy as the need arises

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• Ben Andrus
senior

and the policy is open to public review every year, Richard said.

Compared to other schools, Keene's policy is much like other colleges, Ron Rogers, a University System of New Hampshire attorney who worked as legal adviser while drafting the policy, said.

Rogers said he liked Keene's policy more than some others because it manages to address many issues within a single document.

Keene owes the origin of its policy to other institutions like Cornell, Stanford and Tulane.

Since the CITC voted, the policy has been reviewed and approved by the college president and cabinet, Jay Kahn vice president of finance and planning, said.



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Opinion

Pot 'rally' disgraced Keene State community

Editorial

It wasn't the third Keene State College pot rally. It was the first Keene State pot disturbance.

In the past, the pot rally has quickly disappeared at the first sign of the police. This year the "rally," which only consisted of about 75 students, many of them drunk, degenerated into a mob as soon as it all started. They shouted jeers at the police, like "fight the power."

They were then kicked off the Fiske Quad, but they regrouped on Appian Way, and woke up slumbering residents of Huntress Hall. They singled out a residence director and taunted her as well. The "rally" was finally over around 1:20 a.m.

This event was a poor excuse for a rally. It was not a group of concerned students calling for the legalization of pot. It was a mob, a group of drunken students trying to start trouble. They did not help advance the case for legalizing pot in the slightest. We said if the ralliers had strong beliefs about marijuana legalization, they should hold a true rally. We said they should stand up for their beliefs, not run away from police if they want to have their views properly expressed. We didn't think it should just be a chance to smoke pot in public. What they did was precisely the opposite. In fact, one student was disappointed that no one

was smoking pot.

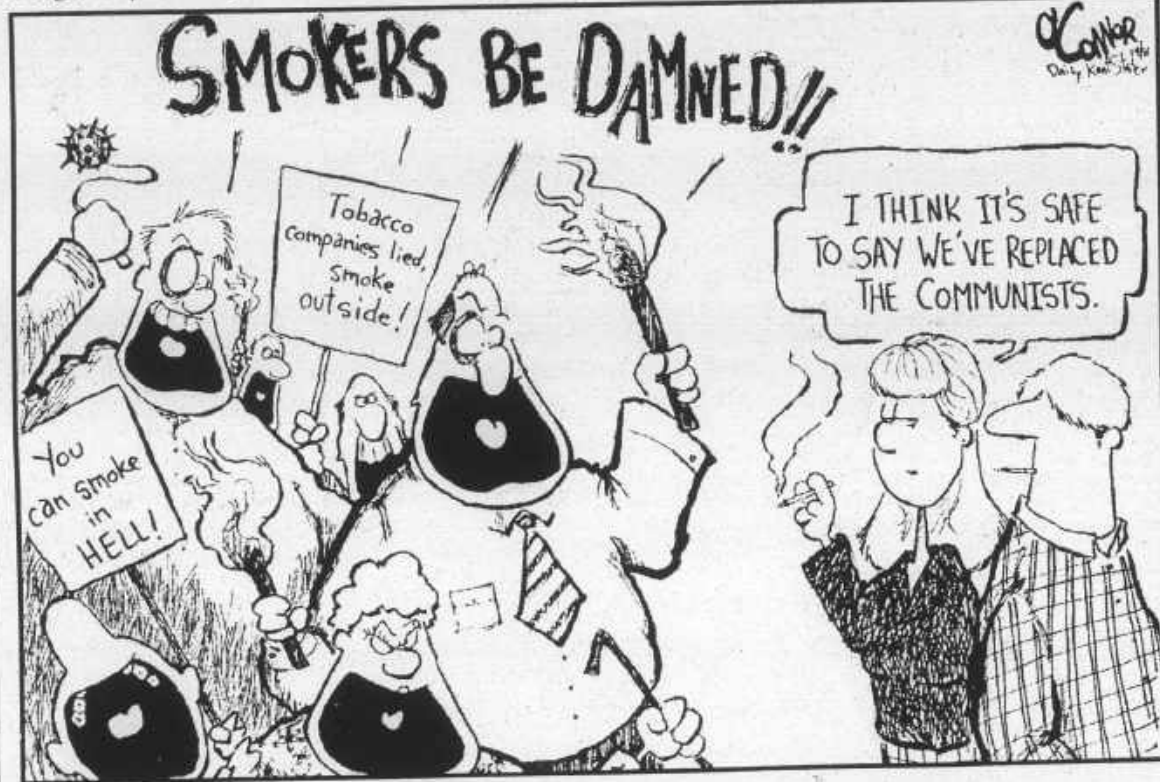
The participants should be ashamed. Their actions were both disruptive and disrespectful - to the police, to the residents of Huntress, and to all members of the Keene State community. Their actions reflect badly on the entire campus, detracting from safety and the quality of life here, marred an otherwise excellent Spring Weekend.

As we said before, these people had every right to hold a rally. It is a right guaranteed to them by the First Amendment. However, although they freely used the right to free speech, they abused the right to peaceably assemble. The "rally" was

anything but peaceful.

The ralliers just can't seem to grasp the fundamentals of rallying. In the past, they have fled at the first sign of the police. This time, they jeered the police and turned into a mob. They went from one extreme to the other - and both extremes are undesirable. Just stand up for your beliefs peacefully - it's simple, easy, and it might just work.

If people want to peaceably assemble, state their views and call for change, that's wonderful. That's what America is all about. But if they abuse their constitutional rights and violate the rights of others, they do not contribute anything to society



Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Matthew Daly

"How do you think Spring Weekend went this year?"



"It was an alright time, but people weren't that into it."
• Stacie Goldberg
freshman
early childhood ed.



"It went better last year, but having the band play outside was good."
• Elizabeth Wright
sophomore
communications



"I think it was good except for the rain."
• Emma Nash
freshman
American studies



"Friday was good, Saturday was less than expected, not many people showed up, Sunday was awesome."
• Brooks Ladd
senior, outgoing
president of SAC

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Career Services is a resource for all students

I am frequently asked if Keene State College students can successfully compete for places in competitive graduate and professional programs and for positions in well-respected companies and organizations.

It's a two-sided answer that I have to give. If you are purposeful about your college education and use your time here well, there are almost no limits to what you can do with your Keene State education. If, on the other hand, you do not see college as an opportunity to become, through great effort, much more than you were when you entered, a satisfying place in the professional world may be a long time coming.

Most of us could use some help with planning the big goals in our lives and with making the most of opportunities available to us. Career Services provides that kind of support and guidance, the kind that helps make meaning of the college experience and we provide it from your first year on.

There seems to be a myth out there that Career Services is for seniors only which leads to delayed professional

planning and missed opportunities. So often seniors tell me about their regrets - the wish that they had been more purposeful about their academics, that they had explored their professional options through internships and co-ops, that they had taken the time to plan for their post-college life. The laments are usually followed by something like, "I wish I had come to Career Services sooner," and, "I didn't know you had all this information here."

One of the most important functions of Career Services is to help first and second year students choose an appropriate major, a decision that may affect the course of a life. A major selected with good self knowledge, one that you are truly excited about, can lead to extraordinary opportunities and adventures.

For many students, though, the choice of a major doesn't come easily, but rather after a period of exploration of interests, values and aspirations, after conversations with faculty, counselors,

family members and practicing professionals. A career counselor can provide the guidance needed to get through this maze of decision making.

Keene State students can get into the most exciting workplaces in the country as an intern or co-op student. What you may not realize is that these same organizations do much of their entry-level hiring from their intern or co-op pool.

Accessing those organizations after graduation may be extremely difficult if not impossible. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to use Career Services to help identify those work/learning experiences that will open exciting new dimensions to college life while building skills and confidence.

A sample of organizations posting summer 1997 co-op and internship positions with us includes: The Union of Concerned Scientists, National Resources Consulting Services, The New York Times, General Electric Co.,



Patricia Campbell

Letters to the Editor

Bias often found in the media

I have been talking to my classes about bias in the media, and now find a perfect example. All sources are biased - The New York Times, scholarly journals, reference books, web pages, TV news, politicians, professors, etc.

The problem is that most people see only sources that share the same bias. Alternative viewpoints are available, but it takes effort to find them.

One reason for this is that editors may censor alternative views, or reporters censor themselves as they strive to please editors and never to offend.

I was interviewed for the article in your April 3 edition, "Mac vs. PC: Technology

debate rears its [sic] ugly head at Keene State." I told the reporter that I had decided to purchase a Mac for my home use because it was PC, i.e., politically correct.

I explained that at the time, IBM was servicing the apartheid regime in South Africa, and that there was a boycott in the United States by many cities, states, non-profit organizations, and individuals against firms doing business in South Africa. None of this appeared in the article; one faculty member was quoted who said his choice was based on business practice. This is typical, and will never get anyone into trouble.

On the other hand, it might have been more newsworthy to show that there are some people who make choices for other reasons than standard business practice, cheapest,

best advertised, etc. Even if there were only one person who made decisions on that basis, it might be useful for students to know about it, to say nothing of the lovely pun.

Joan Roelofs
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Keene State College

MENC thankful for supporters

We would like to thank Student Assembly for its continued support of our organization. We feel that a fair compromise was reached in regards to funding.

The biggest problem with the budget process this year, based on our experience, was the lack of communication

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It's been three years - it seems like forever

Although it's not something I'm proud of, Keene has been my home for the better part of six years.

Yup, that's right, barring the occasional summer-time venture, I've lived here for what seems to me like a thousand years. I moved here the summer before I began attending Keene State - the summer of 1992. I celebrated my 21st here, lived in four (count 'em four) apartments - even got a New Hampshire driver's license. And although I cannot say with even the slightest degree of certainty where or for what I'm headed, I know one thing for sure, I'm glad to be on my way.

I always said I did not want to be one of those seniors who's so bent on leaving, they can't spend a single weekend here. I haven't even so much as ventured into a local bar in two months. Nor have I had the opportunity, I leave town each and every Friday. Working at The Equinox hasn't been a "good experience." I wouldn't say "I've learned a lot," or "you really should try it, it was fun." Nope, working for the paper these last three years, has been

nothing short of the driving force in my life. I don't expect everyone to understand this, but to try and separate my "life" from my "life at the paper," would be an exercise in great futility - one in which no reasonable separation could be realized.

Over the last week, having all but stepped down from the newspaper, I am left with a most unpleasant, frightening feeling.

You try to liken it to something else in life, try to categorize these thoughts and emotions, and nothing, I tell you, nothing can

even hold a candle to the way I feel now. I truly feel as though I've caught a glimpse into child rearing. Suddenly, after years of toiling, your kid is off to school, and on his or her own - the kid will continue to learn and grow, but after a life of being the most influential person in that child's life, you now shove over and allow life to take its course ... hope that you've provided a strong enough foundation and leave it at that.

I often tell those I encounter that I've adopted a sort of surrogate ego regarding the newspaper.

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Joel Kastner



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Southern independence movement reborn

The South will rise again! That, at least, is what the group calling itself the Southern League proclaims on its web page, the DixieNet. The address is <http://www.dixienet.org>, and you should visit the site someday. You will come away from it not knowing whether to feel disgusted or to laugh out loud at the ludicrousness of it all.

The first thing you will encounter when you visit is a rousing version of "Dixie" played by what sounds like a duo of computerized banjos. Soon, the Southern League emblem appears, along with two Confederate flags waving. The music will start to become annoying.

When the page finishes loading and the music stops you can read the ideology of the Southern League. You will notice that the league uses British-type spelling, such as "coloured" and "centre." This, according to the league, is because for too long, Southerners have been told how to spell words by that no good Yankee, Noah Webster, who published the first American dictionary.

Yet Webster is not the only Northerner who is criticized by the Southern League. In fact, all Northerners are. You soon realize, if you haven't already read it in big red

letters blinking on the screen, the Southern League advocates Southern independence.

Didn't we settle this during the Civil War? Apparently not, and be certain not to call it the Civil War. The league calls the conflict "The War for Southern Independence."

The league also states that "if the South were its own nation, its GNP would rank it in the top five nations of the world. Its laws would better reflect the natural conservatism and Christian roots of the Southern people ... we could follow a foreign policy of armed neutrality, leave the UN, and oppose the New World Order. We could ... abolish the Welfare State and Affirmative Action. We could severely limit immigration."

The Southern League claims to have chapters in 29 states, one of which, surprisingly, is New York. They also reprint press coverage and editorials that have been written about them. The editorials seem to support the league, but upon reading them closely you realize that they have been severely edited. Most of the columnists and writers who have written about the league, including this columnist, probably, think the Southern

League is completely insane.

Now, to be fair, on one issue I agree with the league. The league criticizes people who want to stop the Confederate flag from flying in certain places, and those people who want to tear down monuments to Southern soldiers.

The Confederate flag was not, and is not, a racist symbol, like some people believe. Some radical groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, have claimed the flag as their own, but it does not belong to them. It is merely a symbol for the South, and is an important piece of American history.

Monuments to Confederate soldiers are not racist either - most Confederate soldiers never owned slaves and were fighting only to defend their states against the Union army. It does not matter whether we today feel the cause they fought for was right or wrong. Those people who want to forget the war ever happened, and erase any political incorrectness having to do with the war, are only asking for trouble - people who do not know their history are doomed to repeat it.

What really gets me angry is the hypocrisy of the league. On one hand,



Peter Lambert

they oppose those who would demolish statues to Southern soldiers or tear down the Confederate flag. They believe the statues and the flag are important pieces of history, and are monuments to the bravery, courage, and fortitude of men who fought and died for a cause they believed in.

On the other hand, the Southern League also wants independence for the South and to break away from the rest of the United States. Here is the hypocrisy - for by calling on the dissolution of the federal union, they are calling for the destruction of the greatest monument to courage, bravery, and fortitude in the entire United States.

It wasn't easy to found this country - a lot of men and women have worked hard, fought hard, and some died, to make this country great. We are all one people, whether we live in the North or South. In the words of the Kentucky state motto, "United we stand, divided we fall."

To those members of the Southern League I say continue to be proud of your Southern heritage like I am of my New England heritage. Just remember that, although we sometimes speak and act differently, we are all Americans.

Peter Lambert is a freshman majoring in history and the opinion page editor of The Equinox.

Services

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In a recent major national survey employers said that they no longer have the time and resources to sift among poor résumés or take a chance on a candidate with a marginal presentation. Candidates who don't look good on

paper, they said, will not get good jobs. Whether you are a first-year student or senior, there are résumé guides, workshops, books and critiquing services in Career Services to help you prepare a great résumé. Employers are looking for portfolios too, and they can only be built over time.

Meet your early deadlines. When you are busy with assignments and activities it is easy to overlook or not inquire about

deadlines for great internships, for grad school testing and application and application for job opportunities. These are almost always earlier than you think they will be. Summer opportunities may have January deadlines, companies begin talking with outstanding candidates in their junior year, some graduate and professional school application procedures need to begin 18 months before you plan to attend and you need to know their pre-

requisites.

Career Services is prepared to help you with all these issues - establishing your goals, choosing your major, getting experience whether co-op or part-time employment, meeting your deadlines and making the transition to professional work or graduate school - but the sooner the better. We're not for seniors only.

Patricia Campbell is the director of Career Services.

Goodbye

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I tend to think that *The Equinox* is the end all be all of Keene State College.

And while the job of executive editor stands to humble its victims, my sense that we "noxxers" do something truly important has never waned.

For me, it all began with a lack of direction shortly following my sophomore year. My sense of family pride as such is rather weak. However, my strong desire to continue a family tradition which sees both the maternal and paternal portions of my family as writers cannot be thwarted. I alluded to this in a conversation with my recently-deceased grandfather just two summers ago.

"Joel," he said, while we drank beers on the porch of his Block Island, Rhode Island summer home. "Don't do something because your grandfather wants you to, or because you think your grandfather wants you to ... you have a good sense of the business, and I don't bullshit about journalism, it's my life."

My grandfather was one of three founding editors of *Life* magazine. When I think about that conversation, which

has become a symbolic pillar to me, I am reminded of another author's words, those of Kurt Vonnegut who said, "I write because it is seemingly what I must do." I guess that's how I feel.

In any case, I chose journalism with a sense of this is not for me, but at least I'll be writing. I wandered down to the basement of Elliot Hall where the first meeting of the paper was to be held. Immediately filled with a sensation of not belonging, I fought back the strong urge to leave and never return.

They asked me what I wanted to do for the paper.

"I don't know," I hesitantly replied.

"Good, you write news."

Fine, I thought, but how? When thrust into a do-or-die situation, you do. And so I did - I learned to write news. Suddenly, I belonged. Not only to the newspaper as a club, but to a stronger calling. I was a news writer dammit, and that was what I did.

The great thing about being a reporter is that you always have a reason to talk to people. Whereas I just as soon eat glass than strike up a conversation with a stranger under normal circumstances, when you're a reporter, all the small talk is taken care of without ever having to invent it.

And the brilliant part is that it's not only students you're getting to talk to, but real, life politicians and other VIP types who by virtue of your job, must take time to answer your questions.

My personal favorite? Two run-ins with former Presidential candidate Lamar Alexander. First that plaid-clad neo-conservative cracker tried to get personal "Oh, Keene," he sighed. "I was just reading the *Orlando Sentinel* the other day." OK, chief, that's *Keene Sentinel* remember? Keene? Lamar's aids were quick to the rescue. "Lamar's just been in Florida, as you know."

The second time our paths crossed, was in the Mountain View Room in the Student Center. This time, Lamar had stated something of such lunacy, I just couldn't stand pat. "New Hampshire voters must keep education their number-one priority!" said the increasingly hopeful Republican.

Number one indeed! New Hampshire continuously ranks dead last in educational spending. So I chased him in search of an explanation. Upon questioning his bizarre interpretation, I was removed not once but twice by his bigger-than-life personal assistant. Still, his lack of comment remains a tell-tale sign, better than any verbal response

could have been.

But I digress ... the following is what I would have told my (former) staff the other night, had emotions not overwhelmed, thus keeping me to a typically curt farewell address.

I should have said this, working for *The Equinox* has been far and away the most fulfilling experience of my life. To have the opportunity to run such an influential aspect of a college campus goes beyond words to describe. To be able to offer insight to the entire campus community, whether they agree with the portrayal or not, is the ultimate feeling of accomplishment.

And when I think back to the disheveled ugliness of the newspaper a mere three years ago, I am filled with a sense of such far-reaching happiness I feel ready to tackle the world.

No other college setting would have sufficed; no other student newspaper would have provided this training. We taught ourselves and then our understudies, with the great help of a few great people, we changed the paper forever.

And with that, I hand over the reins.

Joel Kasner is the outgoing executive editor of The Equinox.

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between the Finance Committee and our organization.

This led to some confusion and misunderstandings about certain figures. Thankfully everything was worked out in the end. We want to bridge the communication gap which currently exists, and we hope that Student Assembly will work with us to make that happen.

The money granted to help defray the cost of our bi-annual national convention, when combined with fundraising efforts and the personal contributions of our members, will once again allow Keene State College to be well-represented at this gathering of several thousand music educators and future music educators.

Incidentally, our 30-plus member chapter is one of the largest and most active in the Northeast. We sponsor many workshops at the Arts Center relating to education. We help prepare teachers for life in the music classroom.

Perhaps it is not merely coincidence that nearly half of the music educators in New Hampshire's public schools are graduates of Keene State and many of them were members of MENC while in college.

Membership in our MENC chapter is open to anyone on campus. We would like to take this opportunity to invite others to join.

We believe membership in our organization is particularly useful for any elementary education majors who might have to teach music at some point in their school day.

By attending the workshops we sponsor as well as conferences in the area, you can get lots of ideas for ways to teach music which are fun, educational, and developmentally appropriate.

If anyone does not understand the purpose of MENC or has any questions about our organization, please contact one of us and we will be glad to talk with you.

If you have any suggestions on how MENC can better serve the campus, please send them to Denis Lambert at mail-stop 6357 or via e-mail to dal@keene.edu.

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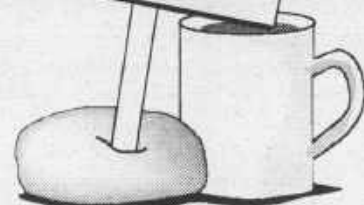
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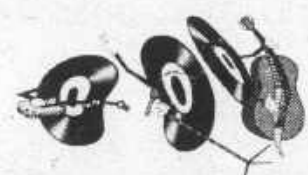
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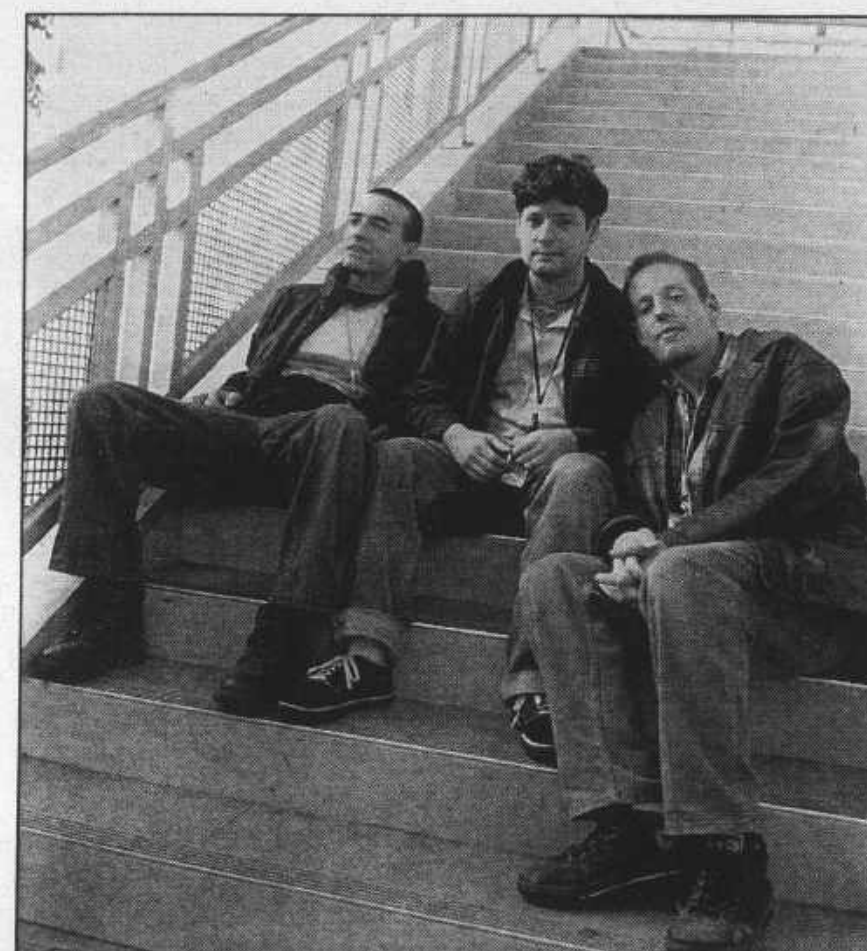
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Arts & Entertainment

Anatomy of a Toad

Sprocket & Marcy
leap into spring



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak
Marcy Playground, left, members Jared Kotler, left, John Wozniak and Dylan Keefe, right, opened up this year's big show. They played for an hour, which was enough to convince some to buy a CD. Lead singer Glen Philips, right, of headline band Toad the Wet Sprocket puts on a soulful show that pleased even some of the most skeptical audience members.



Keith P. Moriarty
The Equinox

At first it looked as if Spring Weekend '97 was going to be something of a washout. Friday and Saturday were plagued by rain, forcing Campus Ecology's solar-powered concert inside.

For a while, it looked like Toad the Wet Sprocket was going to have to play in the Spaulding Gymnasium to stay dry.

But a funny thing happened. The weather broke and Spring Weekend

'97 ended on a partly cloudy afternoon, to the tunes of a rock and roll band as American as apple pie.

All told, it was a wonderful afternoon. Toad hasn't been in the spotlight of late. While that might have put some people off to this show, fact of the matter is, the band is just getting its second wind.

They premiered new songs, played old favorites, and switched guitars more times than Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel. All this with the sense of humor and laid-back attitude of local bands.

Glen Philips had a very down-to-earth attitude that didn't seem contrived at all. It really felt like the band wanted to communicate with its audience instead of playing songs and staring at the floor.

And there was quite an audience to contend with. In a slight haze of marijuana smoke, at least 1,000 students and community members gathered in front of the student center for the show.

Even with the encore so practiced in rock music (band leaves stage, waits a few minutes, and comes back to play their big hit single), the concert felt

relaxed and free and was entertaining. They played "Walk on the Ocean" last, and everything was just fine.

Opening act Marcy Playground was unfortunately just that: the opening act. They seem to be on the verge of being on the verge of something big, but are at that unsure juncture of any band's career.

Still, the band members are a tight unit, with rootsy songs reminiscent of Grant Lee Buffalo and Neil Young. They fit in well with Toad, not too modern, but they provided nice, basic songs with a familiar feel.

SPRING WEEKEND '97



Equinox photos by Jesse Stenbak
Marcy Playground was the opening band at Sunday's Spring Weekend concert.



Glen Phillips



Todd Nichols

Equinox photos by Jesse Stenbak
Toad the Wet Sprocket entertains the crowd Sunday in front of the Lloyd P. Young Student Center.



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak
Vitamin C, left, and **The Brown Factory** played at Saturday's Solar Powered Concert.

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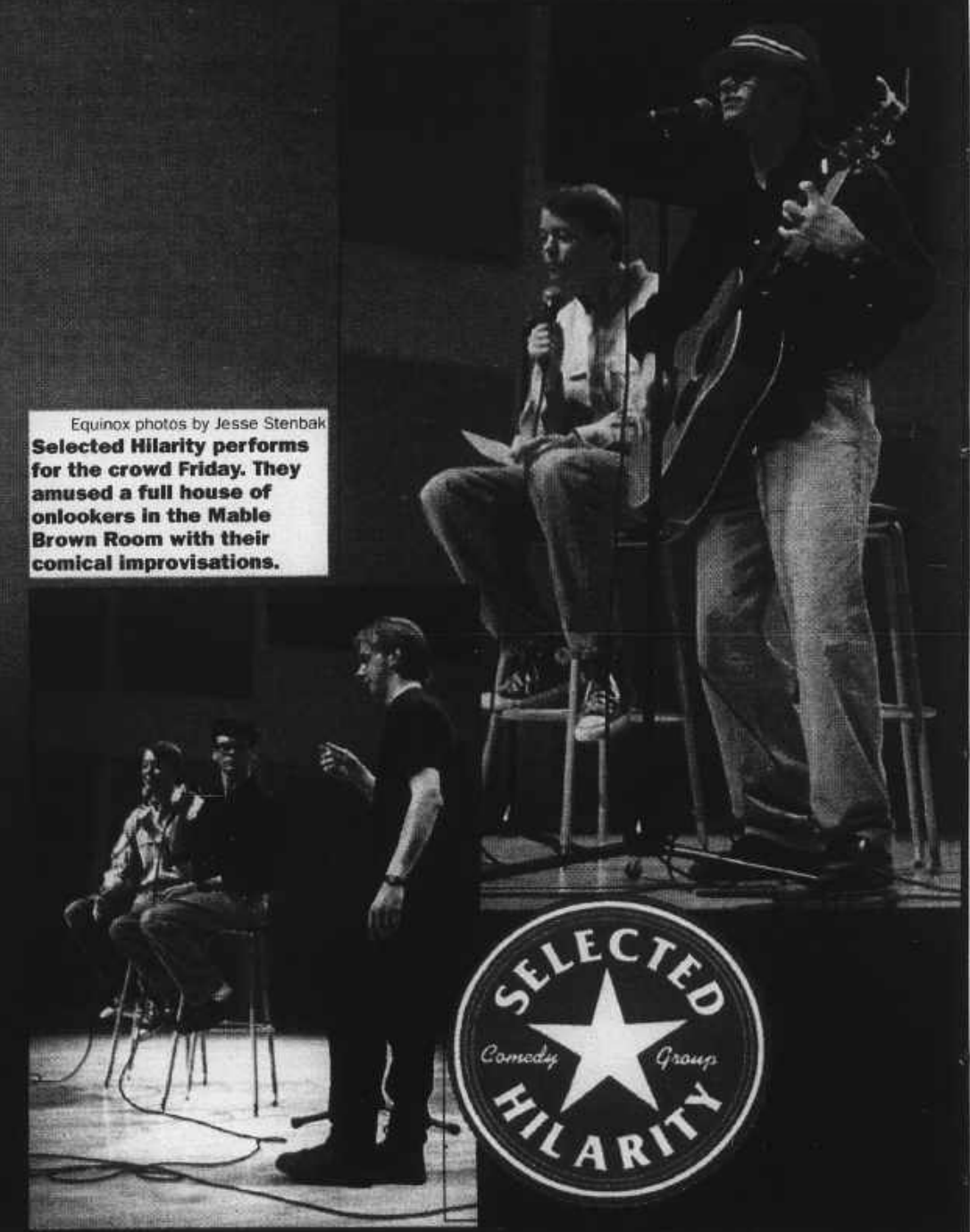


Dean Dinning



Equinox photo by Josh Lynn
Geoff Farina of **The Secret Stars** plays a guitar at the latest WKNH concert Friday.

Equinox photos by Jesse Stenbak
Selected Hilarity performs for the crowd Friday. They amused a full house of onlookers in the Mable Brown Room with their comical improvisations.



This is Our Music

by
Brendan P. Murray

Say what you will, Matador still rules



After selling 49 percent of their assets to Capitol Records earlier this year, indie rock pundits and record geeks alike projected the beginning of the end for Matador records, the label who brought Liz Phair, Pavement, Superchunk and a host of other rock bands into the national consciousness. Now that the balance sheet has settled and Matador has gone on with the business of releasing records, the verdict is in. Matador still, like it or not, rules.

The big success thus far has been Pavement's much-lauded "Brighten The Corners" album, which stands as the band's high-water mark. The album also managed to make the Billboard Top 100. On the less visible end (for now, anyway) is the recent release from Boston band Helium, whose "No Guitars" EP stands as the "indie-prog" (my term, no one else would be that dumb) accomplishment that Royal Trux's "Sweet Sixteen" album hinted at. Joined in the studio by production veteran Mitch Easter (who did all the good R.E.M. stuff in the '80s), Helium realized the full capabilities of their sound. Check the last track, "Secrets Of The Chamberlain" a six-minute psychepic. And the great part is, Helium has another full-length record in the works due out by the end of the year.

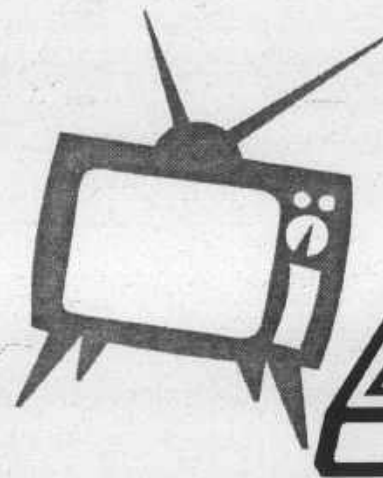
Yo La Tengo makes its entry into the electronic music sweepstakes with remixes of "Autumn Sweater," the first single from their forthcoming "I Can Hear The Heart Beating As One" which is being touted as the band's absolute masterpiece. The "Autumn Sweater" remix album is interesting, with contributions from Tortoise, U-ziq and that long lost reprobate, My Bloody Valentine's Kevin Shields. It's nice to know that the "remix" as a legitimate release is an accepted fact, not a cutesy anomaly. "Autumn Sweater" serves as a wonderful human piece of music, much like all of Yo La Tengo's almost 15-year existence. Matador's upcoming release schedule promises to be even more overwhelming. On May 20, Bob Pollard and the now-rotating cast of players unleash "Mag Earwhig," the newest Guided By Voices LP with its "new" lineup, consisting primarily of members of the much-overlooked band Cobra Verde. The old lineup makes appearances, but hey, Guided By Voices has always been Bob Pollard, I guess.

The rest of the year offers new albums from Liz Phair (produced by Scott Litt, the guy who did all the okay R.E.M. albums in the eighties), a new album from San Francisco songwriter Barbara Manning, a new LP from recent signings "Fuck," a solo album from Mark Eitzel (apart from the one he's releasing on Warner Bros. next month). This project features James McNew (Yo La Tengo, Dump) on bass, Kid Congo Powers (late of Nick Cave's Bad Seeds and his own Congo Norvell) on guitar and Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) on drums. Eitzel claims that this album "will save indie rock." I'm not sure what the hell that means, but I bet the thing is good.

Another fine thing that makes Matador, well, Matador is their occasionally published newsletter "Escalando!" Along with the usual tour dates and label news, the Escalando! staff offers some damn fine cultural criticism (a recent piece called "How To Know If You're a Details Reader" took the entire 20-something magazine boom head on) as well as features about Matador bands that transcend the usual fluff for really funny usual fluff (example: Matador Bands That Have Stayed At Your House).

With all these fine records in the shelves and on the way and more satire than most people would care to hear, Matador has stood its ground on being a good label with a large smirk on its face. Here's to them and all their smarmy glory.

Brendan P. Murray is one of the co-music directors of WKNH Radio, and is a weekly columnist for The Equinox.



Toby Goldstein's

Scopin' the EVAYS

(This column presents on air summaries for the week of April 14-18, 1997.)

ALL MY CHILDREN: Marian bugged Jake's boat so that Adam could eavesdrop on him and Liza. Adam overheard Jake and Liza make plans to have a romantic night at the Country Inn. Tanner took Hayley to the hospital after she got dizzy and collapsed. Mateo learned that Earl is not really Tanner's father. Earl threatened to reveal more of Tanner's secrets to Mateo. Janet thanked Amanda for defending her after Amanda got into a fight. Erica admitted to Jack that she got Sonya illegally, but hid the truth about the baby's real parents.

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky told Bobby that it's over between them because she can't accept his unwillingness to share his past and his true identity. Joe was arrested by Neil for taking bribes. Joe urged Josie to keep looking for Grant, who had hidden in Cindy's apartment. Cindy and Grant later snuck into the Cory mansion in search of the drug antidote. Toni and Chris had a date. Tomas was crushed when his request for financial aid was declined.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Jack revealed to Holden that he's really Jack Snyder, news that was shared with Lily. Kim admitted to Cal her fear that she may never fully recover from her illness. Lucinda informed Emily that she's taking back the newspaper. Emily then went to Kirk for help, but his assistance carried a price. David told Lisa that he's aware she has ulterior motives for being so nice to him. After Margo was horrified by another discovery, she pleaded with Tom to have her put away. Connor found a revealing fax that David had dropped.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Stephanie was stunned when Eric surprised her with a marriage proposal. Claudia wanted to attend the costume ball with Enrique, hoping she'll be able to get him to confess to shooting Grant. Disregarding Hunter's advice not to show up,

a disguised Ridge entered the ballroom, intent on finding the real shooter. Sheila was overjoyed when Maggie's confidences to Curtis got back to James, and he blew up at his wife for sharing details of their personal life with the plumber.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John comforted Marlena after learning that Roman is dead. When Sami was told about her father's death, she regained the memory of seeing John and Marlena embracing in the Titan boardroom.

Following Stefano's orders, Travis tried to split Jack from Jennifer by encouraging him to set his family free, since Jack will be in prison forever. Gunshots rang out as Bo was about to arrest Viper for shooting Shawn-D. Susan watched home movies of Kristen, studying how to imitate her better.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: A.J. made a public admission that he was responsible for Jason's accident. Pressures from the Quartermaines led A.J. back to the bottle despite his efforts to quit. Felicia feared that Kevin might be up to his former bad habits when she received another strange delivery. Carly turned to an unlikely source for consolation after she and Tony had a big blowout over Bobbie. Jax and Ned teamed up to help Emily after she suffered serious effects from her continued drug taking.

GUIDING LIGHT: Matt and Vanessa communicated via computer, but were unaware that they were talking to each other. Billy Lewis entered a work release program, and Buzz is his new boss. Annie was inconsolable when Josh, after much soul searching, announced that their marriage is over. Blake tried playing matchmaker for Rick and Abby by arranging for them to be in the same class. After Amanda lashed out at Roger for neglecting her, he suggested they keep things strictly businesslike between them, then paid a visit to Holly, bringing a gift to Meg. Coming: Jeffrey wants total control over Jenna.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: In New Orleans, Maggie and Ian read a letter from his late mother, Eleanor, that revealed they are twins, and that John, the babies' father, had raised Maggie, while Eleanor and her husband Guy kept Ian. Dorian tried to sell Clint on the idea of hiring the infamous reporter Mel Hayes. Alex agreed to give Todd the rights to her story, and in return, he hired Tea to try to get her freed. Blair suffered an allergic reaction during the test to see if her unborn child's bone marrow could be a match for Starr.

SUNSET BEACH: Olivia was appalled to realize that she slept with the man her daughter loves, when she saw Cole and Caitlin kissing.

Paula watched in tears as Ricardo, having been told the truth about Elaine, arrested her. Ben figured out that Meg is his cyber-soulmate, Dorothy from Kansas. Tim, meanwhile, decided that he was going to get Meg back. Sean's eyesight began to deteriorate, but, seeing how happy his family is at being reunited over his recovery, he chose not to tell them the truth.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Veronica, the wife Josh had led Nikki to believe was dead, turned up alive in a mental hospital. Shocked that Noah had survived, Cass and Tony left with Cassie and didn't tell Sharon about the little girl. When Sasha threatened Phyllis with revelation of the dirt from her past, Phyllis tried to buy her silence. Neil encouraged Malcolm to start a relationship with Olivia. Offered the position in Seattle, Nick wanted to go on another job interview before making a decision. Nina got angry when Ryan acted skeptical of her intention to get counseling. Coming: Jack wonders about Victor's interest in Diane.

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Style



Equinox photo by Josh Lynn
Matt Sakellar, Keene State College freshmen, pulls off a tricky little grab on the steps of the Dining Commons.

You've heard the click-click of their wheels as they float effortlessly by on the way to class. You've seen them sailing off flights of steps and jumping over benches. You've watched them slide down handrails and grind ledges and curbs. Chances

"Skateboarders are not going to abide by the rules, because rules are made to be broken, dammit."

• Chad O'Brien
Junior

are you've also seen them get busted by Campus Safety. They are the skateboarders of Keene State College.

"Skateboarding is not permitted on property owned or operated by Keene State College. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action and/or the Trespass Code of the State of New Hampshire," according to the 1996-97 Keene State College Student Handbook.

The handbook, however, makes no mention of why skateboarders are not allowed

on campus.

Even more intriguing is why in-line skates, such as Rollerblades, are allowed.

The issue of safety on campus becomes a complex one when a skateboard enters the picture, according to Vernon Baisden, director of Campus Safety.

There are a number of concerns when skateboards are considered, he said.

The safety of "the person on the board, property damage and pedestrian traffic," are a few of the major concerns, Baisden said.

"It goes beyond that of a mode of transportation. It falls into the realm of recreational use," he said, and "unfortunately, recreational use by some people here on campus has not been in the best (of interests) as related to health and safety."

The fact that a skateboard is separated from the person, whereas in-line skates are not, is another issue.

"A skateboard leaves the individual and then it becomes something of its own ... you don't know where that might end up," Peter Corrieri, a Keene State Campus Safety officer, said.

As for in-line skates, Baisden said the reason they are allowed is because of less problems associated with them.

"People on Rollerblades are

No place to call home

Skaters on campus just can't seem to find a place to do their thing

seemingly a little more conscious of the people around them," Baisden said.

Yet not everyone on campus has the same views of in-line skaters.

"They're very aggressive," said David Pinto, director of the Mason Library.

But Pinto made no distinction between the attitudes of both boarders and skaters.

Pinto once called Campus Safety to remove skateboarders from in front of the library "not because they were skateboarding, but because when we requested they cease, they became abusive towards the library staff," he said.

This aggressiveness brought on by people on wheels sometimes scares away potential library users.

"It's done very intrusively in front of the library and I have a problem with that," Pinto said.

However, the mere fact that they're skating doesn't bother him, Pinto said.

"I have no problem with them rollerblading or skateboarding on campus, but in front of the library, it doesn't make an inviting way to enter the library," Pinto said.

Campus Safety officers are often called to the scene by people complaining of skateboarders in the area.

Chad O'Brien, Keene State junior and avid skateboarder, said Campus Safety officers are always around when he has his board in hand.

"Every time I put my board down, I always get busted, regardless of where I am or what time it is," O'Brien said.

However, O'Brien sees the safety issue slightly differently than Baisden or Pinto.

"I think the only time security should give them (skateboarders) a hassle, is when they see them damaging property. If they're just riding, then they're not causing any harm," O'Brien said.

In-line skaters are doing tricks in the same hot-spots as skateboarders, which means they contribute to property

damage, O'Brien said.

"I've seen Rollerbladers riding on rails," O'Brien said.

And as for the projectile issue, O'Brien claims that "skateboarders pretty much have control over what they're doing ... I've never crashed into anybody, or had somebody crash into me," O'Brien said.

The regulations presented by the college hold little value to many skateboarders.

"Skateboarders are not going to abide by the rules, because rules are made to be broken, dammit," O'Brien said.

Another Keene State skater, David "Hag" Yorke, shares similar views on the issue of pedestrian safety and property damage.

"I've never hit anyone with my skateboard, I've only hurt myself, minor injuries like scraped knees," Yorke said.

Both Yorke and O'Brien feel that the in-liners represent a "double standard" on campus.

"I think it's weird how skateboarders get busted and you can in-line all you want. Can't I just cruise to

class?" Yorke said.

The transportation aspect is one of the points Yorke stressed the most.

"It's not like a bike, you don't have to lock it up. It's not like Rollerblades, (where) you can't go into buildings. You can just pick it up," he said.

The accidents that skateboarders could cause pose no greater threat than anything else people do, Yorke said.

"Everyone says skateboarding is dangerous, but how many people have been killed skating? How many people die every minute in a car?" Yorke said.

Being overcautious is another

issue Yorke addressed.

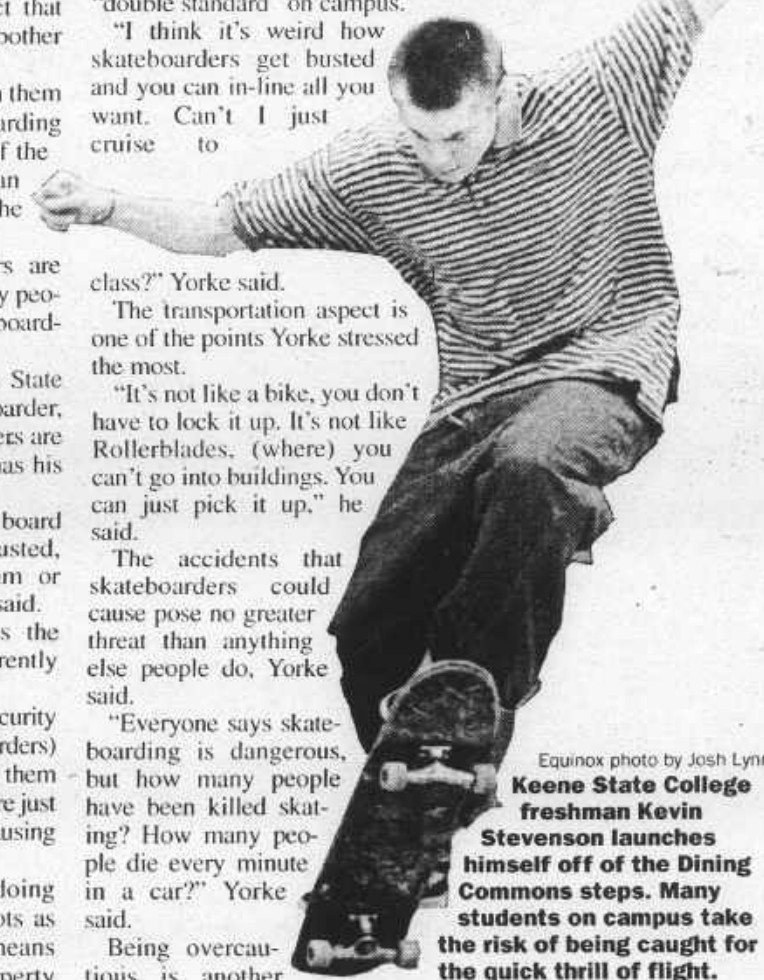
"Where do you have to draw the line? Like it's icy out and nobody can leave their dorm, if you slip and break your hip, you're going to sue the college," he said.

The policy enforcers, i.e. Campus Safety officers, haven't become a problem for Yorke as much as the policy itself.

"I think they're all a bunch of good guys just doing their job, but I disagree with the policy," Yorke said.

Because riding a skateboard is both a mode of transportation and a way for people to have fun on a small college campus, the infringement of campus rules will by no means come to a stop for those who participate.

"I can't not skateboard, that's all there is to it," Yorke said.



Equinox photo by Josh Lynn
Keene State College freshman Kevin Stevenson launches himself off of the Dining Commons steps. Many students on campus take the risk of being caught for the quick thrill of flight.

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Thursday, April 24, 1997

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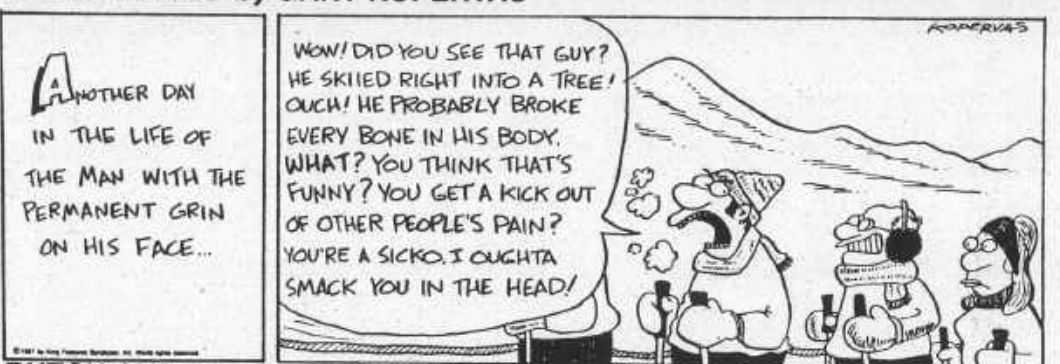
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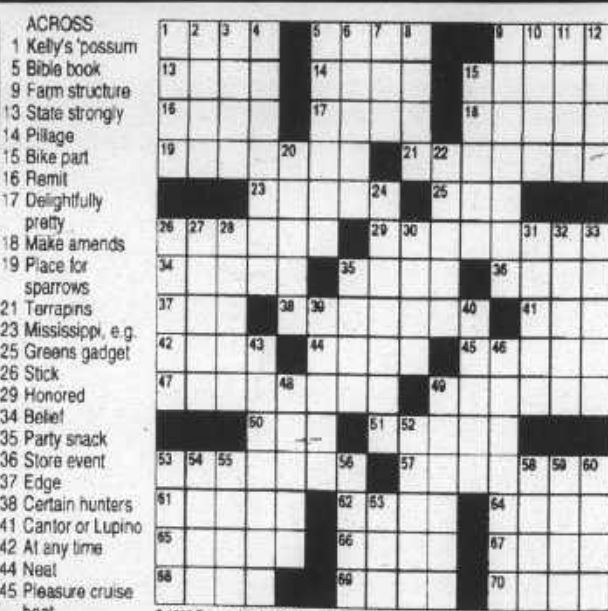


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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's best not to underestimate the difficulty of a domestic project you face this week. Consult with experts if necessary. Loved ones share quality time together over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Minor aggravations may arise this week in connection with a friendship. Later in the week, there's a lovely accent on happy romance and fun outings. The weekend looking promising for singles to meet with romantic introductions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may have to pay extra attention to details on the job this week. And also remember to be tactful. Social outings are particularly favored over the weekend, as are group activities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) For a while, it may look like a business project is falling apart this week. However, things come together happily by week's end. The weekend could find you celebrating a surprise event.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Minor expenses could easily mount up this week, unless you make an effort to exert self-discipline. In business, you'll make a fine impression on big-wigs. Some will be receiving special recognition.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Try not to let things slide on the job this week. An adviser may not understand your point of view, so make an effort to be more clear. The weekend brings good news about travel and relationship developments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Keep plans down to earth and practical in business this week. Don't leap before you look, as you sometimes have a tendency to do. A

travel invitation comes your way but the weekend favors romantic interests.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There's some danger that you may overspend if out shopping anytime this week. Home-based activities are favored over outside social interests. The weekend favors having guests over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some rumors you hear this week are ill-founded and not based on fact. Loved ones will be wrapped up in each other and are likely to forgo outside entertainment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Though partners may face minor difficulties in communicating early in the week, by week's end, you're very much on the same wave length. Enjoy a special togetherness over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're a perfectionist and you won't be satisfied until things are just right. After some trial and error, you'll be pleased with the final results of a project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An aggravation early in the week about a job matter could arise. Overall, it's a lovely week for pleasure interests and heart concerns. The weekend is especially romantic.

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This Week in History

April 21, 1855, the first railroad train to cross the Mississippi did so between Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa ... **April 26, 1865**, John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was reported dead ... **April 22, 1889**, the U.S. declared Oklahoma open to white settlement; within 24 hours, claims for two millions acres were staked by 50,000 settlers ... **April 22, 1898**, the U.S. blockaded Cuba to aid independence forces ... **April 24, 1898**, the U.S. declared war on Spain ... **April 22, 1930**, the London Naval Reduction Treaty was signed by the U.S., Britain, Italy, France, and Japan ... **April 22, 1954**, Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) began televised hearings into alleged Communist influence in the Army ... **April 25, 1959**, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened ... **April 21, 1960**, Congress approved a strong voting rights act ... **April 22, 1970**, millions of Americans participated in anti-pollution demonstrations to mark the first Earth Day ... **April 24, 1980**, eight Americans were killed and five were wounded in an ill-fated attempt to rescue the hostages held by Iranian militants at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran ... **April 21, 1995**, Timothy McVeigh was charged in the Oklahoma City bombing ... **April 24, 1995**, a package bomb attributed to the so-called Unabomber killed the president of a forestry association in Sacramento, Calif. ... **April 25, 1995**, in baseball, regular-season play got underway, ending the longest strike in sports history ...

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Rally

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Baisden said he does have authority to close any part of the college when a clear and present danger exists to student health and safety.

"If there is an issue of health and safety that occurs then I have authority to act," he said.

Eventually, the officers did manage to clear the reluctant crowd from the lawn but the rally was not over yet.

Over half of the ralliers moved off of the lawn only to regroup on the pavement of Appian Way.

There, they argued, they were safe to gather.

"They said we're not allowed on the quad, so we came to the pavement. They didn't say we're not allowed here," Pettigrew said.

And indeed, the police did leave once the quad was cleared. Once gone, the remaining ralliers cheered and shouted at onlookers who peered out the windows of Huntress Hall.

At 1 a.m. lights were on all over Huntress Hall as the revelries continued. Kate Wadleigh, the Huntress/Fiske complex resi-

dence director, approached the group to talk to some students she recognized and was singled out by members of the crowd who shouted insults at her.

"I have 100 people in here trying to sleep," Wadleigh told a group of ralliers.

"You have 100 people in there who hate you," a member

"If there is an issue of health and safety that occurs then I have authority to act."

• Vernon Baisden
director of campus safety

of the group shot back.

Wadleigh said at least two residents complained they were awakened by the crowd and 10 of the 100 residents complained about the crowd the next day.

Finally at 4:10 a.m., Keene Police officers returned and dispersed the remainder of the crowd.

Officer Sargent of the KPD told ralliers they could remain on Appian Way as long as they were quiet.

However, five minutes after the police arrived, people began to leave and by 1:20 a.m. there was no one left.

According to the Keene Police Log, officers left the college at 1:17 a.m. and no arrests

were made.

After the rally, a Keene Police officer said he believed the ralliers had a legitimate cause but were supporting it the wrong way.

The officer said if people really wanted to rally for hemp, they should go to city hall and get a permit to use Central Square instead of harassing the police.

"Half the people here are only here to get beer and pot and piss us off," the officer said.

Baisden offered a similar view.

"If students are looking to promote change, they should not do it under the cloak of darkness or the influence of alcohol," Baisden said.

Baisden also complimented Campus Safety officers and the KPD for doing an excellent job handling the crowd.

With the exception of the pot rally and two unexplained explosions during it, Baisden said Spring Weekend went off without a hitch.

"It was an excellent weekend. The Social Activities Council did an excellent job meeting their commitment to the student body and the student body conducted themselves excellently," Baisden said.

Consider This...

IN SEPTEMBER WE published a new mission statement which says that we are dedicated to "improving the quality of life for women on this campus."

IN OCTOBER WE wrote letters supporting a half-time position for someone to coordinate sexual assault and harassment complaints.

IN NOVEMBER WE began plans for updating the KSC sexist language policy.

IN DECEMBER WE arranged with the New Hampshire Humanities Council to bring the show "It Had To Be Done, So I Did It" to campus, a show celebrating the lives of New Hampshire women from the first half of the Twentieth Century.

IN JANUARY WE gave our support for the Books and Authors Tea, a fund raising event for the Women's Crisis Center.

IN FEBRUARY WE sponsored a newspaper ad to inform this community about the issue of developing a family friendly campus for working and student parents.

IN MARCH WE sponsored Women's History Month, hosting guest speakers, brown bag lunches, and the Women's History Month Banquet.

WE are the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

And now in April, we are inviting you to join us in our efforts to improve the campus climate for women by applying for Commission membership.

The President's Commission on the Status of Women is a group of faculty, staff, and students committed to improving the quality of life for women on this campus by challenging stereotypes, working for equality, eradicating sexism, increasing campus awareness of women's issues, and acting as advocates for women. If you would like to join us in this work, please complete the application below. Meetings will be held every other Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. during the 1997-98 academic year.

We would like to thank you for your interest in the
President's Commission on the Status of Women at Keene State College.
For more information, please feel free to contact current Commission members.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 1997/98

Please answer the following questions and return to Julie Dickson in the President's Office (nu1504).

The deadline for applications is Monday, May 19th.

- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Campus phone: _____ Home phone: _____
- KSC Status: Staff _____ Faculty _____ Student _____
- What interests prompted you to apply for this position? What do you perceive to be the challenges and/or urgent needs of women at KSC?
 - What experience or skills do you have which might be useful to the Commission and women at KSC?
 - What do you hope to gain as a member of the Commission?
 - Since the number of positions on the Commission is limited, we are not able to offer all applicants a position. Would you consider participating in a related task group or committee as a volunteer?

Yes, I would consider volunteering to help with

 - _____ planning Women's History Month events
 - _____ the Banquet
 - _____ revising the non-sexist language policy
 - _____ promoting a family friendly campus
 - _____ becoming an advocate for sexual assault victims
 - _____ other (please explain) _____
 - Will you be able to attend Commission meetings at 10:00 on Thursdays both semesters? Yes _____ No _____

A Message from the President's Commission on the Status of Women



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Calendar ~ April 24 to 30

Thursday
April 24

Boukan Ginen
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
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Lecture: Making the Connections
7:30 p.m. @ West Village Meeting House
Brattleboro, VT
(802) 257-4333

Baseball vs.
New England Colleg
3 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

KSC Evening of Dance
8 p.m. @ Main Theatre
Arts Center
(603) 358-2168

Rosewood
7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
(603) 352-2033

Friday
April 25

Widespread Panic
@ Merrill Auditorium
Portland, ME
800-POLYBOS

Art Exhibit: "A Glimpse of Haiti"
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. @
Brattleboro Union High School Library
Brattleboro, VT
(802) 257-4333

Moonboot Lower
10 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
20 Center St., Northampton, MA
(413) 584-0610

Johnson Boys
@ Mole's Eye Cafe
4 High St., Brattleboro, VT
(802) 257-0771

Club Lacrosse vs. Bridget
4 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

The Eighth Day
7 & 9 p.m. @
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

KSC Music
Concerto/Aria Concert
7:30 p.m. @
Alumni Recital Hall
Arts Center
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KSC Evening of Dance
8 p.m. @ Main Theatre
Arts Center
(603) 358-2168

As You Like It
8 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
(603) 352-2033

Chanterelle Concert
7 p.m. @ Nelson Town Hall
(603) 352-8616

Ellis Paul's Road Carnival
@ Me and Thee
Marblehead, MA
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Saturday
April 26

Blue String Marionettes
3 p.m. @ Wright Theatre
Arts Center
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Conference: Artists as Activists
All Day @ School for
International Training
(802) 257-4333

Exhibit & Reception:
"Art & Writings Against
the Death Penalty"
6 p.m. @ Campus Center
Malboro College, Malboro, VT
(802) 257-4333

Children of the Desolation,
Children of the Sea
8 p.m. @ Whittemore Theater
Malboro College, Malboro, VT
(802) 257-4333

Rory Block plus
Christian Bauman
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
20 Center St., Northampton, MA
(413) 584-0610

Art Steele Band
@ Mole's Eye Cafe
4 High St., Brattleboro, VT
(802) 257-0771

Baseball vs.
Univ. Of New Have
12 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

Softball vs.
Univ. Of New Have
1 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

KSC Evening of Dance
8 p.m. @ Main Theatre
Arts Center
(603) 358-2168

The Eighth Day
7 & 9 p.m. @
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Evita
1, 4, & 9:30 p.m. @
Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
(603) 352-2033

Ellis Paul's Road Carnival
@ Contoy's Auditorium
Burlington, VT
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Sunday
April 27

Widespread Panic
@ Memorial Auditorium
Burlington, VT
800-POLYBOS

Libana
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
20 Center St., Northampton, MA
(413) 584-0610

The Eighth Day
7 & 9 p.m. @
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Evita
1 & 4 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
(603) 352-2033

Monday
April 28

Campus Coffee Hour
9 a.m. @ Night Owl Cafe
Student Center

Club Lacrosse vs.
Franklin County
6 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

The Eighth Day
7 p.m. @
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Evita
7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
(603) 352-2033

Tuesday
April 29

The Eighth Day
7 p.m. @
Putnam Arts Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Baseball vs. UMASS Lowell
2 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

Softball vs. UMASS Lowell
3 p.m. @ Owls Stadium

Resume Workshop
3 p.m. @ Career Services
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Keene State College graduate (1996)
Jesse Lindsey will be performing "In
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other dancers as part of An Evening of
Dance.

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you cannot fund exclusive organizations. They, (the Greeks) went against the guidelines."

McTeague said while she is adamantly against funding Greek Senate because it was exclusive, she is not opposed to Greek Life.

She said, however, that Greek Senate was exclusive because the national offices of the fraternities and sororities declared themselves mutually exclusive, self-perpetuating groups.

She did her research for this information in the library.

"I have repetitively put forth the argument that Greek Life is exclusive and hence unable to receive funding due to college regulations," McTeague said. "An organization where membership is not guaranteed attainable is therefore exclusive. We must first change the guidelines before allocating funds for Greek Life - otherwise, we are doing students a huge disservice. Mankind does not institute a constitution only to discard it when it fails to meet the desires of one selective body."

Andy Halstead, a junior class representative, said there was a big discussion on whether

Greek Senate was inclusive or exclusive.

"It is a huge dichotomy," Halstead said. He said they passed the resolution to repeal the vote because of a strong recommendation from the administration.

McTeague said, the Student Assembly declared Greek Senate as inclusive just so they could get the funding.

"You should not just change the guidelines for Greek Senate," she said. Gagnon said he felt that Micah Minium, student body president, had gone behind the backs of the members of the Student Assembly by talking to Keene State President Stanley Yarosewick.

"I also heard that Micah Minium went and asked the president and said we made a big mistake, and that this was done in haste which was completely wrong," Gagnon said.

He said Minium made them vote three times to make sure of the decision and went to Yarosewick and said what happened was wrong.

Minium said that he did not go behind the back of the Student Assembly.

"I do not receive mandates from Student Assembly as Mr. Gagnon would have you believe," Minium said.

Artist shows holocaust in cartoons

Melissa Tchirkow
The Equinox

Robin Dizard, assistant professor of English, spoke on Tuesday to students and faculty members about author Art Spiegelman's usage of comic strips in his books on the Holocaust.

During the hour-long lecture, entitled "Art Spiegelman's Alter/narrative: A Holocaust Survivor's Tale," Dizard examined the images and detail used by Spiegelman.

She also spoke of the origins of comics and Spiegelman's historical background.

In his book, "Maus One," Spiegelman grappled with his father's memories of the Holocaust through comics, Dizard said.

Dizard, who has been reading comic strips since she was a child, said the book is phenomenal.

Dizard volunteered to lecture on Spiegelman because of her interest in him as a Jewish-American writer.



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This is a great opportunity to help improve your college of choice, KSC. We look forward to hearing from you. Please call Tamera Zimmerman at X2438 or e-mail tzimmerm@keene.edu.

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Gonzalez was considered the top tight end in the draft.

The Chiefs also got their quarterback of the future in California's Pat Barnes in the third round.

The team with the best overall draft won't be determined until the end of the 1998 Super bowl. But the early picks are being calculated and discussed right now.

The current favorites are the Cincinnati Bengals and the New York Jets.

New head coach Bruce Coslet, chose five defensive players and two for the offense.

Boulware was taken first by Coslet, in order to provide more sacking ability with former first rounders John Copeland and "Big Daddy" Dan Wilkinson.

Two defensive tackles were also picked by the Bengals. Andre Purvis of North Carolina and William Carr of Michigan went in the later rounds, but should provide valuable rest time for Wilkinson.

The offensive part of the Bengals draft came in the form of Washington running back Corey Dillon.

Dillon was thought to be the

top runner in the draft, yet did not go until the middle of the second round.

Center Rod Payne from Michigan was selected to solidify the offensive line.

The Tuna was up to his old tricks again in the draft, giving the number one pick to St. Louis, in order to get quantity over quality.

Bill Parcells hopes he got both for the Jets, selecting 11 players. James Farrior, a line-backer from Virginia, was the first pick.

The defense also got much needed help with the selection of defensive tackle Rick Terry in the second round.

The Jets added five more defenders to help with a defense that struggled all last season.

The St. Louis Rams had an obvious choice in picking Ohio State tackle Orlando Pace with the first overall selection.

Pace was the first offensive tackle taken with the first pick since 1968.

The title of "Mr. Irrelevant" went to Army quarterback Ronnie McAda, being the 240th and final selection of the 1998 NFL draft, by the Green Bay Packers.

For local fans the defending AFC Champion New England Patriots spent their picks

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attempting to solidify the defense.

The first selection was Chris Canty, a defensive back from Kansas State. Canty is small but has exceptional speed.

Safety Chris Carter from Texas, was taken in the third round and should complete a secondary build over the past several drafts and free agency.

Corners Ty Law, Steve Israel, and Jimmy Hitchcock, along with Canty should provide a good group of coverage.

Safeties Lawyer Milloy and Willie Clay will help Carter improve and give the Patriots quality coverage throughout the season.

New England also looked to help up front, drafting defensive tackle Brandon Mitchell from Texas A&M.

On the other side of the ball, the Patriots selected three offensive linemen, averaging 325 pounds.

This size should help New England create more holes for running back Curtis Martin.

Next season should see many changes in the NFL and several new faces jumping into the spotlight.

We can now only wait and watch to find out what happens.

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Open

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Southern Connecticut State joined the University of New Haven and UMass-Lowell as the preseason favorites in the conference, with Keene State right behind.

But coming into the week-end Southern Connecticut stood even with Keene State at 5-3 in conference and only a step behind conference leader New Haven.

But this time weather was a positive factor in the equation for the Owls.

Cancellations allowed head coach Ken Howe to save his two big guns, Guy Harrington and Scott Ely, for the week-end showdown.

Game one saw the Owls out hit Southern Connecticut State, connecting for nine hits.

But staff ace Guy Harrington was roughed up for four first inning hits before settling down.

The early lead stood up for the home team as Southern Connecticut took the opener 6-2.

"It was one of those games where we hit the ball as well as they did, but they just found some holes when they needed it," noted Howe.

Sophomore Ryan Lawrence

was the poster child for the Owls inability to find the holes in the defense as he hit the ball hard in every at bat, but came away with an 0-4 day.



• Ken Howe
KSC baseball head coach

"It was one of those games where we hit the ball as well as they did, but they found some holes when they needed it."

"It was a tough loss but we felt like we out hit them all game, (and) the second game only confirmed that belief," added left fielder Mike O'Brien, whose bat has begun to come on after a slow start.

The nightcap was a two man show with an amble supporting cast.

Scott Ely struck out nine in recording his second straight win.

Brian Hamilton homered twice and in the process broke the Keene State career home run record in only his third season of play in the Owls con-

vincing 13-3 win.

Russ Schlip, Mike O'Brien, Derek Bell and Jared Seavey all chipped in with two hits each as the Owls ran their record to 10-13 overall and 6-4 in conference.

Southern Connecticut fell to 11-11, and 6-4 in conference with the loss.

"We know that the conference is wide open and right now we have to concentrate on making our move like we did a year ago," noted senior tri-captain Martin Testo.

Sophomore Mike Leighton has emerged as the teams number three starter as Testo has been ineffective as a starter and will come out of the bullpen.

The switch should provide pitcher Ryan Royce with more time on the mound.

"The pitching is coming around for us. We feel like we have a legitimate chance to win the conference if we keep hitting like we have been," added Ely.

"This is the time of the season that we made our run a year ago and I see us capable of doing it all again," he said.

The Owls will host New England College at 3 p.m. today at Owl Stadium.

Ruggers take 2nd in Tourney

The Equinox

Spring Weekend for the Keene State College women's rugby club took place in Rhode Island, as they competed in the Beast of the East Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

This was the first time that the tournament has included women's teams.

Out of the 12 teams in Division B, Keene State finished second overall, the best finish the club has ever had in tournament competition.

The women began their grueling four game schedule on Saturday morning, as they faced off against Brandeis University.

Although Keene State had to deal with poor field and weather conditions, the club handled Brandeis with ease, winning convincingly, 10-0.

Meagan Robidoux put Keene State on the board early in the second half with a try, which made the score 5-0.

Kristen Ewart gave Keene State some insurance, as she scored the second try of the game, making the final score 10-0.

The club was back in action later in the afternoon, when

they battled Stonehill College. Offside penalties hurt Keene State, as Stonehill hit two penalty kicks to make the score 6-0.

However, Keene State answered right back with a try by Ewart, and converted the extra kick, giving the club a 7-6 lead.

Unfortunately, with 30 seconds left, Stonehill scored a try to bring the score to 11-7, sealing the victory for Stonehill.

The president of the club, Miranda Chicklis said that Ewart gave the team some solid points throughout the tournament.

With the 1-1 record on the day, Keene State qualified to come back Sunday and continue tournament play.

Trinity College was the first foe of the day for Keene State. As they had the day before, Keene State dominated the first game of the day.

The game was dominated by Alissa DiBell, as she scored all of the points for Keene State.

Trinity was unable to come back from a 10-0 deficit, as they could not get near Keene State's try zone.

With their second 10-0 victory in as many days, the club proceeded to the finals against

Northeastern University.

Both clubs held each other scoreless for the entire first half.

With 10 minutes left, Northeastern brought the ball down near Keene State's try zone.

After six scrum downs, Northeastern finally broke through and scored the first try of the game.

Northeastern quickly added to their 5-0 lead, by adding another try, along with the extra kick, to bring the score to 12-0, which sealed the victory and the championship for the Huskies.

Chicklis said that the scrum worked very hard for all four games, and freshmen Emily Dowd and Amy Charron played well in the A-side scrum.

Chicklis also said that all of the backs did extremely well in bringing the ball up-field.

The women's rugby club will have their last game over the weekend, when they travel to the University of New Hampshire, to compete in the UNH Tournament.

-This report was compiled by Amy O'Donnell. O'Donnell is a member of the Keene State College women's rugby club.

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New blood enters NFL

Jacob Mical
The Equinox

If you want to make it to the National Football League someday, be sure to play college football in the state of Florida.

In the NFL draft that was held over the weekend, nine of the first 18 picks were from one of the three major universities in Florida.

Florida State University contributed four players to the first round of the draft, including both of their defensive ends.

Peter Boulware went to the Baltimore Ravens with the fourth overall pick.

Boulware's counterpart, Reinard Wilson, was selected 14th by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Florida University gave the NFL some offensive speed as both starting wide receivers Ike Hilliard and Reidel Anthony were selected seventh and 16th, respectively.

Hilliard was picked by the New York Giants, in hopes of improving the worst rated offense in the league last season.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers took Anthony and his great ability to run after making the catch, to replace the soon to be waived Alvin Harper.

Miami University had three players chosen in the first round.

Wide receiver Yatil Green, ranked by most as the best receiver in the draft, went to Jimmy Johnson and the Miami Dolphins.

Dan Marino should love this guy by the end of training

camp. The two Hurricane defensive ends were also a part of the draft.

Kenard Lang was selected 17th by the Washington Redskins. Lang should provide the sacking power that was lacked last season.

Kenny Holmes, on the opposite side of the line from Lang in Miami, was the next pick of the draft.

Holmes is going to attempt to create a defensive threat for the current Houston Oilers.

The Oilers are still unclear as to where they will play the upcoming season, perhaps Nashville or Memphis.

Although defense was the way to go for many teams in the draft, several teams wanted to add some offensive power.

The San Francisco 49ers spent their three picks on the west coast weapons of the future.

Jim Druckenmiller, the coveted quarterback from Virginia Tech, was the signal caller picked in the draft.

Druckenmiller will now have to learn the west coast offense from its creators, and eventually take over for the aging Steve Young.

Marc Edwards, a fullback from Notre Dame, and Greg Clark, a tight end from Stanford, were the 49ers other picks.

Kansas City also went all offense in the draft, selecting seven players from various positions.

The most noteworthy was California tight end Tony Gonzalez, taken 13th.

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Minute

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With one man down and three seconds left on the clock, Castleton was able to beat goalie Brett Rubler giving them a win.

"You learn as much or more from a loss," Draper said.

With the loss, Keene State's record is now 2-4.

They face off against rival Franklin Pierce on Wednesday.

With the baseball, softball, and women's lacrosse team all feeding the Ravens a loss, Draper and the men intend to continue with the momentum.

"I want to complete the

"This was the best game we played all season. We played with pure guts and heart."

• Jim Draper
head coach
KSC lacrosse club

sweep," Draper said. And from their performance Saturday, a win is realistic.

"The talent rose to 90 percent of their potential," Draper said. If Draper and his troops find the other 10 percent, the club could be unstoppable.

The club will play Bridgeton tomorrow at 4 p.m. on the turf.

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Lacrosse suffers last minute defeat

Jennifer L. Kuehn
The Equinox

Mother Nature, poor refereeing and a little bad luck all contributed to the Keene State College men's lacrosse club's 8-7 loss against Castleton Saturday.

It was an in-your-face hard hitting game, the way lacrosse was meant to be played.

"This was the best game we played all season," head coach Jim Draper said.

Despite the loss, the club is finally coming together as a team, as seen by two recent wins.

"Everyone played well," forward Bob Bonnes said. He said the team has really developed a sense of unity.

Senior Rick Fortier proved to be a driving force on offense, as he racked up three goals.

Bonnes continued his solid offensive season, as he contributed two goals.

Bonnes currently leads the club

in scoring, averaging four goals a game.

Forward Mike LaFleur also made his presence felt, as he added another goal.

In the third quarter defenseman Jeremy Scully demonstrated that scoring is a team effort.

Scully went coast-to-coast to find nothing but nylon at the other end.

"The game was evenly matched," Bonnes said.

It was a back and forth game with no one team dominating the game.

With 1:15 left in the fourth quarter, Keene State was down by one and once again demonstrated its never-say-die attitude finding the back of the net to tie up the game.

"We played with pure guts and heart," Draper said.

As the clock ran down, Keene State received a penalty for holding.

"It was a questionable call," Draper said.

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Owls coming on strong in wide open NECC

David Haley
The Equinox

Collegiate baseball in New England is nothing if not complex.

Weeks of preparation indoors culminates in a trip to Florida where 10 plus games are played in just a week.

On return, the weather makes it nearly impossible to follow a set schedule and therefore, makeup games and spliced in back to back doubleheaders give the feel that the baseball team is wasting time and gas by leaving the field at all.

Four games in two days can leave even the most acute baseball statistician dazed and struggling to calculate their own teams record, conference or otherwise.

It is an all too familiar scenario for baseball in New England, and

one Keene State College finds themselves nestled into today.

"The pitching is coming around for us. We feel like we have a legitimate chance to win the conference if we keep hitting like we have been."

• Scott Ely
KSC pitcher

With a 6-4 record in a wide open New England Collegiate Conference, the Owls have arrived at the point in the season where streaks are made and tournament bids earned, or you simply are forced to play out the string.

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Kara Suhie winds up during recent action held at Owl Stadium.

Equinox photo by Kyle Piper

Softball sizzling with six-game win streak

Paul Silverfarb
The Equinox

On their way to six straight victories, the Keene State College softball team beat some worthy opponents, and the University of Albany was no exception.

Since the Lady Owls got rained out Saturday, they were well rested to take on Albany on Sunday in New York.

In the opener, Albany gave the Lady Owls a run for their money. Keene State opened the scoring with runs in the second, fourth and fifth innings, to take a 3-0 lead.

But Albany came right back, as they scored one run in the fourth and a pair in the fifth.

With the score tied at 3-3 after the seventh inning, extra innings became necessary.

In the top of the eighth, the Lady Owls hit up Albany. Freshman Beth Ponte hit the game-winning home run to put the Lady Owls up 4-3.

In the bottom half of the inning, Lindsay Blood, who came on earlier in the game, retired the side to seal the victory for Keene State.

The home run was Ponte's second of the season and her first game-winning homer of her career.

Kara Suhie started the game and pitched 5.1 innings for the Owls. Blood came in and pitched a 2.2 innings, four strike out game of perfect softball.

In the nightcap, the Lady Owls found

themselves behind 1-0 early on, when Erin Graig got a RBI single for Albany.

Fisk then took control of the game, as she did not let up another run and left the save opportunity for Blood to finish up for the Lady Owls.

Keene State exploded in the fourth inning, as they earned two runs. With a player on second and third, Erin Van Nostrand drove in the runners with a base hit to right field.

The Lady Owls never looked back, as they scored one more run in the sixth and seventh to give reliever Blood an easy outing. She took advantage of that, as she gave up only one hit over two innings of pitching.

Ponte had another great game for the Lady Owls, as she had two hits and an RBI. Van Nostrand also played superb, as she had a hit and two RBIs to help the Lady Owls victorious weekend.

"I am very pleased," said head coach Charlie Beach. "Their beginning to meet my expectations."

What a difference half a month makes for the Lady Owls.

In the first half of April, the Lady Owls were ice cold, as they lost six of the nine games they played.

The bottom half of the April is a complete turn-around, as Keene State is perfect, winning all six games they played.

"The team is working together," said Beach. "You can't depend on one person to get it done."

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Changes in store for Greek Life

Assessment recommends 14 new standards

Anthony B. Vogl
The Equinox

New standards for affiliated Greek organizations, fraternities and sororities, were released this week by the Keene State College Greek Life Assessment team. Greek organizations on campus feel this may not be such a bad plan after all.

The Greek Assessment report recommends 14 new standards for Greek Life to increase accountability, limit high risk behavior and to enhance academic achievement.

"Greek organizations originally were established to support the academic and social development of students," Keene State President Stanley Yarosewick said in a written statement. "Unfortunately, in recent years, there has been more emphasis on the social - but not necessarily social development."

Yarosewick said that recently, Greek organizations have come under more public scrutiny due to incidents on campuses nationwide, and some

institutions are banning them from the campuses.

The final report of the Greek Assessment team consists of five areas: Chapter Affiliation, Chapter Advisers, Pledging Practices, Chapter and Member Development, and Judicial Affairs.

Each of the five areas in the report contain specific tasks and deadlines for completion.

Some of the changes to Greek life include: limiting the pledging period, requiring a live-in house manager, abolishing the Greek Judicial Board, and developing a process for selecting and evaluating advisers.

The process of studying Greek life on campus has been deliberative and exhaustive for those of us involved," Yarosewick said. "I feel that Greek life has a place on campus, but it needs to be in line with the mission of Keene State College."

"We will work together to make these changes, which I believe will emphasize the positive aspects of Greek life consistent with the values upon which these organizations were founded."

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Bobby Rodrigue, student body president and Colby Campbell, student body vice president discuss issues concerning the upcoming year.

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Many changes in technology have taken place at Keene State over the past year. The CTC was created. STSS grew and other things as well.

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