



Dr. Charles Weed defies governor's 'gag rule'

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Dr. Charles F. Weed, assistant professor of political science at Keene State College, is defying governor of New Hampshire Meldrim Thomson by placing his job on the line. In an open letter sent to the governor last week, Weed expressed his indignation at Thomson's "arrogance," and blasted the governor's policy of "gagging state employees who would criticize the 'pro-nuclear policy' of the State of New Hampshire."

Weed's letter was in response to a resolution by Thomson and his four-member Executive Council to give active support to the construction and operation of nuclear power

facilities, and Thomson's subsequent statement that any state employees who are not in favor of this policy can "resign their job and go out and oppose it."

Reactions to that announcement brought heated responses from several quarters, including Representative Eugene Daniell (D-Franklin). Calling on the House Rules Committee to introduce a special session bill to "guarantee freedom of speech to all state employees," Daniell declared:

"It could be written on the State House dome that if you don't agree with Thomson, get out."

Following these reactions, Thomson issued a second statement designed to clarify the first. In it, he encouraged all state employees to exercise their right to freedom of speech as private citizens, but forbade any criticism of state policy in their official capacities.

Weed, however, stated in his letter that he does not support the state's nuclear policy, that he speaks out against nuclear power generation regularly, and that, as a state employee, he "will continue to do so, both as a citizen, and as a teacher."

In an interview last week, Weed claimed that there is not enough indignation on the part of citizens in what is supposed to be a

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Presidential confusion

Two more toss their hats in the ring

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Bearing strong similarities to the race for the Democratic nomination for President, the race for KSC's Student Body President has undergone several changes in the past few weeks; all of which have resulted in a list of four candidates.

In the beginning, there were two; and it was simple. They were present Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Michael Plourde, and present Treasurer of the Board of Selectmen John Trabucco.

At the time it was announced in the Equinox (2/18/1976), Trabucco said he was not running against Plourde, but rather was running for "me and the student body."

Plourde said he felt competent largely because of his many contacts with deans, professors and students.

"I feel I can work with them all," he said.

Shortly after this announcement, though, Selectmen Terry Clark added his name to the list. Running (at least partially) on a platform of flexibility in Student Government, Clark pointed out what he called a lack of program unity.

As of last week, that is the way it stood: three candidates.

Then Democraticmania set in. One of the three announced unofficially that he was dropping out, but only because he was going to back another member of the board, who also unofficially announced that he was going to run. Their combined forces, one said, could have helped produce a victory.

Meanwhile, when no one was looking, board member Keith Mistretta slipped his hat into the ring. And officially, the one who had thought of dropping out decided not to, and the one who had thought of joining the race also decided not to.

Mistretta explained that one of the

reasons he was entering the race this late was that he is one of the nominees for the University System of New Hampshire Student Trustee position. He was waiting to hear the outcome before entering the SBP race. But, he said, he did not want to wait any longer.

One issue that Mistretta is running on is that of student involvement.

"I want to see more people at the Student Body meetings," he said.

A possible way to gain this end, he suggested, is to go around campus before a meeting, and "drum up people." He would be willing to do this himself, if necessary, he said.

This particular election has a different twist to it, as a result of recent action of the students. Whoever wins this election will only serve half a term. The term will end December 31, and a new president will take over January 1. This will be the way the president's term will run from now on; with the Spring semester before the Fall one.

Bernie McLaughlin said this change had a lot to do with his decision not to run.

"This term is too short for me to accomplish any of the goals I would have liked to have attained," he said.

He was thinking seriously of running, he said, until last weekend, when he finally decided to run for the Board of Selectmen again.

McLaughlin said it is probably too early to ascertain what the most important issues of the campaign are, but he said there is one that is definitely being made too much of. That is the one concerning closer relations with the other schools in the university system.

"This is not even an issue," MacLaughlin said. "It goes without saying that that should be sought."

Actually, the race for SBP is not really all that confusing; after all, there are only four candidates, and the rumors that Birch Bayh and Sargent Shriver had joined appear to be unfounded.

Brower now ready, will speak tomorrow

Conservationist David R. Brower, who was scheduled to speak on "Energy and/or Environment" on March 11 at Keene State College, was taken ill with the flu and will speak on Thursday, March 18 instead. His topic will remain the same and will be given in the Keene State College Student Union Brown Room at 8 p.m.



DEBBIE CHILD—contesting elections



BERNIE McLAUGHLIN—try again



STEVE CUNNINGHAM—wins once



JUDI BARRETT—contesting elections

Checklist mismanaged

Contested elections reset for Thursday

The Student Body elections held last Tuesday are being contested, and new elections are scheduled for Thursday, March 18.

Judi Barrett, candidate for Moderator/Parliamentarian, and Debbie Child, candidate for Selectman, say that the elections were illegal because names of voters weren't recorded, as required by student government election procedures.

Barrett said there is a possibility that some students may have voted more than once, "because names weren't checked off." Michael Plourde, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said "there was a foul-up and it's possible that students took advantage of it."

Plourde had no comment on who actually caused the incident. However, Rene Bergeron, Student Body President, said:

"It's up to the Constitution Committee (of the Board) to handle election procedures." Plourde, Bergeron, and John Trabucco, Treasurer of the Student Body, supervised the ballots.

Child and Barrett submitted a formal letter contesting the elections at a special Board of Selectmen meeting Friday.

Election procedures give the Judiciary

Appeals Board authority to evaluate contested elections, but since members haven't been appointed for this year, the Board decided unanimously to hold a new election. Plourde called the situation "a cut and dry case."

Selectman Bernie McLaughlin said it is "definitely a good idea to hold another election," adding that there is a question of whether or not the first election was fair to all candidates. He went on to say that a new election will give students more of a chance to "feel out" the candidates, and that more

students will turn out to vote.

Keith Mistretta, also a Selectman, said that it's a mistake all the selectmen are responsible for, adding that those who are contesting the election have a valid argument.

Child lost her selectman contest to Neil Wood and Libby Manning, while Barrett lost the moderator seat to Steve Cunningham. As of now, no other candidates are contesting the election formally, although all their names will be on the new ballot.

Terry Wiggin, who resigned as moderator

only to pull 14 of 179 ballots cast for selectman, said he is not running.

"It's obvious that I lost," he said.

The polls will be open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Student Union and the Dining Commons.

Also at that student body meeting, students voted to allocate up to \$2,000 for extra organizational spending on Spring Weekend, the same amount spent last year.

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Philosophy set for management major

Michele Marini

On March 10, after more than two hours of debate, the Keene State College Senate adopted the philosophy of a management and administration major for KSC.

Senator Gustafson, director of career studies, acknowledged that there has been an increased student interest in this particular field. Students are looking for a management major, he said.

"This proposal has been under preparation for a long time. It has been handled by experts, done and then redone. It has been examined very carefully," Gustafson said.

Senator Charles A. Hildebrandt discussed the practical and philosophical considerations of the proposed management major.

"Right now there is a need for the strengthening of existent majors. New programs and promised panaceas have not been shown concretely to have helped the lot of Keene State College," declared Hildebrandt.

"On the other hand, this program would bring a conservative, training-oriented influence onto the campus. It would be an attempt to

major will definitely be liberal-arts-oriented," he said.

Senator Michael Keller said he believes the proposal should not be adopted into the curriculum.

"If we adopt this program, we will plan to keep it. It will be our child—endlessly. In two years when it's demanded, and in five years when it may not be," he stated.

Senator Terry Wiggin, who was ill at the time of the meeting, requested that Senator Michael Plourde be permitted to read a statement he had prepared in opposition to the

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prepare human beings to manage other human beings. Why—make this proposal and its supporters suffer in the light of the past? he added.

Senator Peter Parker, a member of the management major planning committee, stressed his opinion on the issues:

"Why should we stop a new major from going through simply because old ones need to be strengthened? We are now experiencing increased enrollment. Keene State College is in no trouble in this way," Parker said.

"This major will raise our entrance requirements. It will be a competitive and selective program. However, Keene State College will not die without this major. We are a liberal arts institution. The management



PETER PARKER—no stopping now

Cunningham and Blacketor disagree on major

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proposed management major. His position on the subject was more than clearly understood.

"I stand firmly opposed to a management major at Keene State College. Too many

inconsistencies stand now. Plymouth includes this major in their curriculum so why should we? This could create a war between campuses," the letter said.

"If a student wants to become a successful management major he won't come here anyway. It will be a shoddy major at first. It is also not going to solve existing problems. Several of our current majors need help. This proposal should be referred back to the evaluation team," Wiggins stressed.

Senator Paul Blacketor remarked that most of the departments are currently inadequately staffed.

"Would it not be better to strengthen our current academic programs? And if there does arise a compelling reason for a management major, then propose it?" he asked.

Senator John J. Cunningham stressed that Keene State College is a public institution and should serve the public.

"We should be meeting the needs of the people that put us here, and living up to what the public expects of us," he said.

"By adding this major we can cut back on

the Special Education and Elementary Education admissions and therefore make for a greater diversity in this college," Cunningham continued.

Peter H. Jenkins said he felt that this proposal was judged much more critically than it should have been.

"In terms of preparation, this major is the most complete that has been reviewed. It has been scapegoated significantly. We do have problems with existing majors, but they are not going to go away if we forget the management major. We are not showing the best interest of the institution by voting this proposal down," he concluded.

The philosophy of a management major was adopted, but the curriculum that will be included in this program is still under consideration. This topic will be discussed at the College Senate meeting this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Poco and Aztec Two Step scheduled for April

Poco may be coming to Keene State; the once a year, care-free, Spring Weekend may be moved to May 7, 8, 9; and the Aztec Two Step Band will appear April ninth.

On Wednesday March 10th the Social Activities Council met to finalize plans for Spring Weekend. The meeting was held in the Student Union Conference Rooms A & B; and was open to the entire student body. The total attendance at the meeting, that was to decide on the major concert for Spring Weekend, was 30 students.

Pam Sanderson, SAC president, explained that the plans for the group Pure Prairie League were dropped because they (Pure Prairie League) had changed their tour plans.

After the opening address by Sanderson, she welcomed questions from the students. Yearbook editor Lee Bird, asked what had happened to the survey that was taken in the commons, and what about the bands that were on the list for that questionnaire.

"The groups that were offered at that time have since changed their plans," stated Sanderson. "It is difficult to organize a major concert and have everything go your way. The groups don't plan their tours until late in the spring and anytime before that there is a chance that the band could change its plans," she added.

The next topic of discussion was the group Aztec Two Step for an April ninth appearance. The SAC members voted to approve this concert. The band will appear in the Mable Brown Room.

The major topic of the meeting was next. A list of possible entertainers was read and reviewed. After a brief exchange of ideas, it was determined that the three choices were Hot Tuna, Chick Corea, or Poco. These were the favorites even though the weekend date was in May.

SAC made a few telephone calls during the meeting to establish the bands' availability

Weed vs. Thompson Censorship and freedom

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libertarian society. Diversity should be respected, he said, and he called Thomson's statement "very repressive."

Weed's letter referred to a previous case of prior censorship, in which policies such as Thomson's are referred to as "compulsory unification of opinion," and "coercive elimination of dissent." Such activities are "antithetical to freedom," Weed said, indicating that they should be resisted.

"To be submissive to authority is to be unthinking and undemocratic," he declared.

Weed said he appreciated the views of Edward Bennett, director of economic development for the state, who spoke out against the proposal for a paper mill in Walpole. Bennett was fired by Thomson for publicly stating his views.

According to Deputy Chief of State Marshall Cobleigh, Weed's intentions to oppose

nuclear power generation do not violate the governor's orders.

"Any individual can say what they please," Cobleigh said, "in their private capacity, of course."

Asked whether Weed's refusal to limit his testimony to the backyard fence is a violation, Cobleigh explained that the order really applied only to those officials who in some direct way determine the nuclear policy of the state.

Weed said he hopes his letter will have some impact on its readers, but he added;

"My influence is very minor when it comes to swaying votes or determining state policy."

The only real effects would come from others following his example, Weed said, and he indicated that a "mass resignation" would accomplish something significant.

"We need more Ed Bennetts," he said.

POLITICAL AD

To the student of KSC,

As a candidate for the Board of Selectmen I would appreciate your vote if you feel that I am the best, or second best qualified for that position.

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- 1) I feel I can be an effective and diligent selectperson.
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Sincerely Yours,
Richard Emmel

Richard A. Emmel

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If no one is willing to make a story out of the meeting, at least bring us a copy of the minutes, given the time we might write the story for you.

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what you are doing unless you tell them. A request for members, once a year, to join an organization that can only be identified by name is not very appealing. Help yourself to some publicity.

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If you don't see it, you won't know it

You may be asking yourself how the Equinox, which is budgeted this year for nothing but eight-page issues, can find the money to run nothing but twelve and sixteen pages. On the other hand, if you didn't know that the Equinox was budgeted for nothing but eight pages, you probably aren't asking yourself that. So there is no sense in going into that.

Actually, (and you may notice that I am going into it after all) we can't afford this. But by cutting back on every other part of the budget that we can, we hopefully will pull this off.

Seriously, though, it is very impractical for a school this size to

from the editors

have just eight pages a week in its newspaper. The twelve and sixteen pagers are just a little closer to the twenty and twenty-four page issues we should be running.

Why just think of all the news that is in this issue that would have had to have been cut out to make room for the ads and letters if we ran eight pages.

You never would have known about how Student Government blew the elections of two selectmen and a senator last week. You would totally have missed the fact that because of the action of about 70 students last week, some 40% of your activities fee will be going to the Athletic Department. (Gee, do you suppose that since they are getting so much more money, they would consider trying to incorporate more students into their programs? Students that are already here and

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EDITORIAL POINTS

We can't think of anything really witty to say here, so we won't write any editorial points tonite. We would like to thank you for reading this far in the seventh issue of the semester that we cannot afford. There are only twelve more pages left, so don't stop now.



Mason Library: The sounds of silence

It seemed innocent enough—an eighty page reading assignment in a book on reserve at the library. I was too naive to realize exactly what that meant. But I learned all too soon.

I went up to the desk, got the book, and wandered up to the "no smoking" section upstairs. I found a vacant desk and after removing the ash tray settled into the task of reading the eighty pages.

Two desks away from me on my left was a student who must have been the only person to have attended his methods class that morning. I assumed this only because every four or five minutes someone

would come up and ask him, "What did we do in methods this morning?"

The desk immediately to the left of me had been empty, but it was soon filled by a guy who really enjoyed his gum. He chewed in an open-mouth manner that told of his pleasure. And told it right out loud.

But his gum chewing did not disturb me for long. He had a big psychology test the next day. He opened his text to the appropriate chapter, fluffed up the pages, set his head down, and fell asleep. I returned to my reading.

Then the methods student, thoroughly worn out from filling in his colleagues, also fell asleep. And he began to snore. This woke up the gum chewer who asked me, "Hey, is he bothering you?"

"No," I answered. "I was just listening."

It turned out that the methods student was also studying for the same psychology test as the gum chewer—in between naps that is. Anyway, the whole corner began to fill up with psychology students and they all began to discuss the test in just this fashion:

"Hey, I got a big psych test tomorrow."

"Yea, me too."

"I know, you're in my class."

But I was patient to the last and soon the corner grew quiet again, the gum chewer and methods student went back to their studies, and I went back to my reading.

Until the person on my right was approached by a friend who was having a little difficulty with a math assignment. Their conversation disturbed the gum chewer who in turn disturbed the methods student, providing me with a choice of conversations to be disturbed by.

But these little flare ups of ungentle whisperings, given time, do come to an end. Soon the math problem was solved, the friend walked away, and the gum chewer and the methods student returned to their books.

I was about to do the same, but I happened to catch a glimpse of the Huntress clock just then and realized that it was time for supper.

So I gathered up my book and coat and headed downstairs. As I dropped the book off at the desk, I noted my page with a promise to return in an hour to read those final seventy-six pages.

Walter Asonevich

Last minute writing

Summary of Student Body meeting

Michael Plourde

Well here it is, 11:30am and this article is due at noon. Isn't it typical to do everything at the last minute. The person who was supposed to write this week's article must of forgot, for I was just notified that I have a half hour to create something. So, I guess I'll take a stab at it.

First, a brief report on last week's Student Body Meeting. On that evening you, the students, spent roughly \$26,300.00. Where did the money go you may ask? Well, Student Government got a little, Fine Film Society will have a few less bills to pay, and the athletic budget will be substantially larger next year: \$24,000 larger.

You also adopted new procedures for organizational funding, these will help us (Student Government) regulate organizational spending a bit more than we have in the past.

Next year's Student Body Elections have been moved to November. This means that the Student Body President's term of office will run from January 1 thru December 31.

The first thing that happened at the Student

Body Meeting was that the election of two new members of the Board of Selectmen, a new College Senator, and a new Moderator/Parliamentarian was blown. No one person was at fault; I guess we all were in one way or another. I would like to apologize to all those candidates who have to go through the whole thing again this Thursday. I can assure you that this won't happen again.

About the election this Thursday, don't forget you have to have an I.D. in order to vote. I encourage

all of you to vote, it's more important than you think, after all you elected the fools that blew the election!

Just a reminder for the Junior Senators—if you are reading this, don't forget that you have a Senate meeting this afternoon at the same time, and same place. We're still working on the Management major.

I hope that you all have a good vacation. For those of you that are going south to Florida, the Virgin Islands, or Bermuda—I want you to know that I'm green with envy—enjoy it.

Jimmy chucks it up

Earth Notes explaining Earth Notes

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Unless you subscribe to the existential, or have been taken in by the vegetarian sect (not to be confused with the non-meat eaters), and went looking for the Earth Notes last week, it can be undeniably maintained that such was not there.

To elaborate here, the reasons why, would surely leave some certain unmentionable people wondering if their boyfriend's motives are *not*, in fact, purely romantic, while the Equinox editorial staff sits passing judgement (to be confused with wind) on the credibility of Freshman Comp., and internalizing that such should seriously consider offering an introduction to ethics.

My excuse is that if the scarecrow was born without a brain, then I was born without scruples. Yet, everyone is born without scruples. Really now, has anyone ever heard of an infant hesitating to or having any misgivings about throwing up a load of strained beets at the supper table? Scruples are

learned. Ya know, that which is the result of positive and negative reinforcement. Little baby throws up at table. Little baby experiences negative reinforcement (i.e., no supper for a week), and holy Skinner box, little baby now motions to be excused from the table and throws up in the toilet.

As a result of last week's Earth Notes and editorial negative feedback, I am, in congruence to the aforementioned, learning to throw up in the

toilet. For this, I am forever indebted; for throw up, if not contained to its proper place, can really make a mess of things.

Armed with such new insights, I sallied forth, pen in hand, to scratch yet another edition of these Earth Notes. I thought. I pondered. I dreamed. Bad news. Writer's block.

Frustrated, I went out to lunch, as the expression goes. And when I came back, I threw up, all over my notebook. Such was the insulting and

rather crude material, that I was forced to toss the whole thing into the garbage.

This seemingly fatalistic series of events reoccurred six times, each one of them more miserable than the one before. Upon my seventh attempt, however, I did not throw up. I was grateful for this, as I was not only tired of throwing up, but I was also running out of note books. I still had not perfected the direct toilet approach, where such repulsive activities are quickly flushed out of sight and out of mind.

This week's Earth Notes is the result of a lifeless dry heave. That is, something was supposed to come out, but nothing did, because there was nothing to come out.

I don't get it.

Hasta luego. Have a lousy vacation. And a P.S.

to John H. — do clams talk?

What is the Equinox?

Emmel questions Equinox policy

Dear Mr. Gordon and Mr. Picton:

I am responding to the editorial written by Jim Picton, "Anyona Speaka Da English?" as one of the students the Equinox represents. If I have interpreted the editorial correctly, you have taken the right to withhold from print all unintelligible letters and thus provide motivation for the authors of such letters to enhance their literary ability. I criticize this action for three reasons.

First, you have made a major policy decision that should have involved all concerned students of KSC.

Secondly, I feel restrictions placed on students' expression will, more likely than not, inhibit learning. I recognize that you are not rejecting the ideas of these unintelligible letters, but demanding a fair mastery of the English language could be intimidating to some. An open atmosphere for my ideas, potential solutions or alternatives to problems, was the most important antecedent to an increased verbal facility. With a greater meaning in life, a feeling that I too, could contribute towards solving existing problems, I

realized the importance of the tool that facilitated attainment of this goal. Thus, I improved my grammar and vocabulary because of an intrinsic desire. The occasions where intimidation persisted, a hindered, non-growth oriented behavior was reinforced for there lacked any value in communicating my thoughts. It is meaning that precedes expression. When the reverse is true, all that is fostered is articulate nonsense. Furthermore, it is not important to feel responsible for the grammatical correctness of any student's letter when it is signed by themselves. This responsibility belongs to the college, which would be served better if such problems were more pronounced rather than hidden.

Finally, due to what I perceive as an intimidating atmosphere, the Equinox may no longer fully represent all KSC students. Suppose the Gallup Poll was interested in knowing what U.S. citizens felt of a particular issue and that the people polled were required to speak eloquent English. Certainly the sample would not be an ideal representation of all the

citizens. As in this analogy, your new policy may not allow pure representation. If this is true, the Equinox's democratic integrity will have been marred.

By instituting this policy, you are repressing the manifestation of ideas, a factor crucial towards solving problems and helpful towards learning. Do not all ideas have an importance so great that they eclipse their mode of expression? Thus, I ask you to think it over. I feel you are wrong.

Sincerely yours,
Richard S. Emmel

Mr. Emmel,

You seem to have a serious misconception of what the Equinox is on the campus. It does not represent you, or the student body. How can it? We are a small group of students that would find it impossible to "represent" the diversified interests of over 2400 students. If you will look on the editorial page of any Equinox this semester, you will notice that it reads "The opinions expressed on the editorial pages by the editors of the Equinox are not necessarily those of the student body or the administration."

Every time the Equinox comes out, it at least indirectly involves all concerned students. Does this mean that we should have a student body vote every week to decide on the content of the main editorial? Or which letter to run at the top of the letters page? Or whether to endorse the purchasing of bleachers or not? This would hardly be a successful endeavour, now would it?

Back to the specific issue. When James Picton wrote that we would not publish unintelligible letters, he was referring to those where, within a page and a half, there is no more than one sentence that makes grammatical sense. (Which has happened.) He was referring to those letters which are so poorly written that they cannot be read with any understanding.

When we get a letter like this, we have several possible courses of action. First, we could run the letter as is. But then the mistakes can, and often are, interpreted as the mistakes of the paper, and we do not need that kind of trouble. Second, we could run the letter as is, with a little note that says this is the way the letter was given to us. But this would be unnecessarily insulting the student who wrote the letter. And that is not our purpose. Thirdly, we could run a letter that is like the original, but has been re-written to make grammatical sense. But then we are taking the chance of misrepresenting the author's ideas. And that is not our goal, either. We could simply throw the letter out. But that certainly would not be right.

So what we have chosen to do is return the letter to the author, in the hopes that he/she will re-write it, and re-submit it.

It is not our intention to appear self-serving; telling students what to do and where to go. But for the protection of both the students and ourselves, such a policy, we think, is a wise one.

It should be pointed out, maybe, that so far this year, we have received only three letters to which this policy even remotely applies. So it really is not that big of an issue.

Steve Gordon, editor
James Picton, assist. editor

KSC canine policy distresses student

To the editor:

The half-page spread in last week's Equinox announcing a "new KSC policy on canine control" was very distressing to me; and to many others, I'm sure. It would be interesting to know how this policy was established and by whom—not by any dog owners most likely.

I can understand why dogs aren't allowed in any of the buildings on campus—they can be distracting in a classroom, and not all dogs have been trained to relieve themselves outdoors.

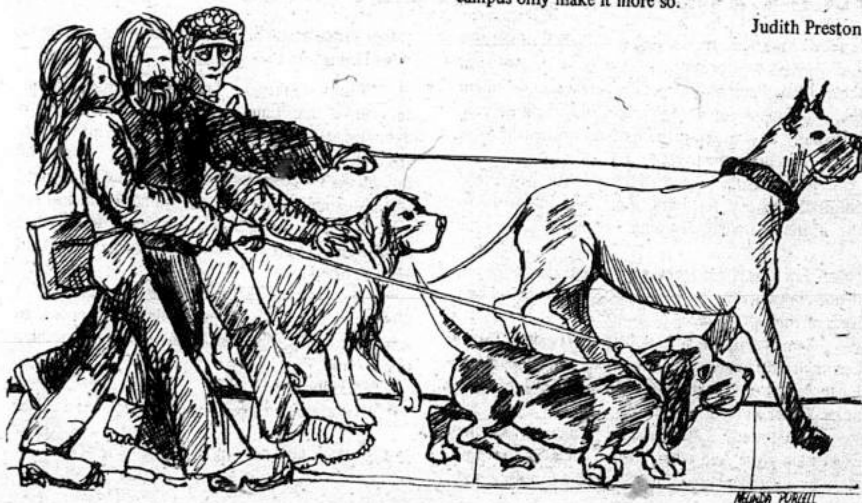
I can understand why "they" don't want dogs chained to trees. I can even appreciate the fact that some people simply don't like dogs. What I can't understand is all this ill will and discrimination—yes, discrimination—directed towards dogs and dog

owners by the people in control of making policies. Now, for the sake of making a point, let's apply this discrimination to little children. Little children can be just as offensive to some people as dogs can be to others. They cry; they holler; they don't always control their bowels, and they can smell. Occasionally they can be very rude, and they might even hit someone. Suppose it was decided that KSC should establish a policy banning little children from campus because some people don't especially enjoy having them around.

For all practical purposes, this policy bans dogs from campus. Too far fetched, you say? You don't see any grounds for comparison, right? Well, it's simply a matter of what one finds offensive.

It is very difficult to keep a dog in the city of Keene. Policies such as the one which has been established on campus only make it more so.

Judith Preston



Easy money

Vexed at low turnout of students

To the Editor,

The turnout at last week's student body meeting was, to say the least, disgusting. Of the 70 some odd people that were there, I would estimate that about 50% of them were concerned primarily with the proposed raise in the athletic fee. Because of this lack of concern by the majority of the student body, we will all be paying an additional \$10.00 athletic fee, not to mention the expected increases in

room, board, tuition, etc. I do think some increase in the athletic fee was necessary, but I can't believe that students on this campus can't take one or two hours of their precious time to help decide where their money's going. Maybe Student Government should have publicized the meeting and the agenda more, but weekly activities and meetings are listed in the Calendar of Events, which takes about five minutes a week to read.

Right now it seems as if any organization on campus can get money just by bringing a lot of their members and friends to the student body meetings and out-voting everyone else. This has been done in the past and will probably continue unless more students show some concern and attend these meetings. It is your money, don't you want to have a say in how it is spent?

Nancy Phillips

Voting: take 2

An open letter to KSC Students:

As you may not know, there will be elections this Thursday for the purpose of repeating last Tuesday's elections for two Selectmen seats, one College Senator seat, and a Town Moderator/Parliamentarian.

As a candidate that was elected Moderator/Parliamentarian, I was never officially notified that the elections were officially challenged.

Second, I was never officially notified that there was to be a meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss the challenge.

Third, I still have not been officially notified that the election will be held next Thursday.

It never ceases to amaze me that our elected student body representatives complain about the apathy of students and at the same time fail to notify me that my election as Moderator/Parliamentarian had been challenged.

I was not even given a chance to ask what I feel to be the pertinent question which was "When was the challenge made? If it was made at the time of the voting, then I am in support of the new elections.

It is my sincere hope that this re-election will be run properly and that all students will vote on Thursday, March 18th.

Thank You,
Steve Cunningham

Blood flows free thanks to KSC

To the editor,

The Red Cross is grateful to the 226 donors who gave of themselves in the two-day blood drawing at Keene State College on March 8 and 9. A special thank you to Ron Peterson, who arranged for the manpower from Alpha Pi Tau to unload, load, set up and take down equipment. The Distaff Club, headed by Mrs. Karen Smith, telephone chairman, furnished a generous supply of sandwiches for the donors and their contribution is greatly appreciated. We shall return to Keene State College in October and let us hope for even more donors. In October 1975 we had 334. Let us have that many or more again.

Donna Rossiter
Assistant Blood Program Chairman
for Keene State College

\$10 raise gives athletic department \$30 cut from your activity fee

To the Student Body,

If you don't already know, there will be a \$10 increase for varsity sports for next year. You will be paying \$30 out of your activity fee to directly fund the sports program here at KSC.

Last year, each student paid \$20 for the Athletic Department, and the money was for funding and improving our team sports. Not one penny of this money is for the intramural program.

If you did not attend the last Student Body Meeting, the reason you will pay this extra \$10 is that the Athletic Budget for next year was passed. In that budget, there were three different requests for funds. The first request was for a \$6 increase, the second request was for an \$8 hike, and the third was for \$10. The third request was voted on, and in a close vote it passed.

As a result of the \$10 increase, the Athletic Department now has an operating budget of \$72,000 effective next year; paid for by all of us. This is a \$24,000 (50%) boost over last year's budget.

Some benefits derived from this raise are: several new Junior Varsity teams; possibly a better name for the school through a better athletic program; entertainment for the students who attend sporting events.

Keeping in mind these benefits, I must express to you the negative aspects that have resulted or will result because of this increase.

Many students have complained about the intramural program. They claim that it should be more active. Also, some students have expressed their complaints about the recreation hours at the gymnasium. They say that they should be longer.

The fact is that the extra \$10 you will pay next year for the Athletic Department has absolutely nothing to do with intramurals or the recreation hours in the gym.

Two reasons why the recreation hours in the gym are short is that the varsity sports teams have top priority for practice and contests, and that there is a shortage of money to pay workers to keep the gym facilities open longer for the average student.

I fail to see the logic in giving \$30 of my activity fee to fund the very agents that are infringing

on my right to use the gymnasium more often.

I am not striking out against the athletic program, but I am questioning the steep \$10 increase. It is my belief that the money could have been used to benefit all the students at KSC more directly. If the students want a better athletic program, then they must be willing to pay the price.

The athletic program didn't vote in this increase; each and every student is responsible for it. You might say that you didn't attend the meeting and you didn't have a say in this issue. Well you're absolutely correct.

Bernie McLaughlin

Clue to mystery of missing desk

Dear Editor,

In your issue of March 10, 1976 my attention was drawn to the picture on page 16 of the wooden desk, with nobnail boots attached. I was intrigued with the familiar appearance of the desk.

Possibly, as your question under the picture indicates, an investigation is warranted. On Monday, March 1, a wooden desk was appropriated from the Alumni Office. A broken down Model-T, gray, tin can desk was substituted.

There was a great deal of sentiment for the wooden desk, partially because it was purchased with funds given to the KSC Fund Drive by alumni (as have a multitude of ~~unsung~~ other projects for the College). If one were to look at the KSC identification tag on the wooden desk and found it to be 203813, he would verify whether this is the same wooden desk.

It goes without saying that the Alumni Association is always glad to be of service, especially in providing "the best non-taxable benefit one has received from the college".

Sincerely,
Fred Barry
Alumni Director

Equinox and Cunningham poll students on abortion

by Richard Bratt
and
Donna Barry
Equinox Staff

An Equinox survey on abortion asked a sampling of Keene State College students three questions: Should abortion be left completely up to the individual? At what point does life begin, conception or birth? Would you ever consider an abortion for yourself or partner?

The responses to these questions were not intended to be indicative of all students' feelings. They were, however, intended to get a sampling of students' reactions.

One major problem encountered by our two interviewers was our choice of places to interview people. One opted for the dining commons and dorms; the other, the student union. Generally reactions varied widely within the two locations. At the dining commons most people responded with definitive answers; this was the exception at the student union.

(We feel the reason for this is that at the commons most people are either hungry and do not like to be bothered, or are leaving and on their way to another place. At the student union, participants were more casual and willing to open up.)

Out of 21 students at the commons, 17 said abortion should be left to the individual, two said no and two qualified their answers. Of the qualified responses, one included the doctor in the decision and another expressed concern that perhaps not everyone is qualified to make their own decisions.

On the question of when does life begin, eight said at conception, eight at birth and the remainder either somewhere in between or had no opinion. One male student from the Owl's Nest explained "conscious life begins at birth; the only way I can justify an abortion is that the baby is dependent on the mother until birth."

The question would you ever consider an abortion for yourself or your partner met with 16 positive reactions, four negative and one male leaving the decision to his partner. Most of these answers were qualified in that they specified rape and health hazards as being good grounds for abortion. Most of the females also felt strongly pro-abortion if pregnant and unmarried. None of the females, on the other hand, would

even consider abortion if married. One student surrendered his principles and said abortion would be considered "out of practicality, not necessarily principles."

Those interviewed at the student union felt much the same way on the first question with better than 80% believing it was an individual decision. The issue of when life began found almost half of the students undecided, almost half agreeing with the supreme court's decision of 22 to 24 weeks, only one definite answer of at time of conception, and one definite at time of birth.

Opinions varied greatly on whether or not they would ever consider an abortion for themselves or their partners.

Answers ranged from, only in the case of rape or health reasons to preventing an unwanted child that could present problems later on.

One rather interesting point arose when students were questioned about the husband's rights in the case of marriage. All the males questioned said that the husband did have a say. All of the females questioned said the husband didn't have any rights in the decision. Some were quite vehement on that point.

The majority opinion seemed to be that abortion is an extremely complicated issue that can't be expressed in simple yes or no answers. As Doug Smith observed, "abortion raises a philosophical question; there is no black or white answer." Joe O'Reilly pointed out "there is a religious aspect, a moral aspect and certainly a legal aspect." From Jim Stitham came "it's a moral issue."

Certainly a sampling of some 30 to 40 students is not a large enough cross section of the student body to indicate trends on abortion. However, Dr. John D. Cunningham, KSC biology professor, has given questionnaires to some 6,000 students over the years. The results are separated into both male and female and a distinction is made between the pre-1973 results and post-1974. Pre-1973 are the results of approximately 4,000 students; post-1974 figures are roughly 2,000 students. (Percentages on the question of incest may not be completely accurate due to not understanding the meaning of the word.) Pre-1973 figures appear before the dash, post-1974, after.

Is abortion wrong under all circumstances?

yes	no
male 19% - 5%	81% - 95%
female 7% - 11%	93% - 89%

Abortion should be a medical matter and not a legal matter.

yes	no
male 96% - 79%	4% - 21%
female 81% - 70%	19% - 30%

Whether or not the student feels the following circumstances are justified.

a. When the pregnancy resulted from rape

yes	no
male 81% - 89%	19% - 11%
female 84% - 80%	16% - 20%

b. When the pregnancy resulted from incest

yes	no
male 69% - 79%	31% - 21%
female 66.5% - 60%	33% - 40%



c. When continuation of the pregnancy would result in a child with major physical deformities or mental retardation.

yes	no
male 91% - 95%	9% - 5%
female 93.5% - 70%	6.5% - 30%

d. When continuation of the pregnancy would threaten a woman's life or seriously impair her health.

yes	no
male 93% - 100%	7% - 0%
female 98% - 89%	2% - 11%



O'REILLY. "There is a religious aspect, a moral aspect, and a legal aspect."

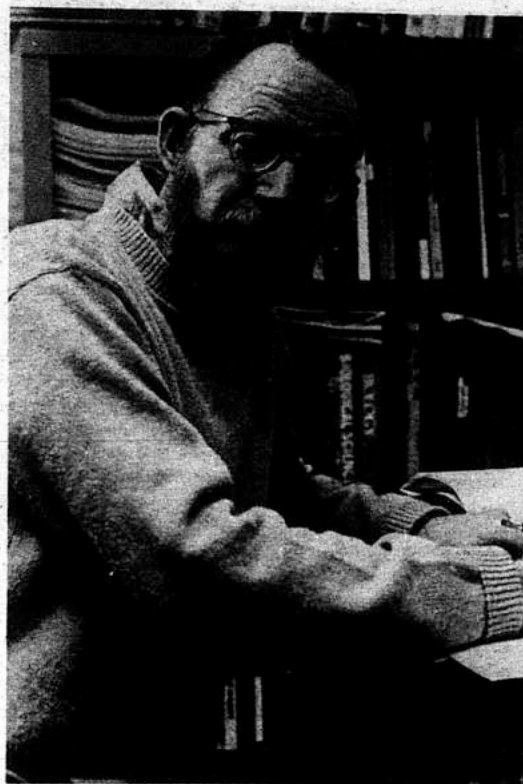


SMITH. "Abortion raises a philosophical question; there is no black or white answer." (photo by Bratt)



(photos by Bratt).

The issue defies a 'black and white' answer; but better than 80% of the students polled indicate the abortion question should be an individual decision.



Dr. John D. Cunningham, surveyed some 6000 students (photo by Bratt)

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WHO? WHERE CAN I TURN?
WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN? ??
QUESTIONS PROBLEMS
ANSWERS MOTHER DID
FRIENDS MARRIAGE
DRAUGTS LIFE LOVE
HELP!! DEATH FOR
...THINKING....
CAN YOU FACE IT
AFTERWARDS? BABY
NORMAL LIFE?
PROVOKED OR
FORGIVING YOUR
SELF, HOW (AND)
YOU! FEELINGS
DISTURBED TRY
LIVE RELIEF
BEGIN AGAIN
WHY?

e. When the mother is unwed.

yes	no
male 22.5% - 47%	77.5% - 53%
female 21% - 38%	38% - 62%

f. When the pregnancy in an older woman (38-45) was accidental.

yes	no
male 22% - 29%	78% - 71%
female 15% - 68%	85% - 32%

g. When the mother's emotional health would be threatened.

yes	no
male 73% - 95%	27% - 5%
female 74% - 69%	26% - 31%

che. When the family suffers from extreme poverty.

yes	no
male 58% - 50%	42% - 50%
female 52% - 74%	48% - 26%

i. The mother has a right to an abortion whenever she wants one

yes	no
male 19.5% - 32%	80.5% - 68%
female 16.5% - 43%	83.5% - 57%

According to Cunningham this survey is only indicative of the northeast. In general western opinions are more liberal and those of the southeast are more conservative.

When asked about his feelings on abortion Cunningham says he pretty much agrees with the Supreme Court decision of 1973 with two exceptions. Cunningham feels a weakness exists because the ruling doesn't define life. The ruling only implies that life exists sometime between 24 and 26 weeks.

He also expressed concern that the ruling says nothing about the fetus, explaining that it is now possible to determine genetic defects before birth. But that opens up a whole new area: euthanasia.

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The arts at KSC

Thursday, April 1: Fine Film Society: "Shanghai Express" with Marlene Dietrich, Brown Room, Student Union; 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.50.

Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2: Thorne Art Gallery: Closing of "The Image of Poetry," a combined exhibit of poetry and art. 1-4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Sunday, April 4: Student Union Movie: Marx Brothers Double Feature, "A Day at the Races" and "A Night at the Opera," Brown Room, Student Union, 8 p.m., \$7.50.

Monday, April 5: Fine Film Society and Phi Mu Delta co-sponsor; "Last Tango in Paris"; Brown Room, Student Union, 7:00 p.m. Positive identification required: must be 18 years of older. Admission is \$1.00.

Tuesday, April 6: Music Department Junior-Senior Recital: Wendy Dubois, voice, and Leo Lambert, horn; Brown Room, Student Union, 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, April 6: Fine Film Society and Phi Mu Delta co-sponsor "Last Tango in Paris"; Room 101, Science Center, 7 p.m. Positive identification is required, must be 18 or older. Admission is \$1.00.

Wednesday, April 7: Bicentennial Film: "Yankee Clipper" (1927)... a fictional account of the opening of the Chinese tea trade to America, and Chaplin's "The Immigrant"; Room 101, Science Center, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Saturday, April 10: Concert and Lecture Series: Mandala Folk Dance Ensemble: *Mandala*—meaning "circle of life" in Sanskrit, is a group of 25 young Boston area residents who celebrate the folk dances of such countries as France, Bulgaria, Hungary, Israel, Russia and the United States. Spaulding Gym; 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 or free with KSC I.D.

Sunday, April 11 through Friday, April 30: Thorne Art Gallery: Keene Planning Survey... Photographs by Anne Wardwell, produced for the Cheshire Arts Council under a National Endowment for the Arts Grant, surveying the aesthetic qualities of the Keene Area. The exhibits are open to the public at no charge; 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Sundays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 11: Student Union Movie: "Deliverance"; Brown Room, Student Union, 8 p.m., admission is \$7.50.

Tuesday, April 13: Fine Film Society: "Between Times" and "Timbuctu"; Brown Room, Student Union; (two showings) 7 and 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

Wednesday, April 14: Music Department Concert: Jazz Ensemble conducted by William Pardus. Brown Room; Student Union; 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 14: Bicentennial Film: D.W. Griffith's "Hearts of the World"—classic portrayal of World War I, Room 101, Science Center, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, April 20: Music Department Senior Recital: Michael Martin, percussion,

and Christopher Weber, trumpet. Brown Room; Student Union, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 21: Bicentennial film: "Hell's Hinges," William S. Hart's 1916 classic on the Western hero. Waltz Lecture Hall—Science Center, Admission is free. 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 22: Concert and Lecture Series: David Northington, pianist. In April of 1974, David Northington achieved a milestone that has perhaps never happened to anyone before: within the space of five days he won two major competitions, each of which furnished him with a grand prize of a debut recital in Carnegie Hall. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory, where he earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. He has appeared as soloist with several orchestras, including the Cincinnati Philharmonic and the Wellington Symphony, and has made a guest appearance with the world-renowned LaSalle Quartet. Brown Room, Student Union; 8 p.m. Admission is \$1; free with KSC I.D.

Sunday, April 25: Music Department Concert: Collegium Musicum, location to be announced. 8 p.m., admission is free.

Sunday, April 25: Student Union Movie: "Taming of the Shrew"; Brown Room, Student Union, 8 p.m. Admission is \$7.50.

Tuesday, April 27: Fine Film Society: "Wedding Blood," Brown Room, Student Union, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., admission is \$1.00.

Wednesday, April 28: Bicentennial Film: 2 classic 1930's documentaries by Pare Lorentz: "The Flow that Broke the Plains" and "The Rivers," plus: Frank Capra's "Prelude to War," a propaganda film justifying the U.S. entry into World War II. Room 101, Science Center, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 28: Music Department Concert: Wind Ensemble, conducted by William Pardus. Brown Room, Student Union, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

KSC 080: a college course that happens in Europe

Klaus J. Bayr, assistant professor of geography, will lead a field trip to Austria, Northern Italy and Northern Yugoslavia from May 31-June 28.

Participating students will receive five credit hours through either undergraduate course KSC 080—Geography: Travel Studies, or Geography 490 & 491: Reading and Research, a graduate course. The four-week trip will cost \$850 including tuition, but excluding meals.

Bayr was born in Gmunden, Austria, one of the towns being visited and studied. He received his doctorate from the University of Graz in Austria.

The students will have the opportunity to study Alpine glacial formations, urbanization, the economic systems of the different countries, mountain iron mines, steel mills and

Horizons Unlimited: a program for the gifted

Horizons Unlimited is a summer program that does the things some teachers often cannot find time for during the regular school year: it brings together teachers of the gifted and gifted adolescents in small, group learning situations.

The learning is mutual and of a very particular kind, experiential learning—meaning, as Nancy Stuart puts it, "you don't talk about it, you do it." Stuart is director of Horizons Unlimited, which is in its second year here.

The "it" Stuart refers to can be any number of things: watching a film on Mahatma Gandhi; making your own flute; doing a watercolor at Surry Dam; climbing Mount Monadnock, or writing a poem.

Any of all of these things can be done in conjunction with the six major workshop areas of Horizons Unlimited: art, drama, dance, music, writing and cross-cultural understanding. The workshops run four of the program's six weeks duration. And the teachers are integrated into the workshops—not in the teacher role, but as co-learners. The workshops themselves are run by Horizons Unlimited staff.

Stuart, who teaches speech and creative dramatics at Keene State, conducts the drama workshop. Alta Lu Townes, the program's co-director and a teacher of modern dance here, runs the dance workshop.

The program is a small one—each summer 40 youths 15 to 18 years old and 25 teachers (on the elementary and the secondary level) are accepted. For the adolescents the program runs four weeks. For the teachers it runs six weeks. They arrive the week before the adolescents and leave the week after. During the extra weeks they devote their time to such topics as the psychology of giftedness, the nature of creativity and teaching and counseling approaches for the gifted. For their efforts the teachers receive six graduate-level credits.

One key aspect of the program is personal development and the structure of Horizons Unlimited facilitates this.

"The way the program is set up," Stuart said, "the young people form a community of their own. They live together in two sets of mini-dorms on campus; on the weekends they

choose to spend here, they are given \$4.00 for food. That is not a lot but the students learn quickly that the money will suffice if they share not only the money but their cooking skills as well."

Like most complicated concepts, "giftedness" has a variety of definitions. Horizons Unlimited defines the gifted as those individuals who demonstrate mental dimensions beyond the ordinary; those outstanding in a specific field or in several fields.

"The gifted," Stuart said, "possess a rich inner world, a high development of the abstract mind, and sensitivity to other people and their surroundings."

Many of the gifted, she said, suffer from "a lack of understanding, acceptance, and appreciation on the part of their peers, parents or teachers. Horizons Unlimited is designed to help meet the needs of these young people, as well as those of teachers concerned about the gifted."

The program gives young people a chance to gain the kind of attention they need.

As one of last summer's young participants put it: "I need someone to write for. I can't just sit down and write. Someone who cares that I write often and well. I have that here."

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various Karst features. Before departure they will do 15 hours of class and research work at Keene State as part of the course requirements.

The group will fly from Boston to Salzburg, Austria. Once in Europe, they will travel by train and Volkswagen in Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy. They will be staying at pensions and tourist houses.

For more information and applications contact Dr. Klaus J. Bayr in the Geography Department.

KSC Pub Club meets tomorrow

The KSC Pub Club will have a meeting March 18, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. It will be in the Student Union Conference Room. All members are welcome.

Equinox is looking for creative writing

The Equinox would like to try and put a little culture into our lives, and yours. Therefore, we are asking the college community to send whatever creative writing they have (of their own, preferably) to The Equinox, 2nd floor, Elliot Hall.

Of course, we cannot guarantee that we will print some every week, since it will depend on how much news there is. But as often as possible, we will slip in a poem, story, or whatever. So give it a try!

A BEGINNING:

FROM BEGINNING TO ENDING.

I stopped
on the stairs
to stare
at her
bending;

back
mostly bared
and bottom
up-ending.

She
straightened,
then stopped;
a question
was pending—

So
I asked her,
at last,
the way she
was wending.

Her smile
was the signal
I hoped she'd
be sending.

We left
Holding Hands;
an idyllic
ending.

SMALL TALK AND SILENT

"You look nice in those pants."
The phrase fired off her tongue,
Striking my tightened ear drum
Like a lump of crumbling clay.
Falling at my feet,
I kicked it aside,
In my silent stroll
With this fairy tale.

I could no longer walk upon the water,
Oblivion's shoes worn thin,
Each new step into light—
Sinking deeper into a white-capped knowledge;
My eyes threw back their lids in horror of depths,
Filled with the corpses of dreams.
And I was helpless-drowning,
Looking quite nice in my pants.

A DAILY CONVERSATION

Yes. Housewife. I can hear you,
Shouting from another gloom.
Haven't I kept the cupboards filled
With pills enough?
What dish needs drying this time?
What! You mean—
It happened on the soaps,
Reminded you of us, and—
Damn! Woman!
Can't you see that I must eat
A full share of this newsprint
To aid my constipation?
How else can I be
Like other men.
Stop the prattle!

Yes? Husband?
Did I hear you
Shouting?



Untitled

Yes,
the grass can talk;
see, see where we walk;
here the dead grass
speaks.

From the outside world Energy conference coming to U. Mass

The New England Solar Energy Association has announced that its first annual Conference and Exhibition will be June 24 and 25, 1976, at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. NESEA, in conjunction with UMass' Toward Tomorrow Fair, is expected to draw over one thousand solar energy manufacturers, authorities, developers, community leaders and citizens interested in seeing solar energy technologies widely implemented.

The conference will focus on the unique requirements of fossil fuel poor New England, which depends on imported sources for as much as 88% of its solar energy needs. The conference will emphasize the contribution solar energy can make to a region with long, cold winters, and industries set back by energy costs. Using solar technologies, New England and the U.S. at large, can greatly reduce its dependence on foreign oil and our own depleting fuel resources.

In addition to papers and formal presentations to be made at the conference, currently available solar hardware will be displayed on a large field in front of the Lincoln Campus Center. These exhibitions will be a graphic representation of the emerging role for solar energy in New England's and the nation's future.

John Schnebley, chairman of NESEA says,

"We expect this conference to be one of the largest and most exciting such events ever held in the country. We look forward to seeing many of our friends exhibiting and attending."

The Toward Tomorrow Fair will open as the NESEA conference closes. The solar energy option can then be presented before the general public as the Fair draws people from the Northeast urban areas and from among the tremendous influx of visitors to New England, the weekend before the Fourth of July.

On the Toward Tomorrow Fairgrounds, exhibitors will present their positions on the social/technological challenges of: environment, resources, atomic energy and other forms of energy production, food, communication, transportation and shelter. In addition to the solar energy displays in place for the NESEA conference, people will be displaying video technologies, geodesic domes, electric cars, methane digestors, as well as models, plans, crafts and literature. Social and political groups covering all points on the political spectrum will be invited to erect booths.

Toward Tomorrow expects that over 10,000 people, from June 25-27, will attend the Fair.

In addition to the exhibits, free entertainment will be provided by area musicians, theatre troupes, jugglers and dancers. Food will be on sale: "ball park", ethnic and health food varieties. Inside the Lincoln Campus Center, workshops, panels, debates and

addresses, along with film presentations will be on-going over the two days. Major addresses by distinguished Americans are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evening. Popular musical and theatrical performances are also planned.

A single daily ticket price, expected to be below \$3.00, will allow one admission to the Fairgrounds and indoor activities.

Over 4000 University dormitory rooms are available for lodging during the Fair at \$5.25 per night. Within the immediate vicinity of Amherst, hotels, inns, and campgrounds abound.

Francis Koster, NESEA Conference coordinator and Director of the Toward Tomorrow Fair says,

"We have designed this event to be one which costs little to attend and to exhibit. We aim to provide the New England community with an experience which is both fun and

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"Blazing Saddles" (May 16)

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How to construct an Equinox: take J-lab and pick up credits

Pre-registration begins April 13, which makes now the time to begin thinking about next Fall. One course to consider is the journalism laboratory offered each semester by the English Department.

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KSC Rugby meeting slated

The Keene State College Rugby Football Club is trying to re-establish itself after having to be disbanded last fall. Films will be shown at an organizational meeting to be held Wednesday at 7:30 in the Student Union Conference rooms A and B.

The club was started in 1972 by Bruce Stephenson, a KSC student. After its initial season the club ran into trouble. Crowded conditions on the athletic field forced a Physical Education Department decision to prohibit A-field use, to the Rugby Club, as well as to some other new sports.

Having lost the use of the campus A-field, the club moved off campus, becoming the Keene City Rugby Football Club in the fall of 1974. But dissent and a lack of new recruits forced the team to disband last fall.

Increases passed

Increases in Student Union and room and board fees were passed by the Board of Trustees Finance and Budget Committee last week.

Student Union charges could be as much as \$45 for the 1976-77 school year, an increase of \$15 over this year. Director of Administration James C. Hobart reported that fees for part-time students will be evaluated at \$2.25 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$22.

While room rates were adjusted to \$55 per year for singles and multiples, and \$120 for family housing, board was increased by \$10.

Out-of-state tuition, in-state tuition, student activity fees and health fees will be taken up at the April Trustee Committee meeting.

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Debbie Higgins, three year MVP, keystone of KSC women cagers

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Debbie Higgins has been Keene State's Most Valuable Player in women's basketball for the past three years. At five feet, four inches, she does not look too threatening, but shooting from distances of 20 to 25 feet — beyond the range of most women basketball players — she has taken many a defender by surprise.

Higgins has been converting baskets ever since she was a freshman in high school at Bellows Falls, Vt. She graduated from there and came directly to KSC to play for Karen Booth. She took one year to blossom, needing time to develop a new type of shot. The one she had wasn't sufficient against college level defenses.

After her freshman year, she came out and quickly proved herself. She averaged 11 points as a sophomore, 20 as a junior, and in this, her last year, 15.5. After being her high school's Most Valuable Player twice, she came to Keene and was awarded that honor three times; her sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Such an assembly of honors might go to the head of any young ballplayer, but this is not the case with Higgins. She willingly gives the credit for her success to her coach.

As Higgins said, "Mrs. Booth is a great coach! She's done quite a job with such young players. She is the team's only leader — but she's the leader by our choice. We always look to her when we need guidance."

In reply, Booth said "Debbie Higgins and Edith Turcotte are the two best guards in our Teague. When we need a clutch basket, and Debbie has the hot hand, we go directly to her."

"My players are encouraged to give feedback at half-time of a game. A coach has to be able to communicate to her players; but still not get too close as this could break down the

necessary guidelines which are essential for a winning basketball team."

This year's team was a winning one, finishing with a record of nine wins and seven

losses. Much of the credit for this record should

go to Higgins, who finished her career with 759 points in four years.

Booth also mentioned the excellent play of Linda Finnegan, Karen Pelletier, and Diane Lowell which helped the team a great deal. The nine to seven record is respectable considering that this team was usually out-heightened by its opponents.

When asked how she felt about leaving KSC, Higgins said she'd like to stay and play a few more years. For Karen Booth, finding someone to fill the basket with the shots Higgins was accustomed to, will be a task even John Wooden would find cumbersome.

Intramural basketball signups

Sign ups for intramural basketball will start today. There will be ten players allowed on a team and there will be a charge of one dollar per player plus a five dollar forfeit fee which will be refunded if there are no forfeits. The games will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings.

The eligibility rules are as follows: 1. Each participant in intramural activities is responsible for the verification of his eligibility. Questionable cases should be referred to the IM director and a ruling obtained before competing.

2. Except as provided in these articles all students of KSC shall be eligible for IM participation.

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John Trabucco—Student Body President

Gymnastic team places second in championships

The KSC Women's Gymnastic team placed second in the Tri-State Women's Gymnastic Championships held last Saturday at Plymouth State College.

Twelve teams, from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, competed in the final meet in which Keene scored its highest number of points ever.

Coach Jan Sousa has this to say about the meet:

"It was a good day for the girls. They scored the highest point total ever achieved at Keene. We never scored that much in any meet at any time. The University of Vermont was just a little too strong for us."

Freshmen Heather Maxon and Nancy Carl placed second and third, respectively, all-around in the Tri-State meet. Maxon placed second all-around on the uneven-parallel bars. Cheri Roberge made an excellent showing to capture third place on the balance beam. Pam

Richards, the sole competitor for Champlain College, scored 28.9 points to place first all-around.

The final ranking of the teams were as follows: University of Vermont (84.4), Keene State College (78.95), University of Maine at Orono (72.90), Plymouth State College (69.85), University of New Hampshire (68.40), Castleton State College (65.40), University of

Maine at Farmington (53.65), Colby-Sawyer College (52.85), University of Maine at Presque-Isle (42.20), Norwich (37.65), Champlain College (28.9), and Colby College (28.4).

The Owls completed an excellent season with an impressive record of 11-2. The team is young, and with a second place berth in the championships already in hand, the girls should equal, if not surpass, the superior showings they made this year.



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Losing Kremen

Tennis team's depth will help

Coach Ted Kehr and his KSC tennis team are looking forward to the opening of their 1976 season.

The Owls, runners-up last year in both the New England State College Athletic Conference and in NAIA District 5, feature a veteran cast, minus one important player.

Tom Kremen, number one player at the college for four years, has graduated.

"We'll miss Tommy," says Kehr, "he was

a strong player. But George (Lagos) is ready to step into the top slot."

Lagos, a senior, has been playing behind Kremen for three years, and this year finally gets a crack at the top position.

A host of veterans will be backing up Lagos. Don Maddox, Mark Abramson and Tom Rhodes are all four-year veterans, and all are vying for the number two singles position. Rhodes, however, has a broken hand, and will

not be ready until at least early May.

Veterans Buddy Walsh and Jack Leham are also in the picture for Keene, as is basketballer Kevin Savage. Savage a newcomer to the game, but according to Kehr he worked out with the team in the fall and made some good progress.

Others hopeful of finding spots on the roster include Peter Tandy, Kevin O'Hearn and David Gerard. The team opens its schedule on April 6 with a match at Rhode Island College.

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3. Winners of a varsity letter at KSC or any other college shall be exempt from IM competition.

4. A student barred from varsity athletics for professionalism shall be barred from those IM sports in which he has broken amateur regulations.

5. Any student who is a member of a varsity or freshman squad shall be barred from that IM sport during the season and during tryouts.

6. A team shall forfeit any contest in which an ineligible player competes and the ineligible man shall be barred from IM for that season.

7. ANY PLAYER STRIKING AN OPPONENT OR OFFICIAL SHALL BE BARRED FROM ALL INTRAMURAL SPORTS DURING THAT SEASON (FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING) IN WHICH THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED. HIS TEAM SHALL FORFEIT THE GAME IN WHICH HE PLAYED.

8. In sports where more than one team is entered, an "A" player may not move down to a "B" team but a "B" team player may move up onto an "A" team. Violations of this rule shall mean the loss of such contests.

Owls win soccer tourney

Greg Towle
Equinox Staff

This week the Owls' soccer team won the third annual Albany Indoor Soccer Tournament. They defeated Hartwick College in the finals 2-0 for the championship.

The tournament had ten teams competing in two five-team divisions. The first and second place teams in each division were in the semi-finals; the first place team playing the other division's second place team. In the semi-finals Keene defeated Cornell 2-1 and Hartwick defeated Adelphi 1-0. Keene qualified for the semi-finals by winning its division with a 3-1 record. The only team that defeated KSC was Oneota, and that school is a Division I power in N.Y.

Tim Hatcher and Jose Neves scored the two goals in the championship game according to Coach Ron Butcher. Another factor in the victory was "good defense by Tad Delorm and Trevor Franklin."

José Neves scored a total of five goals in the tournament.

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Picking up laurels

Keene State runners perform at Amherst.

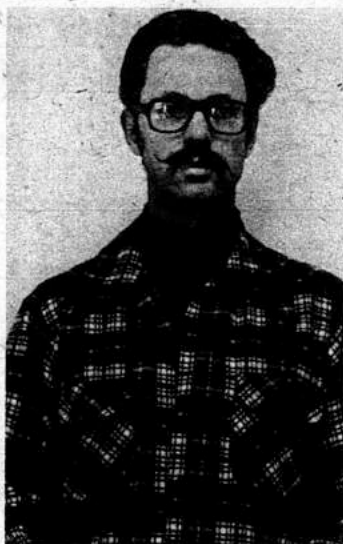
April is rapidly approaching, and along with the forthcoming warm weather comes another track season. Last year's Owl cindermen reeled off an 11-4 record. With a number of holdovers from that squad, they'll be out to prove it wasn't a fluke.

The Keene distance runners are already picking up laurels. Last Saturday a freshman squad of seven members performed well in the Amherst relays in Amherst, Mass. Keene State registered an eighth, ninth and tenth in the mile as Steve Lavorgna, Juan Bernath, and Casey Gawlak ran off times of 4:39, 4:44, and 4:45 respectively.

Paul Trocki was edged out of first place in the high jump by one miss. His jump of 6-2 was still good enough for second place. Henry Phelan sped to a 9:59 2-mile and a fifth place.

Not to be outdone by the freshman squad, juniors Tom Neary, Kurt Schulz, and Peter Thomas also fared well in their specialties. Presently, the Owls are holding informal practices. With the present weather conditions,

formal practice won't be held until after spring vacation.



ROBERT TAFT—track team coach

KSC batmen preparing for Southern road trip

The baseball season opens this Sunday afternoon for first-year coach Bill Ruwell and his 1976 Keene State College team.

The Owls open at Maryland's Bowie State College on Sunday, in a 1 p.m. contest, and then head further south for six more games in the next six days. The southern swing coincides with Keene State's annual spring break.

Ruwell, a graduate assistant at the college, took over the coaching reins from Ron Butcher last fall, and is working hard at building up the program.

The new coach initiated a fall program last September, and the club ran up a creditable 3-3 record. More importantly, 34 players worked out regularly over a two-month period.

Ruwell and the team members are financing the southern trip, a baseball first at Keene, with a lot of hard work. The group has sponsored raffles, program sales, and other promotions to raise the money to go south.

"We're building from the bottom up," says the new coach, "and the best way to do that is to go out and play some tough competition."

Ruwell has scheduled 28 games, the most

ever played by a Keene baseball team, and hopes the team can bounce back from its 8-13 showing of a year ago.

The pitching staff is where Ruwell has had to work the hardest. Only two hurlers, reliever Kevin Smith and Randy Murdock, return from last year's staff. In addition to these two, pitching prospects for the Owls include juniors Rene Williams and Mike Miga, sophomore Bill Welch, and freshmen Dave Root and Randy Murphy. Murphy is the only southpaw on the staff.

Returning regulars for Keene include senior centerfielder Jon Moriarity, a .328 hitter last season, first baseman Smith (.269) and catcher Tad Delorm (.240).

"We're going to be counting on a lot of young players," says Ruwell, "but they can all play the game. We're looking forward to a successful year."

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The Athletic fee for KSC students was increased from \$20 to \$30; which took the most discussion at the meeting. A proposal, recommended by the Board of Selectmen, asked that the fee be raised to \$26, but was amended to \$28 and then to \$30.

Dr. Sherry Bovinet, Chairman of the Athletic Department, stressed the importance of the increase to \$26, saying it would allow KSC to provide an equal opportunity for an

athletic education. Rising costs for equipment and officials and a need for a contingency fund makes the increase necessary, she said.

Also on the warrant were nine articles that changed the time for election of Student Body President from spring to November. The reason for the change, according to the Board, was to create continuity between the school

year and the summer session. All other colleges in the UNH System elect their presidents in November.

Should Thompson fire Weed and other sundry news

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paying, as opposed to semi-recruits who are on scholarships and thus are not paying as much?)

You never would have found out that there are now four candidates in the running for Student Body President. And wouldn't THAT have been awful?! They are, by the way, Michael Plourde, John Trabucco, Terry Clark, and Keith Mistretta; all members of the Board of Selectmen.

Oh! Oh! I almost forgot to tell you. Members of the board have informed us that the vote to give all that money to the Athletic Department can be reconsidered at the next Student Body Meeting, if someone who voted in the majority moves such.

Back to the list of exciting stories, were we to run just eight pages this week, you never would have known that the Keene State College Senate adopted the philosophy of a Management Major here; which is

somewhat different from adopting the major itself. One has to come before the other—something like chickens and eggs.

Most important, though, you never would have been able to write home and tell your folks that one of our professors has stood up to Governor Thomson. Dr. Charles F. Weed, political science, told the Governor in an open letter that as a state employee, he has been, and will continue to speak out against nuclear power. In doing so, Weed was laying his job on the line, since Thomson said last week that state employees are not to do things like that.

In any case, if Thomson fires Dr. Weed, we will have a front-page story next week; the headline might read something like "Governor smokes Weed."



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