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Owl Rich Bahlmann fires from beyond the arc. Equinox photo by Steph Majewski

Owls preparing for LEC tourney

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

Sitting back in his basketball office at Spaulding Gymnasium, Phil Rowe sits back and ponders the question for just a second before assuredly answering the question.

"Yes we're ready for this (the two key games that remain on the schedule before next weeks conference tournament). The whole group is stepping it up right now and we are more focused now on what we are trying to accomplish," said the second year head coach.

It was obvious from the pre-season coaches poll, in which the Owls were picked to finish first, that the Little East Conference didn't know quite what to make of this team.

Now, with two games remaining before the conference tournament, it seems it is the Owls who still seem a bit confused by their new surroundings.

The Owls followed up a 115-84 drubbing of Eastern Connecticut State University by losing at Western Connecticut State University on Saturday, 85-80.

"We didn't move the ball well towards the end of the game and that can be related back to our lack of experience at the point guard position," Rowe said.

Senior co-captains Rich Bahlman and Jamie Smith led the Owls with 14 points apiece.

Bahlman has once again been steady all year, while the game was a break out game for Smith who has struggled with his offense for most of the season.

As of Tuesday, Plymouth State still led the conference race with an 11-1 mark.

Defending conference champion UMass-Dartmouth stood second at 10-2 with Keene State and Rhode Island College tied for third at 6-6.

The Owls would gain the higher seed for the conference

tournament over Rhode Island on the basis of their two close wins over R.I.C. this season, but Rowe and the Owls aren't looking that far ahead.

"We're ready to win. We've done a much better job of advancing the ball and converting off of our pressure defense," Rowe said.

The Little East has proven to be a conference of tremendous parity with last place UMass-Boston not only beating Keene State on the road, but going up to Plymouth State on Saturday and giving the Panthers all they could handle.

At the same time, Eastern Connecticut, who was blown out here on Tuesday, lost a tight battle to UMass-Dartmouth in the closing minutes.

This comes as no news flash to Rowe.

"This is a very competitive league, last week showed that to be true, anyone is capable of winning on any given night," Rowe said.

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KSC suffers tough loss over weekend

JUSTIN A. BATES
The Equinox

What a difference a few days can make. The Keene State College women's basketball team whipped Notre Dame College of Manchester this past Thursday.

But the team did a turn around on Saturday, when they lost a heartbreaker to Western Connecticut State University.

In their first meeting with Notre Dame, the Owls played a run and gun offense, giving

them a 25-0 first half lead.

The Owls turned out not to be gracious hosts, as they held the Saints scoreless until 6:48 was left to play in the first half.

With fast break opportunities, and solid inside passing, Keene State was constantly getting open shots from inside 12 feet.

The Owls' game plan was completely intact as they punished the Saints on the boards, and shut down their offense.

The Saints committed 20 turnovers in the first half, and

shot just 13 percent from the field.

The Owls were 16-32 shooting from the field in the first half, and took a 38-9 lead into the locker room at the break.

Keene State got on the board first in the second half as Owls guard Erin Bowley intercepted a Notre Dame pass and took it in for a layup.

The Owls cooled off early though, and played evenly with the Saints through the first seven minutes of the second half (10-10).

The rest of the contest was played somewhat conservatively by the Owls.

They worked the ball into the post and took high percentage shots.

The Saints nearly tripled their own point total from the first half, but were still outscored by the brightly smiling Owls.

The final result was a 72-35 whooping performed by the Owls. Janell Burley and Alice Adams led the Owls in scoring with 14 points each.

Burley also collected 10 rebounds in only her second start of this season.

Sophomore guard Erin Bowley had a season high of nine points for Keene State.

On Saturday, the Owls dropped a tough Little East Conference game to Western Connecticut.

Keene State was down early in the first half 10-4, but they clawed their way to take a 15-14 lead on a Judy Izzo basket at the 6:52 mark.

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Seniors up in the air

Delayed audits raise questions



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Campus Safety Log

February 15 Sunday

12:25 a.m. A Randall Hall RA requested vomit be cleaned up in the 1A bathroom.

1:36 a.m. A Keene police officer issued a warning to a student after he made an illegal turn in the Winchester Street parking lot.

February 16 Monday

12:54 p.m. A freshman in his Jeep Wagoneer hit a parked car in the Elliot Hall parking lot. The student was then seen entering the building. His car was ticketed for having no decal. Campus Safety learned that he had already been ticketed that day for a different incident.

3:16 p.m. A Carle Hall student called campus safety to report that his backpack had been stolen on Feb. 13.

8:37 p.m. Two desk lamps "exploded" in a Fiske Hall room. Campus safety responded and the room was evacuated until it was cleaned up. A small amount of mercury may have leaked from the bulbs.

February 17 Tuesday

9:27 a.m. A man who claimed he lived in a Tisdale Apartment unit told Campus Safety Officers he locked himself out. The sleeping baby he left unattended inside had woken and he couldn't get in. Campus safety could not find any record of him living there.

1:58 p.m. A student reported that her car had been subject to a hit and run incident. It occurred sometime during the night of Feb. 14 or early February 15. She filed reports with the Keene Police Department and her insurance company.

2:46 p.m. A student called to report that her friend was ill. She said she had already notified health services and would contact her friend's RA.

5:21 p.m. A student called to report that the iron rod fence outside of the president's house had fallen on his leg as he was walking by.

6:46 p.m. A Ponds Hall RA reported that individuals were on the ice in front of the residence hall.

February 18 Wednesday

3:00 p.m. Three people were placing flyers on vehicles in the commuter parking lot. Campus Safety Officers responded and they were advised to contact college relations.

7:36 p.m. An RA from Carle Hall called about excess water in one of the bathrooms. Campus safety arrived and it appeared like someone had been spraying water.

February 19 Thursday

1:26 a.m. Bobby Rodrigue, the student body president, reported that there were students on Appian Way hanging anti-Greek posters on rush signs and knocking them over. When campus safety arrived they spoke with the subjects but they did not see any knocked over signs.

2:21 a.m. The blue light phone in front of Randall Hall was activated by a female caller. She said to come to Monadnock Hall right away and then hung up. When campus safety arrived they spoke to students outside of the building. The students said there was a subject in the hall who did not belong but refused to leave. The subject left when campus safety arrived.

10:10 a.m. An employee from Academic Advising reported that a gold bracelet had been stolen from her desk. She thought the theft occurred on Feb. 13 but she did not want to file a report at the time.

11:45 a.m. Burning popcorn set off an alarm in the science annex building. The Keene fire department and Campus Safety responded.

7:21 p.m. The Keene Fire Department responded to what it thought was a "car fire" in the parking lot of the art center. Instead, two vehicles were parked over steam vents. A citation was issued to one of the vehicles which was parked illegally.

Passing the time away



Tim Bedette and Dave Mayer, both freshmen, study at a table in the Student Center.

9:15 p.m. A candle was burning in a room in Owl's Nest 6. Campus safety officers spoke to the resident.

10:58 p.m. A Fiske Hall student had an epileptic seizure in her room. She cut her head on a piece of furniture during the episode. She was transported to the Cheshire Medical Center.

February 20 Friday

12:18 a.m. It was reported that a group of students outside of Huntress Hall were being loud. They agreed to quiet down.

1:31 a.m. A student from Huntress Hall called to say her roommate had not come home yet. She did not want to file a report at the time. She said she would call back if her roommate returned or if she decided to file a report.

3:19 a.m. A subject at 6 Madison St. was having difficulties breathing. An ambulance responded.

4:09 a.m. A 911 hang up call was reported and traced back

to an Owl's Nest 6 room. The resident said she had called to tell officers she was okay. Her friend had called earlier to report she was having problems breathing. An RA was sent to the room to check on her.

5:43 p.m. There was a smell of diesel fuel between Rhodes Hall and the Mason Library. Traces of it were found in nearby puddles. The Keene Fire Department responded and determined it was coming from run-off from fueled construction equipment.

6:27 p.m. A Campus Safety Officer escorted a state liquor officer to a room in Monadnock Hall. The state liquor officer was trying to serve a resident with papers but the student was not home.

6:29 p.m. A Campus Safety Officer spoke to a student about skateboarding on Appian Way.

7:42 p.m. In Owl's Nest 5 a mattress was found propping open a rear exit door. The RA said she would remove it and leave it in the lounge for the student to retrieve.

10:36 An RA from Bushnell Apartments reported that there was vomit on the steps.

February 21 Saturday

1:01 a.m. A first floor RA from Huntress Hall reported that she smelled marijuana coming from a room. Campus safety arrived and requested Keene police but no substances were found.

11:15 a.m. A Campus Safety Officer noticed that a window to the entrance of Owl's Nest 8 was cracked. The RA said the damage was old and had been reported last week.

5:39 p.m. An RA from Carle Hall reported that a male student was trying to get into a female student's room. The female did not want him there but the male kept badgering the resident and the RA.

When campus safety approached him he ran. He was caught at the Butler Court laundry facility and taken into custody by the Keene police department.

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Grad requirements have students wondering

Delays leave some seniors wondering if their transcript audits will arrive too late

BONNIE FRENCH
The Equinox

Any student planning on graduating from Keene State College must receive a Senior Degree Audit but some seniors this year are getting nervous because they haven't received theirs yet.

The audits, distributed by the Registrar's Office, verify that students have completed all course requirements for their degrees. Susan Sielke, registrar, said. There should be no surprises for students when they receive their audits, Sielke said.

"I think students have come to rely on the degree audit as an advising tool," Sielke said. "That's not its purpose."

The office is aware that not all seniors have received their audits, she said. The implementation of the new Datatel Student Information System (SIS) has taken up a lot of the Registrar Office's resources. The office has had to share priorities with the implementation of the new system and every

day tasks, she said.

Dwight Fischer, director of administrative information services, said the new system will ultimately improve services. He said it takes a massive effort to convert the data from the old system to the new.

"The implementation will slow things down somewhat over the next couple months, but the new system will improve services over the next decade," Fischer said.

The new Student Information System is designed so in a couple of years seniors will be able to go to a website and check their records. They will be able to check things such as grades, class schedules and billing.

"The Registrar's Office, among other offices are working hard to bring the new system on-line," Fischer said.

Processing the audits is the responsibility of one person in the Registrar's Office, but it's not that person's only task, Sielke said.

"The person who is doing the audits is working just as

"I knew eventually I'd get it, but it was ridiculous for the amount of time it took."

• Marnie Ellis
KSC senior

hard as she always has been," Sielke said. "If we are later with some [audits] then we usually are, then it is as much of a disappointment to us as it is to the student."

According to the Keene State College 1997-98 Undergraduate and Graduate catalog, "An Intent to Graduate Form must be submitted to the Registrar's Office within the first three weeks of the semester prior to the semester in which the student intends to graduate."

Sielke said the office is behind

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KSC class gives award worthy facelift

ANGIE ROBIE
The Equinox

Keene State College's Small Business Institute proved itself to be the best in the country last week when it won its first national award.

Every year business students select a business in the area and work to make it a more efficient and productive place, Neal Purchansky, a professor of management and director of the Small Business Institute, said.

This year's case-study was Earth Treasures on Main Street.

"The team put hundreds of hours of work to make this happen," Purchansky said.

Purchansky, who was appointed director of the Institute in 1988, said they wouldn't have won without the

tremendous effort given by his hard working team.

The Institute's seven member team evaluated every item in the shop, investigated competitors in the area, did price and product comparisons and extensive research on the Internet, Purchansky said.

Timon Dennis, who graduated from Keene State last year, re-designed a layout of the store on self spread sheet, Purchansky said. The results of the layout were used to make suggestions for pricing, merchandise display and merchandise to be sold at sale prices.

Patricia Lane, also a senior last year, did a financial analysis on the toy industry for Earth Treasures, Purchansky said.

"She did a profile of what products would sell and what toys the business should buy," he said.



Earth Treasures on Main Street is the business the students in Neal Purchansky's management course gave a face-lift to.

Purchansky said the team showed enthusiasm, commitment and motivation throughout the case.

"The president of Keene State could look out his window at the Hale Building and see my students working at all hours of the night," he said. "Last years project represented

the best work completed by any SBI team since I was appointed."

One night, Purchansky even delivered a pizza to his students who were working late.

They have won every undergraduate and regional competitions they have entered, starting with their first award for

their project with Burt's Cycle in East Swanzey.

"My favorite part about that project was when I got to ride one of Burt's Harley-Davidsons," Purchansky said.

Since then, the SBI has worked with over 40 business

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KSC students consider options for Spring Break

MELISSA TCHIRKOW
The Equinox

They won't be tanning on the beaches of Cancun or bar-hopping down Florida's South Beach.

Instead, the 90 Keene State College students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program will spend their week helping others.

On March 13, the four groups of participants will pack into vans and head south to their assigned location site, either Leesburg, Fla.; Winter Haven, Fla.; Moorhead, N.C.; or Atlanta, Ga. Their mission: to work hard and have a lot of fun.

"Seeing a poverty stricken area of a city makes you see the world from a different perspective. It's an overwhelming experience," Angela Fernandez, a junior and trip leader, said.

Fernandez and 19 other students will be going to Atlanta to participate in the inner city project.

There they will partake in a "park pride" conservation project. Their job will be to clean

"Seeing a poverty stricken area of a city makes you see the world from a different perspective. It's an overwhelming experience."

• Angela Fernandez
junior and trip leader

up a city park and plant flowers. They will also work at a homeless shelter and a food pantry.

"The greatest part is that you see the entire city, the good and the bad. You see the whole thing, not just the touristy parts. It's a lot of fun," Fernandez said.

While Fernandez and her group will be working in the city, other groups will be building homes for poor people living in rural areas.

Trip leader Amy Johnson and her group will be going to Moorhead City, N.C. to participate in "Blitz Build Week."

One hundred other students from different colleges will take part in the event to build homes for five families by the end of the week. Johnson, a sophomore, said.

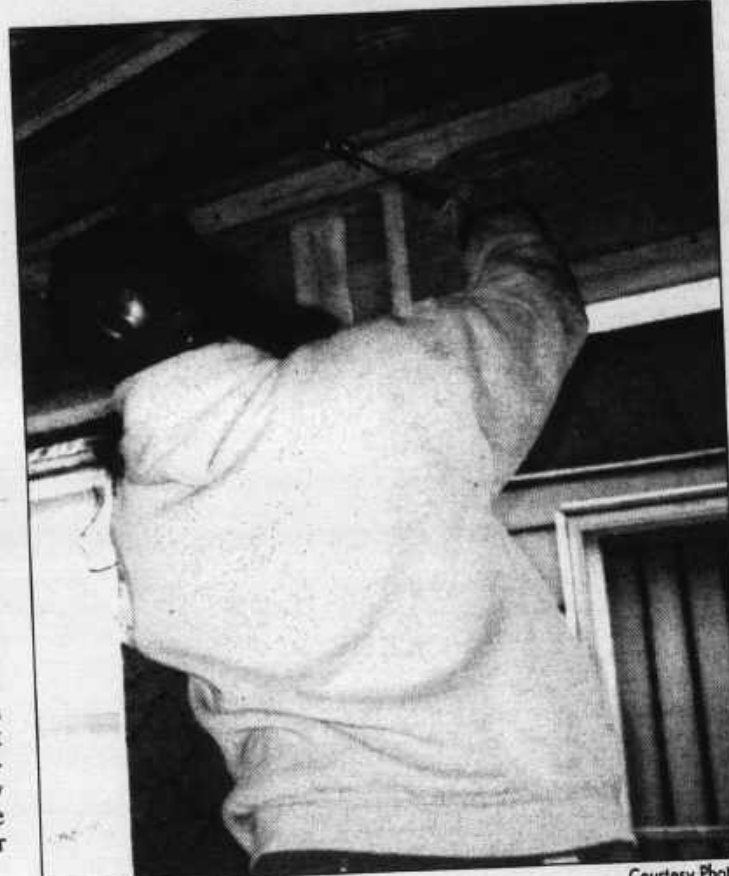
John Halter, assistant business manager for Keene State, is also going on the Moorhead City trip. But he said he is not going as a leader, just as a participant.

Halter has gone on Alternative Spring Break in the past, but when he went to Horry County, S.C. two years ago, he said he had a profound experience.

When his group arrived, there was just a slab of cement on the ground where a house was to be built, he said. After a week of working they went back to see the finished product. They had completely framed a three bedroom house for a single mother and her young son.

"It's a personal feeling you get

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A Keene State student works on one of the Habitat for Humanity houses during Alternative Spring Break. Courtesy Photo

Technology department: name change and much more

KEVIN M. BRUNELLE
The Equinox

Industrial Technology and Safety majors will experience a drastic change in their program next semester.

Starting Sept. 1 of next semester, a major curriculum change, and a change to the name of the department itself, will take place.

Charles Sheaff, a professor in the Industrial Technology and Safety Department (ITS), said it took two years to complete the process, but now that it's finished, the programs are going to be completely different in the fall.

"We went from a total of about 17 programs down to basically six," Sheaff said. "So we sort of took everything and scrunched it down."

Apart from the reduction of available programs, the department will also be changing its name.

Its new name will be the Technology, Design and Safety Department (TDS).

The safety and graphic design programs will both be updated but will remain essentially the same, WHO said.

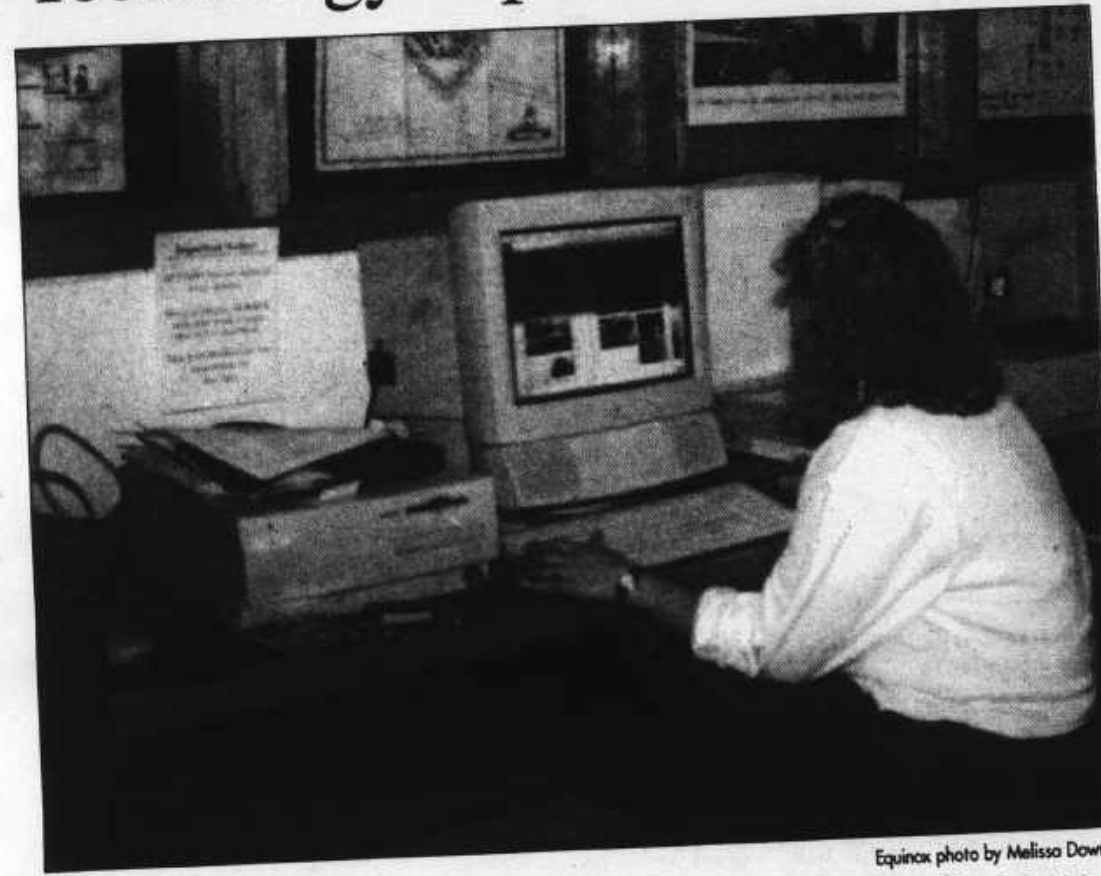


Equinox photo by Melissa Downs
One of the drill presses used by ITS in Butterfield Hall.

Some of the courses will have new names, course numbers, and descriptions.

ITS will undergo dramatic changes, however.

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Equinox photo by Melissa Downs
Alicia Grzywinski, a senior graphics design major, works on one of the Macs in the graphics design lab.

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Student government quenches demand, buys new computers

SARAH HARDIMAN
The Equinox

Student organizations don't need computers in their budgets any longer.

Computers are now available for all student organizations.

Many student organizations have been asking for individual computers for their offices and now have them available for their use.

Jeb Stratton, treasurer of Habitat for Humanity, said they were one of the organizations that originally tried to get their own computer.

"Now, they are going to be here in the common area for everyone to use," Stratton said.

Jamie Berg, vice president of Habitat, said the organization plans to use the computers for "secretarial means, advertising, probably some graphics, and publicity."

In October 1997, a letter by Eric Hadd, student assembly treasurer and endorsed by the Student Assembly was sent to Chuck Thompson, director of Computer Services, about getting computers for organizations that were never considered during campus technology upgrades.

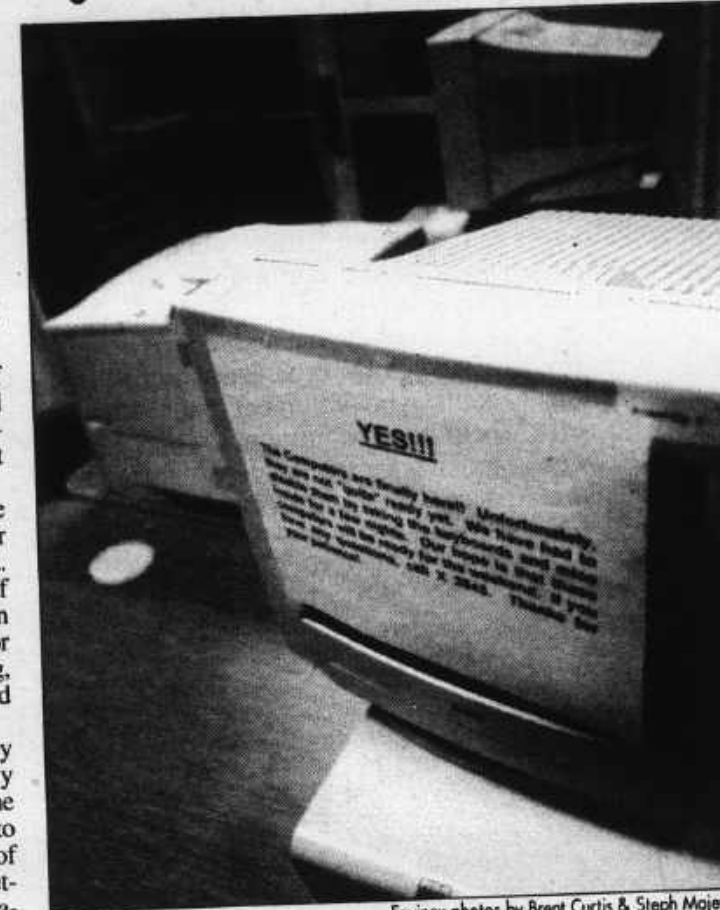
This resulted in a meeting involving Delina Hickey, vice president of student affairs, Paul Strifflino, director of the Student Center, Thompson, Hadd, and Student Body President Bobby Rodrigue who all agreed there was an issue of accessibility for the organizations.

The main goal of Rodrigue's project was to give all student organizations access to technology and technical support.

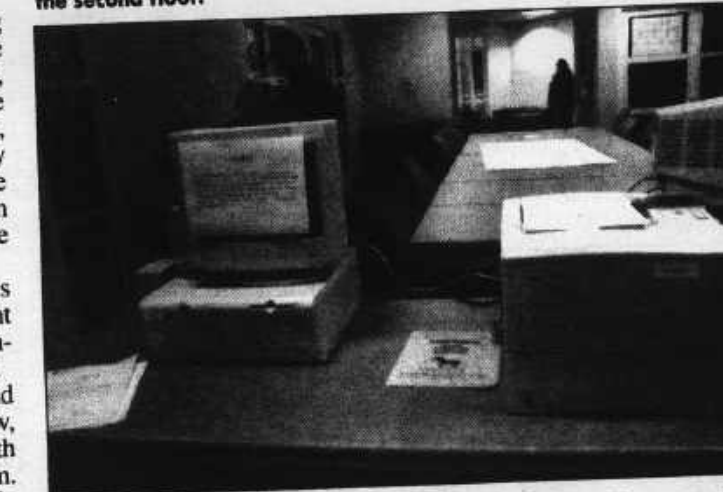
"Habitat for Humanity and Amnesty International, I know, have big websites, along with others. This is great for them. Also, for all organizations to do networking, discussions, and e-mailings," Rodrigue said.

Funding for the computers bought came from the Student Assembly Contingency Account, Student Assembly Potential Funding Account, the office of the vice president of student affairs, the office of the vice president of finance and planning, and the president's office.

Four PC-compatible Dell computers were purchased, at \$1,800 each, as well as two laser printers, at \$1,350 each, purchased.



Equinox photos by Brent Curtis & Steph Majewski
The Student Government recently purchased four PC-compatible Dell computers and two laser printers for organization use. They are on the second floor.



One computer and printer will be shared between the Student Assembly office and the Student Body President office. The second printer and two computers are for the organization common area.

Security systems, multiple profiles, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and Internet software are all installed on the computers.

The computers were purchased over the winter break and were assembled in the student center common area on Wednesday afternoon.

Rodrigue said for security reasons, the security program on the computers can hold up to 100 passwords which the organizations will be issued.

"With the purchase of the computers we included a high security system," Rodrigue said.

The number of common area computers will increase over time. Computers may be available for organizations based on a recommendation of the Student Technical Advisory Committee, the STSS advisory committee, and the Student Assembly.

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Community service trend shouldn't stop

Our View

There seems to be a trend across campus but it isn't necessarily the clothes you wear or the music blaring out of a residence hall window.

In fact, it's about as far from materialism as it can possibly be.

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Students all over campus are participating in community service — giving back to their communities what they took and then some.

In just a few weeks, the members of Habitat for Humanity will be traveling south to serve communities desperately in need of help, as part of the Alternative Spring Break program.

The storm-battered Florida coast is only one of the areas where students will be going to make a big difference people's lives.

Students will be serving food to the needy and building low-income housing for those who need it most. Others will clean up inner-city parks to make this world a bit nicer to live in.

Imagine what a difference we

could make if everyone pitched in and gave their time the way these students do during their spring break.

And they're not the only ones doing community service.

Closer to home, Habitat for Humanity builds homes in the area for low-income families.

How about all the organizations and clubs and students who selflessly volunteer their time week after week feeding the homeless at

the community kitchen?

There definitely is a trend going on here, and it's a trend that shouldn't stop anytime soon.

It's about time students give back to the community for all it has given them.

A tip of the hat and a deep bow to all the clubs, organizations and students who volunteer their time to help their community. If we are looking for true leaders, they are the ones we should look to.



Photos and interviews by Jesse Stenbak & Steph Majewski

Soundoff

"What do you think of the Alternative Spring Break program?"



"It's a good idea ... it's more fulfilling when you think about what you did."

• Steven Hobbs
sophomore
business



"It's a good way to give something back to the community."

• Tom Steinkraus
sophomore
graphic design



"It's a great way to do something constructive rather than destructive."

• Jay Engel
freshman
geography



"I've been going for the past couple years and have always had a phenomenal time."

• Anne Meyers
junior
English/education



"It's a great thing because it's an economical alternative than getting drunk and partying."

• Dave Nelson
senior
mathematics/music

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Budget Time

A guide to how the budgeting process works

Guest Commentary

As organizations go about their numerous activities it seems easy to forget just where the money that supports these programs comes from.

Although the memory of last year's spring budget season has faded from the minds of most, another budget season is already upon us.

It is a long and complicated journey from the time budgets are made and mandatory fees are set to the time it comes back to the students in the form of a newspaper, a radio station, bands, movie nights, socials, or any other student programming.

Along with your tuition bill that is paid in the fall and spring, an additional charge is included which is known as mandatory fees.

The mandatory fees account for a wide range of services including the

student center, health services, technology, and student activities. The annual spring budgeting process determines the components of the mandatory fees.

Directors of fee funded departments work with college vice presidents to create budgets that have a percentage increase of no more than 5 percent over the previous year. Budgets are then brought forward to the Student Assembly for endorsement.

At this point the Student Assembly either endorses the budget or reserves endorsement for a specified reason. Typically, the Student Assembly endorses the department budgets and they are sent to the president of Keene State College for approval.

Student organization budgets work in a way similar to the department budgets but are a little more complicated.

The Student Assembly finances committee coordinates the budgeting process for all student organizations.

Budgets are submitted by a deadline and reviewed by the finance committee, which considers factors such as the last amount received,

monthly and quarterly activity reports, the quality in preparation of the budget request, and the amount within which the organization is likely to end the year with.

The finance committee then announces initial recommendations and gives each organization an opportunity to provide additional informa-

tion. Open meetings are scheduled with the finance committee, which are supposed to be a time of information exchange.

In the past these meetings have been conducted in a rather argumentative and hostile atmosphere. It is easy for that to happen because money is just something people don't tend to take casually.

It should be noted that the meetings are much more productive when both sides simply share information and work together.

The result of the open meetings is a list of final recommendations that the finance committee submits to the Student Assembly.

The final recommendations are calculated into a single bottom line figure and termed the student activity fee.

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Eric S. Hadd
Student Assembly member

Letters to the Editor

The Olympics unite the world

It is difficult to live in ideals, noble and true. They tend to be from above and mere mortals strive ever so higher to realize them.

Americans know this all too well. We struggle to become one nation and one people. We have spent over 200 years to realize the ideals of the Bill of Rights and enact them under the Constitution. Yet, we keep trying, inching one step closer to make this country one where it is truly "justice for all." This striving to live up to an ideal is what we find at the Olympics.

The Olympic Games are not about which country takes home the most medals, how much money is being spent to

televis the events across the globe, nor who gets to be on the front cover of Wheaties, or who gets to laugh with Dave or sheds a few tears with Oprah. The Olympics is much more.

For two weeks, the entire world unites as one. From countries as big as China to small ones as Andorra, from historically rich countries as China to newly formed nations like Croatia, we come together in peace and solidarity to watch and cheer the world's finest athletes compete. We lay down our battles, our strife and our problems as nations for a short time for a greater good, a greater cause. For harmony and peace.

Yet far too often, the games are held within the specter and shroud of world events, overshadowing events which are designed to promote peace.

The games have been can-

celed during World War I and II. The 1936 Berlin games became a Nazi propaganda showcase for Hitler, only to have Jesse Owens steal the spotlight away from the Chancellor with his four gold medals.

The Cold War always loomed in the background during the games whenever the United States, the Soviet Union, the divided Germany (East and West) and Cuba competed.

The Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and subsequent war in 1979 would lead to President Carter's decision to boycott the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow, and would lead to the Soviet Union's boycott of the 1984 games in Los Angeles. For years, South Africa was not admitted to the games with its

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Stop the negativity and take pride in KSC

Staff Commentary

Maybe I'm just weird like this, but something happened on Appian Way last week that bothered me.

As I passed the Dining Commons a very large tour group was being led toward the student center.

When the group was near the tables and benches in front of the science center, some student shouted to them, "Yeah, come to Keene State! This place is a [bleeping] dump!"

I'm sure a few of the potential students heard him.

Now, this struck me, but I suppose it shouldn't have. Over the past two years I have been at this college, I've heard a lot of bad things about Keene State. Some good things, but mostly bad. The trouble is, the vast majority (95 percent) of these comments have come from Keene Staters themselves.

I've even heard a college staff person say, as he/she saw a tour group, "They want to attend Keene State? Why

would anyone want to do that?"

It seems like it's very popular now to make derogatory comments about virtually everything here. How many times during a week do you hear (or say)

"Keene sucks, man," or "This place [bleeping] blows chunks?"

I've personally lost count, and every time I hear these comments, the angrier I get.

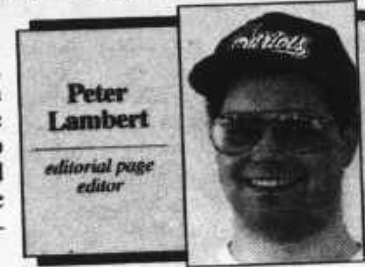
If John Q. Keene State were to hear someone from, let's say Plymouth State College, make a derogatory comment toward this college, his first instinct would be to slug him one.

Yet, if someone from Keene State, even John Q. Keene State himself, says the same thing it's perfectly acceptable.

Am I the only one who sees something wrong with this picture?

And it's not just Keene State that is the target of these comments. People like to put down their home states, and if that home state is not New

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Hampshire, they'll start in on the Granite State, too. And a select few (who I really get ticked off at) will go as far as to put down the good ol' U.S. of A.

Don't think I'm exaggerating. I've heard it, and I'm sure you have too. These people, in my opinion, should just leave on the next boat if they hate it so much.

But the problem seems especially blatant here. Keene State and everything associated with Keene State must be terrible, horrible, and just plain bad.

• This newspaper is the worst publication ever printed since Gutenberg invented the printing press, although usually they just don't like the way we cover (accurately) their groups.

• The buildings should be condemned.
• The professors suck.
• Up until recently, the sports teams sucked, too.

• The library is sub-standard.
• The students are all stupid because they couldn't get in anywhere else, so all they do is drink all day, making this place nothing but a ivy-covered kegger.

Need I go on, or do you get the idea? A lot of people just don't take pride in anything anymore. I'm not saying everybody. It's just a very vocal, select group of students.

Nor am I saying that everyone should wear red and white and dress up like an owl every day to show their Keene State pride, or drive up to Plymouth and burn down the Panthers' gym. That's going just a little over the edge (you are attending the state college, not the state loony bin).

I just wish the constant barrage of negativity towards Keene State would end.

force is growing more real. During the Opening Ceremony, the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, called for all nations to observe peace for the games.

Through all that has happened during the modern competition [since] 1896, the games still go on. The ideals of brotherhood and peace between all nations still holds forth.

For the first time, doves were not released during the opening ceremony, as we live in an age [when] it is ethically impossible to treat such birds of prey like that.

I wish the doves were released. More than any other time, we need symbolic gesture of peace. From the crisis between Israel and the PLO, the possible breakdown of the peace process between Northern Ireland and England, to a possible military conflict between the United States and Iraq, a gesture of peace, humanity, and brotherhood is sorely needed.

Let the games be the shining light for all, for all that we can live up to.

Mike Verrico
Keene State College student

What does this say about us? John Q. Keene State chose, of his own free will, to attend Keene State. Now, he says it's a hellhole. So, he's saying that he chose to go to a hellhole.

Boy, that makes him sound smart, eh?

What we are really doing, when we put down Keene State, is putting down ourselves. This college is more than just a bunch of ivy-covered brick buildings.

Every single academic building, the residence halls, the student center, everything, could disappear tomorrow and there would still be a Keene State.

What really makes up Keene State is all of us, from John Q. Keene State all the way up to Dr. Y himself. It's what we do that makes Keene State the place it is.

So if you want Keene State to suck, continue to do nothing to improve the place and keep saying it sucks. Make yourself look dumb and stupid, it's your prerogative.

But if you want it to continue to be a

great place to live, work, and learn, take some pride in yourself and your college, and don't put it down. Keene State isn't perfect. But she's ours.

So next time you are out on Appian Way a little before noon, just stop and look around (the library steps are a good place for this).

Don't think about the bad things, just pause for a minute and think about the good things here.

Watch all the students walking by on their way from class. Watch the flock of birds flying high above the science center. Listen to the library bells play the Keene State alma mater. You aren't in such a bad place, are you?

I'm willing to bet that you'll feel just a little bit proud to be attending Keene State College.

But maybe I'm just weird like that.

-Peter Lambert is a junior majoring in history and is the editorial page editor of The Equinox.

Budgets

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Like the budgets of fee-funded departments, the student activity fee must represent a maximum increase of 5 percent over the previous year. The Student Assembly considers this student activity fee and either endorses or amends the finance committee's recommendation.

Following the actions taken by the Student Assembly, the student activity fee is forwarded to the president of Keene State for approval.

Both the student activity fee and the fee funded department budgets are finalized by the University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees.

The following September students see the results of the mandatory fees portion of their bill in the form of services and activities that are open to all students.

The campus community would definitely be different if we did not have clubs and organizations to offer activities to students. Many

students also have found the services provided by the fee-funded departments to be valuable.

Last year full time students paid only \$100 to support the student organizations. It is my belief that this amount was well worth the opportunities it has supported.

Full time students pay \$388 per year for the Student Center facility. Is it worth the money?

All anyone has to do to answer that question is spend some time there and see the many opportunities the building has opened up to the student body.

The spring budget process is a time when students, faculty, staff, and administration work together to plan and finance the services to benefit the entire college community.

Soon the present spring budget process will be little more than a memory but the activities and services will be a part of life at Keene State for the entire year.

-Eric S. Hadd is a senior majoring in social science, and is the treasurer of the Student Assembly.

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country's official doctrine of apartheid.

Events that took place during the games threatened to cancel the competition. The assassination of Israeli athletes and coaches by the Palestine Liberation Organization cast an appalling light in Munich. The tumult and chaos which exploded [in] the United States in 1968 (and the world at large) was symbolically represented by gold medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who both wore black gloves and raised them up to the skies in a call for black unity and pride.

It was over two years ago in Atlanta in which two disasters, TWA flight 800 and the bombing in Centennial Park, cast a dismal light on the summer games.

As we enter competition in Nagano, the hope for a peaceful solution to the refusal of Saddam Hussein to allow the United Nations inspectors into supposed chemical, biological, or nuclear weapon sites grow dimmer and dimmer by the day, and use of military

CORRECTIONS:

In last week's (February 19) issue, the picture on page 18 was misattributed. It should have read "Courtesy photo by Tomara Aldrich." In the article on The Brown Factory, the band opened for Vitamin C last year, not Percy Hill. The Equinox regrets these errors.

Got a story idea? Give the newsroom a call at x-2413. We don't know about it unless you tell us.

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Synthia Kern, Sean Daley and Jeff Goumas measure the velocity of the wind at Pasterze Glacier in Austria.



Kern, Daley and Goumas investigate ice crystals at the wall of the shoot of the Pasterze Glacier.

Geography students put study to practice in Alps

ANA K. FORD
The Equinox

If you want to take a relaxing vacation in Europe this summer with sightseeing, shopping, and nightlife, you may not want to take the geography field trip with Klaus Bayr.

The Keene State College professor is taking students to Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, northern Italy, and Slovenia, part of the former Yugoslavia. He said the trip is not a sightseeing excursion but a college course complete with lectures and exams.

"Here [at Keene State] the students learn the theory. Doing it makes it come alive,"

he said.

Senior Jeff Goumas, a student geography teacher, has been on two trips with Bayr.

"It's nice to see stuff you see in the text books, especially glaciers because we don't have any around here," Goumas said.

Keene State senior Stacey Mitchell has traveled with Bayr, when he went abroad two years ago. He said everything on the trip was fascinating, but the glacier was the most memorable.

"We walked on the glacier; we did experiments. I found that amazing," he said.

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Jeff Goumas, Sean Daley, Veronica Webber and Cynthia Kern measure water flow velocity of the stream coming from the snout of the Pasterze glacier.

Summit explores dangers of date rape drugs

COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Their arms feel like jelly. Their legs feel like they're filled with sand.

Sometimes there are brief moments of consciousness, flashes of horrified awareness. But for the most part, victims of date rape drugs can't remember the attack or their attackers.

Nor can they ever forget.

In a growing number of rape cases reported on college campuses, the weapon used to overpower victims is drugs, such as Rohypnol or GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate). When hidden in a drink, the odorless, tasteless drugs are often undetectable. The drugs make victims not only powerless to resist a sexual assault, but incapable of remembering what has happened to them.

"One of our victims said, 'I'd rather have the nightmare,'" said Gail Abarbanel, director

of the rape treatment center at Santa Monica-UCLA, in remarks at an emergency campus summit on date rape drugs, held Jan. 26 in Springfield, Ill. Hundreds of educators, counselors and law officials gathered at the one-day summit to share information on the drugs and ways to combat their use.

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan called the statewide meeting after three men from DeKalb, Ill. — home of Northern Illinois University — were indicted in December on charges of dealing GHB.

In a separate case, two Chicago-area men were charged in January with possession of GHB after more than six gallons of the drug were found in their home.

GHB is a powerful synthetic drug once widely promoted for body building. The drug, often home-brewed, can cause dizziness, drowsiness, vomiting, seizures and memory loss. Rohypnol, available as an over-

"There are strong laws on the books that will help us prosecute and lock these individuals up."

• Terry Gainer
Illinois State Police director

the-counter sedative in other countries, can cause drowsiness, confusion, impaired motor skills and unconsciousness.

Both drugs, when mixed with alcohol or other drugs, can cause death.

Some students ingest the drugs themselves to get a quick high; others use them as a means of incapacitating their victims.

"They're very dangerous to consume and they're very dangerous when used as weapons against women," Ryan said.

Law enforcement officials are alarmed at the ease at which the drugs are available. Recipes for GHB, for instance, are scattered over the Internet,

according to Illinois State Police Director Terry Gainer.

"Is it a little insulting that we have to have a summit on date rape drugs, that somehow the college student who sits in a philosophy class on Thursday is dropping a drug into our daughters' drinks on Friday?" Gainer said.

Unlike other drugs, GHB is easily formed by mixing together household products and a chemical sold at photography stores. The drug is linked to a growing number of rapes and robberies; in Chicago, police investigate GHB-related crimes weekly, Gainer said.

"There are strong laws on the books that will help us prosecute and lock these individuals up," he said.

Under federal law, the penalty for possession of Rohypnol is now the same as other controlled substances such as cocaine, LSD and heroin. The maximum punishment is a 20-year prison sentence.

That's not the case for GHB. While it is illegal to sell GHB, it is not illegal under federal law to possess or use the drug. The maximum penalty for selling the drug is imprisonment for less than one year.

Some states, however, have stiffened the penalties for GHB possession. In Illinois, for instance, possession of more than 200 grams of GHB with the intent to sell the drug carries a punishment of up to 30 years in prison.

In cases where the drugs are used in conjunction with rapes, prosecutors have been frustrated with the lack of evidence needed for conviction.

Date rape drugs are hard to trace because they leave the system quickly, in six to eight hours.

At the summit, university officials expressed their concern that the drugs may be circulating on their campuses.

Northern Illinois University officials say they are particularly worried given the recent arrests in DeKalb. One student has reported that she was given GHB at a fraternity party last November and subsequently raped, said Kathy Swanson, assistant to the president at NIU.

That case is under investigation. Meanwhile, the university has started a campaign against the drugs that includes posters in dormitories, Greek houses and bars.

"We feel even one incidence of GHB in conjunction with a rape is one too many," Swanson said.

But many students are still unaware of the drugs or their potential danger, according to a university survey conducted last year. Only 16 percent said they had ever heard of the drugs.

"I would not describe the atmosphere as one of fear," said Melanie Magara, an NIU spokesperson.

College students who attended the summit agreed, saying they hoped education campaigns would further awareness and help victims come forward.

"Students need to be more aware," said Lori Torigan, a senior resident assistant at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. "I hope to take [this information] back to my residents as well as other students on campus."

Connie Hall, also a resident adviser at Millikin, said students are slowly beginning to realize the extent of the problem with date rape drugs.

"Students know what it is and that it does happen. We're getting more aware of it and that's why I think our job is important," said Hall, a junior.

She would like to organize something similar to the summit on her campus. The best way she has been able to protect herself from sexual assault and date rape drugs, she said, is by learning as much about the problem as possible.

"Being educated got rid of the fear and gave me caution," she said. In terms of prevention, the rape treatment center at Santa Monica-UCLA advises students to watch out for their friends when attending parties, clubs or bars.

Friends who appear intoxicated or get sick after drinking should be escorted home or receive medical attention, the center says.

Students can watch out for themselves by keeping an eye on their drink.

Don't drink beverages that you do not open yourself, don't share drinks, don't drink from a punch bowl, and don't accept a drink from someone unless

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Internet diploma mills lack proper accreditation

SUNNI DENICOLA
College Press Service

Thanks to the Internet, college students can access library holdings, communicate with professors, research papers, and participate in group discussions — all without leaving their room.

In fact, many now earn degrees without ever setting foot on a college campus.

Earning a degree from home has particular appeal for non-traditional students who do not want to leave jobs or uproot families in order to attend a particular school.

It is also valuable for those who want to stay current in their field, but do not live near a university.

With advancements in technology, distance learning has

lept way beyond the old correspondence school days that strictly focused on snail mail methods to certify trades like plumbing and carpentry.

Now there are video conferencing, television courses, and, of course, the "virtual classroom" where classes are held on the Web chat-room style.

But riding on the tails of this distance learning boom are the "diploma mills."

Diploma mills are schools that sound legit, even prestigious, but they lack proper accreditation.

Although most claim accreditation from some official-sounding agency, they neglect to mention that the agency is not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Often it is not until a student tries to enroll at another institu-

tion or apply to graduate school that he finds out his degree is nontransferable.

Emir A. Mohammed, now a graduate student at the University of Strathclyde in Canada, almost made that mistake.

"The school I dealt with told me that I could work on my masters and Ph.D. while still doing my bachelor's degree, and entirely at a distance. And, of course, being completely oblivious of issues like accreditation, I almost jumped into this seemingly flexible and incredible offer," Mohammed said.

Mohammed says he later stumbled across that school's name in a distance education chat group.

"I was informed that it was an unaccredited degree mill

and it was best to avoid to them."

"The mistake most people make is they ask an online university 'Are you accredited?' They say, 'We are accredited by the World Association of Universities and Colleges.' Well there's no such accreditation," says Vicky Phillips, director of Lifelong Learning, an online counseling center for distance learners and co-author of the soon-to-be released book, "Best Distance Learning Graduate Schools." [Although WAUC is an accrediting agency based in Las Vegas, it is not sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Education.]

"There are scores of unrecognized accreditation agencies. Often they (the diploma mills) create a fake accrediting agency, so when asked, they

can say, 'Yes, we are accredited.' They can't be prosecuted because they are telling them the truth, they are accredited. Consumers get burned because they don't realize these accreditations mean nothing."

After his experience, Mohammed decided to help other unsuspecting students. "From that point on saw the birth of my 'watchdog' status. I decided to create the 'Distance Ed. for Dummies' homepage (www.angelfire.com/mo/EmirMohammed/index.html)."

The site, which has logged nearly 17,000 hits, helps students connect with legitimate distance-learning institutions.

Phillips says it is important for students to know how to protect themselves.

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Business

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es such as Imports Plus, the Troy Market, Rentorium of Keene, Hilltop Campgrounds and many others.

David Tong, owner of Earth Treasures, said in a document to Purchansky, that he was satisfied with the insights of the students.

"They've made me into a millionaire," Tong joked in the letter.

He also wrote that the team was very impressive and conscientious. Some of the changes in the store include increased use of the computer, better data input, better displays, and a discount table, Tong said.

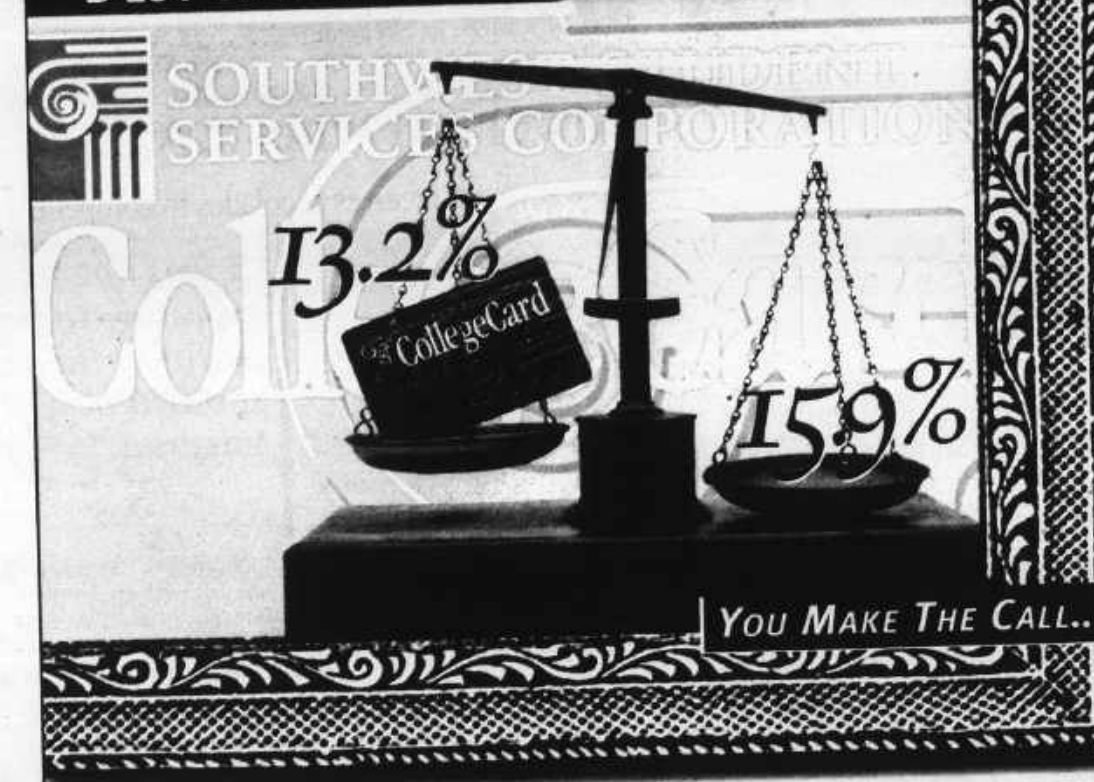
The Institute's program was a great learning experience, senior Shawn Curtis said. Purchansky's goal of bringing undergraduates into the program was to let them gain experience doing research work, Curtis said.

Purchansky said all 90 students who have been involved with the SBI program in the past 10 years are employed.

Three students have become lawyers and 30 percent have gone on to graduate school. Every year, the University of Massachusetts provides one scholarship for a business student at Keene State.

Purchansky's walls are covered with plaques and awards. One plaque was given to him by his students one year. It read: "You know when you've been working to much when it's time to go home and you go to Purchansky's office."

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Cyber junk mail floods the Internet

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Want some stuff? Maybe \$1,000 worth of stuff? How about \$1,000 worth of stuff, with no strings attached?

So begins a piece of unsolicited commercial electronic mail, otherwise known as junk e-mail, or spam. Spam annoys just about everyone and gives Internet advertising a bad name. Many states are working to implement anti-spam laws that would inflict hefty fines on organizations circulating unsolicited e-mail ("spammers"). Numerous anti-spam Web sites exist, acting as support centers for angry netizens (Internet users) irritated by superfluous spam.

In spite of such adamant opposition, spam prevails. But why? Eric Crump, Web site project manager for the National Council of Teachers of English, offered an explanation.

"Even though spam bothers almost everyone you talk to, it continues to thrive, and that's because it works," said Crump, editor of Rhetnet, an electronic journal designed to teach writ-

ing. "The bottom line is, spammers are making money because there has always been, and probably always will be, a market to pay for those schemes."

Crump, who believes that spam is a useful learning tool, created a web site last September to test his belief (<http://www.missouri.edu/~rhetnet/spamonade/>).

This site is offered as an alternative to the delete key. Interested parties send actual spam messages to the site, and the messages are posted for rhetorical analysis or the browsing pleasure of the participants. Some of the spam at the site include an offer for free tacos and beer, a proposition for free weekly investment service, and a memorial to Princess Diana that urges readers to buy T-shirts and to believe "she lives in you, she lives in everyone!"

"Spam is rhetoric in action, and we can't just dismiss it by reacting with vehement anger in a rush to get rid of it; we need to study why the arguments posed by this sort of mail do or do not work, and who the audience is,"

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Presidential jokesters on the rise

College Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The ongoing scandal involving President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky has given Jay Leno and David Letterman plenty to talk about and their audiences plenty to laugh about.

Together, the late-night TV comedians told 239 jokes about Clinton's sex life during the month of January, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs. By comparison, they told 215 sexually-oriented jokes about Clinton in all of 1997.

Researchers also noted that the jokes Leno and Letterman told were raunchier and more graphic than those of previous years.

"This is the most concentrated dose of humor on any single topic in the entire decade that we have monitored on political humor on late-night television," said CMPA president Robert Lichter.

Towel rod wins inventor fortune and fame

Innovative rod receives accolades in competition

TAMIKA J. HAYES
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. - When Shawn Sinyork first saw his name on the list, he couldn't believe it. A \$2,000 prize.

A free trip. And all for towel rod.

"It was a shock," says Sinyork. "I was not expecting to win. At first I thought it might be a misprint."

But win he did. The 21-year-old San Jose State University junior took first place in this year's National Housewares Manufacturers Association Student Design Competition.

No mistake. His Comfort Touch towel bar, with pull-down warming panels for making towels toasty or drying delicate hand-washables, earned him \$2,000 and a trip to the International Housewares Show in Chicago last month.

"I got the idea by looking around the house and thumbing through some of my old architecture books," explains Sinyork. "I was looking for ways to take the mundane and make it more desirable."

Sinyork wasn't the only one with designs on victory. Three

"I was not expecting to win. At first I thought it might be a misprint,"

Shawn Sinyork
award winner

of his fellow San Jose State industrial design majors - juniors Allen Wong, 24, Christopher Chan, 24, and Ryan Wilday, 23 - all tied for second place in the competition, beating out nearly 200 other innovators.

Their efforts earned them \$1,000 apiece and trips to the housewares show as well.

Wong's fertile mind gave rise to the ThreadPrinter, an electronic device for sewing enthusiasts that imprints color on white thread.

The ThreadPrinter's color scanner can perfectly match any fabric sample, and when attached to a sewing machine, it eliminates the need to change thread when changing colors.

"I think the main innovation

is that it brings together so many different technologies from different fields - color printing, digital scanning, ultraviolet curing," says Wong. And its color-matching capabilities would be of special benefit to "older people, whose eyesight may be getting poorer."

Chan also had special needs on his mind. Result: His sleek Bottle Popper, which releases bottle caps at the squeeze of a grip, was inspired by a disabled neighbor.

"She only has the use of one hand," says Chan. "It's a lot easier to pull a lever than it is to twist off a cap."

Wilday's winner is his Easy-Store Mixer. The head and arm of the four-speed mixer disengage to fit neatly inside the bowl when not in use.

"A conventional mixer takes up a great deal more space," Wilday says. "This mixer has an integrated design that makes it easier to store and gives it a newer, more modern look."

Each inventor put in roughly four months of conceptual and mechanical work to bring his model to fruition. They sur-

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DANIELLE HAYFORD
The Equinox

The faculty of the music department of Keene State College presented a recital exhibiting their talents this past Friday at the United Church of Christ in Keene.

Several professors sang or played at the show.

However, the main focus of the recital was a piece composed by Professor of music William Pardus.

He was the founder of the Keene State College Jazz Ensemble and has been teaching at Keene State for 30 years.

He will be retiring this year so the world premier of his piece was a very important event.

event.

His piece is called "Karkwiak Variants," and is a mixture of old Polish courting dance tunes. Traditionally, couples would dance to these songs while courting each other.

A brass ensemble made up of faculty brought the notes on page to life as their final piece of the evening.

Another featured artist was Beverly Caldon. Because the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond doesn't have an organ, they had to play at the United Church of Christ.

Other faculty musicians performed with their instrument of choice.

The show was a great chance for the teachers to put down their grade books and put on a show, not to mention the world premier of what may turn out to be a well-recognized piece of music.



Equinox photo by Matthew Daly

Betty Caldon played the organ at the Keene State College Faculty Arts Recital at the United Church of Christ in Keene last Friday. She played along with other faculty to professor William Pardus' "The Karkwiak Variants," a piece he wrote himself.

Caesar's show is a good one

MICHAEL D. GAGINAN
The Equinox

February 19 was an evening that held the promise of something extraordinary.

The Aquila Theater Company of London presented "Julius Caesar" at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond.

Professional theater at Keene State College put a boozie to the air, as audience members carried high expectations for the performance to come.

The Aquila Company did not let the audience down.

As the curtain opened to reveal a streamlined set with more than obvious references to classic theater in the round, questions abounded.

What was going on? No Greek pillars, no toga clad senators?

Instead, we were immediately transported to a different time. Expression, lighting and

undiluted passion came together to create an experience in which all disbelief was suspended and raw acting talent pounded the audience into complete captivation.

Director Robert Richmond said that he was going for a very "filmic style," and he feels people's preconceptions about the show are immediately shattered.

"They are expecting togas, not even Shakespeare did it in togas, all of the text refers to 'pick up my doublet,' and stuff like that," he said.

He had to find a "period" in which the morals and the whole social structure of the thing could still be supported."

The act reflected the look of the turn of the century.

"1908, 1910 Italy with as much kind of fanaticism over things as I could make," he said in description of his act.

Quite frankly, it worked. Let's face it, Julius Caesar

is thick. Shakespeare is thick. The language creates a barrier, making the dialogue difficult to follow at best, and inaccessible at worst.

This is where the true challenge of Shakespeare lies. How to make the audience understand... how to get meaning across.

The best way, and in fact, some may argue, the only way to do this on the stage is through actors.

The stripped down, expressionist set takes away all distractions, leaving the audience members with no other recourse than to follow word for word and movement for movement while the actors are doing.

Aquila's professional actors shouldered the burden of the text and the challenge of a modern audience well. A company stand out was

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Equinox photo by Matthew Daly
Creative costumes, like this one from last week's showing of "Birds," is part of what made these shows a hit.

CALCULATIONS

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 26

"Outdoor Fun Concerts"
Health Service
Info. Table
Atrium, Student Center

Co-Rec Volleyball begins

Bent
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall
Arts Center

Jump Little Children
plus Push Stars
10 p.m. @ The
Iron Horse
20 Center St.,
Northampton, Mass.
(413) 584-0610

Lecture Series:
"Juba and the Folklore of
August Wilson"
4:30 p.m. @ Alumni Hall
Hopkins Center,
Hanover
646-2422

Films in the Loew:
"Reflection in a Mirror"
7 p.m. @ Arthur M.
Loew Auditorium
Hood Museum of Art,
Hanover
646-2422

Joe Turner's Come
and Gone
8 p.m. @ The
Moore Theater
Hopkins Center,
Hanover
646-2422

Friday, February 27

Archie Shepp
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
20 Center St.,
Northampton, Mass.
(413) 584-0610

Corner Mentos & The
New Horizon Band
10 p.m. @ The
Iron Horse
20 Center St.,
Northampton, Mass.
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Joe Turner's Come
and Gone
8 p.m. @ The
Moore Theater
Hopkins Center,
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Saturday, February 28

Spyro Gyra
7 & 10 p.m. @ The
Iron Horse
20 Center St.,
Northampton, Mass.
(413) 584-0610

Voices of
Native America
8 p.m. @ Jorgensen
Auditorium
University of
Connecticut
(860) 486-5795

Joe Turner's Come
and Gone
8 p.m. @ The
Moore Theater

Hopkins Center,
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646-2422

Dartmouth College
Gospel Choir:
"The Journey: Gospel
Music Through
the Years"
4 p.m. @ Rollins Chapel
on the Green
Hanover
646-2422

Films in the Loew:
"Shall We Dance?"
7 & 9:30 p.m. @ Arthur
M. Loew Auditorium
Hood Museum of Art,
Hanover
646-2422

Monday, February 2

Monday Morning
Coffee Break
9 - 11 a.m. @ Night Owl
Café
Student Center



"Instinctual Reasons #25" is one work of art an exhibit at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery.

Courtesy Photo

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Arts & Entertainment

Monotonous? Hardly. Mono brings us an album for the '90s

Formica Blues, the debut album for the London based duo Mono, (vocalist Siobhan De Mare & producer/arranger Martin Virgo) is a subtle yet engaging trip-hop outing.

What is refreshing about the work is, while it maintains the ping und pong ethos of the genre, Mono is not afraid to color their sound with elements as far ranging as Dusty Springfield and drum and bass shuffle.

Virgo is hardly a rookie on the United Kingdom's music scene, having remixed works for Massive Attack as well as Björk. Formica Blues is a testament to his experience.

The album's first single "Life in Mono" (which is featured on the soundtrack to the "updated" film version of the boring Dickens classic, Great Expectations) is built upon a lilting groove and ever so slight vinyl scratching flourishes.

It also serves to highlight Mono's flanking maneuver, De Mare's silky, 'can I bum a smoke' voice. Most tasty is the Burt Bacharach-n-beats "Slimcea Girl" complete with its Atlantic soul chorus. Mono, yet hardly monosyllabic, De Mare and Virgo's technological iambic pentameter makes for a satisfying debut.

Stephen Chupaska is a Keene State College junior majoring in English. He is a DJ for WKNH Radio (91.3 FM) and is a columnist for The Equinox.

AT THE PUTNAM:

MOVIE PLAYING
Rating: Bent & Ulee's Gold
Equinox Rating
Dates of show

Video Pick of the Week, Trust me ... I know

by John Britz

Dead Again

In 1948, Roman Strauss, an acclaimed Austrian composer and conductor, is convicted of murdering his wife and sentenced to death. Before being strapped into the electric chair, he tells his guard and a reporter that he loved his wife and that this was far from over.

Modern day: a woman, identical looking to the murdered Margaret Strauss, wakes up screaming with no memory of who she is. The woman, played by Emma Thompson, is soon dumped into the care of private investigator Mike Church, played by Kenneth Brannagh, to aid her in the search for an identity.

Enlisting the help of a local antique dealer, who uses hypnosis to aid him in the search for rare pieces of her past, they begin to explore the depths of the mysterious woman's memory.

They soon realize that she is having flashbacks from her past life and in fact is reliving the horror of the murder.

The case soon takes a turn when the woman's identity is discovered to be that of Amanda Sharp, an artist. Upon visiting her apartment they discover that her art is dominated by an obsession with scissors, the murder weapon from the past.

The film skips back and forth between modern day and the past, highlighting the past by filming it in black and white. Black and white film is often used to show detail, which, if attention is given, works, as it soon becomes apparent that the same characters appear in both time periods.

The phenomena is soon explained by a disgraced ex-therapist turned grocery clerk played by Robin Williams. William's character soon explains his 'karma comes back and bites you in the ass' theory, and how it relates to the Strauss murders and to Mike Church.

He tells Church that fate will inevitably reunite two lovers,



and that you deal with the same people in each lifetime. Also, that if someone kills you in one life, chances are that they are going to do it again in the next. Church soon realizes that he is in a high stakes race to find the killer and change the destiny of this mysterious woman, who he now finds himself in love with.

Dead Again is a brilliant and suspenseful film done in classic Hitchcock style, it will appeal to all of you who love a good thriller.

With underlying themes of fate and karma, it tells a beautiful love story, which, like most these days, contains some good old fashioned brutal murder.

John Britz is a Keene State College sophomore majoring in history and is a columnist for The Equinox.

Caesar

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Anthony Cochrane, who played Brutus, his depiction of a man riddled with regret and questioning his own motives in life rang true and clear.

His delivery of impassioned speeches about power and ambition did what every actor that ever faces the challenge of Shakespeare, dreams about: it conveyed the meaning through the emotion.

That is what it is all about. Meaning through the emotion, the audience is bound to miss words, phrases and, at times, whole blocks of dialogue.

This is where the actor shines, to hit the key words and let the rest be conveyed through expression.

By the time the intermission rolled around, the company had most of us eating out of their hands.

"I personally don't like Shakespeare that much, but I am very impressed, very impressed with the show," Brooke Palmer, a junior theater major, said.

The Aquila Theater Company's performance here at the Arts Center was nothing less than professional in quality, and everything you could ask, for entertainment.

Get your Bachelor's making games

TAMARA FITZPATRICK
The Seattle Times
Knight Ridder Newspapers

REDMOND, Wash. — The nation's first school to offer a bachelor's degree in video-game development celebrated its opening Wednesday with ceremonies including an appearance by Washington Gov. Gary Locke.

Classes began last month at the DigiPen Institute of Technology, a private institution renting space at Nintendo headquarters in Redmond.

The 40 students enrolled in the program are members of what would be the first graduating class in 2002.

The degree they're pursuing — somewhat cumbersome called Real Time Interactive Simulation in the

World — focuses on video-game programming and computer animation.

The course of study is no game, though.

Classes at DigiPen include math, physics, data structure and algorithms, business, marketing, mythology, computer languages, graphics, image-processing, and animation.

Tuition is \$11,000 a year. Students must complete 160 credits to graduate.

The school's founder, Claude Comair, said he opened the school independently rather than affiliate with an existing university because he wanted control over the number of credits students must take.

He also didn't want to go through the paperwork, which would mean waiting

longer for the program to begin.

To be eligible for admission, high-school and college-transfer students must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average in math, physics, chemistry and computer-science courses.

The school received about 1,000 applications from across the country this year for 100 spots, school officials say. DigiPen is accepting applications through June for the fall session.

The school has five full-time faculty members and two assistants.

Each student is provided with a Pentium 200 desk-top computer that is linked to the Internet.

Page, who called the course work "rigorous," said the program is equivalent to

some master's degree programs. Page said students who graduate from the program would probably have numerous job opportunities.

"There's definitely a market for it," he said. Before opening DigiPen in Redmond, founder Comair started a two-year program in computer and video-game technology and computer animation four years ago in Vancouver, B.C.

Comair is the president and CEO of DigiPen Corp., which is based in Vancouver.

The corporation's name is short for "Digital Pencil."

Comair said he realized the need for a video-game degree when he had difficulty finding qualified applicants to work at his corporation.

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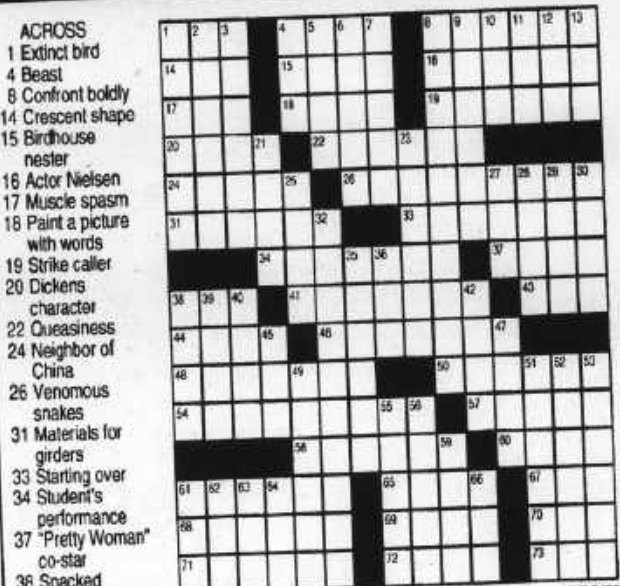
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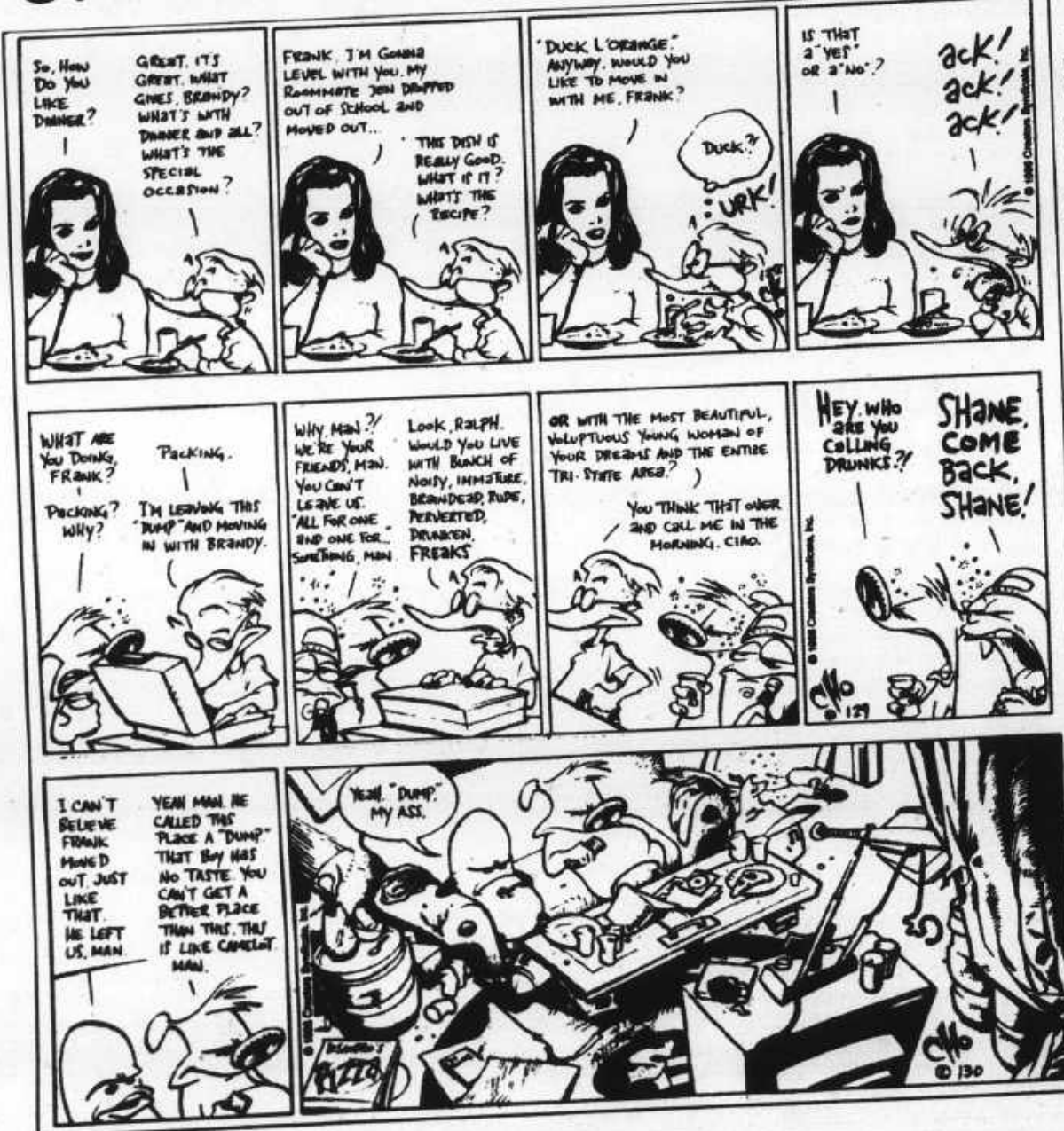


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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could end up being the silent partner in an enterprise. Discord arises midweek with a cantankerous co-worker. Ego considerations cause you to blunder into selfish behavior this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Career objectives will be achieved, but it's better to work from behind the scenes than to engage in pitched battle. Keep peace on the home front. Some are just looking for an excuse to argue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The financial picture for you should be improving. In fact, you should be able to plan that special vacation trip you've anticipated. Family members are cooperative over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll get your career on the right track this week. Still, further planning is needed. The weekend is relaxing and invigorates you for the week to come.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Loved ones should have a good time together, although the accent this week falls on home-based activities later on. Some could be burning the midnight oil this weekend with additional work tasks.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're ready to begin a new work push. However, you'll still be finishing up some matters left over from the recent past. The weekend highlights good times with friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you have your eye on something you'd like to buy, continue with a sound fiscal policy. Concentrate on investments and savings programs. This frugality will be handsomely rewarded.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Make a point of getting good value for your money. A child accuses you of being inattentive. This weekend, it's best to be more aggressive with those who are overly dominant.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) More thinking is required before making a career move. You do not make a very good champion for your special cause because you're pushing too hard. This weekend, avoid raising controversial issues with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your spending habits are inconsistent this week, alternating between cheapness and extravagance. If you can't get what your heart is set on, you tend to become indiscriminate. Recognize this to prevent it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll be relieved that a recent problem is solved to your satisfaction. Alternative plans needn't be second best. This weekend, stick to your high standards and don't be swayed by an unscrupulous type.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could find yourself returning an item you purchased recently. Still, pleasure pursuits are accented toward the end of the week. Learn to handle guilt better by analyzing its source.

This Week In History

On March 1, 1784, Thomas Jefferson's proposal to ban slavery in any new territories after 1802 was narrowly defeated ... **February 24, 1803**, for the first time, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a U.S. law in their decision in the Marbury v Madison case ... **February 23, 1836**, the siege of the Alamo began, led by the Mexican forces of Santa Anna ... **March 1, 1932**, Charles Lindbergh's baby, 19-month-old Charles Lindbergh, Jr., was kidnapped ... **March 1, 1961**, the Peace Corps was created by executive order ... **February 24, 1991**, in Operation Desert Storm, U.S.-led attackers killed or captured thousands of Iraqi soldiers and sent the rest into retreat ... **February 26, 1993**, a powerful bomb exploded in a garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 ... **February 28, 1993**, four federal agents were killed during an unsuccessful raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

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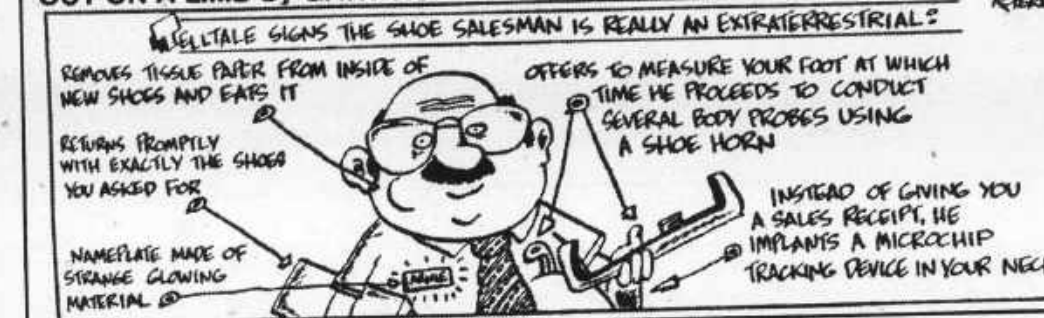
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Or

Contact Professor John Pappalardo at x-2622

Spam

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Crump explained.

He wants students and professors to use examples from the site as subject matter for class discussion.

By doing so students learn about rhetoric's role in society and the powers of persuasion.

According to Mick Doherty, co-founder of the site and Internet editor at the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, studying spam is a fascinating way to learn about the tools of persuasion.

Doherty claims there is much to learn by analyzing the methodology of spam, right down to the subject headings.

"Many subject lines have evolved from 'Get your free money now!' to 'Hi, how are you?' to get more personal so people at least open the message instead of immediately hitting delete," said Doherty. "This is a fundamental rule of persuasion-find a way to get people to read what you are writing-and it usually works."

This way of teaching expands the walls of the classroom, enabling students to learn by doing. Students can use Spamonde to form educated opinions about spam's influence on the Internet, and share their beliefs with classmates and other Internet users.

Sandy Thompson, a participant in the Spamonde project, thinks this is crucial in a society continually influenced by technology.

"As the classroom becomes computerized, students need to

learn how to process information that is no longer just the printed word, but the electronic word," she said. "Spamonde provides students this opportunity, as well as the chance to experience the evolution of Internet culture."

The goal of Crump and his colleagues is to attract more people to Spamonde. Angry netizens could vent their frustration on the site instead of rushing to outlaw junk mail. In the meantime, many continue to rally around regulation. Although Nevada is the only state that imposes fines for sending spam, Connecticut and California will pass similar laws in the near future.

And, according to Michael Overly, special counsel to the Information Technology Group at the Los Angeles law firm of Foley & Lardner, more states will follow. State regulations are problems, Overly argues, because 50 different laws would be confusing and potentially restrictive to non-advertisers.

"This is one of the only times a lawyer will ever say he wants to see less application of the law, but I do support the technological approach of the Spamonde web site over the legal approach," he said. "Those favoring regulation are of the jump first, look later mentality. They aren't thinking about the critical effects of mass regulation."

Overly suggests that an ideal solution would combine a specific federal law with the technological approach displayed by Web sites like Spamonde.

Rod

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veyed consumers and researched the housewares industry.

They made precise mathematical calculations and ROD disassembled existing appliances.

In late November, the four packed up their sketches, slides and engineering drawings and sent them to Chicago for judging.

A few long weeks later, they learned that San Jose State had nearly swept the national competition.

"We met a lot of major manufacturers who were interested in our designs, and we received five-star treatment from everyone throughout our stay," says Chan.

None of the students, whose design interests ranged from automotive styling to toy design, had exhibited any particular passion for home appliances before.

But their positive experience with the competition has widened their horizons.

"I figured that at the peak of my career I'd be designing large buildings for faceless corporations, custom houses for the very wealthy, or tract homes," as former architecture major Wong explains, adding, "Industrial design allows me to create things that are both accessible and valuable to many people. And I always thought kitchen gadgets were cool."

Drugs

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you watch the drink being poured at the bar, the center says.

Students who believe they may have been given a date rape drug should do the following, the center advises:

- Get to a safe place.
- Ask a trusted friend to stay with you.
- Call the police.
- Go to a hospital as soon as possible. Ask for an examination and evidence collection. Request that the hospital take a urine sample so that drug testing can be done by a crime lab.
- Preserve as much physical evidence as possible. Do not urinate, shower, douche or change your clothes, and keep any other potential evidence, such as the glass that held your drink. The center also advises victims to call a rape crisis facility for information and support.

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Commentary

MICHAEL D. GAGNON
The Equinox

TV influences our lives in overt and subtle ways. It allows us to know what is going on outside the circle of our everyday reality. Programs like Friends, Seinfeld, Just Shoot Me and Caroline in the City, show us a kind of life style that the current culture is embracing.

Sitcoms are produced to attract the largest audience possible. In this way, they become an important social commentary, giving insight to the marketer's mind. If the shows being produced are expressing a point of view or depicting a life style you'd better believe that is what

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campus news briefs

Raise in
store for
KSC faculty

Keene State College faculty members will receive an increase of 1.5 percent in their pay next year.

The Keene State College Education Association and the University System of New Hampshire Trustees reached an agreement over their annualized salary increase last week, according to College Relations.

Faculty members are now working under a contract that will not expire until June 1999. The negotiations were opened for an additional pay increase as well as changes in health insurance because the University System of New Hampshire is moving to a new range of options in medical plans.

The USNH trustees felt the contract should be reopened to keep Keene State faculty from falling behind in the salary increases, compared to other university system employee groups, according to Keene

State President Stanley Yarosewick.

Culturalism
topic of guest
speaker

As part of Keene State College's American Neighbor's program, Carlos Cortes will visit and present a lecture on "Multiculturalism in a Time of Disappearing Borders."

Cortes, one of the nation's most prominent thinkers in the area of cultural difference, has lectured on four continents on race relations and ethnicity.

He has written and edited many books, articles, film and video documentaries. Among the major book series he has edited are the 21 volumes of "The Mexican American."

He has received UC-Riverside's Distinguished Teaching Award and the California Council's Humanities Distinguished California Humanist Award.

Cortes is a professor emeritus of history at the University of California at Riverside and

is also a consultant to governments, schools, and businesses.

More
courses
soon on 'net

More courses may soon be offered on the Internet, according to Joan Donnelly, director of Continuing Education and Extended Studies.

A Keene State College committee will soon begin guiding the campus population into putting more courses on the Internet.

Keene State already has nutrition, language, and media courses online.

The goal of the committee is to expand the range of "distance-learning" by training faculty on how to organize, develop, and deliver Internet courses.

Donnelly said the committee was formed because more students want courses available at their homes or workplace to better suit their personal and professional needs.

Paying for college this
year can cut income taxes

MARY VANAC
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

For taxpayers with modest incomes, sending a kid to college in 1998 — or taking college courses themselves — can take a chunk out of their income tax bills.

To encourage college education, Congress established two education tax credits and an education savings account. The options take effect in 1998 and are reported on your tax return next year at this time.

Taxpayers can use either the Hope credit OR the Lifetime Learning credit OR take a withdrawal from their education savings account — called the Education IRA. They can choose only one per tax year per student.

The Hope credit is for taxpayers who have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$40,000 if single and \$80,000 if married and filing jointly.

Singles can claim a partial credit until their incomes reach \$50,000, and marrieds can do so until their incomes reach \$100,000, according to nation-

al accounting firm Arthur Andersen.

This credit is used during the first two years of a college, university or vocational school degree program. Taxpayers can take a credit of 100 percent of their first \$1,000 of tuition or education expenses, plus 50 percent of their next \$1,000 in expenses, for a total credit of \$1,500.

(That means your tax bill is cut by \$1,500.)

Taxpayers can use the credits for themselves, their spouses or dependents, for expenses paid and education started after Dec. 31, 1997. Students must be enrolled at least half-time.

The second education tax credit is the Lifetime Learning credit, which applies to traditional students as well as their parents or other adults who return to school to sharpen job skills.

This credit is limited to taxpayers with the same adjusted gross incomes as the Hope credit.

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Style



Junkie

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the numbers say is important to the lives of Americans.

TV networks are consistently surveying and polling, trying to find what it is Americans think and feel, how they buy and what motivates them. This information is then passed along to us, the viewer, in the guise of programming. The purpose of which is to capture our attention long enough for them to slip some advertising in and sell us something.

I'm hooked. I'm a TV junkie. Mr. and Mrs. Network you have done your job well. Why do I feel this way, why do I follow my favorite shows from week to week and season to season? The answer is simple and complex.

First there is Seinfeld, I started watching this show about nothing for two simple reasons: it was funny and it was out there. Jerry and Kramer represented two parts of my personality, the battle between the rational mind and my impulsive side. I could watch this struggle play out every week, and now I can watch it play out everyday through the blessing of syndication.

But as time went on Seinfeld became a familiar place. The people that inhabited the show were like old friends, George and Elaine, Jerry and Kramer, Newman and Crazy Joe Devolia. Their struggles no

Popular Listings

	Show	Channel	Station	Time
Sunday	The Simpsons X-Files	6 6	Fox Fox	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Monday	Melrose Place Ally McBeal	6 6	Fox Fox	8 p.m. 9 p.m.
Tuesday	Home Improvement Mad About You Just Shoot Me	9 7 7	ABC NBC NBC	8 p.m. 8 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Beverly Hills, 90210 Drew Carey 3rd Rock from the Sun Party of Five SouthPark	6 9 7 6 58	Fox ABC NBC Fox Comedy Central	8 p.m. 9 p.m. 9 p.m. 9 p.m. 10 p.m.
Thursday	Friends Seinfeld ER	7 7 7	NBC NBC NBC	8 p.m. 9 p.m. 10 p.m.

matter how ludicrous were my struggles. I loved to watch George haggle and bicker, I am embarrassed for Jerry when he is in public with his parents, Elaine's love life makes mine look healthy.

All of these factors combine to make me feel that I am there. Seinfeld works. I am saddened to hear that it is over, all though I do not think that I will shed a tear publicly as the final episode draws near I find the butterflies in my stomach are bouncing around frequently and with no regard for what I had for dinner. Let us all take a moment of silence for the passing of our good friends. Ok, that's enough. I will not be sorry for people who are making more money per-episode than most of you will make in your life time.

That brings us to an important sticking point, money. Some interesting things are happening here. Did you ever notice how affordable a nice apartment in New York is these days? Kramer doesn't even work for crying out loud and yet he has an apartment across the hall from a working celebrity. And what about Friends? An out of work actor and some middle management type, Chandler and Joey have a pretty nice place and what about Rachel and Monica? Rachel is a personal shopper and Monica is a chef. Where is the money coming from?

But that really doesn't matter. We're supposed to suspend our

disbelief and are left to ponder where the hell does Phoebe live?

It is this mystery that can perhaps best be solved by Mulder and Scully of the X-Files. Here is where the true addict in me lives. What is it about the X-files that has America believing that the truth is out there? Chris Carter has created a show that has Americans doubting the intentions of the government (as if we need a show to do that) and questioning our place in the universe.

But let us face facts here. We watch the X-files because Mulder and Scully have just about the coolest job in the world. They get to investigate the front cover of the Weekly World News. Who would not want to spend their time searching for the blood-sucking vampire boy? And if anyone tries to give them lip, out come the FBI badges. I know you all will be wishing you had one the next time you try to get a straight answer as to the secret ingredient in the fish casserole surprise

at the dining commons.

So the next time you put on your new Air Max sneakers, sit back in your Lazy-Boy crack open a Diet Dr. Pepper and turn on your favorite TV show raise your low-fat potato chip in salute to the marketing genius that has us coming back for more week after week.

— Michael Gagnon is a senior majoring in communications and is a writer for the Equinox.



D.J. Potter in a drowsy zone from the television.

Equinox photo by Matthew Daly

Hope

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The Lifetime Learning credit is used for graduate and undergraduate study at qualified colleges or universities. Taxpayers can take a credit of 20 percent of their tuition or education expenses (or the expenses of their spouse or dependent), for a total of \$5,000 a year.

Taxpayers can use the Lifetime Learning credit whether they or their dependents are enrolled at least half-time in a degree program or simply taking classes to improve job skills.

This credit applies to expenses paid and education started after June 30, 1998. The Lifetime Learning credit can be claimed for an unlimited number of years.

The third option is to withdraw money from an Education IRA -- a bit hard this year, considering this also is the first year to save in the special IRA.

Taxpayers contribute up to \$500 per minor child or dependent per year. The contributions are made with after-tax dollars.

A glitch: You can't contribute to both an Education IRA and a state-sponsored prepaid-tuition program such as Ohio's for the same student in the same year, according to CCH Inc., a tax analysis firm in Riverwoods, Ill. The Education IRA is for taxpayers who have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$95,000 if single and \$150,000 if married and filing jointly. Singles can make partial contributions until their incomes reach \$110,000, and marrieds can do so until their incomes reach \$160,000.

The income limits for the Education IRA are much higher than for the two education tax credits. So higher-income taxpayers who can't use the credits CAN use the IRA. The accounts grow tax-free. Withdrawals from the accounts also are tax-free, as long as they are used to pay college tuition, room and board, or other education expenses.

If your child doesn't use the account by age 30, you must withdraw the money, and pay income tax and a 10 percent penalty on account earnings.

However, if one child doesn't use the account, you can transfer it to another child without paying taxes or penalties.

But that is a misnomer. In many of the industrial fields students do much of their work

Changes

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The department currently runs separate programs in electronics, manufacturing, drafting, and other related fields.

All that will change next year, however, because the department has decided to combine the separate programs into one.

"We sort of combined all those programs so next year it will be called Technology Studies," Sheaff said.

The department's decision to compress the programs is based on a review of graduates' hiring ratings.

They found that Keene State graduates seeking jobs received no significant edge from the specific program they went through, Sheaff said.

In addition to its internal reconfiguration the department is giving itself a cosmetic make-over by changing its name.

The department is worried when students see the word "industrial," they may associate the word with working in a factory and getting dirty, Sheaff said.

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• Charles Sheaff
ITS professor

on computers.

In the fall, there will be three majors at Keene State in the Technology section of the TDS Department, and one major taught in Manchester.

The three majors will be the technology studies major, safety studies major, and the graphic design major.

There will also be a vocational education major offered in Manchester. The technology studies major will offer three different programs in product design and development, architectural technology, and technology education.

Sheaff said the reason for the product design and development option is because it combines a lot of other programs such as manufacturing, drafting, and design.

They are all blended into it

because when students are working in any of these fields, they are usually working on some sort of product.

The technology education option is training students to teach technology studies in high school and middle school.

The vocational education major is a certification program run through Keene State but located in Manchester.

To be a vocational teacher, students need a certain number of hours of training in industrial experience, he said.


Sheaff said Keene State's reputation for providing a solid education, and the high rate of employment among its graduates shows strongly in the ITS department.

A tradition he said will be preserved.

"We've got a good program, a good faculty, and I think the proof of the pudding is that our graduates find high-paying jobs," Sheaff said.

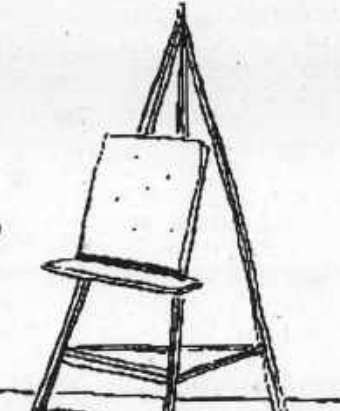
One of the key elements in the program is that the department works with advisory committees and industries, so they are continually being evaluated, he said.

"It's a constant battle to stay updated because technology is changing so fast, but we seem to be holding our own," Sheaff said. "We've got a good reputation out there nationally."



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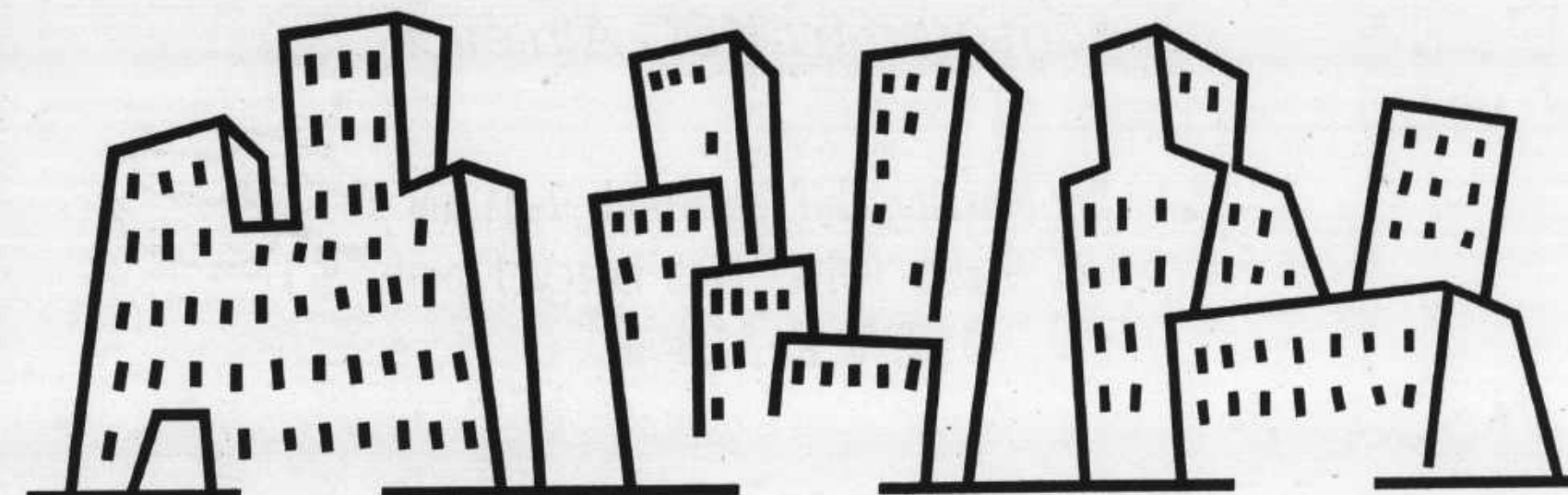
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Alps

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Bayr has made 15 trips abroad during the course of his 29 year career at Keene State. He has taken students to Europe, Africa and Ecuador.

And the lay of the land isn't the only thing students learn on the trip.

Bayr was raised and educated in Austria, and even wrote his master's dissertation on the cultural aspects of the farmhouses in the Gmunden area where students on the trip will spend one week.

In addition to studying geographic formations, students cover the geography and economy of the different countries and how those conditions influence and shape the lives of the inhabitants.

At the Consolidation of Farmland Bureau, in Austria, Bayr said students "get the royal treatment."

At the Bureau they learn about the reorganization of land in Austria, which involves the sale of small plots to develop larger areas of farmland in the region.

The whole process is based on economic and environmental considerations, Bayr said. The cement factory on the

itinerary usually brings out the environmental questions because the plant burns rubber tires as part of its process, he said.

Students will take small rail cars into the now-unused caverns of a working salt mine. The caverns are the size of the Science Building, Bayr said.

"You have to be very careful in the mines because mining has made the mountain like Swiss cheese," he said.

Students are also tested on their observations of a brewery. Bayr said the folks at the brewery are always amused when they see him leading his students in.

"They've never seen anyone taking notes in a brewery," he said.

The group will visit dams in the Danube Valley, and the University of Salzburg's research station.

The station is located near a ski area where weather and environmental impact studies are conducted.

Those who have taken Bayr's physical geography class might remember a "karst." Slovenia has the Karst Mountain Range with caves bigger than the ones in the salt mines Bayr said.

In Vienna and Venice students will learn about the culture, the architecture and the

**"They've never
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• Klaus Bayr
geography professor

physical geography of those cities.

Keene State junior Brooke Wroblewski signed up for this year's trip.

As a dance and psychology major, she said she hopes the trip will be an inspiration for her passion of dance.

"I went to Europe when I was 15 and I love to experience other cultures," she said.

Both Goumas and Mitchell said it was great having a "tour guide" who knows the region, the culture and the language like Bayr does.

"He talked about things that he did when he was growing up. You learn a lot just by being with the people you're with," Mitchell said. "It was definitely a growing experience."

Goumas agreed. "If you've had a class with Dr. Bayr you know how much fun he is, and the people over there just love him," he said.

Break

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and to me, it's irreplaceable," Halter said. "I really enjoy seeing something tangible. You're out there and you see it happening."

Alternative Spring Break doesn't just take place over a week's period, "it's a culmination of a year's activities," Halter said.

First, students have to sign up in October and pick the location site where they want to volunteer. Each student has to pay a \$125 fee and have to help fundraise money for the trip. In addition, students have to do a community service project with their group, before going on the trip.

"Those of us who went to Moorhead City did painting for a homeless shelter on Elm Street," Halter said.

Shira Lapidus, a senior and leader of the Winter Haven, Fla. trip, helped build a home in Brattleboro, Vt. with her group.

Aside from the smaller community service projects, the four groups also have to meet separately before leaving on the trip.

"When you consider a group that large living in close prox-

imity there are a lot of things you have to consider, who's cooking, who's cleaning, who's driving ... who smokes, who's a non-smoker," Halter said.

The bulk of the preparation, however, is fundraising. Financial backing comes from on-campus sources as well as organizations and companies in Keene.

"Markem Corp., Thrift Shop, Kingsbury Corp., and the Toadstool Book Shop have been pretty supportive," Johnson, who's in charge of fundraising, said.

"We've already raised \$15,000 and we need \$4,000 more," she said.

Don Hayes, community services coordinator and organizer of Alternative Spring Break, said he feels confident they will raise the money.

"An appeal letter will be going out to all faculty and staff to ask for contributions. We've done that in the past and it's worked," Hayes said.

Participants are eager to raise the money so they can get down to their sites and help people in need.

"I probably don't spend a lot of time during the week doing community service," Halter said. "For me, this week represents a year of Sunday mornings."

ATTN:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEEDS you!

There are numerous vacancies that need to be filled ASAP! If you've ever been interested in representing your class, get your petition now! They're available in the offices on the 2nd floor of the Student Center for the following positions:

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Excellence in teaching is based upon the following criteria: independent thinking, rapport with students both in and out of the classroom, and a positive attitude towards students and student advisement.

Nomination periodic guidelines are available from the Alumni Relations Office located in the Barry Alumni Center of Elliot Hall. All nominations, with completed portfolio and a minimum of five letters of support, must be submitted to the Alumni Relations Office by 4:30 PM on Friday, March 27, 1998.

Grad

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with some of the forms that were handed in on time and also had 100 people file after the deadline. These people will receive their audits after the people who filed on time, she said.

Senior Courtney Megaffin has not yet received a degree audit. Megaffin said she handed her audit in before the fall deadline.

"I went to the Registrar's Office to fill out another form but I was told that would slow it down and that they were having computer difficulties," Megaffin said.

Megaffin said she feels if she should have a deadline to hand in her form, they should have a deadline to get it back to her. She said she has kept an accurate record of her requirements along with her advisor.

"I don't need it. I'd just like the verification," she said.

Every student who has 60 credits or more has an advisor. Students who are not sure if they need more credits should make appointments with their advisor. Students should meet with their advisor at least once a semester to discuss classes they are going to take. They should also go over their major's program planning sheet. The audit should act as a documentation of that planning, Sielke said.

"If they are not confident



Equinox photo by Nicole Bowley
Telescopes are one of the fine pieces of merchandise sold at Earth Treasures, located on Main Street in Keene.

with their advisor they need to talk with someone, like the dean or the vice president," Sielke said.

Marnie Ellis, a senior, received her audit on Feb. 14. Ellis has an advisor but said for the most part she self-advised. "I knew eventually I'd get it, but it was ridiculous for the amount of time it took," she said. "I was beginning to get concerned I wouldn't graduate."

The Senior Degree Audit should not be a mystery, Sielke said. Seniors can check to see if they have fulfilled their requirements by filling out a program-planning sheet, provided at the Academic Advising Center. They can also use a college catalog. "Those are the exact tools

the person who does the audit uses," Sielke said.

The Registrars Office can't give an exact date for when all seniors will receive their audits, Sielke said, but March 1 is a good guess.

Any students who are still unaware they need an audit to graduate, need to get to the Registrar's Office as soon as possible, Sielke said. If any students have a complaint about their audit, Sielke said she only asks they politely contact the Registrar's Office so they can work things out.

Sielke said she would like to remind students who intend to graduate in the future to hand in their Intent to Graduate Forms on time. The later they hand them in, the later they will receive their audits.

along in the mail; but being state licensed and being regionally accredited are two different things. Call that association, or call the state higher education board if you aren't sure. If you are interested in graduate school, call potential graduate institutions and make sure they will accept the degree."

The second nationally recognized accreditation is DETC (Distance Education and Training Council). But Phillips says DETC accreditation is still not recognized by regionally accredited institutions — which is important should you want to continue your studies elsewhere. "The agency started out to accredit correspondence programs and has historically been more vocational in nature," says Phillips. "In the last decade they've gotten more involved in the degree business."

So why would anyone want a DETC school? "If people understand their credentials are not recognized on par with regionally accredited schools,

then it's OK, but not if it affects them in the future. Some people don't care, they say this school looks better, costs less, and gives me the skills I need. But they need to understand what the impact can be on them."

Phillips says that she's heard of many a student who earned an associate degree in a DETC-approved school and then decided to go on for a bachelors degree. "They have a transcript sent there [to the new school], and the school says they can't accept it because it's not regionally accredited. So the student goes 'What??? They won't accept \$6,000 worth of credits?'"

Phillips says part of the problem is that people don't know how to judge the information they see on the Internet. "They do a search ... and see a college listed there and they assume that they must be safe since they were listed by Yahoo, but because information is not filtered, it sets people up."

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Consider This...

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Keene State College is celebrating the Living Legacy of Women's Rights. Come Celebrate with us by attending one of these events.

The following events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Abstract Oil Paintings
by Lorna Ritz
Redfern Arts Center on Belknap Pond
FEBRUARY 9-MARCH 13
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

Widely Exhibited, the work of the Amherst, Mass. artist Lorna Ritz is earthy, rocklike, and weighty, yet conveying a rhythmic reminiscent of the sea.

Women in Mexico
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery
Conference Room
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 12:30-1:30 P.M.

Three faculty and staff members and 21 students spent 10 days of their winter break in Mexico. They studied projects that many women have taken on to improve the lives of the people of Mexico. Dr. Karen Campbell, Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Jo Beth Muller, Assistant Professor of Geography, and Patricia Striffler, Assistant Director of Programs will share their experiences and insights about this trip as part of the ongoing Multicultural Launchpad Seminar Series. This event is sponsored by the Office for Multicultural Programs and the American Neighbors Project.

La Leche League Meeting
Infant-Toddler Room,
Child Development, Elliot Hall
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7 P.M.

An informational meeting on La Leche International, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization that provides information and encouragement to all mothers who want to breast feed their babies. This meeting will be a first step towards re-establishing a La Leche group in Keene. Babies and toddlers are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT KATHY FEATHERSTON
563-9260 OR 358-2993.

**Economic Development:
How Are Women Doing?**
Blake House, Room 106
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, NOON

A faculty/student panel and open discussion on women's roles in economic development around the world. The goal will be for participants to begin to develop local action strategies. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by the Office of National and International Exchange and the Women's Studies Program.

In Honor of Myra Sadler...
Location to be Announced
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, NOON

A brown bag lunch presentation and discussion gender issues in the classroom in honor of Myra Sadler and the pioneering work she and her husband, David, conducted on the educational "free fall" experienced by middle-school girls. Led by Deborah Black, assistant professor of education, and Virginia Trumbull, professor of special education.

**Against the Wind:
Contemporary Women Artists**
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 6 P.M.

Lecture and discussion of contemporary women artist by Dekore Harris, gallery intern. The event is hosted by the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery and the Women's Studies Program. A reception will follow.

An American Nurse at War
Drenan Auditorium, Parker Hall
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 6:30 P.M.

Video documentary based on photographs and letters of Marion McCune Rice of Brattleboro, VT, a Red Cross nurse during World War I. Working four years at field hospitals in France, she exemplified the often overlooked contributions of women during combat. Discussion leaders involved in making the film, will be Dr. David Leister, Associate Professor of History, Dr. Eleanor Vander Hagen, Professor of Sociology, Steve Hooper of the Keene Sentinel, Producer of the Documentary, and Crystal Montgomery, who wrote the script.

A Performance by Judy Gorman
Nite Owl Cafe
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7 P.M.

Singer and songwriter Judy Gorman will perform her work and present a program entitled "Finding Your Own Voice."

Free to KSC students, faculty and staff
\$5 general public.

Sponsored by Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

How I Got There From Here
Student Center, Room 309
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 12:30 P.M.

A brown bag luncheon presentation/discussion led by Courtney Holden, a KSC graduate who now serves as staff director for the National Women's Party in Washington, D.C. She will talk about her current position as the career path from KSC she took her there.

Sponsored by the Office of National and International Exchange and the Women's Studies Program.

Power Dynamics in Relationships
Counseling Annex, Huntress Basement
MONDAY, MARCH 30, NOON

This brown bag lunch discussion will look at how the choices we make and how we behave are often influenced and limited by sex role stereotypes. This discussion will include the way these stereotypes contribute to sexual violence. The discussion leader will be Mona Anderson of the Counseling Center and Coordinator of the Sexual Assault/Harassment Prevention Program.

Carol Ann Weaver Workshops
Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2 & 4:30 P.M.

Carol Ann Weaver will present two jazz workshops with Cate Friesen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT DR. GLADYS JOHNSON 358-2178.

**Workshop: Indonesian
Shadow Drama**
Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2 & 4:30 P.M.

Jody Diamond, composer and musician, will conduct a workshop demonstration in two facets of Indonesian shadow drama, using a gamelan ensemble of gongs and delicate leather shadow puppets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT DR. GLADYS JOHNSON 358-2178.

Weaving Our Voice VII
Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30-MIDNIGHT

Tickets are on sale for the Seventh annual fundraising event for Women's Crisis Services of the Monadnock Region. They can be purchased at Bookstool Bookstore and Women's Crisis Services.

\$20 for individual tickets
\$55 for a parent and child tickets

FOR INFORMATION,
CALL JENNIFER OF LAZ 352-3782.

**The Women's History
Month Banquet**
Mabel Brown Room, Student Center
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 6 P.M.

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement, the Eighth Annual Women's History Month Banquet honors Women's places in history. Keene State President Stanley Yarnowski will present the Outstanding New Hampshire Women Award. Ticket Price includes dinner, a musical performance by Louisa Taylor, and an inspiring program.

\$12 general public
\$10 faculty/staff
\$4 non-dining student, \$2 dining student
\$5 children

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL THE STUDENT CENTER
INFORMATION DESK 358-2850.

Clothesline Project
Young Student Center
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1-4 P.M.

Inspired by the AIDS quilt, we use T-shirts on a clothesline to tell women's stories. Come tell your story on a T-shirt (please bring your own T-shirt if possible.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
KIM SALTER-GRIFFIN AT 358-8994.

Art Exhibit: Sisters-in-sight
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery
FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 6
SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY NOON-4 P.M.
THURSDAY-FRIDAY NOON-7 P.M.

The New Hampshire and Vermont Women's Caucus for Art (NWCA) presents a joint exhibit of 20 artists. NWCA promotes the advancement of women actively engaged in the visual arts profession.

**Carol Ann Weaver in Concert
with Cate Friesen**
Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 8 P.M.

Carol Ann Weaver, a jazz composer and performer, will present a concert of her music. Ms. Weaver will be performing on keyboard along with prominent Canadian singer-songwriter Cate Friesen. Her concerts have been described as creating "vibrant ensemble textures from today's world" that include "flashes of folk, blues, jazz and rock."

**Power of the Mothers:
Revitalizing Alenaki Identity on
the New England-Quebec Border**
Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7:30 P.M.

Mariella Squire, Anthropology Faculty Member-in-Residence, will present on how a minority culture, the Montserrat Valley Alenaki has maintained its cultural integrity despite living on the ethnic frontier between French Quebec and Yankee New England. Dr. Squire's discussion will explore how women have successfully maintained a cultural identity, neither French nor English because of the the freedom that dominant patriarchies give minority women.

Sponsored by the Multicultural Committee.

**Eighth Annual Women's Voices
Visual Arts Contest**
DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES: MONDAY, MARCH 23

Create an artistic celebration of Women's History Month! Banners, paintings, sculpture, or photography accepted. Application and guidelines are available in the student Center. Entries will be judged on their expression of the theme of Women's History Month "Living the Legacy of Women's Rights": creativity, artistic presentation, and uniqueness. Entries will be displayed and the winners announced at the Women's History Month Banquet on March 26.

First Prize: \$500
Second Prize: \$100
Third Prize: \$75

FOR SUBMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES,
CONTACT PATRICE STEPHEN AT 358-2604.

**Nancy Graves:
Excavations in Print**
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery
MARCH 28-MAY 8

Visit the first comprehensive exhibition of prints by renowned American artist Nancy Graves. The show is a project of Art Access, a program of the American Federation of Arts with major support from Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Additional support has been provided by the National Patrons of AFA.

THE EXHIBITION IS NOW OPENING THROUGH THE GARDENS OF THE MONASTIC COMPLEX, 1000 N. GARDEN ST., KEENE, NH 03425. GALLERY HOURS: 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.

How I Got There From Here
Student Center, Room 309
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, NOON

A brown bag luncheon presentation/discussion led by Jo Cyrus, a KSC graduate now serving as assistant director of the Adolescent AIDS Program at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. She will talk about her current position and the career path from KSC that took her there.

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

Rec Sports Scoreboard

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS

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BOB	2	0
Cozart's	1	1
The Real Deal	1	1
TKE	0	1
Celtics	0	1

Game Summary:
Adam Benedict tossed in a game high 30 points and Luis Corga added 14 as BOB beat Cozart's 66-53. Dan Tynion was the high man for the losers with 20 points.
In other action it was The Real Deal with a 43-34 win over the Celtics. Jason Saunders was a one man wrecking crew with 14 points for the winners. The Celtics were led by Greg Carson who tallied 13.

League 2	W	L
Bomb Squad	2	0
Green & Gold	1	0
Circus Midgets	1	1
Tanglewood All-Stars	0	1
After Shock	0	2

Game Summary:
The Bomb Squad moved to 2-0 with a big win over the Tanglewood All-Stars 67-56. Isaac Braley and Eric Geamont combined for 35 points in the win. The All-Stars were led by former Owls standout Doug Jenkins with 17. Chris Masiello was stellar defensively in the loss.
In the other league game it was the Green & Gold of Phi Mu Delta with a 53-50 win over the Circus Midgets. Brett Siedman was the high scorer for Phi Mu with 17 while Gregg Cormier was all over the place in adding 14. Mike Miller was the high Midget with 19 points.

League 3	W	L
Hydrosonics	2	0
Disaffilitian	1	0
Huskies	1	1
Griff's Canoli Shop	0	1
And 1	0	2

Game Summary:
Hydrosonic's moved to 2-0 with a 41-35 win over And 1. John Kanicki was the leading scorer for the winners with 16 points while Andrew Frosch added 10. Mark Garganta was huge for And 1 in defeat with 10 points.
In other action, The Huskies shocked the basketball world and the campus community with a stunning 58-17 over Griff's Canoli Shop. The Huskies blanketed Canoli Shop's Rich Lutz by using at least three defenders on him at all times. Adam Sidrow, when he wasn't covering Lutz, led the winners with 23 points.

League 4	W	L
Canadiens	1	0
Beech Street	1	0
Dog Pound	0	1
Tall Taggers	0	1
Showtime	0	0

Game Summary:
The Canadiens beat Dog Pound 48-36 behind Charlie Bailey's 20 points. Dog Pound was led by Josh Scott and Gary Burke who tallied 12 points apiece.
In other action it was Beech Street pulling out a close 64-52 win over the Tall Taggers. Jayson Turner was Barkley-esque for the winners with 15 points while Mike Hayes controlled the boards and scored 14 for the winners. Chris DaCosta led the Taggers with 16 points.

League 5	W	L
Alpha A	1	0
Free Masons	1	0
The Pickles	0	1
ACE's	0	1
57 Chesters	0	0

Game Summary:
Intramural defending champs Alpha A opened with a resounding 99-21 win over ACE's. Taner Kanlier and Dave Haley led the way for Alpha, scoring 39 and 24 respectively.
In other action The Pickles jumped out to a quick 3-2 lead before The Free Masons went on a decisive 33-0 run to pull out the 61-15 win. Scott Ely and

Phil Yockel led Kappa's A team with 17 points apiece. The Pickles were led by Doug Laplante who torched the nets for 5 points in his Pickles debut while Sean Powell controlled the boards.

League 6	W	L
Nuff Chooch	1	0
Cold Beverages	1	0
O.D.B.s	0	1
Barnum & Bailey	0	1
Black Lungs	0	0

Game Summary:
Nuff Chooch opened up with a 54-44 win over O.D.B.s. It was Nate Pike with 19 points and Steve Labine with 13 to lead Nuff. Todd Swanson scored a game high 21 for the losers.
In other action Ryan Hasting's Alpha Barnum & Bailey was upset in its debut by a gung-ho Cold Beverages squad. Jarod Clayton scored 17 in the win while the offensive fireworks of Tim Graham and Michael Paul Putnam led the Bailey's.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS

League 1	W	L
The Janitors	1	0
The Cracka's	1	0
Sparatan's	0	1
Spankin' Charlies	0	1

The Janitors 36
Spartans 27

The Cracka's
Spankin' Charlies Won by forfeit

League 2	W	L
Bomb Squad	1	0
Mixers	1	0
Kappa Gamma	0	1
Tau Phi Xi	0	1
F.H	0	0

Bomb Squad 49
Kappa Gamma 19

Mixers 50
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Freshman 'Blue Chip' breaks free from rookie status

Athlete of the Week

MIKE DEFINA
The Equinox

It was last week when Keene State College freshman Chris Coates shed his label as a rookie. The setting was Plymouth State College, the circumstance was the biggest game of the season.
With a couple minutes remaining, Keene State was up by two points, and that's when the rookie status dissolved.
The Owls ran a clearout play, giving the young guard/forward the freedom to do what comes naturally - score.
Coates took his man to the hole, converted the layup, and put the Owls up by four. He also went on to hit a couple of free throws to ice the upset for Keene State.
When talking to Chris Coates, you can get a sense of modesty in almost everything that he does. The Plymouth State game was no exception.

"I had made a couple of shots, and coach (Phil Rowe) ran a baseline clearout play. When I took my guy to the hoop it was pretty exciting," Coates said.
During the Plymouth State game, Coates had a double-double for the Owls, scoring a team-high 22 points, and grabbing 13 rebounds.
Coates is the first 'Blue Chip' athlete that the Owls have ever recruited.
He is the possible foundation for a re-building program to mold around.
To say the least, Coates was a huge pick-up for the Owls.
During Coates' senior year of basketball at Winnacunnet High School, he was declared New Hampshire's 'Mr. Basketball.' This award is given to the best high school basketball player in the entire state.
"The winner of the award gets a big plaque, and some other stuff," Coates said, again with a tone of modesty.
When it came time to pick a college, Coates faced a hard choice, as several schools showed interest in him.
When former Division II conference foe UMass-Lowell



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NAME: Chris Coates
POS.: Guard/Forward
STATS: 12.7 ppg, 7.4 rpg
MAJOR: Physical Ed
CLASS: Freshman

came to see Chris, they said that he had to decide two weeks into his senior season.
"They offered me a full scholarship, but I had to decide so early ... I also didn't like the school when I saw it," Coates said.
Other Division II schools also showed interest in Coates, but each hit a certain snag that hindered his decision.
"I was offered a partial

scholarship with St. Anselm's, but they decided to go with another kid. Merrimack made an offer, but they went from a full scholarship to a partial one," Coates said.
Another decision that gave the edge to Keene State was the fact that it has a physical education program. All of the other schools that showed interest in Chris did not.
"That was a big part of my decision, because it would've been pointless for me to just play basketball for four years and not get an education at the same time," Coates said.
In the process of shedding his rookie label, Coates has averaged an impressive 12.7 points per game and also 7.4 rebounds a game.
"I knew that if I was to work really hard, then I could come in and put up those kinds of numbers," Coates said.
First year players such as Stacey Massiah, Kareem Porter, and Fred Fieldhouse are just a few of the names that should propel the Owls into a major contender in the near future.
"I think that we are extremely good right now, and the next couple of years should be

interesting. I think that we should be a force in the conference by next year," Coates said.
When Keene State announced that the athletic programs were moving to Division III, many students were objective, saying that it would not be competitive, and that anybody could go out for a team and make it.
If anything, each and every program has proved that theory wrong this year, and the men's basketball team is no exception.
"The division is very competitive. Our conference (Little East) is one of the best conferences in the country. All conference games that we have played this season have come down to the wire. The main thing is that a lot of guys in our conference can play," Coates said.
The thing about modesty, is that the people who hold this quality are usually the most likely to take you by surprise.
This will be the attitude that Coates and his Owl teammates will take with them as they embark on the quest to make their mark on Division III basketball.

A piece of baseball history is gone

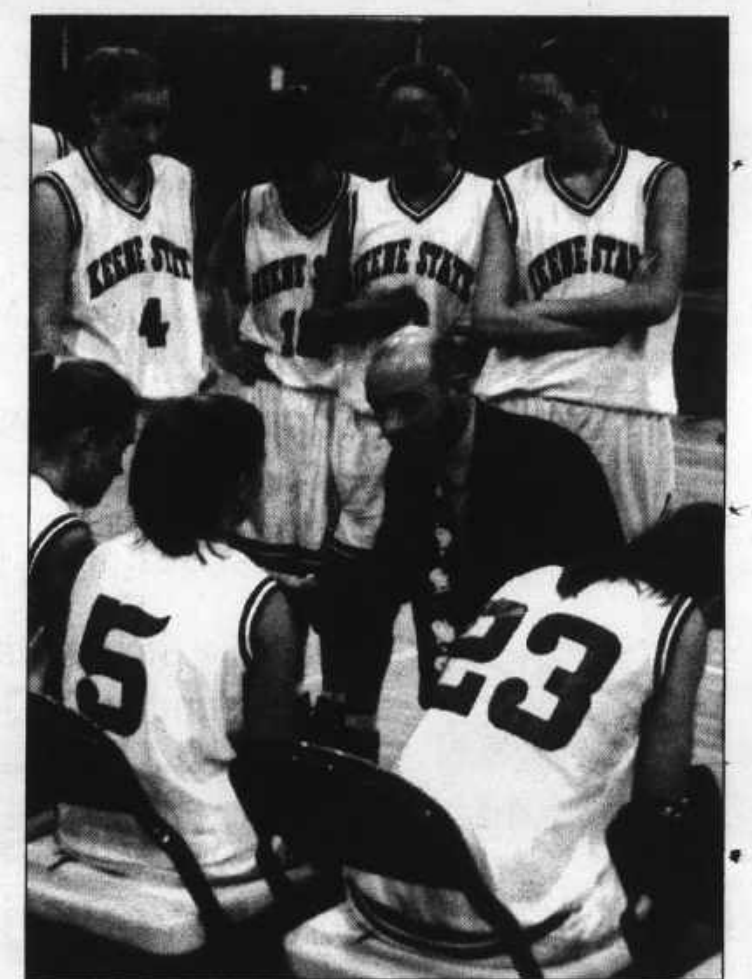
COMMENTARY

JUSTIN BATES
The Equinox

He was an orphan from a tough neighborhood in St. Louis.
His dream was to play professional baseball, but he realized early on that his talent was not of Major League caliber.
Still, Harry Caray refused to give up the game he loved. So he became a sportscaster, a phenomenal sportscaster.
Caray's passion for the game, alongside his humorous ways of entertaining crowds, made him a beloved icon of baseball.
On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Harry Caray died of cardiac arrest.
Caray's actual age was unknown, although he was thought to be 77 or 78 years old.
What is known is that he had been calling baseball games for 53 years. Caray started his career with the St. Louis Cardinals radio network in 1945. He was the voice of the

Cards for 25 years.
After that he went on to become the announcer for the Chicago White Sox for 11 years. Then, after a one-year stint with the Oakland A's, Caray settled into the friendly atmosphere of Wrigley Field with America's most loved losers; the Chicago Cubs.
Throughout his career, Caray became famous for his emotional comments and his empathy with the fans.
Most sportscasters say that part of the job is to stay neutral, but none would criticize Caray for being biased.
When a Cubs player struck out with the bases loaded, Caray would be upset, just as any Cubs fan would be. If a Cubs outfielder made a spectacular diving catch, Caray would yell at the top of his voice. During the games, he would humorously say players' names backwards or point out where his bartender friends were sitting in the crowd.
And during the seventh inning stretch, Caray would lead the crowd in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball

Game." For these reasons, the Chicago fans, and baseball fans in general, adored their sportscaster.
Caray's love for baseball and its fans extended well beyond the confines of Wrigley Field.
Caray was a people person who loved to chat with fans at one of his restaurants. Caray was a true gentleman. He symbolized the roots of baseball; the excitement, the loyalty, the camaraderie, and, most of all, the ecstatic little boy in a man's body.
Caray was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989. He rightfully received the recognition that he deserved for his commitment to America's pastime.
His recent death will likely go unnoticed by today's younger generation. However, for the people who truly love baseball, there will always be something missing.
The game can never be quite the same after the death of Caray, a man who spent over half a century giving baseball life.



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Owls coach Keith Boucher talks to his troops.

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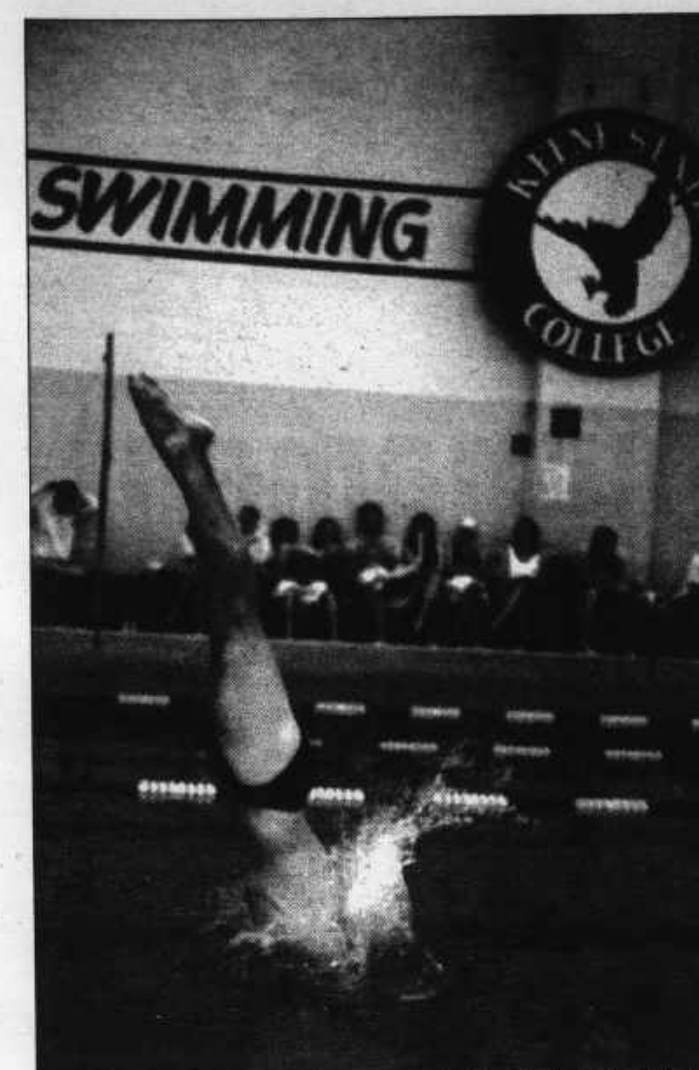
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An unidentified Keene State diver completes a dive during action earlier in the season.

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KSC swimmers set 10 school records

GARY MASER
The Equinox

The Keene State College women's swim team has never seen a weekend quite like this one before. On Feb. 21 and 22, the Keene State record books were rewritten and recognition was earned.

This past weekend, the Owls placed 16th at the New England Championships, setting 10 school records along the way.

The team toppled over last year's accomplishments by finishing 11 places better, and qualifying all five Keene State relay teams for the finals on the last day of competition.

Seanna Matthews stole the show for Keene State, placing seventh in the 100 individual medley (1:04.45), and 13th in the 50 backstroke (29:12). Matthews also earned All-New England honors in the 100 IM and qualified for the ECAC championships with

"All the training paid off. Everyone swam well. It was a very positive weekend."

• Seanna Matthews
Keene State swimmer

her 25.11 time in the 50 freestyle. It was the first time in over 10 years that a Keene State swimmer accomplished these two feats.

"It was the most incredible feeling," said Matthews, who set three school records. "All the training paid off. Everyone swam well, it was a very positive weekend," she said.

Matthews wasn't the only bright spot for Keene State. Melanie Tripp took 12th place in the 1,650 freestyle (18:27.76).

"I think the competition brought out the best from us," said Tripp, who also set four school records.

Lissa Cross finished 20th in the 50 backstroke (30:12) and freshman Shannon Coco was 24th in the 200 breaststroke event (2:38.06).

The Owls' 400 freestyle relay team of Jenn Cannon, Amber Allen, Tripp, and Matthews also posted a 15th place finish (3:53.86). In just his second year with the program, head coach Gene Leonard has done an incredible job and is happy with his swimmers.

"I was elated," Leonard said. "They really rose to the occasion. I never expected those kind of performances," he said.

Williams College took the victory, by winning its 10th consecutive team title with a total of 1,693 points.

Editors note: Information compiled by Stuart Kaufman, the Sports Information Director for Keene State College.

Hot

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DeChristopher answered the challenge by hitting eight three-pointers, but he needed 23 shots to do it and wasn't able to use his penetration to set up his teammates, as he had in the first meeting. On this night the difference was Plymouth got their production from one source, and the Owls got it from all over.

"We're doing a much better job of helping each other out at this point, it's been an intensity that we've had for the last two weeks," added Rowe, as his Owls locked up the third seed in the conference tournament with the pair of wins.

The game featured more subplots than an episode of "General Hospital." For one, it marked the return of Rowe to the school he coached 10 years ago. Secondly, the implications concerning where both teams would be seeded for the conference tournament were huge.

Finally, if there was one thing that was obvious from the scene up in Plymouth last week, it was this: they want to beat us every bit as badly as we want to beat

them. Plymouth State College's Administrative Vice President John Clark echoed those sentiments after the second meeting in basketball between the in-state rivals.

"Everyone at Keene State College represented their school with total class, from the head coaches to the players and the cheerleaders. It was a great event," Clark said.

If you're looking for coach Rowe to gloat over this one after knocking his former school from the top of the conference standings, you're wasting your time. The moment was tremendous for the program, but the task is now on winning the conference tournament.

"Paul (Plymouth head coach Paul Hogan) and I are great friends. It was a great experience for our team, right now it's about focusing on the next challenge," Rowe said.

The next challenge was a quarterfinal match-up with UMass-Boston on Tuesday at Spaulding Gymnasium.

"When you split with a team it's always advantageous for both sides because they both have something they can point to as a positive, so we'll have our hands full," noted Rowe.

A win on Tuesday would

send the Owls to a semifinal match-up with, recurring theme warning, Plymouth State (18-6 overall, 12-2 in conference). UMass-Dartmouth (12-2 in the Little East) is the tournaments' top seed by way of a tie-breaker with Plymouth State and they will host the Final Four this weekend with a first round win against Eastern Connecticut State University (3-11 in conference) on Tuesday.

For now the Owls will put the exhilaration of the Plymouth State win to work for them as they have become a major player in the title race.

For the rest of us though, a smile is allowed to creep onto our faces at the thought of a gym full of people dressed in green going home miserable.

Especially after we were all assured by a Plymouth State sports writer in an October letter to the editor that we would be lucky to stay within 30 points of the Panthers. Hmm. We can all take something away from the terrific start to the in-state rivalry.

"The hardest thing for me," said Clark, who hired Rowe at Plymouth State over a decade ago, "was seeing Phil wearing that red jacket in our gym."

Ready

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When it was time for the Owls to host Eastern Connecticut, they did not do as well as when they were the visitors, losing 72-64.

The big thing to look out for is the Eastern Connecticut front-line, which is very strong. That is what killed the Owls during both meetings.

"We have to do a good job on their big people, especially Kristan Brown," said head coach Keith Boucher.

This tournament is filled with obstacles the Owls are facing. Keene State is in a tough division.

Southern Maine, for example, is 22-2 overall and 14-0 in the Little East.

They captured their seventh straight conference title as they beat the Owls during the last

"We have to do a good job on their big people, especially Kristan Brown."

• Keith Boucher
Owls' head coach

game of the season at Spaulding Gymnasium.

Another obstacle is the injury to Carrie Trudeau. Late in the second half of the game against Endicott, Trudeau went down hard.

The trainers carried her off the court, where she was treated immediately.

Trudeau landed on her ankle and was taken out of the game.

She did not play against Southern Maine and her status was questionable for the first

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Owls red hot for tournament

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

Memo to UMass-Dartmouth and Plymouth State College: Someone's coming to crash your party.

After a midseason slump that culminated with a home loss to UMass-Boston and relegated the Owls to the middle of the Little East conference pack, Keene State made a major statement to the co-champions of the regular season by sweeping their final two games of the season to earn (17-7 overall, 8-6 in conference) the third seed in this week's conference tournament.

It began nine days ago when the Owls, sporting a revised up-tempo attack, walked into an electric Foley Gymnasium in Plymouth and promptly quieted 1,717 people.

The Owls' 102-99 win was the biggest win in Phil Rowe's two years at Keene State and sent a very loud and very clear message to the entire conference: a very dangerous team is playing its best ball of the season when it matters most.

You don't walk into the kind of environment Plymouth State possesses and just win without getting help from everyone who steps on the court.

Foley Gymnasium has long been known as one of the toughest places to win at in the



Owl Chris Coates has been an offensive spark for the men's basketball team this season.

Little East Conference. The Panthers have always gotten huge student and community support and the gymnasium has a lot of history to it with high school tournaments having been played there for decades now.

If the Owls were going to go into the house of their arch rival and not to mention, the conference leader, everyone was going to have to have a hand in it.

In the end it was a complete team effort and a freshman who would lead them.

Chris Coates was sensational all night for the Owls.

When the Owls needed a rebound he grabbed it.

When they needed a basket he scored it, and when the game was to be won or lost at the end, he delivered each and every time.

"I made a couple of shots and coach (Rowe) ran a baseline clearout play. When I took my guy to the hoop it was pretty exciting," said the standout who is a favorite for freshman of the year honors.

Coates' huge effort saw him finish with 22 points and 13 rebounds, but even that effort wouldn't do it alone.

Enter Kareem Porter.

The junior transfer from Northeastern University was simply huge, all night.

Porter scored 14 points, (one of six Owls in double figures), but more importantly grabbed 10 rebounds and made five steals.

Then there was junior Scott Rogers.

The converted point guard was 8 for 9 from the field and was instrumental in the Owls' pressure defense.

Want more?

How about 13 points from the always steady Rich Bahlman, or Stacey Massiah, who gave the Owls an inside presence with 15 points.

The Owls got more support from freshman Fred Fieldhouse who tallied up 11 points and two assists.

In all, nine Owls played at least 10 minutes and according to Rowe, all contributed to the win.

"We are playing with some urgency right now where before it was with a sense of relaxation. Where before we waited for them to come to us, we are now making them come to us," Rowe said.

Once again Plymouth State senior Adam DeChristopher was huge for the Panthers.

The All-Conference performer scored 34 in defeat and worked through the Owl pressure all night, just as he had in the first meeting.

The difference this time was noteworthy.

Instead of penetrating through the Owls, DeChristopher was forced to take his game outside due to a defensive switch by Rowe that put the Owls in a 2-3 zone instead of their usual man to man defense.

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KSC ready for Eastern Connecticut Univiversity

PAUL SIVLERFARB
The Equinox

The regular season is over. The Keene State College women's basketball team went into their first year of the Little East Conference posting a .500 (12-12) record.

That is not bad for a team in their first year of Division III. They had their great

moments, and they had some bad moments as well. Now it's time for the postseason.

The Owls got the fifth seed, barely edging out Plymouth State College, who got stuck with sixth. University of Southern Maine, who the Owls lost their last game of the season to 80-61, will be the first seed in the tourney.

Rhode Island College and

Western Connecticut State University fought it out for the second and third seed, but Rhode Island won the second seed because their division record is better.

Eastern Connecticut State University got the fourth seed and faced Keene State in the opening round of the tournament. Both UMass-Boston and UMass-Dartmouth got the sev-

enth and eighth seeds to finish off the division.

The team that is the highest seed in the tournament will get to host the semifinals on Friday, and the championship game on Saturday.

The Owls, since they are seeded fifth have no mathematical way of hosting another home game for the rest of this season; but that does not bother

Keene State. They are looking at the games one step at a time.

The Owls played Eastern Connecticut on Tuesday. At press time, the final outcome was not known.

The Owls lost both previous regular season games against Eastern Connecticut, including one 61-59 heartbreaker on the road.

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