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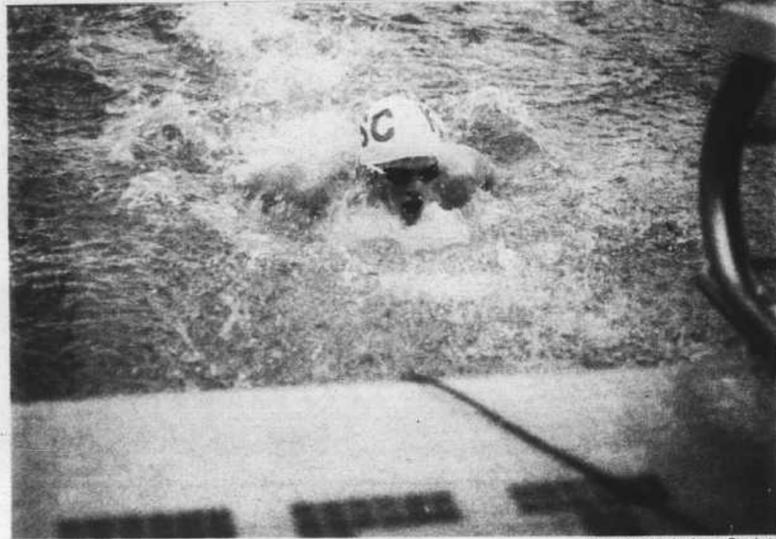
The Equinox Sports



Keene State continues to struggle in Division II

A new coach and style hasn't brought the KSC men's basketball team out of the cellar. Senior co-captain Doug Jenkins continues to be the spark in the Owls slumping offense.

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Gavin Kane and the Keene State swim/dive team defeated WNEC Saturday at Spaulding Pool.

Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

KSC swimmers win in dual meet

Diver qualifies for New England Championships

Jacob Mical
The Equinox

Transition is the term that best describes Keene State College athletics this winter.

The Keene State swim/dive team is no different.

A new coach has given the team a new attitude, one that expresses confidence.

This confidence was apparent on Saturday as both the men's and women's teams defeated Western New England College, 98-77 and 134-109, respectively.

Melanie Tripp lead the way for the women with first place finishes in the 200 freestyle, 50 breaststroke, and in the 400 individual medley.

Melissa Salinger collected a win in the 100 fly and finished second to Tripp in the 400 IM.

Freshman Kate Guerra dominated the field in the 1000 freestyle with time of 12:27.32.

Seanna Matthews took the victory in the 50 freestyle by over a

full second. Matthews also topped the field in the 100 IM with a time of 1:09.03.

The women's record improved to 8-4-1 with the win.

Jason Eastham stole the spotlight for the men with a near perfect dive from the one meter board.

Eastham's series of dives qualified him for the New England Championships, and moved him closer to qualifying for the ECAC championships.

Robin Oelkers, Gavin Kane, Brian Hester, and Matt Schulde all had great performances for the Owls.

Oelkers topped the field in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle with personal best times of 23.35 and 50.66, respectively. He also finished second in the 50 fly.

"This was my first attempt at the (50 fly) and I was a fraction short of qualifying for the New England. I plan on reassessing my priorities, and possibly add the

50 fly to my specialized events. I was quite pleased with my performance," said Oelkers.

Kane won the 100 and 400 IM with times of 59.65 and 5:09.84, respectively.

In the 1000 freestyle, Hester took the victory with Kane close behind.

Schulde won the 50 breaststroke to give Keene State a 63-23 lead over Western New England midway through the meet.

Freshman Nate Furze was victorious in the 50 and 100 backstroke, putting the meet out of Western New England's reach.

The men's record stands at 5-7 after the victory.

"Gene Leonard has put a lot of time into the team this season. He has added new training methods which has improved the team," according to Oelkers.

The women host Plymouth State tonight at 7 pm in the Spaulding Gymnasium pool.

Lady Owls can't overcome FPC

Martin earns NECC Player of the Week

Paul Silverfarb
The Equinox

As spring semester begins, the basketball season is slowly winding its way to the end.

This is also the year that Keene State College will make the transition from Division II to Division III.

But to the dismay of the coaches and the players of the woman's basketball team, the Lady Owls are going out just the way everyone in the New England Collegiate Conference thought they would - unnoticed.

The Lady Owls came back from the semester break with an admirable record of 5-8.

Since then, they have taken a .500 split over their last four games.

The one spark the Lady Owls have had over the last two weeks, and the last four years is senior co-captain Kerri Martin.

Martin received the prestigious honor of NECC woman's Player of the Week for games through Feb. 2.

Martin started off the week guiding the Lady Owls to a 72-61 win over the University of New Haven last Wednesday at Spaulding Gymnasium.

Keene State was on fire in the first half, as they shot 57 percent from the floor.

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Equinox photo by Angelo Puglisi

Lady Owl Lindsay Arnold prepares for a shot Wednesday.

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Valentine's Day is coming!

Some say it's just a Hallmark holiday, but whatever your opinion; Friday is Valentine's Day. See page 13

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Student fees on way up

Increase to pay for technology

Sandra Duggan
The Equinox

Use of technology at Keene State College has exploded during the past year and there are not enough financial resources to support the demand for improvement.

"We are the heaviest student user in the system (University System of New Hampshire) and we are doing this with less money than either comparable institution," Bob Golden, vice president for academic affairs, said.

Student fees will probably be raised next year to support technological advancement, but the amount is still unknown, Jay Kahn, vice president of finance and planning, said.

As of the fall 1996 semester, Keene state had a graduate and undergraduate enrollment of 4,021. At Plymouth enrollment was 3,840.

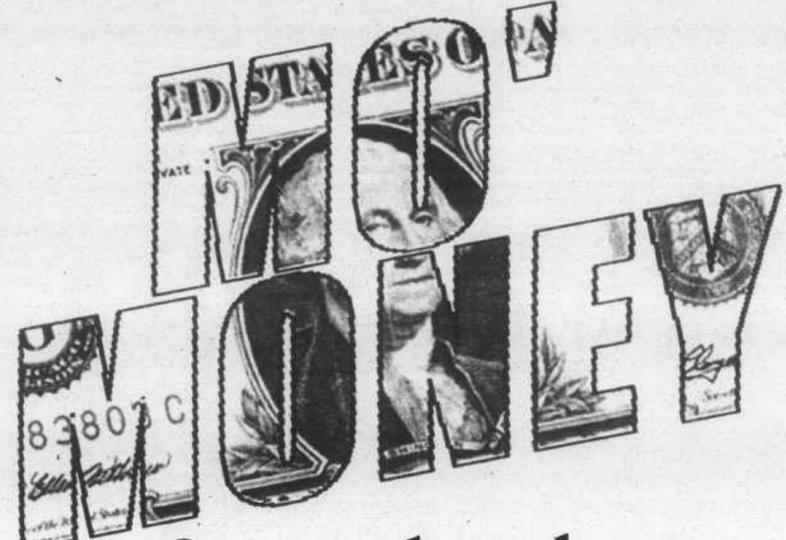
Keene State students presently pay \$964 a year in full time fees and \$140 of that goes toward technology. Plymouth State students pay \$1,076 a year in full time fees and \$200 of that goes toward technology.

Presently, there are over 200 computers situated in 19 different facilities on the Keene State campus. Five of those facilities are only opened during limited hours.

Many students have access to computers through their disciplines and 56 computers are available to students at anytime, Chuck Thompson, director of the computer center, said.

At Plymouth State there are 220 computers available for general student use. This does not include the computers available in each of the disciplines.

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KSC lagging behind in technology



Plymouth State College



Keene State College

Enrollment	3,840	4,021
Fees per student	\$1,076	\$964
Technology fee per student	\$200	\$140
Total number of computers	220*	56**

* Does not include computers available in each academic discipline.
** Keene State has over 200 computers available including those in academic disciplines.
Fifty-six terminals are always open to the student body for general use.

Source: KSC/PSC

Campus Safety Log

February 3 Monday

5:34 p.m. There was a call from the radio station about a light that had fallen from the ceiling and shattered. An electrician was notified.

February 4 Tuesday

2:05 a.m. Empty beer bottles were found in the south main entrance of the Science Center.

2:57 a.m. A Chevy pick-up truck was seen driving erratically near Grafton House and it avoided a Campus Safety officer then left campus.

11:39 a.m. A German Shepherd was found around Appian Way with no owner in sight but the dog had tags. The owner was contacted and a message was left on the answering machine. The Keene Police Department was notified, but they were told that the dog seemed friendly and docile.

5:22 p.m. A blue light telephone was activated near Owl's Nest 6.
11:33 p.m. An RA from Pondsider reported a student had received harassing phone calls and that it was possibly related to a previous phone call.

February 5 Wednesday

1:11 p.m. There was a 911 call from the Arts Center for a female student who had some kind of seizure due to unknown causes. She didn't want to be transported to the Cheshire Medical Center so officers escorted her to her off-campus residence.

8:13 p.m. There was a report of a drummer in the stairwell of the Science Center. He was a student who was just looking for a place to play his drum.

February 6 Thursday

10:20 p.m. An RA from Fiske reported that a resident was grabbed by (words deleted by Campus Safety) behind the Science Center. One apparently fell on the ice and the incident ended.

February 7 Friday

2:32 a.m. An RA from a location deleted by Campus Safety reported smelling marijuana.

3:55 a.m. Four people were seen driving away in a car in a campus parking lot. The driver may have been under the influence of alcohol.

5:08 a.m. There was a report of graffiti in the first floor men's bathroom in Parker.

9:39 a.m. There was a report from 88 Winchester St. about an office storm window that was smashed in by a chunk of ice.

8:28 p.m. An RA from Huntress requested an escort to the Cheshire Medical Center for a student who was dropped on her elbow during (words deleted by Campus Safety). The RA said it was not necessary to call an ambulance.

February 8 Saturday

9:14 a.m. There was a call from the WWF (the campus cleaning service) in regards to a bathroom partition in Monadnock that was severely damaged in the second floor men's bathroom.

2:21 p.m. An officer responded to a call from the building monitor at the Spaulding Gym about a broken window in the south door.

10:22 p.m. The Keene Police Department requested assistance in locating a male subject in (words deleted by Campus Safety) boyfriend of student that was arrested in the commuter lot for an alcohol violation. The subject was eventually found.

February 9 Sunday

2:20 a.m. There was a clean-up request for vomit in a Monadnock bathroom.

8:23 a.m. There was a car found in the Madison St. lot with a broken mirror and damage to the driver's side door.

10:08 p.m. An RA from a location deleted by Campus Safety requested that an officer file a report about a phone that was taped and then replayed back by voice mail.

February 10 Monday

12:33 a.m. An attendant from Fiske reported the pipes under the sink on the third floor women's bathroom were kicked out of place.

12:57 a.m. A custodian was needed at Owl's Nest 1 for a clean-up of vomit in the second floor bathroom.

Cash penalties for pot possession a possibility



Kimberly L. Szidlo
The Equinox

With the recent discussions by the American Medical Association about the possible medicinal benefits of marijuana use, debates over the reduction of penalties for possession have begun in New Hampshire.

Currently, in the state of New Hampshire, if a subject is caught in possession of marijuana, the penalty could be up to a year in prison.

Right now, this law is not being strictly enforced.

Representative Tim Robertson, D-Keene said he does not believe in having laws that aren't enforced. Robertson is sponsoring a bill

which proposes that the one-year penalty be reduced.

House bill 118 suggests that a monetary fine be the penalty for first-offense possession of up to one and a half ounces of marijuana. The penalties for possession will worsen with each offense, Robertson said.

Between 15 and 20 years ago the state of California passed a bill similar to this one, and they have succeeded in making more arrests and convictions because of it, Robertson said.

Jim Matthews, special assistant to the vice president for alcohol and drug related programs, said he does not favor legalization of marijuana but this bill makes sense if it replaces a law that is not being enforced.

Matthews said he favors stiff financial penalties for possession because he would like to see that money go towards education and prevention.

Minimum sentencing set by the federal government has not proved effective in preventing the use of marijuana, Matthews said.

People die from alcohol and tobacco related deaths but nobody

dies from using marijuana, Robertson said.

In 1990, the State Department of Health and Human Services estimated that 412 New Hampshire residents died from alcohol related deaths.

In 1991 the department estimated that 1,809 residents died from tobacco related deaths.

No information was available regarding drug related deaths, Ken Roos, supervisor of the health statistics unit at the department of health and human services, said.

"I don't think marijuana is a dangerous drug...but I would prefer nobody used it," Robertson said.

If this bill passes it is not likely that people will develop a more casual attitude toward marijuana possession, Robertson said.

The proposed bill has gone through two subcommittee hearings and made progress, but Robertson said he does not think it will pass this year.

He would, however, like to work on a bill legalizing medicinal use of marijuana, or a bill to make industrial hemp a legal crop in New Hampshire.

The NH Legislature is currently debating a bill that would suggest a monetary fine be the penalty for first-offense possession of up to one and a half ounces of marijuana.

File Photo

Cramped campus conditions add to growth of flu

Brent Curtis
The Equinox

The groundhog saw his shadow this year and with the six additional weeks of winter comes an extended cold and flu season.

Last semester, Health Services had 1,901 complaints of flu-like symptoms, said Myra Skibb, director of health services.

Skibb blames the frequent occurrence of these flu-like symptoms on close living quarters because the majority of Keene State students live on campus.

"By virtue of close living, the numbers are so high," Skibb said.

Although college students aren't in the high risk group for contracting influenza or other respiratory ailments, the cramped conditions of classrooms and residential halls promotes the spread of illnesses.

The number of student complaints is up 500 from last year and there's still three months of flu season to look forward to, Skibb said.

Eric Kuntz, a freshman, said his roommate has had bronchitis for a week.

"It seems to circulate through our friends," Kuntz said.

Most students probably remember the flu outbreak in November when, according to Health Services, 738 flu-like symptoms were reported in a two-week period.

Andrea Lenzi, a junior, said she

remembers the rumors going around at that time.

"People were saying that if you get a certain percentage of the campus to go to Health Services they would have to close the college."

• Andrea Lenzi
Junior

"People were saying that if you get a certain percentage of the campus to go to Health Services

they would have to close the college," Lenzi said.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, when a person with the flu coughs, sneezes or exhales, the virus is released into the air where it may be breathed in by another person.

Covering the mouth after coughing or sneezing also allows the virus to pass through hand contact.

So how can you stay healthy short of living a hermit-like existence?

Claire Carraher, a registered nurse at the Division of Public Health Services said, the best way

to prevent catching the flu is to control the spread of it.

"By virtue of close living, the numbers are so high."

• Myra Skibb
director of health services

Basic sanitary precautions such as hand washing, proper disposal of tissues and paper towels, and covering the mouth after coughing or sneezing are all simple procedures recommended to prevent the spread of germs.

Flu shots are also available, she

said, but they are most effective when given at the beginning of the season, and need to be re-administered year to year.

The bad news is, if you get a cold or the flu, there's not much you can do but tough it out.

For the common cold, Health Services recommends rest, lots of fluids, a vaporizer to provide moisture for dry air passages and whatever over-the-counter drugs treat your symptoms.

For the flu, expect to be bedridden three to four days. Health Services suggests that if cold or flu symptoms persist and/or new complications appear, then see your doctor.

Keene Police Log

Tuesday February 4, 1997

6:19 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, warning issued for failure to yield

7:43 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Main and Marlborough Street, warning issued

1:54 p.m.

Campus safety called regarding a loose dog on campus, when police arrived the dog was gone

3:20 p.m.

Motor vehicle accident on Winchester Street, no personal injuries, services rendered

6:59 p.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main

Street, warning issued

Wednesday, February 5, 1997

9:59 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Marlborough and Main Street, warning issued

10:42 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Winchester and Main Street, warning issued

11:09 p.m.

Motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Marlborough and Main Street, warning issued

Thursday, February 6, 1997

2:22 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop on Main Street near Keene State, warning issued

11:47 a.m.

A person was reported by someone from Keene State, under investigation

11:48 p.m.

Police received a call regarding loud music on Bruder Street, services rendered

11:58 p.m.

Police were called to a residence hall (not named in the police log) at Keene State

Friday, February 7, 1997

2:43 a.m.

Keene police were called regarding a problem in Carle Hall on the 3B side, a general information report was filed

3:04 a.m.

Christopher Roy was arrested in Carle Hall

5:26 a.m.

Services Rendered to Carle Hall

6:23 a.m.

K9 search Carle Hall 6:40 a.m. Christopher Roy released

5:24 p.m.

Motor vehicle stop Winchester Street, warning issued for a traffic light violation

Saturday February 8

12:38 a.m.

Motor vehicle stop Winchester Court, warning issued

12:54 a.m.

Erin Shea arrested for unlawful possession, at the intersection of Winchester and Madison Street

4:01 p.m.

Campus safety called police re-

garding an accidental alarm activation

10:03 p.m.

Motor vehicle stop in the commuter lot at Keene State, subject arrested for illegal possession of alcohol

10:22 p.m.

Subject arrested in the Keene State commuter lot for illegal possession of alcohol

Sunday, February 9, 1997

12:55 a.m.

Subject arrested on Winchester Street

1:02 a.m.

Subject arrested on Winchester Street near Keene State, public intoxication

Halogen lamps ignite concern on campuses

College Press Service

PROVIDENCE, R.I.-Brown University wants students' halogen lamps out of dormitory rooms so much it's willing to pay.

The university is offering students \$10 to turn in their lamps, says Tracie Sweeney, a Brown University spokesperson. "Better to get 10 bucks for it than have it confiscated," she said.

That's because the popular lamp has been linked to a number of recent fires. Unlike regular bulbs, the halogen light bulbs burn at an intensely hot temperature.

The tops are uncovered. It takes only seconds for a piece of paper, a bug-anything flammable-

to catch fire," said Sweeney. "It poses a danger."

After halogen lamps were linked to two campus fires, Brown University banned students from keeping them in the dormitories.

Halogen lamps also have been banned at Yale University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. A number of schools, including Northwestern and Columbia universities, have sent fliers to students warning of the fire hazards.

So far, 186 students have taken advantage of Brown's program, while other students have sent the lamps home to their parents' house, said Sweeney.

When the university conducts its annual spring sweep of dorm rooms for health inspections, all

halogen lamps will be confiscated. Next year, students likely will be fined if caught with a halogen lamp in their dorm room, she said.

The halogen lamp, which contains a light fixture mounted on a 6-foot pole, was first manufactured in 1983 but only recently rose to popularity on college campuses.

"Many students have them because, No. 1, they're inexpensive, and No. 2, they're very bright," Sweeney said.

But its hazards were underscored in January when a fire caused by a halogen lamp destroyed an apartment in a Manhattan high-rise. In October, a Kansas State University fraternity house sustained \$11,000 in damages

when a plastic pumpkin on top of halogen lamp melted onto a couch, igniting it.

At Brown, the fires caused by halogen lamps damaged a campus art studio and a dorm room.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, halogen lamps can easily start a fire if the hot bulb comes in contact with curtains, clothes or other flammable material.

"Many people don't realize that these tubular halogen bulbs operate at temperatures much hotter than the incandescent bulbs we are used to," said CPSC chair Ann Brown.

Halogen bulbs can reach temperatures of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit or more. On the other

hand, a regular 75-watt light bulb generates about 260 degrees.

The CPSC has issued a safety warning about the hazards of halogen lamps and offers the following tips for their use:

- Never allow halogen lamps to be placed where the bulb could come in contact with curtains.
- Never leave a halogen lamp on when you leave a room.
- Never drape clothes or other fabric over a halogen lamp.
- For halogen lamps equipped with a dimmer switch, operate the lamp at a setting lower than the maximum whenever possible.
- Keep halogen lamps away from elevated beds, such as bunk beds, where bedding may get too close to the bulb.

Bathrooms in residence halls lack towels, soap

Brent Curtis
The Equinox

Ask some students how they stay healthy and they may tell you to avoid using the bathrooms at the residential halls.

Niamh Oolders, sophomore, said the college is not doing enough to keep the bathrooms sanitary.

"We wouldn't have half the problem if they put soap and paper towels in the residential bathrooms," Oolders said.

With the exceptions of Pondsider and Holloway, the other residential halls have "residential" or community bathrooms. These bathrooms are not considered public, although anyone in the hall may use them.

The policy of Residential Life and Dining Services is that students must bring their own soap and towel to wash up.

Not all students like that idea and some point to the lack of dispensers as a cause for poor sanitary conditions.

"They should at least have towels. The bathroom door was always wet and every time you left, you touched it," Michelle Marsh said.

Marsh, who lives off campus now but was formerly a resident of Randall Hall said, she's been much healthier since she moved.

Anne Miller, associate dean for student affairs, said dispensers are not provided because

it's both a cost and sanitary issue.

Students are informed of the policy when they arrive, Miller said, and they've always agreed that the monetary costs for installing and maintaining the dispensers would be to high and the sanitary conditions would only deteriorate as a result.

"Some students would consider it less clean to have trash towels lying around," Miller said.

Myra Skibb, director of health services, agreed that dispensers would not make the bathrooms any cleaner nor the students hygiene any better.

"If you go with your own towel, then you're more likely to use it and less likely to run into situations

such as having no soap or towels in the dispensers," Skibb said.

Vandalism is another issue, according to Jim Carley, associate director of residential life.

"If you're having a bad day you're much less likely to trash you're own bottle of soap rather than a giant pink bubble on the wall," Carley said.

Carley is also the adviser to the Campus Residents Council, which is a meeting of representatives from each hall where issues and problems can be presented.

He said he has heard of people talking about dispensers on this campus, and others he has worked on, but the issue was never presented at any council assembly.

Co-author presents workshop on parenting

Dana Mattencio
The Equinox

Raising children has never been an easy task. For decades, parents have tried to figure out what the best method is for becoming a successful parent.

Robert E. Davidson, co-author of *How Good Parents Raise Great Kids: The Six Essential Habits of Highly Successful Parents*, presented a one-day workshop on parenting at Keene State College on Saturday, February 1.

The workshop was based on Davidson's 1996 book which he wrote with his brother Alan Davidson.

Davidson first surprised the audience by admitting that he was not a parent, but felt being strictly objective makes this a better book. The book is based on interviews with different types of parents and the techniques they use to achieve successful parenthood.

"The true experts are the parents who raise well-grounded kids," Davidson said. "Don't ask psychologists, ask parents."

Davidson pointed out that over-protective parenting could be more dangerous than allowing children to learn and experience life as it happens.

"Paranoid parenting comes from the media, don't project your fear on your kids," he said.

Listening instead of lecturing is a guideline that Davidson stressed throughout the speech.

Parents lack the will of making decisions, like punishment, because they are afraid of losing the child's love, Davidson said.

Recycling program active at Keene State

Ellen Pagnano
The Equinox

For over 20 years a group called Recycling On Campus at Keene State (R.O.C.K.S.) has been doing their part to help our environment.

Lily O'Leary, Keene State College recycling coordinator said, in 1996 Keene State recycled over 181 tons, or 362,000 pounds, of material.

Keene State currently pays \$46 per ton to dispose of waste in the community's unlined landfill, O'Leary said. For each ton of material the college recycles it saves \$46.

In 1996 Keene State generated over 738 tons, or almost 1.5 mil-

"Ask the child, 'what do you think?' Let the child figure things out, make your kid an independent thinker."

• Robert E. Davidson
author



tor in his book. Sending your children to their rooms is not disciplinary enough. "Sending them to their room is like sending them to a resort. Send them to

the bathroom, take away their favorite toy, do something they will not like," he said.

Parents have to know how to install self-esteem into their child.

Davidson explained that a parent has to teach resourcefulness which leads to self reliance which leads to self fulfillment.

"Keep challenging your children, keep building their self-esteem. Give them no comfort zone," he said.

Another key element he discussed was the importance of values. Davidson explained that he feels television glamorizes violence, crime and casual sex.

He agreed the Discovery Channel is quality television, but it's not good enough.

"Break the habit, show them interactive things instead of watching a show about rocks, take your child on a hike and show them these rocks," he said.

The last key element that he discussed was supporting socialization. A parent can have a "good" child with weak social skills. When your child goes for an interview, strong social skills will be important, Davidson said.

"Good social skills are crucial in this world. Practice conversation with your kids, have them join groups," Davidson said.



Equinox photo by Matt Daly

Robert E. Davidson presented a one-day workshop on parenting on Saturday, February 1. While Davidson is not a parent himself, he felt that by being objective would make his book on parenting a much better one.

Davidson also brought up the topic of peer pressure within a social group.

"You have to say to your kids, let's talk as friends," he said. "You will be surprised how much your child knows about the pressure of drugs. It's the parents that are uneducated."

In concluding this workshop, Davidson stressed how important this book is to parents.

"I didn't write this book to get rich, I wrote it to save my soul," he said.

Before Davidson decided to become an author he was an advertising copywriter and is currently working on another book dealing the topic of step parenting.



Equinox photo by Kyle Piper

The R.O.C.K.S. truck picks up recyclables across campus. Last year, R.O.C.K.S. recycled over 362,000 pounds of material, more than 181 tons.

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Amanda Fox searches the World Wide Web on a computer in the Science Center.

Money

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In the past, students have been hesitant to dole out extra cash, but the plan to spend the money on technology seems to be on track with members of the campus community.

Freshman TJ Andrus said, "I would want to pay the extra money for the technology." Last April, the College Information and Technology Committee devised a plan that would help students and faculty make the best of the technology offered on campus and to provide the campus with more access.

The plan includes creating new computer laboratories, more support for existing laboratories, and more internet access for both on and off-campus students.

"One of the things we find, is that we don't provide as much support for our own technology users as we would like," Kahn said.

Right now, Keene State students pay \$80 less in technological fees than students at Plymouth State and Kahn said he can see the impact of that.

Almost every student on campus has experienced Keene State's shortage of computer laboratory space and its shortage of work stations. Kahn said the college also considers the limited access to academic discipline computing laboratories a problem.

Kahn said he has met with different student groups like Keene State's Pride Organization and the Student Assembly.

"They are very consistent in saying what they need and they're asking for this to be put into place," Kahn said.

Several initiatives of this plan are underway and consist of a new

student information system which would provide faculty with access to information about students and provide students with access to personal information, Kahn said.

Students and faculty will be able to view transcripts on-line and students will be able to look at their bills, financial aid status, and course schedules without having to wait in long lines at the various offices.

Work is already underway to create new computer laboratories.

When the former Young building opens in the fall, there will be space for two new computer laboratories with 50 new work stations, Golden said.

There are 33 pieces of equipment in the science center laboratories which Golden said need to be updated.

"We are doing all of this with a technology fee structure that is quite a bit lower than the one at Plymouth," Golden said.

One of the goals of this plan is to ensure that all students have access to the campus' network any place at anytime, Kahn said.

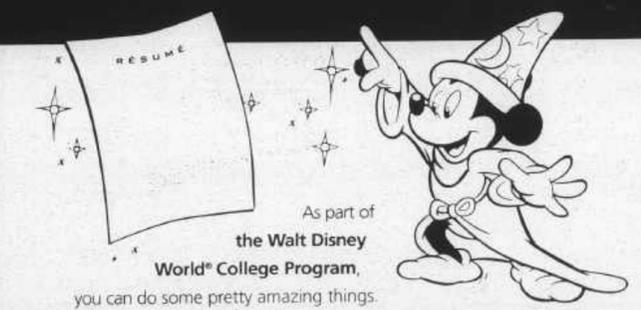
Freshman Anthony Carbone said he supports raising the fees if it ensures all students benefit from the new technology.

At this time, on-campus students have access to the internet from their room, general computing laboratories, some academic discipline laboratories, and from the stations set up in the student center for e-mail, Kahn said.

Off-campus students do not have that kind of access. They have to pay about \$124 for the academic year to get comparable internet service in the Keene area.

The plan would fold that into the student fee so on and off-campus students could have the same benefits of internet access, Kahn said.

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Coming soon: KSC joins the information age

Editorial

All too often these days we hear stories of enormous sums of money being pumped into programs with no result. Frugality is a word that has almost disappeared from our vocabulary.

However, doing more with less seems to be Keene State College's motto when it comes to the world of computers and technology.

We pay \$140 each year to support the expansion of technology. In return, we have the use of over 200 computers in 19 different facilities around campus. At Plymouth State College, they have about the same number of computers, but they pay \$80 more than we do for the privilege.

As a result of the low technology fee, Keene State is the heaviest student user of technology in the entire University System of New Hampshire. As Martha Stewart would say, "it's a good thing."

Surely, the thought of hundreds of Keene Staters, both students and faculty, writing papers, doing research, and zipping along the Information Superhighway should warm the hearts of the college administration. However, instead of resting on the laurels of having done more with less, soon the college will be doing even more.

Plans have been drawn up to improve and up-

grade the college's technology and computer services. They include building new computer labs and upgrading existing ones.

The college coming up with elaborate plans for the future is nothing new. However, the plan for the upgrade and overhaul of computer services is different. The College Information and Technology Committee has met with different campus organizations to help develop their plans.

Of course, that there are problems with the college's computer system is an understatement. The computer labs are overcrowded, and not all of the

computers work as well as they should, if at all. However, the technology plans will no doubt address these problems and solve them to the satisfaction of most, if not all, student and faculty users.

We support increasing the availability and upgrade of the existing computer labs and work stations around campus, and the construction of new labs. It's money well spent. If we have to pay a little more in technology fees for the improvement, so be it. There a lot worse things it could be spent on, and few better.



Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Matthew Daly

"Would you support a N.H. law to legalize marijuana?"



"I wouldn't support it."
• Matt Curtin
sophomore
industrial technology



"Yes, why not?"
• Rachael Cormier
freshman
psychology



"Yes, everyone does it anyways."
• Michelle Jacobson
freshman
undecided



"Sure, why not?"
• Sharna Silva
freshman
undecided

KSC Pride gives happiness, understanding and hope to students



Scott Vallee

While it has been a long, somewhat tumultuous romp, I will soon be donning my black outfit and making my way up Appian Way and taking my seat on the Quad.

My four years at Keene State have been a whirl of work, classes and activities, but by far, the most rewarding, challenging and emotional times have been when I worked with KSC Pride.

During my freshman days in Carle Hall, I met a man who was a

homosexual. Being a little naive and closed-minded, I had my doubts about his life and his choices. As time went on, our friendship grew and I learned more about myself by speaking with him.

My sophomore year brought the traditional slew of work and multiple added dimensions to my life: I became a resident assistant, had a steady girlfriend and started attending the weekly Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Alliance meetings.

Besides my family, I have never felt more welcomed and accepted than by the 10 to 15 people at those meetings.

That same year, the L.B.G.A., under the leadership of John Hess and his officers, hosted a world-class conference called, "Affirming Every Person." The highlight of the weekend was a concert by "The Flirtations" fresh from their appearance in the film, "Philadel-

phia." The four man group sang their way into the hearts of a sold-out Recital Hall and touched everyone with their particular blend of humor - they picked on the straight people a lot - and emotional reverie.

I remember leaving that show feeling a little funny. Here I was, an R.A., working full-time at *The Equinox* and I had a dynamic relationship that I cherished, but I still felt like I was missing something.

I figured it out a few days later when I got to the weekly L.B.G.A. meeting: I didn't know who I was or where I was going. Like most college students, the future is a scary thing, and I was no exception. At that meeting, I was surrounded by a group of friends who were secure in themselves (a trait I have usually lacked) and who lived their lives with vigor.

Needless to say, that kind of environment is contagious. By the

end of the year, the L.B.G.A. was accepting the Most Outstanding Student Organization award and I was planning on running for an officer post.

My good friend Beth Petersen became president and she spent the better part of two semesters securing an office in the new Student Center, increasing our budget and hooking us into the college network.

Through all this, I went to as many meetings as my schedule would allow, taking my share of good-humored, "straight-boy" jokes.

Which brings us to the present. I was elected president of the L.B.G.A. in the spring of 1996. During the summer, Beth and I worked to change the group's name to KSC Pride, a change that has spawned tremendous support from the students and faculty, and made the group an active presence in the College

and surrounding communities. Working with KSC Pride has been the highlight of my college experience and I dare say one of the most rewarding experience of my life.

From our new name, to a huge increase in members, to a Candlelight Vigil in September which brought hope to everyone who attended, to a trip to Washington, D.C. to see the famous AIDS Quilt, to our weekly meetings and the up-coming Semi-Formal, KSC Pride has given me happiness, a better understanding of myself and my world and the starting point for a life of hope.

So, as I walk down Appian Way with my cap and gown, take a look at the top of my cap. You'll see a big rainbow and a pink triangle, and the words, "Thank you, KSC Pride."

-Scott Vallee is a senior majoring in journalism and the president of KSC Pride.

Letters to the Editor

IRS fraud said to finance Jews

I've been deceived and defrauded by the Internal Revenue Service. Everything they have said or written has led me to believe that they were a department of our government and were collecting my income taxes for the government of the United States.

Now I find out that the IRS is a private corporation that collects and then deposits all my income tax money with the Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. which is another private corporation.

This Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. keeps some of my money to pay itself the interest on the national debt. Then it hands the rest of my money over to the governor-secretary of treasury of the International Monetary Fund, Inc. of the United Nations; which is another private corporation. Then they give my income tax money to the UN agency for international development.

That's why our government has to borrow so much money all the time. And who does our government borrow money from? That same Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. of course. Where does the Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. get so much money to lend to the government?

Well, our crooked politicians made a deal with the Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. to have the U.S. Government print up the money, give it to the Federal Reserve Bank, Inc. and then borrow it back, including paying interest on it.

Why would the politicians do such a traitorous and stupid thing? Because they are rewarded with money and a supportive press at election time.

All of these private corporations were established by, and are controlled by Jews. With all that interest money the Jews have bought up our country, and much of the rest of the world. That means that for over 50 years I've been tricked and defrauded into fi-

nancing the schemes of the Zionist Jews who are positioning themselves to rule the world through the UN. The worst part of it is that wherever Jews have consolidated their power (as in the USSR and all the other Communist nations) they have murdered Christians by the hundreds... Wa-co style.

Enough is enough. I don't want these Anti-Christian Jews to rule the world. Therefore I want to file a lawsuit against the IRS, Inc. for fraud; and demand that they either deposit all my future income taxes and all the income taxes that I have paid for the last three years, and take me off their "cattle" list.

Patricia Horton
Camdenton, Mo.

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Parking continues to be a problem for students



Mike DeFina

I am one of the many who is gripped in the vice that is the commuter lot.

This problem has been an on going one for years, however, this administration cannot seem to find a plausible solution.

If it seems like there are more cars with decals this semester than last, don't think that you're the only one with this illusion. Throughout the first four weeks of this semester, I have been able to obtain a legitimate parking space maybe eight to 10 times.

Whenever a space is not available, two things happen. One, I am late to class, and two, I either make my own spot, or park in the faculty lot, which puts me at risk of a ticket and the possibility of having my car towed.

The fee for obtaining a sticker for the commuter lot is \$125 for the year, which isn't bad compared to other institutions. How-

ever, this fee should guarantee you a space, right? Wrong. According to the parking office, the ratio of decals to spaces is two to one. The rationalization behind this is that not everyone who has a decal will be on campus at the same time.

This works in theory, but the majority of the people who have these decals have class between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. What the parking office doesn't seem to understand is that in the morning the parking lot looks like a shopping mall lot on Christmas Eve.

Upon receiving a ticket last week for a made-up parking space, I took my ticket and my curiosity over to the parking office to find out if more decals had been passed out.

After filing my appeal, I asked if more decals had been sold for the spring semester. The person working in the parking office said that more decals are sold only when old ones are returned. The worker also said that the reason there seems to be more cars in the parking lot is that people without decals park there anyway without concern.

Now I know these workers in the parking office have no power to change this bad situation, but they seem to have no compassion for a person's situation or complaints.

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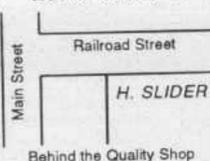
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Decisions need to be made to balance the budget



Peter Lambert

Imagine, for a moment, that you are standing in the lot of a car dealership. You sit in the car you have been dreaming of for years - shiny, brand new, all the extras, able to do zero -80 in less than two seconds (I said imagine) and you are about to buy it.

You look at the sticker - \$30,000. You look at how much you can spend - \$20,000. No matter, though - you buy it anyway. The dealer sells it to you after you promise, cross your heart and hope to die, that you will pay the rest to him later. You walk out the door happy and the car dealer is happy.

In fact, you are both so happy that the next year, you buy another car. You haven't begun to pay for the first one, and with the interest on the loan you are more than \$10,000 in the hole. Oh well - you buy it anyway, the bank will loan money to you. This goes on for years.

Parking

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I have been ticketed a few times, and have complained on each one, but the solutions they offer are, to be blunt, ridiculous.

I have heard several of these thoughtless solutions. They have told me to come to campus early,

Soon, you have a lot of cars you don't need, and you are so deep in debt that just paying off the interest alone swallows up most of your income. What should we call you? Dumb? Stupid? Irresponsible? How about "United States government?"

This all sounds like complete lunacy, but the U.S. government has been doing it for years. This year, the president has proposed to spend (I hope you are sitting down) \$1.7 trillion. That's \$1,700,000,000,000. This is a BIG number. The problem is, we don't have that much.

In case you have been living under a rock for the past few years and haven't heard the news, the federal government has been running a bit of a deficit lately.

In fact, we haven't had a balanced budget in recent history. All of these deficits, year after year, have been adding up, and the national debt now stands (as of the end of January) at \$5,317,192,254,267.62.

At its current amount, the deficit calculates out to about \$20,000 for every single American. I don't know about you, but I'm struggling with how to pay next semester to walk to class, and my favorite was I should park on Main Street and put my limited resources into the parking meters. I paid \$125 for the privilege of parking on-campus and I think it is insane that I am being denied something that I have paid a hefty price to get.

Is there a solution? Nobody really knows, but what is evident is that the parking office is more than content with over-selling the

ter's tuition bill - another \$20,000 is a little out of my range. So what can be done, besides having the government file for Chapter 11? Well, the hottest issue these days is balancing the budget.

The president thinks it's a super idea, wants to do it in five years, and has a plan to do so. The Republicans think this is great, saying they have been calling for a balanced budget for years (despite the fact that there was NEVER a balanced budget during the Reagan-Bush years) and that we should go ahead and do it. Problem solved, right?

If this were only true. We have to remember that this is Washington, D.C. we're talking about, and nothing is that simple. The Congress and the president can't agree on the weather outside, never mind the budget. The problem is not whether or not to balance the budget, but how to do it.

The Republicans believe that we need a balanced budget amendment tacked on to the Constitution, keeping the government from spending too much. Public opinion polls indicate the public agrees with them. The Democrats think this is nonsense - sometimes

lot and handing out tickets like they were party favors. As long as they issue tickets to the evil violators they make their money, while those of us who paid the money to park on-campus have to try to conjure up parking spaces so we won't be late to class.

Since the parking office says that the biggest problem is people without on-campus decals park illegally in the lot, it seems that the

we need to spend more than we have. If we had to have a balanced budget during World War II, we might be speaking German right now.

They believe that Congress can be trusted to balance the budget all by themselves. Surely, most of you agree this is the funniest thing you have ever heard in your lives. Congress? Trust? I wouldn't trust the Congress with my dog. (Unless I didn't like the dog.)

So, it's a good bet it will take a lot of wheeling and dealing, compromise, and hard work to get this matter solved.

In the meantime, I know that many of you fine, upstanding citizens of the great American republic are asking, "I want to do my part! Where do I send my \$20,000 to eliminate the debt?" Just put it, in small bills, in a plain brown envelope and address it to me, care of *The Equinox*, and I'll be sure that the president receives it straight away.

Maybe I won't have to worry about next semester's tuition bill after all.

Peter Lambert is a Keene State freshman, and a weekly political columnist for The Equinox.

simple solution would be to just tow the violators.

It's obvious that the lot cannot be expanded, but a solution has to be found. So if anyone in the Keene State administration wants to add another item to Vision 2000, feel free to add this complicated dilemma to the list.

Mike DeFina is a Keene State College junior majoring in journalism and the co-sports editor of The Equinox.

Arts & Entertainment

Bran: it's not just for breakfast anymore

Local rock band expands horizons while still entertaining hometown

by Danielle Hayford

If you have never heard of Acid Bran, then you are a little behind, because this band has been together for about five years.

It took a little while before they became the band they are today. For six months, they were a trio. This included Mark Bond (bassist), Jeff Costello (drums) and Mike Fitzgerald (guitars). They were later joined by Debbi Moore (keyboards). A couple of the members had worked with Debbi before and knew that she was good. "The band felt it was a natural evolution to have her join," said Bond. "It turned out to be a good decision and she is definitely an asset to the group."

The guys as a trio had quite a bit of luck when they were first starting out. When the band was about two months old, its members sent in a couple of songs to be on a movie soundtrack. They were accepted and the movie "Na-

tional Lampoon's Last Resort" came complete with two Acid Bran songs. The movie didn't do well, but the band continued to grow.

After Debbi joined the crew, they played shows, wrote songs and basically tried to get noticed. By this time, Bond and Costello were agents at Wayne Green, a small distribution company. At this point they met Dred Zeppelin, a band best known for reggae covers of Led Zeppelin songs. Dred Zep was impressed with Acid Bran and signed them to their label, Birdcage records. Now all they needed was someone to produce the album. That someone was T-Bone Wolk, who has played with Hall & Oates, Carly Simon, and Billy Joel.

He offered to pay for recording time and co-produced the album, and is actively involved in the second album.

This first album from



Acid Bran is 1: Debbi Moore, Jeff Costello, Mike Fitzgerald, and Mark Bond, are a hard-working local band on the verge of the "big time." They are scheduled to play at Penuche's Ale House tonight on a double bill with guitarist Larry Mitchell.

Acid Bran is a miracle of sorts. It is a fairly well recorded mix of songs that was done in one day. (See sidebar) They had \$7,000, and that doesn't leave much recording time. "To look back is hard. You listen to the CD and think if we could have done that song just one more time ... and others you think, yeah, that's what it's supposed to be like," said Costello.

Acid Bran is very proud of its live shows. "To see

the band is a unique experience. One may bear witness to new fashion trends, public safety messages, or may simply be pelted with bran cereals or cartons of Doral cigarettes," according to their press release. "You never know what's going to happen at a show," said Bond.

"One problem about living in Keene is that there is not really anywhere that you can see a live band that doesn't play covers," said

Costello. It seems to the band that only 80 Roxbury St has local bands. Acid Bran isn't out to play what's on the radio and that's what most people in Keene want to hear. So the Bran plays out in Boston, New York, and other places around New England.

"If you're having a party and need a band call us," said Bond. They want to play at the college, he added.

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Acid Bran "Acid Bran" 1996 Birdcage

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The name "Acid Bran" may bring to mind a lot of images, not all of them pretty. One of them probably isn't of a talented band that is on the edge of the big time. The album is full of catchy melodies that stay in your head. Acid Bran writes about things that anyone can relate to. An example would be in "New Day," when Bond sings "Consider your options, plot your course, but you can't count on the things life deals ya ..."

There is a shade of an '80s sound, (like latter day Van Halen) in evidence, but it seems to work for them.

Drummer Jeff Costello has a lot of fills and major parts. It is great that he gets playing time because a lot of bands today will bury the drums. The lead guitar, by Mike Fitzgerald, is almost Collective Soul-ish, on the heavy side, but not too much. This CD was put together in a short period of time, but it doesn't really show.

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This is Our Music

by
Brendan P. Murray

**'Drag City' isn't Keene,
it's a record label**



In the past ten years or so, the various channels in which rock music is disseminated to the public has changed in so many ways. Bands are free to market their wares with little attention to the way the music is being played, packaged and promoted. In the history of good rock music, there have always been record labels that present their music with a cohesive aesthetic intact. Taking their cues from jazz labels like Blue Note and Impulse!, labels like Sun, Sub Pop, Motown and Dischord have all managed to use the rubric of a record label as a template for creative endeavor. From logos to design to the type of music released, these labels represent a kind of rock music Gestalt. You can add Chicago's Drag City to this list.

Formed in 1988 by Dan Kortesty, Drag City's early roster included Pavement and Royal Trux, two of the most influential and innovative rock bands of the past ten years. I can say that without flinching. Before Pavement shared the stage with Sonic Youth at Lollapalooza and became a recognizable name in the Alterna-Rock sweepstakes, they released the humble seven inch "Demolition Plot J-7." This was recorded with before Pavement even considered itself a band. Upon its release, Pavement had never played a live show or appeared in public. This added to the mystery of the scratchy, no-fidelity recordings on the vinyl and made this strange little band with oddly catchy rock songs even more of a mystery.

Pavement made two more records for Drag City, all the while designing their own artwork (characterized by slapdash collages assembled by the band's guitarist/songwriter, Steve Malkmus) and recording their own music at then-drummer Gary Young's home studio. This gave the band the freedom to be themselves from their inception, without molestation from some boardroom monkey.

When Pavement left Drag City for Matador Records in 1991 to release the seminal "Slanted And Enchanted," they had the luxury of having an established identity as a band. This is what Drag City affords its artists and what makes a good label great.

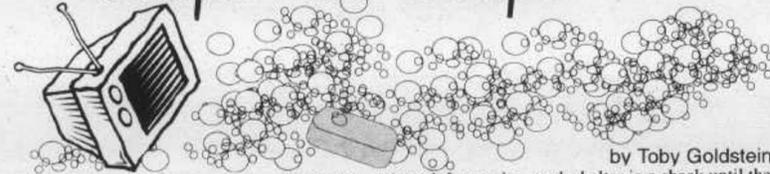
On the other side, Royal Trux, the drug-addled duo featuring Jennifer Hermenna and Neil Hagerty and a rotating cast of players, began their career with Drag City and stayed for four albums, allowing their sound to grow and mutate as much as possible. "Twin Infinitives" the double album from Trux released in 1988, may very well stand as one of the best lease breakers ever recorded in America. Four sides of guitar feedback and echo-chamber trickery recorded in a vacant airplane hanger in San Francisco, "Twin Infinitives" is the finest piece of unlistenable noise since Lou Reed's vastly misunderstood "Metal Machine Music." My friend and I have had a long-standing bet concerning who would listen to this record in one sitting. After three years, we remain at stalemate.

Royal Trux recorded two more records for Drag City, "Untitled" and "Cats And Dogs" before moving along to Virgin Records. Both albums reflect Trux's roots rock leanings (they have a knack of sounding like the Stones when they want) until 1994's "Thank You" which took those leanings and made them almost superhuman, thanks to veteran Neil Young producer David Briggs at the helm. This probably wouldn't have happened at Drag City, but its a good bet it would have never happened without their ability to allow bands to be themselves.

This week, Pavement and Royal Trux will release their most mature works for large labels. Since Matador's partial acquisition by Capitol, Pavement's "Brighten The Corners" will have the benefit of a big label push. Usually that's a bad thing, but the record is so good that it honestly doesn't matter. Royal Trux's "Sweet Sixteen" is their second for Virgin and what a fine mess it is. Full of arcane synth lines and jam/prog rock leanings, "Sweet Sixteen" is another chapter in the dirty yet fascinating book of Royal Trux. All of this is possible because of Drag City and their commitment to interesting rock music. Patronize them all you can. Good rock music is getting rarer by the second.

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

Scopin' the Soaps



(This column presents on air summaries for the week of Feb. 3-7, 1997.)

ALL MY CHILDREN:

Janet located Amanda in the well, but fell in herself. Grilled by Amanda about her past, Janet tried explaining her actions. Skye slipped Bianca a note for Erica, which revealed Dimitri's secret. Maria destroyed the letter, but Skye then interrupted Erica and Dimitri's wedding. Hayley became uneasy when Mateo had to go to Texas, leaving her alone with Tanner. Pierce remembered details of Christina's death but dismissed Dr. Tolan's suggestion that falling in love could trigger flashbacks. Coming: Liza and Jake stay in conflict.

ANOTHER WORLD:

Lorna was rushed into emergency surgery after Gabe saved her from the fire in the Harbor Club. Rachel confided in Amanda regarding her pregnancy but asked her to keep silent about the baby. After the police discovered Bobby's truck destroyed in an explosion, and Tomas gave them critical evidence, Jake was arrested. Grant believed that Cindy is the weak link in his plan to get Kirkland and tracked her down in the hospital, where she'd been hiding. Coming: Rachel is tempted to tell Carl the news.

AS THE WORLD TURNS:

As Emily tried to compose herself after being raped, Margo arrested Diego for the crime, which he denied. Mark then found proof that Diego was responsible for the death of his wife, Jones. Kim's surgery went well, but she was distressed by the sounds of her new heart valve. Lucinda and Holden fell unconscious after being drugged by Diego, then awoke to discover that they'd been buried alive in the wine cellar. Coming: Concern mounts for the captives.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL:

Grant found out that the yacht captain who married him and Brooke is really a con artist and the marriage is invalid. When Grant tried to romance Brooke, she made it clear that she's still not ready to consummate their relationship.

After Eric rejected Lauren's sketches, she showed them to Blair. When Todd was alone with a feverish Starr, he went to Marty for help. Kelly was taken aback when Joey refused to postpone their Paris trip. Drew tried to convince Kelly that Joey is taking her for granted. Rachel overheard R.J. talking to the Banco de Rio about Carlo's accounts. Maggie was watched by a private detective. Coming: Tension flares over Tea's arrival.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES:

After Vivian got conclusive proof that Kristen is faking her pregnancy, she pressured Kristen into voting for her against Kate on the Titan board, much to John's dismay. Thanks to Stefano's intervention, Jack was sentenced to life in prison without parole. In order to help Sami recover, Carrie was forced to stand by helplessly as Austin and Sami recreated their wedding ceremony. John admitted his feelings for Marlena to Bo. Coming: Jack's last night of freedom?

GENERAL HOSPITAL:

Tom left a trail to the Spencers' hideout, endangering Luke and Laura's plan to get Lesley into treatment out of the country. Stefan gave Katherine a special gift. Mac told Katherine the truth about who shot her on Spoon Island. Miranda was shocked by a photograph from her past. Jax and Brenda tried to sort out their lives, but Brenda raced to Sonny's rescue when she believed that he might be in danger. Coming: Monica's professional future is decided.

GUIDING LIGHT:

Hart orchestrated Jean-Luc's hasty departure from Springfield, but when he saw how upset it could ever have a future together. Buzz vowed to clear Jenna. Annie escalated her plan, maneuvering Josh and Reva far apart from each other. Roger tried to calm a distraught Holly when they were stuck together in an elevator. Alan-Michael and Lucy said goodbye to Springfield, fed up with all the Spaulding hatred. Coming: Buzz offers emotional support to Jenna.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE:

Todd and Marty made an emergency landing in a snowstorm and

by Toby Goldstein

took shelter in a shack until they were rescued by Bo, Patrick and Blair. When Todd was alone with a feverish Starr, he went to Marty for help. Kelly was taken aback when Joey refused to postpone their Paris trip. Drew tried to convince Kelly that Joey is taking her for granted. Rachel overheard R.J. talking to the Banco de Rio about Carlo's accounts. Maggie was watched by a private detective. Coming: Tension flares over Tea's arrival.

SUNSET BEACH:

With everyone believing she's dead by her own hand, Annie escaped from prison. However, she then hid in Al's casket to get out of the medical center, unaware it was headed to the crematorium! Cole shared a kiss with Caitlin after unsuccessfully trying to break up with her. Elaine noted that Cole looks exactly like the legendary Armando Deschanel. Mark and Sean got into a fight after finding themselves together with Tiffany, who kissed both of them to fan the flame. Coming: Vanessa goes on the run.

THE CITY:

At Tracy's engagement party, one of the phony Quartermaines got drunk and blew Tracy's cover. Lorraine was stung by Nick's accusation that their relationship is not enough for her. Tess prepared to break the news about her medical condition to Buck. Carla really felt ill and asked Danny to buy her a pregnancy test kit. Richard was surprised to find Zoey having dinner with Joey at her loft. Coming: Tracy tries to keep her head up.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS:

Vicki stopped Tony and Cole from fighting and went home with her husband, but realized that he doesn't excite her anymore. After Ryan turned Vicki down, she went back to the Coffeehouse to find Tony. Kurt moved into the Chancellor home while he sorts himself out, and earned his way by bookkeeping for Kay. Dru returned home, but had to put extra effort into winning a romantic welcome from Neil. Coming: Nikki doesn't want her son to leave.

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**Storytelling and music
come to Keene State**

Kandinsky Trio give inspiring performance

Denis Lambert
The Equinox

If the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, what do you get when you put together three outstanding, virtuoso musicians and a vibrant southern storyteller?

Two hours of breathtakingly marvelous entertainment, as presented by the Kandinsky Trio and Connie Regan-Blake.

From the opening notes of Haydn's "Trio in C Major," it was obvious the audience was in for a treat.

Though the trio had music on their stands, they often looked instead at one another, using facial expressions and body movements to communicate.

Their precision and accuracy was astounding. Simply put, they were great. The trio's playing was marked with great dynamic contrast, especially in its opening piece.

In the first movement, just when the music got loud and it sounded as though the climax were coming, quiet came abruptly. The sudden drop-offs felt like the sensation you get when the chair you are sitting in starts to tip over.

The second movement began with a gently moving, sweet melody. Suddenly, the piano hammered out a loud chord and the mood changed.

The music remained spiteful only briefly, before the gentle melody returned and calm pervaded once again.

The third movement was a lively presto driving to an energy-packed ending.

Regan-Blake joined the trio to render a narration of Mike Reid's "The Cantankerous Blacksmith." She introduced herself and spoke briefly before the piece began.

"For me, stories and music, it's like talking and laughing; they just kind of go together," she told the audience. "We hope you'll enjoy the conversation tonight."

The tale, as told by the very talented Regan-Blake, was captivating, and the musical accompaniment composed by Mike Reid complemented the storyline very well.

The closing music of the piece stands out as one of the most poignant moments of the evening.

"For me, stories and music, it's like talking and laughing; they just kind of go together,"

Connie Regan-Blake,
storyteller

After intermission, the Trio played Smetana's "Trio in G minor," leaving no doubt of their masterful technique.

The piece can only be described as a roller coaster of feeling. It ended abruptly with a thundering, triumphant ending.

The performance was originally scheduled to take place in the Main Theater but was moved to the Alumni Recital Hall a week before the performance due to low ticket sales, said to Patricia Piper, director of the Redfern Arts Center.

"We thought, with the residences and everything, the show would attract a large crowd," she said.

It didn't. Only 188 tickets were sold, leaving many empty seats in the Recital Hall, which seats 360.

Yet the move created a more intimate setting for the audience, which appeared captivated throughout the evening and demanded more when the program was over.

What is the Arts Center?

Focus session hopes to answer questions

Denis Lambert
The Equinox

Keene State students, professors, administrators and interested community members will gather at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Harry Davis Room of the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond.

Their purpose is simple: to explore the way the facility is perceived now and discuss what it should be like in the future.

This focus session is the first phase in creating a mission statement for the facility, according to Patricia Piper, director of the Arts

Center. The mission statement will be used to guide decisions made by the Arts Center during the next five years.

After Piper gives everyone an overview of the goals of the focus session, individuals will answer questions regarding the Arts Center as it is now. Those questions are: What is the Arts Center? What does it do? Who does it serve?

"Each person will have a minute or so to respond, without interruption or questions from others," Piper said. Then, in the same manner, participants will

Mandolin Project pushes envelope

Jazz trio balances new and old styles

Sam Lehman
The Equinox

The Jazz Mandolin Project, a power trio versed in both classical and contemporary jazz styles, moved a jam-packed Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton, Mass. crowd Saturday night.

Front man Jamie Masefield, mandolin, began the performance solo, while bandmates, Gabe Jarrett, drums, and Stacey Starkweather, bass, watched for their cue to come in. The band opened with "Barber's Hint," a seemingly subtle tune with swing-like feel.

Once rolling, the song's soft nature was transformed by monster bass licks and rim shots into a fire-breathing musical dragon.

Though a mixed bag, the audience, ranging from teenage hippies to senior citizens, grooved out just the same. The third song of the night, "Full House," featured an odd-time feel reminiscent of '50s jazzers like Dave Brubeck.

The repetition of patterned notes pleased the crowd. The band communicated with each other as if they possessed ESP. Even after lengthy Bonham-esque drum fills, they never came apart.

In a later song, the band proved their connection when an amplifier temporarily lost power but went almost unnoticed.

In a lesser band, such an incident could spell disaster.

Stressing their communication, both with the band and audience, Masefield chatted with the crowd before introducing the next segment of their act, the "Collage."

He explained that playing the same stuff giger after giger can become redundant, so a more experimental, free-form type of song was needed.

Masefield said in the past, the band would ask the audience for ideas, and they would improvise

on those ideas. Now, however, "Collage" is sort of a game.

The band develops a tune on the spot, and at its end, ask the people what it was about. "Collage" began with a "Star Wars" sound generated by Starkweather with one of the many effects pedals connected to his five string bass guitar.

Gradually, both Jarrett and Masefield added to the work with heavy handed accents. (The experience is reminiscent of the tripped-out space jams of The Grateful Dead.)

At its height, "Collage" was a swirling soundscape of polyrhythms and finger plucks, colorful and tasteful unlike the draped backdrop of abstractly painted black and white, musicians (one of which had a mustache like the Pringles man).

When the experiment ended, the band fielded answers to the possible meaning of the song.

Of course, Star Wars was yelled out first, followed by "your drunken road trip."

"Moab, Utah," Masefield hint-

ed, but still he gave no real answer. Finally, Masefield told the true nature of "Collage."

The song was about "dinosaurs dying in the tar pits, big ones," he said. He added that the tune "hooked up with the Enterprise somewhere between Utah and Ohio." The Project drew from a variety of cultural music, adding to it and making it their own.

The best example of this was shown in "Sabre Dance," an Armenian song written in the 1930's. The intense speed of the strumming in this one was technical yet energizing, much like Bela Fleck.

The Jazz Mandolin Project finished their set with an encore performance of "The Country Open." They held nothing back in this free-for-all climactic show stopper. All three members took solos with authority. The meaty syncopation and improvisation of the rhythm section combined with soothing melody lines and solos, giving this trio a sound more full than most. After the show, members mingled in the crowd talking to people.



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answer questions which address the future. "Using the information we gather from the campus and external constituencies, the task force will work on one or more mission statement possibilities, including implications of those mission statements," Piper said. After asking for feedback again, the task force will make recommendations for a mission statement and present it to the President's cabinet for approval, she said. For those who can not attend the session, Piper said, written questions will be accepted until Feb. 21.

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Valentine's Day

By Hanna Snyder

The face of Valentine's Day has changed over its 800-year history, but traditions such as candy, hearts and flowers have remained the same. With today's on-line technology, any Valentine buff can send virtual flowers, talk in Valentine chat rooms and surf the sea of Valentine fun, fact and fantasy. But there is more to this holiday than life-sized teddy bears and erotic Valentine web sites, there is a history full of war, rule, and, of course, romance. According to several web pages, February 15 was celebrated as the Roman festival Lupercalia, the coming of Spring. Lupercalia was associated with the Roman gods Lupercus who watched over shepherds and their flocks, and Faunus, who was the god of flocks and fertility. During the festival, dogs and goats were sacrificed, and then young men called Luperci would race through the streets with goat skin thongs, but not the kind you're thinking of. The thongs were whips known as februa and were used to lash at groups of women gathered in the streets. As kinky as they may sound, the lashings, called februatios, were said to have ensured fertil-

ity and easy child delivery in the women. The celebration spread throughout the growing Roman empire, and during this time, the first Valentine-like cards were said to have been sent. Yet it wasn't officially called a Valentine for some time because the patron Saint Valentine didn't come into the picture until years later. Valentine was a priest whose temple was near the palace of the Roman emperor Claudius the Cruel. Claudius called all of his men to fight when the Roman empire wars broke out, but most of the men were reluctant to go to war. The married men didn't want to leave their families and the younger men didn't want to leave their sweethearts. Claudius was infuriated by his men's reluctance. He ordered that no marriages be celebrated and all engagements be called off, ultimately sending many sorrowful Romans off to war. When a young couple went to the sympathetic priest Valentine, he defied Claudius' law and the couple was secretly married. After that, many couples went to him, and they too were all quietly married.

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Does anyone really care?

Molly Wheeler
The Equinox

Valentine's Day has lost the place in all our hearts that it once had. The disintegration of excitement probably took place when you realized classmates wouldn't give candy in envelopes forever. If you find reason to celebrate this holiday, one option is the Valentine Semi-formal. It is sponsored by SAC, Options and KSC Pride. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room and there is no charge although reservations are necessary. This event wasn't orchestrated because of the holiday. It just happens that Winter Weekend coincides with Valentines Day and it has sold out every year. As of Friday all tickets were not sold.
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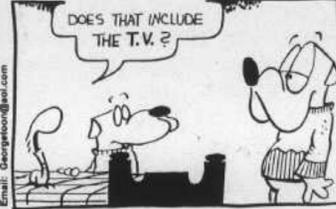


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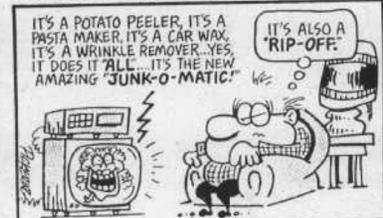
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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your social circle happily opens up to include more fascinating people this week. In fact, a new acquaintance is radically different from anyone you've met to date! Over the weekend, guard against a tendency to daydream which will take you away from necessary tasks.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful with extravagant spending this week. Also, avoid those who could take advantage of you in financial ventures. New beginnings, at work and at home, are heavily favored during this period. The weekend looks good for a short getaway.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are interested in a new hobby or intellectual pursuit. Work of a creative nature is inspired. Open yourself up to what a family member has to say and try to be supportive. You gain much in understanding by doing so.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Career matters take a decided turn for the better this week. Your suspicions about a friend's manipulations are correct. Perhaps you should rethink whether this relationship is good for you in the long run.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A superior is in an obviously foul mood and should be avoided this week. If out shopping, you find something valuable in a surprising outlet. Your finances are also looking up and take a turn for the better.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid being overly judgmental with a certain co-worker who needs your understanding rather than your criticism in order to straighten out. Couples make spur-of-the-moment social plans for the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could find yourself doing some unplanned shopping for a home appliance that needs to be replaced. It's just outlived its usefulness! Avoid letting things slide on the job. An overbearing type isn't likely to listen to reason.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some are planning to travel to a place never before seen. A mentor enters your life with valuable insights for your future. Your significant other doesn't understand your concerns about work this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're chomping at the bit to try new things. Your thinking is inspired by originality. Socially, you think a friend is being unreasonable and unyielding and you could be correct about this.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A loved one is boring you with talk about past events that can't be altered. A business opportunity comes your way unexpectedly in the middle of the week. This weekend, domestic interests are accentuated.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You make positive strides in business and financial dealings this week. However, you still encounter some obstacles completing an existing assignment. You succeed, though, by being persistent.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some make a sudden decision regarding a romantic relationship this week. Travel is on the agenda for others. Over the weekend, feel free to socialize, but avoid going overboard.

This Week In History

On February 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine was blown up in Havana, killing 260 people ... February 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day massacre" took place in Chicago in which warring gangsters killed seven rivals ... February 11, 1945, the Yalta Conference came to an end in Crimea; President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Josef Stalin agreed that their three countries, plus France, would occupy Germany and that the Soviet Union would enter the war against Japan ... February 12, 1955, the U.S. agreed to help train the South Vietnamese army ... February 14, 1962, President Kennedy said that U.S. military advisers in Vietnam would fire if fired upon ... February 10, 1996, Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, said that he had been surprised by the bombing of the elevated railroad station in London on February 9 ... February 10, 1996, President Clinton, who had met with Gerry Adams at the White House in March, 1995, said that he would continue to seek peace in Northern Ireland ... February 12, 1996, in the Iowa caucuses, Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan.) placed first, though he was supported by only 26 percent of the caucus attendees in this farm belt state; Buchanan had the backing of 23 percent of the participants, followed by former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander at 18 percent, publisher Steve Forbes at 10 percent, and Phil Gramm at nine percent.

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This Week In History

**Five Years Ago
February 12, 1992**

Master plan calls for Alpha's house

The Equinox reported that the Alpha Phi Tau fraternity house is among four homes between Madison and Blake Streets slated for removal to make room for the

new student union.

"It has been known for a long time that eventually the college would come and take this property," said Alpha President Seth Klaiman.

Keene State could either buy the house or take it by eminent domain. Keene State had not offered the fraternity money but cannot have it appraised until the fraternity agrees to sell. The Keene Assessor's Office said the home was assessed at \$158,000, paring \$4,556 in taxes each year.

**Ten Years Ago
February 11, 1987**

New Arts Center lecture hall funded by \$300,000 donation

The Equinox reported that a new lecture hall will be constructed in an unused portion of the Arts Center.

The new hall would house 168 seats, a projection screen, screening room and remote control projectors, according to Robert J. Mallat Jr., vice president for resource administration.

The cost of the hall will be paid by a \$300,000 gift to the college by the Putnam Foundation and the Markhem Corp. The \$300,000 was the largest donation to the college in history.

**Nineteen Years Ago
February 8, 1978**

Students not satisfied with Dining Commons Fare

The Monadnock reported that the Keene State College Dining Commons Advisory Board has been trying to deal with the student's complaints about the food

and services.

With the help of the Improvement Board and the "Belly-aching Table," who act as go-betweens for the students, the Advisory Board has an idea of the most common complaints.

Karen McCarty, a member of the advisory board, says the biggest complaints are of the starchy diet, crowded dining rooms, long lines and undercooked food.

The Improvement Board and "Belly-aching Table" have been helpful in satisfying requests that are not costly. The Improvement Board gets more done, but the "Belly-aching Table" allows the students to meet the dining commons staff and management.

The advisory board has been working to improve the quality of the dining commons, but without charging students more for the meal plans, they cannot do a whole lot.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 9, 1972**

'Superstar' to highlight Winter Week

The Monadnock reported that folksinger Don Cooper and Sloan Humphreys would perform as part of Keene State's Winter Week Celebration.

Cooper, who had cut three record albums, sang songs with lyrics such as "In a Police State, there are no signs saying this is a Police State. But it is."

Also included as part of the Winter Week festivities was the musical group, Poison, and two plays, "Marathon," performed by eight ex-drug addicts, and "Superstar," a concert version of "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

assistant.

In comparison with the University of New Hampshire and Plymouth State College, Keene State is the only student run recycling program.

UNH contracts out for their waste removal.

It would be hard to compare numbers with UNH because it is over twice the size of Keene State, O'Leary said.

Plymouth State, which is approximately the same size as Keene State, has a less substantial recycling program.

For example, Plymouth State does not have a recycling coordinator or a student recycling organization.

According to O'Leary the college purchases over 5 million pieces of paper a year, not including what the students buy.

She said if people would write on both sides of paper it would

**Thirty Years Ago
February 10, 1967**

Burst pipe at Commons damages food supplies

The Monadnock reported that a hot water pipe located in the ceiling of a storeroom at the Dining Commons burst, causing some damage and disturbance for an hour and a half.

The pipe burst as thirty students were lining up for their evening meal. Dining Commons staff managed to remove most perishables from the storeroom.

Three Keene Fire Trucks responded when the water set off the fire alarm. When they realized there was no fire, two trucks returned while the third stayed to help clean up the mess.

The burst pipe caused \$6,500 of damage, destroying sixteen cases of dried goods and a couple bags of dried green beans.

**Thirty-Five Years Ago
February 15, 1962**

KTC Considers Student Union

The Monadnock reported that with the formation of the (temporary) Student Union Organization on campus, the Keene Teacher's College is one step closer to getting a student union.

Dean of Men, Fred Barry and "T" from The Monadnock met with President Young to discuss the possibility of obtaining the land to be vacated library.

Young asked that students give all ideas to him to help justify using the building to the State Board of Education.

drastically reduce the amount of paper waste.

"Buy goods that are made from recycled materials, as well as, goods that are recyclable," O'Leary said.

R.O.C.K.S. recycles aluminum, tin, white paper, and high grade office paper. These materials are taken to Recycling Services, in Claremont, NH.

The aluminum and tin are then transported to Tennessee to be re-manufactured, O'Leary said.

Plastics, textiles, cardboard, glass, and low grade office paper (magazines, catalogues) all go to the Keene Recycling Center.

Recycling is a division of Grounds in the Physical Plant Department of the Finance and Planning Division of the College.

The recycling program is a part of the college community, not a separate organization, O'Leary said.

President's Education Plan Faces Questions

Charles Jervans
The Equinox

WASHINGTON - President Clinton's new two-part approach to higher education spending-a Pell Grant increase coupled with tax credits-is drawing a mixed response among both education advocates and Republicans in Congress.

Most express enthusiasm about the Pell Grant increase, which would raise the maximum grant for the neediest students from its current \$2,700 to \$3,000 next year. However, some favor an even higher grant as an alternative to tax components of the Clinton plan, which some argue would mainly benefit higher-income families at a cost of about \$35 billion.

The tax proposals "create a real dilemma," said Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations. He said college presidents "can't go to parents" and criticize the tax plan, even though it costs more than the annual discretionary budget of the U.S. Department of Education.

The tax plan consists of two elements-a \$1,500-a-year HOPE Scholarship to students who maintain a B average and a tax credit of up to \$10,000 to offset the cost of tuition. Families could choose the scholarship or the credit, which would begin to phase out as family incomes reach \$75,000 annually.

HOPE Scholarships could last up to two years, part of the president's goal to make a community college education within the financial reach of all Americans. Students with HOPE Scholarships would remain eligible for other financial aid programs but would receive the \$1,500 maximum minus other federal grants they receive.

"Any investment in education is good for the country," Mitchem said. However, "both tax plans are irrelevant for a low-income student."

One alternative is to spend the equivalent of the tax credit on raising the maximum Pell Grant to as much as \$5,000 a year. Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) introduced such legislation recently.

"It is frightening to imagine how expensive colleges would be without the Pell program, and how few lower-income families would be able to obtain diplomas," Wellstone said. A much higher Pell Grant would help the neediest, unlike the tax plan, he said.

However, Wellstone's Pell Grant plan also would reach fewer students. About 4 million students may receive Pell Grants next year, while at least 8 million would benefit from the tax credits alone.

The tax plans also have met criti-

cism from Republicans, who question how the federal government would enforce the B-average requirement of HOPE Scholarships.

"Will the Internal Revenue Service collect students' report cards in the same manner in which they obtain written reports to verify other tax data?" asked Rep. Bill Archer (R-Tex.), chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

And Senate Republicans prefer another alternative: tax-deductible contributions of up to \$1,000 a year into education investment accounts and deductions of up to \$2,500 a year for interest payments on student loans.

Clinton administration officials downplayed those concerns, however, as the president sought support for his tax and Pell Grant proposals as part of a 10-point plan to renew American education.

"This is the education age, and America must have an education budget right for the times," said Education Secretary Richard Riley in presenting his agency's 1998 budget proposal.

For student aid, the budget plan proposes \$47 billion, 10 percent above current funding. The plan would increase spending on direct loans, in which colleges receive loan capital directly from the government without assistance from banks. It also would provide more college work-study funds and cut student loan fees.

College work-study would receive \$857 million, an increase of \$27 million from current funding. In the budget, the president also reiterated his plan to recruit work-study students for his America Reads! effort, in which 1 million tutors would help ensure all children can read by third grade.

About 100,000 of these tutors would come from the work-study program, according to the president's plan. The federal government would waive the required campus matching funds for work-study students when students become tutors.

AmeriCorps volunteers, most of whom are college students, would make up many of the other 1 million tutors, according to the budget. Thus, the administration would spend \$1 billion through AmeriCorps during the next five years as part of the America Reads! effort.

The cut in loan fees would affect most financial aid programs. Fees would drop from 4 percent to 2 percent on need-based Stafford Loans and from 4 percent to 3 percent on other loans.

Independent students, or those not financially dependent on their parents, also would gain better access to federal aid in the new budget. The government would

change the need analysis for these students, making it easier for about 200,000 students to access grants. Students age 24 and older would benefit the most, Riley said.

Elsewhere for student aid, the budget requests:

- \$583 million for Supplemental Grants, the same as current funding;
- \$188 million for Perkins Loans, \$10 million above the current figure; and
- no new funding for State Student Incentive Grants, funded at \$50 million this year. The program

has fulfilled its aim by helping states establish their own financial aid grants, the budget stated.

The budget also proposed \$132 million for Presidential Honors Scholarships for the top 5 percent of graduating students in every high school. These students would receive a one-year, \$1,000 grant for college. Congress turned down a similar request last year.

The administration proposed a 5-percent increase, or \$25 million more, for federal TRIO programs that help recruit disadvantaged youth for college. The program would receive \$525 million next year.

The budget's release culminat-

ed a week in which the president in his State of the Union Address pledged to make education "every citizen's most prized possession."

Making college more affordable is one part of his 10-point agenda to improve American education. Other goals include higher standards; safer schools; improved education facilities; expanded early childhood education; and consolidation of job-training programs to better promote lifelong learning.

The plans now go to Capitol Hill, where Congress is promising an in-depth review.

The budget covers the government's fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

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NINTH ANNUAL LIBRARY HONORS LECTURE

History

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Valentine was the friend of lovers in every district of Rome.

Eventually Claudius found out about the defiant acts, imprisoned Valentine, and the good priest was beheaded on February 14, 270 AD, the day we now celebrate as Valentine's Day.

While Valentine was in jail, he fell in love with the jail keeper's daughter, and on the morning of his execution, he sent his love a letter, and signed it, appropriately, 'From your Valentine.'

Hence, that catch phrase has been a key mark of the holiday ever since.

For those of you who've fallen in love with this story, you can get more in depth information at sites such as <http://www.ecards.com/valentines/history.html> or http://www2.csn.net/im/involve/val_hist.html.

With on-line access, not only are there more advanced ways to find out the holiday's history than your dusty old encyclopedias, there are more creative ways to say 'Be my Valentine.'

For general Valentine web browsing, do a net search under Valentine's Day and see what you come up with.

Options on-line range from Valentine information and ideas so sweet they'll make your teeth ache, to anti-Valentine support groups for those of you who vomit at the mere mention of the holiday.

There are secret Valentine delivery services for those who are too shy to say 'Be my Valentine' to someone's face, or famous poems to recite to your sweetheart.

Care

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"There aren't many opportunities for the general population of Keene State to get dressed up to go out and it offers a non-alcoholic option for the evening. Everyone loves to get together and have fun," says Amanda Predko, major weekends co-coordinator of SAC.

The Kirks, a local punk band, will be having a "Pre-Valentine's Day Love Trash-A-Thon" in the WKNH studio on Thursday, February 13 at 10 p.m.

On the flip side, you can log into web pages for the most unromantic people where they suggest ways to express your anti-Valentine standpoint, like dressing all in black or throwing snowballs at happy couple who have no reservations about PDAs (public displays of affection).

If you want to be more original this Valentine's Day and send something other than a card, check out Aphrodite's Love Palace

at <http://www.w2.com/docs2/act/foad/sugarplums/aphrodisiacs.html>. Aphrodite can tell you some of the untraditional Valentine foods which have a reputation for awakening the sensual senses buried within us.

Frances Fern once noted "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," and on that same note, a southern California psychiatrist said "There are three basic needs in life: money, food, and sex, and combining the last two can be lots of fun," especially around Valentine's Day.

Foods have served as aphrodisiacs for centuries.

Bananas are one of the most popular aphrodisiacs because of their obvious phallic shape. Not only that, because of its sweetness, soft flesh and creamy texture, it lives up to its reputation of an awakener of sexual feelings. Also, bananas contain an enzyme called bromelain which boosts male erectile efficiency.

Although Aphrodite recommends other phallic foods like carrots, asparagus and cucumbers, feel free to be creative and add to your personal list.

Seeds like those from a pumpkin have long symbolized fertility, in both men and women.

On her web site, Aphrodite explains how fruits like plums, peaches and papayas stood as

symbols of a sexual nature by the ancient Chinese for their soft, mushy texture, their abundance of juice and natural sweetness.

In the seafood department, caviar is said to be a sex stimulant because of its delicateness.

Above all, raw oysters are probably the most popular aphrodisiac because of their resemblance to a woman's private parts and their reputation for spending their lives altering between being male and female, at least that's what Aphrodite said.

If all of that is a little too much for some of you, there are web sites that adhere to the G-rated traditions of Valentine's Day.

Some of the best Valentine links on the web include Cupid's Cove and Wendy's Valentine Collection.

One of the most popular internet features this Valentine's Day is virtual flowers.

You can send your Valentine, anonymously or not, some flowers over the web, or you can take part in Valentine chat rooms, or let Cyrano DeBergerac write a poem for your Valentine.

To find out about these features, look at <http://www.usa4flowers.com/mississippi/holiday-seasonal-gifts.html>.

Everyone celebrates Valentine's Day in different ways. Whether it's dressing all in black, smothering your sweetheart with candies, flowers and teddy-bears, or serving your favorite punch consisting of any red colored beverage and any kind of alcohol, remember that if you're short on ideas, too shy to give a valentine in person, or just curious about the holiday, check out the internet to find virtually everything your heart desires.

men, it's about giving obligatory gifts to keep the peace, whereas women see it as a day during which possibly the male's feelings can be legitimized."

Some students still get that good feeling apparently when Valentine's Day comes around.

Danielle Poe, a freshman, is excited about the holiday.

"It's a time to acknowledge the people in your life that you really care about," she said.

If that is true, it says little about emotional capabilities of people nowadays if it takes a certain day to acknowledge loved ones.

Faculty: high copyright fees not right Track

Brian McClintock
 The Daily Collegian
 Pennsylvania State University

UNIVERSITY PARK, Penn.- The typical college student could get through an average week of school with about \$60. But, that same \$60 will not get a student through day one of Ronald Bettig's Communications 405 or 413 classes. And Bettig is not happy about that fact.

Bettig, an assistant professor of communications, watched as the price of a packet in his Communications 405 (Political Economy of Communications) class skyrocketed from \$25.75 in Fall 1993 to \$68.20 this semester.

"The price of packets, compared to what they used to be, is absolutely ridiculous," Bettig said. Many students are also baffled by high-priced packets.

"They're just dittos, so I can't believe they're so expensive," said Penn State junior Katrina Terzulli, a telecommunications major.

The reason prices have risen so steeply, according to Bettig, is copyright clearance fees.

Copyright clearance fees are what copy stores such as Kinko's, ProCopy Inc. and Copy Center Services on campus pay to the publishers of the works they reproduce in the packets. Bettig

said. "Each article in a packet must go through a copyright clearance process, and the publishers ask from five to 15 cents per page per packet or \$1.50 for the entire article per packet," said April Sheninger, coordinator of the Copyright Clearance Office, which obtains the copyright clearances for Copy Center Services' packets.

Bettig, author of "Copyrighting Culture: The Political Economy of Intellectual Property," said there is no denying that the publishers' greed has hurt academics across the nation. He has shaved more than 100 pages from his Communications 405 packet, he added.

"I'm forced to avoid certain articles or pieces that I think students should read because it would make the packet even more outrageously expensive," Bettig said.

And some professors have stopped using packets entirely. "I've done away with packets because they have become too expensive," said Robert D. Richards, associate professor of journalism and law. "The copyright costs do have an impact on education."

Back in the days of the \$25.75 Communications 405 packet, area photocopy shops making course packets did not pay royalties to the publishers.

That changed when the six major publishers sued Kinko's for royalties.

After a brief legal battle, Kinko's settled out of court and began paying the royalties, Bettig said. "Kinko's basically sold academics and other mom and pop copy shops up the river by settling with the publishers," Bettig said.

In addition to the added costs of copyright clearances, bookstores mark up the prices of packets considerably, Bettig said.

The typical mark-up on packets is 20 percent, said Tom Bauer, general manager of the Penn State Bookstore on campus.

"If that figure is correct, it's ridiculous. The bookstores do nothing but take the packets from the photocopy shops and put them on the shelves," said Bettig.

In order to battle high packet costs Bettig puts copies of his course packets on reserve at Pattee.

He also distributes lists of students interested in selling their packets to students enrolled in the same course the next semester.

Unfortunately, there is no price relief for packets in sight, and education will continue to be at the mercy of publishers, Bettig said. "Somebody," he said, "needs to stand up to for the rights of academia."

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This is one of the prime reasons that Rowe was brought in, with his experience and success in the Little East Conference.

Rowe coached at Plymouth State College from 1985-90, bringing the team out of the cellar with a first-place finish in the Little East Conference and a ECAC Tournament bid in the 1988-89 season.

"We work hard. We are playing above our level of talent right now, and we are consistently improving."

• Phil Rowe
 Owls head coach

With the change to Division III, Rowe will be able to begin a foundation for his basketball program by instituting a sub-varsity program.

"We will be able to recruit many more players in Division III as soon as we establish a sub-varsity program," Rowe said.

However, there is still the rest of the season to deal with. Rowe may be happy with the effort expended by his players, but there are still problems on the floor,

both offensively and defensively. "Right now we are shooting 27 percent as a team. This is not college level shooting. We have to improve our shot selection and shooting percentage to be competitive," Rowe said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the problems are just as bad as the offensive side.

"The main problem we are having is putting pressure on the ball. We are giving away too many open shots. We are also having trouble doubling down," Rowe said.

Rowe said that the timeline for success is around two to three years for the Owls to be contenders in Division III.

But he continues to encourage students and people in the community to come and support the team.

"The fan support has been tremendous this year. I have no doubt that in a few years, people won't be able to get into Spaulding Gymnasium because it will be jammed with fans. We will be interesting to watch," Rowe said.

It will also be interesting to observe the progress of the team over the next few years, as the Owls will slowly climb the ladder to Division III success, and bring the energy back to Spaulding Gymnasium that was evident during the late 1970s.



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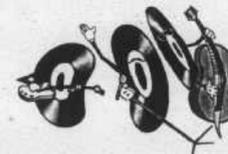
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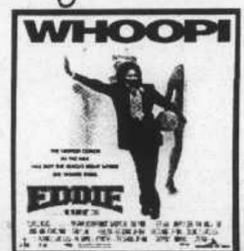
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Acid Bran
@ Penuche's Ale House
91 Marlboro St., Keene, NH



Open Relaxation Session
12-12:45 a.m. @ Green Room Student Center

Resume Workshop
3 p.m. @ Career Services Elliot Hall

Peace Corps Presentation
4 p.m. @ Madison Street Lounge Student Center

Twelfth Night
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall Redfern Arts Center

Open Mic Night
9:30 p.m. @ Night Owl Cafe Student Center

Jeff Potter & the Rhythm Agents
@ Mole's Eye Cafe
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"The Basics of Health Insurance"
"A Shopper's Guide to Health Care"
6-7:00 p.m. @ Health Services Elliot Hall

Reverend Horton Heat
7:30 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, MA

"The Portrait of a Lady"
starring Nicole Kidman
7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
PG-13, 150 minutes

Thursday, February 13

Twelfth Night
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall Redfern Arts Center

Acid Bran
@ Penuche's Ale House
4 Canal St., Nashua, NH

Ladysmith Black Mambazo
7 p.m. @ Jorgensen Auditorium
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Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day
"Ridicule"
7 & 9 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
R, 102 minutes

Retro Night
10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
@ Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, MA

Jude
7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall Redfern Arts Center

Throwing Muses
8:30 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, MA

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Monday, February 17

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9 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, MA

Concord, NH Contra Dance
8-11 p.m.
East Concord Community Center
18 Eastman St., East Concord, NH
224-2619

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre
95 Main St., Keene, NH
357-2936

Minnesota Orchestra
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Matthew Sweet
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Jude
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Big Monday College Basketball
Connecticut vs. Syracuse & Missouri vs. Kansas
7 p.m. @ Night Owl Cafe Student Center

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February 12 to 18

Rowe on right track

Mike DeFina
The Equinox

It was last spring when Phil Rowe took the head coaching job for the Keene State College men's basketball team.

He knew that he was coming into a program in desperate need of a face-lift, and he is on the right track to succeeding in turning around a dormant basketball program.

During his introduction as head coach Rowe predicted the Owls would indeed be in the Division III final four in the next few years.

What Rowe has to do in the mean time is slowly build a team that he can mold in his coaching philosophy, which is fundamental, pressure basketball.

But first he has to get through this season.

Despite the 1-18 record, Rowe is still impressed with the effort and energy his team brings to the floor every night.

"We work hard. We are playing above our level of talent right now, and we are consistently improving," Rowe said.

Rowe has been insistent that the record is no more than just numbers on paper, and are not relevant to the level of play that has been displayed by his players.

"(The) record has no bearing on performance as long as we give a group effort," Rowe said.

Realizing that this would be a rejuvenating season for the Owls, Rowe has focused on the little things.

Rowe has been intent on practice sessions, and has expressed his enthusiasm during practice.

"The biggest thrill for me has been going to practice. The players come to practice with great enthusiasm, and this makes me very optimistic," Rowe said.

When asked what player has stood out in his mind this season, Rowe instantly replied senior co-captain Doug Jenkins.

"Jenkins' ability to adapt to his third coach in four years is impressive. He has been able to maintain a high level of play," Rowe said.

Jenkins, who is the three-point specialist for the Owls, is again having a fine season (39 percent three-point average) and seems unaffected by the coaching change.

Rowe is indeed a big addition to the Keene State athletic program.

But another big addition will come next year with the much talked about shift from Division II to Division III.

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Swimmers spilt duel meet Saturday

The Equinox

The Keene State swim/dive team traveled to Clark University on Saturday to compete with the Worcester Polytechnical Institute.

The women jumped out to a 67-13 lead with the help of first place finishes by Seanna Matthews in the 200 freestyle, Lissa Cross in the 50 backstroke, April Butterfield in the 50 breaststroke, and Melanie Tripp in the 100 fly.

Win

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What head coach Phil Rowe has done with this team is bring in a squad that is over-matched at almost every position night in and night out and watched them battle for 40 minutes without ever going down without a fight.

Rowe's coaching and the team's hustle and persistence has kept the Owls in games they otherwise would be far out of.

"We have worked very hard to this point and it was great to see the guys rewarded for that," said Rowe following his first home win.

"We were over-matched on Saturday against Southern Connecticut State but I liked the way we were able to shake it off and come

back with a strong performance." Anyone who caught the Owls win over Johnson & Wales saw that there are a lot of things you can't help but like about this team.

First there was the ever improving play of sophomore forward Ryan Hooper, who took the reins of the offense early in the second half to the tune of 13 points on 5-8 shooting and six rebounds.

Then there was the always intense freshman guard Corey Boilard who continued his strong play with a 12 point, seven assist, five steal performance that gave Keene state fans a glimpse of the future.

Want more? How about junior guard Rich Bahlman who continued to prove to be the Owls best player with a game high 20 points to go along with five assists and five rebounds.

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Keene State extended their lead to 105-51 after Corey Boughton captured the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:22.08.

Keene State finished the meet with a victory in the 200 freestyle relay, giving them a 150-83 win.

The men fell to WPI 127-87. Highlighting the loss was Robin Oelkers, who won the 50 and 100

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"This process has been going on for two years," he said. Once these regulations have been met the athletic teams can begin to focus on competing in a new division.

Keene State has been given \$300,000 in the past for athletic scholarships from the Financial Aid Office. That money is now being left in the Financial Aid Office for general academic scholarships.

Now the athletic department will receive zero funding from Financial Aid.

"Our operational budget and salary budget are all basically the same. We still have to pay the officials, we still have to travel and eat when we go on the road," Ratliff said.

A major question is how the coaches will attract top level athletes to their programs with no scholarships to offer.

"The campus sells itself," he said. Ratliff also thinks the facilities will draw in prospective recruits.

The department is looking into building a new recreational facility that would include basketball courts, aerobic area and a fitness area.

The new facility would be for the general student body. Adding a new facility will give us more time and flexibility in the gym for athletic practices, Ratliff said.

However, the new facility is still in the planning process. "It's still very preliminary, we don't even know where we are going to put it," Ratliff said.

"Our outdoor facilities are excellent," he said. But now that Keene State is in the new division they need a grass soccer field.

Rumors had surfaced that the school was planning on tearing up the turf and replacing it with a grass field. "A lot of the division III schools won't play on turf and the NCAA doesn't allow soccer championships to be held on turf," Ratliff said.

The department is looking at building a grass field out by Owl Stadium in the next couple years.

The plans for the grass field are again very preliminary.

Ratliff said that the college has no intentions to eliminate the turf.

"We still need a place for field hockey to play, and we're looking at adding lacrosse as a varsity sport," he said. The turf is also attractive to many outside schools who hold games and championships at Owl Stadium.

"We have a need for both surfaces and we need to figure out how we're going to do that," Ratliff said. Building extra practice fields would allow all inter-collegiate teams and even some club teams to practice there.

By doing that Joyce field could be used for recreational use, he said.

The department is also looking into renovating the locker rooms and training facilities at Owl Stadium.

"We know there's a dire need for locker room and training room space, so within the next couple years I think you'll see that out there," he said.

"We're looking at that through private funding, with a little help from the institution, but not through student fees," Ratliff said.

There are plans that have been drawn up, but when that happens is another story, he said.

Once the department can achieve these goals the college may then be able to draw in prospective athletes by the facilities.

The department is looking into adding men's and women's lacrosse as a varsity sport. It is now in the process of being approved by the student assembly.

But it looks like that will be the only team added in the near future.

Tennis can't be a varsity sport due to the lack of facilities, however architects are looking into building additional courts, Ratliff said. Keep in mind that is still preliminary.

Many students are also interested in an ice hockey team. However, there's once again a lack of facilities.

The longing for a football team has been an issue for a long time, but it looks like it will ever happen. The price tag of \$150,000 to \$200,000 for a team is out of the Keene State price range.

Ultimately the college is following the Division III philosophy of broad based programs for maximum student participation.

The idea to move into Division III was not a good one in many students' opinions. However, Keene State was poorly funded on the Division II level.

The advantage of becoming a Division III school will allow all teams to be funded so they can compete on a competitive level within the division, Ratliff said.

While in the Division II level certain Keene State programs received more attention and funding than other sports.

"Field hockey didn't have new uniforms for eight years, and they never bought the cross country teams shoes," Ratliff said.

The department is aiming to bring all the intercollegiate teams to a competitive level. That was impossible for the department to do in the past because of poor funding.

The decision to become a Division III school will have a positive impact on the teams at Keene State. But these plans won't be complete for some time.

In short, don't expect to be around when these projects are completed.



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

Coach Keith Boucher discusses strategy during Saturday's game with Southern Connecticut. Battle

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When the halftime buzzer sounded, Keene State found themselves down 30-29.

Turnovers really hurt Keene State in the first half, as their 10 doubled Southern Connecticut.

Shooting 37 percent from the field kept Keene State down by only one at the half, but in order to achieve victory, their defense had to step it up, and they did just that.

With 18:38 remaining in the game, Lindsay Arnold made a nice basket to cut the Southern Connecticut lead to 32-31.

Unfortunately for Keene State, they went back to the way they were playing in the last three minutes of the first half, as the sloppy ball control took over and led to the loss of momentum for them, but for Southern Connecticut it gave them confidence and the ability to maintain their lead.

After a time out by Keene State, the defense kicked it into high gear and refused to let Southern Connecticut take control of the contest.

Keene State's offense saw how hard their defense was working and returned the favor by posting a 7-0 run that saw them gain a 44-40 lead with only 7:52 left.

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fouled, she made two key free-throws and iced the game with a narrow four point lead.

With 4 seconds remaining, Keene State got fouled again, but it did not matter because it was too little, too late for Southern Connecticut as they fell to Keene State.

"Our defense was very good and our offense was good enough to win the game," said assistant coach Anthony Ewing.

"We picked up the intensity. It was a very well played game and the defense was great. A total team effort," said Smith, who finished the game with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Martin lead Keene State in both rebounding scoring with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Izzo and Arnold contributed with 21 points between them.

Marty Sheridan lead Southern Connecticut with 15 in the losing effort.

"We almost gave it away at the free-throw line. Our defense was the winning factor," said head coach Keith Boucher as he describes his team's 15-27 shooting from the line in the second half.

Keene State will play three more NECC games before returning home to Spaulding Gymnasium on Thursday, February 20 to play their final Division II basketball game against UMass-Lowell at 5:30 p.m.

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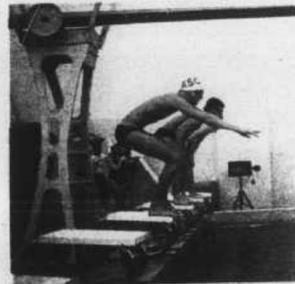
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The Equinox Sports



Keene State swimmers split duel meet over weekend

The Keene State women swim/dive team defeated the Worcester Polytechnical Institute Saturday at the Spaulding Gymnasium pool. The men did not fare as well, losing 127-87.

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Rich Bahlmann drives to the hole during a recent game. The Owls won their second game Monday.

Hard work pays off for Owls Men's hoop team notches second win

David Haley
The Equinox

Monday night Spaulding Gymnasium contained all of the ingredients of your classic college basketball venue.

With school colors strewn throughout the gym and a crowd full of students being led by male and female cheerleaders showing an enthusiasm not seen since the glory days of Rydell High.

A Keene State Owl mascot doing "the Worm" at halfcourt and

the ceremonial cutting down of the nets after the home teams victory. Okay, so the win was against Johnson & Wales University, a culinary arts school known more now for its soufflé's than its basketball.

Also, the multiple dance numbers gave the game a "Up with people" look to it, and the performance of "The Worm" at halfcourt had most people searching for the nearest tranquilizer gun.

But amid all the dancing and door prize give aways (enough al-

ready!), there was one very notable occurrence.

The Keene State men's basketball team was winning, and they really seemed to be enjoying it.

Forgive the Owls if they were a little over exuberant in their 90-54 win.

Chefs or no chefs, Johnson & Wales had already beaten two teams on the Owls schedule this season and with the team's narrow losses of late this was nothing short of a big win.

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Div. drop nears

Jennifer L. Kuehn
The Equinox

There is more to Keene State College's move to Division II to Division III than just adding another roman numeral.

The problems which must be overcome will be the lack of athletic scholarships, and the need for new or renovated athletic facilities.

The biggest draw back of becoming a Division III school is the removal of athletic scholarships.

"This is the last group of seniors with scholarships," Athletic Director John Ratliff said.

The NCAA does not allow Division III schools to have athletic scholarships.

Keene State is required to abide by the NCAA regulations as far as playing, practicing and competition, Ratliff said.

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Keene State Athletics Director John Ratliff

Lady Owls defeat conference foe

Paul Silverfarb
The Equinox

The Keene State College women's basketball team came up victorious in the "Battle of the Owls" as they beat up on Southern Connecticut State University 64-59 at Spaulding Gymnasium on Saturday.

The score however, was a lot closer than the game itself.

Southern Connecticut jumped on top early as two quick three-pointers gave them a 14-10 lead.

But Keene State came right back as they hit their first free throw.

The second shot missed, but an offensive rebound and a easy lay up equaled three points and a 15-14 lead with 10:29 remaining in the half.

Defense had an important impact in the first half.

Southern Connecticut was playing great D, as they caused four quick turnovers in the first eight minutes of the half.

The Southern Connecticut press

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Snowboarding is growing in popularity and is making its mark on area ski resorts.

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Introduction

This brochure has been designed as a companion to Keene State College's Financial Aid Catalog to provide more detailed information about the financial aid process for the 1997-98 academic year. The student should first carefully read the Financial Aid Catalog for a

Students: lack of communication in Financial Aid causing trouble

Brent Curtis
The Equinox

You probably thought the Cold War ended with fall of the Berlin Wall, but the lack of communication between students and the Office of Student Financial Aid proves that the iron curtain is alive and well in Elliot Hall.

Many students who receive financial aid can recall at least one frustrating occasion when getting their money didn't go according to plan.

"This is my last semester and it's never failed that there's been some glitch and my money arrived late," Keene State College senior Jason Mahon said.

The money has never been more than two months late, Mahon said, but at a small school like Keene State, he doesn't think it should be late at all.

The college isn't big, but it receives more than 6,000 applications for financial assistance each year. Timothy Dreyer, assistant director of student financial management, said.

For the more than 3,500 stu-

dents who receive financial awards, there are stacks of forms that need to be mailed and processed along with thousands of federal regulations which must be strictly adhered to, Dreyer said.

"Keene does a lot more work on individual files than a lot of other schools because we pride ourselves on being thorough and fair," Dreyer said.

For most students, actually getting money is not as difficult as getting the amount they need.

"I actually got less money than I did last year. I think my mom made more last year, but that doesn't mean it's going to translate to me," senior Cesar Ahumada said.

Ahumada said he is paying for his own education but there's no way to indicate that on any of the forms financial aid sends him.

Some students with extenuating circumstances can receive help if they appeal to financial aid in writing, Dreyer said.

However, under the laws that govern federal aid, responsibility lies with the students and their families to pay for college, Dreyer said.

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assistant financial director of student financial management

"The government looks at a parent who says, 'I won't contribute toward my child's college education' and hears 'I want the government and taxpayers to pay for your college education rather than me,'" Dreyer said.

The way financial aid tabulates award amounts doesn't take expenses into account either, senior Christy Hobin said.

"My dad had cancer and is still recovering. My sister is also allergic to many foods so our medical bills are high but financial aid never takes that into consideration," Hobin said.

Dreyer said he encourages any students with unusual economic circumstances to contact financial aid.

Regular meetings are held to discuss how extra aid for such stu-

How Do I Apply for Financial Assistance at Keene State College?

Students who wish to apply for financial assistance from Keene State College for the academic year 1997-98 should submit the

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dents can be found, he said. Bureaucracy is a great thing because it lets you meet all kinds of administrative officials while looking for the answer to just one question, sophomore Jason Hindle said.

"Why can't financial aid and the Bursar's office communicate? Can't they just stick their heads out the window and talk to one another?" Hindle said.

Dreyer agreed that the two offices need to communicate.

"This complaint has been heard loud and clear by Keene State College," Dreyer said.

Starting in December, the Office of Financial Aid was granted the ability to take payments, and give out billing and other bursar information, Dreyer said.

Dreyer also said that Keene State is in the process of implementing new software which will allow every department to share the same information on students.

Other students have experienced problems with work-study awards. Some receive work study but are unable to find on-campus jobs.

"On my awards letter I qualified for work-studies and I looked for a job during my first week here but they said they couldn't give me a

job because I'm a freshman," Wendy Hellekson said.

It's important that students understand that work-study awards are not guaranteed like other kinds of aid, Dreyer said.

Since the college doesn't know how many students are interested in working, they give out more awards than there are jobs to ensure that all the work-study money gets spent, Dreyer said.

That means that some students may not find jobs, but Dreyer said he's never heard of students being turned away from jobs because of their class standing.

Not everyone has experienced problems with financial aid. Senior Marc Stevens said, people need to understand that financial aid has only a handful of people trying to accommodate thousands of students.

"I've gone in to get things done and they're all burnt from students going in and yelling at them," Stevens said "If you talk to them like people they're a lot more willing to help."

