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# SPORTS

Keene State College Athletics



## Keene State Softball Win Streak Continues Over Weekend

Senior Co-Captain Keleher Sets New NECC Stolen Base Record as Team Reaches .500 Mark on Season

Heather Smith  
The Equinox

As the temperatures warmed this past weekend, so did the Keene State College softball team.

The Lady Owls brought their record up to 13-13, 5-5 in the NECC, with a sweep of NY Tech on Friday and Stony Brook on Saturday.

In the process, senior Anne Keleher set a Division II career stolen base record, shattering the old record of 81, held by Barbie Barrett of Assumption College.

In game one on Friday, Lindsey Blood set the pace for the weekend. She came out strong striking out the first batter she faced.

The fate was the same for the last batter of the inning, as Keene State made their first one-two-three inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, the only bat to make contact was that of Katie Mickola, as she had her first double of the weekend. Not much action followed in the second as Blood struck out two more NY batters.

The no hitter was in fact going into the third but a two out double to left center ended that. Fortunately for the Lady Owls, the shutout was still there, as a ground ball ended the inning.

Although Keene State had some trouble making solid contact, the bats came alive in the

fourth. Carrah Fisk smashed a standing double to right center and was brought home by Jessica McCourt's single to left.

Later in the inning, an error by Tech's second baseman and a pass ball gave Keene State the 3-0 lead that they eventually ended with.

Blood had two more strikeouts in the fifth inning to bring her total to eight. In the sixth, while Blood failed to record a strikeout, she got three ground balls hit right back at her, and tossed out everyone of them.

Going into the seventh inning, Blood was unaware of the fact she was going for the shutout. "I don't like knowing about those things during the game," Blood said after the game.

*"It's been a struggle for me lately because when I have been on base, someone has been in front of me."*

• Anne Keleher  
on setting NECC stolen base record

The top of the seventh gave those that did know about the shutout a reason to be worried. The inning began with a walk to the lead off batter.

The next batter went down on strikes. With one out and a runner



SAFE!! - Anne Keleher slides into second during Saturdays game to set a new NECC record.

on first, Tech's Orlando, cranked a double to left-center, leaving runners on second and third.

With the crowd getting anxious, Blood the ball in play for her fielders to handle.

A foul ball to catcher Mickola and a ground out to second baseman Brenda Sepanek ended the game, shutout intact.

The second game found batters on both sides more active.

The first runs of the game were

tallied by Keene State as pitcher Carrah Fisk hit a two run blast to the flood zone past the right-center field fence.

As the umpire called for a new ball, Keene State baseball team member Tim Dodge went for a swim to retrieve the ball.

That must have been a lucky ball, because after that, the inning ended with a ground ball to second.

The second inning found NY

on the board for the first time all afternoon.

Fisk walked the first batter. After Fisk struckout the next batter, the runner on first stole second base and on an over-throw headed for third.

Center fielder, Anne Keleher, was backing up the play and gunned the runner down at third.

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## Rowe Named New Head Basketball Coach

Mike DeFina  
Sports Editor

The Keene State College men's basketball team were looking for a head coach who could bring some life to a high-spirited but unsuccessful team.

After months of sifting through the applications of over 100 coaches, the search finally ended. Phil Rowe was announced by Keene State's Athletic Director John Ratliff at a press conference in the Student Center on Friday.

Rowe will take over for interim coach Gary Kornfield, and will be the 9th head coach overall.

Rowe comes to the Owls with

plenty of coaching experience. He is currently the Athletic Director at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, but was head coach at Plymouth State College from 1985 to 1990.

In his five years at Plymouth State, Rowe had an overall record of 74-53. And in the 1988-89 season, he led his team to a first place finish in the Little East Conference, and earned a bid in the ECAC Tournament.

Rowe has also been an assistant coach at Boston University, and St. Anselm College.

Rowe was extremely optimistic at the conference, and directed most of his energy towards his

family, Ratliff, and his new players.

"This was a long process, but it was a thorough one, and I would like to thank everyone at Keene State," Rowe said.

Rowe will have pressure to win, and he has not been on the sidelines for three years. However, that did not seem to discourage him at all. "Yes, I do have pressure to win, but that's why I got back into coaching," Rowe said.

Keene State's move to Division III is an advantage for Rowe, as he has much experience at that level.

He said that the Little East is a very competitive league, and he is confident that the Owls will do

great things when they make the jump over to the conference.

He was also optimistic about next season, saying that the NECC is one of the toughest leagues in Division II, and that the Owls will be competitive.

"We need to face the best before we make the move to Division III, and that's exactly what we will get," he said.

His predictions for the next few years of Owls basketball are that next year will be a competitive year, and in a few years, Keene State will be in the final four for Division III.

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## Greek Life Evaluated

President Yarosewick calls for status report

Jonathan Cooper  
The Equinox

In recent years, a number of judicial charges were filed against Keene State sororities and fraternities due to alcohol and hazing violations. The most recent of these charges resulted in the suspension of Sigma Rho Upsilon's charter for two years by the college last Spring.

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Following the findings of a campus judicial board, members of Greek Life rallied in solidarity on Fiske Quad before taking their concerns to Keene State President Stanley J. Yarosewick.

Yarosewick and the administration organized a forum with members of Greek Life to address both side's concerns over the current role of Greeks at Keene State.

Now, both sides are working together to dispel the stereotypes some have of Greek Life and to reform the current Greek system.

At Yarosewick's request, Vice

President of Student Affairs Delina Hickey has formed an administration assessment team to evaluate the status of Greek Life at Keene State. In addition, an assessment board made up of Greeks, faculty and staff members will work together to offer suggestions. By January, both team's will develop a report which will be presented to Yarosewick.

*"The college has a partnership with every student organization on campus. With Greek Life it is a high risk partnership because of the liability issues, especially the alcohol."*

• Patrice Strifert  
Coordinator

Patrice Strifert, coordinator of campus activities and a member of the administration assessment team, says the goal of the two boards will be to "help prioritize things."

"Each group has different priori-

ties," Strifert says. She says that some groups may need to address concerns, such as party management, while other groups may need to improve on academics. "We need to ask what do we keep? Is there something about Greek life that we want to keep," Strifert says. Strifert says it is important for the Greek Community to focus on various organization's positive points and to build off of them.

She reiterates that the goal of this assessment is in no way designed to force Greeks off campus, but rather to figure out how the college and Greek Life can continue in a "strong partnership."

"Assessment is really talking about outcomes," she says. "I don't want the outcome to be no Greek Life, but if the outcome shows us down that path, then we'll see."

Strifert says before cutting ties with an organization, it is important to figure out ways to rebuild relationships.

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## Solar powered tradition continues

Campus Ecology's SolarFest celebrated its third year this weekend

Danielle Hayford  
The Equinox

As the sun tried to peek through the haze, there was a bright light on the Student Center lawn Saturday. That light was SolarFest '96.

Campus Ecology sponsored the third annual event, called "Percy Hill's SolarFest" by the band's news letter. The festival brought in three bands, information booths on energy consumption, earth science, hemp products and plenty of free food for all.

The information booths were sponsored by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NSEA) and the organization called Earthwatch, which offers opportunities for members to get field experience with researchers.

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Percy Hill headlined the third annual SolarFest this weekend. The sun-powered concert has received national recognition.



The Keene State College Arboretum and Gardens offer a wide range of plants, flowers and trees. See story page 4

## Volunteers help make move-in day successful

Kimberly Seydlo  
The Equinox

This year's moving in day for freshmen was free of major problems, thanks to volunteers from the Keene State College faculty, staff, administration and student body.

In an effort to keep on campus traffic under control, campus safety had additional paid staff on duty for moving in day, which took place on August 24 and 25.

Vernon Basiden, director of campus safety, said there were a few minor traffic problems. "This was probably one of the better years as far as move in is con-

cerned," Basiden said.

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• Vern Basiden  
Director of Campus Safety

Off campus traffic was heavier than usual with some delays, but there were no collisions as a result, Keene Police said.

Anne Miller, associate dean of student life, student affairs, publicized freshman moving in order to recruit volunteers from the campus community.

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**August 28 Wednesday**  
**12:05 a.m.** Minor in possession of alcohol, no location.  
**3:11 a.m.** Two intoxicated subjects who claimed to be from Plymouth State College were trying to get into residence halls.  
**September 1 Sunday**  
**11:10 a.m.** There was a suspicious odor in Morrison Hall, subject claimed to be smoking cigarettes.  
**September 2 Monday**  
**12:21 a.m.** There was graffiti found in the Science Center  
**September 4 Wednesday**  
**12:26 a.m.** Residents of Carle Hall reported harassing phone calls.  
**1:10 a.m.** The blue-light telephone near Whitcomb Garage was activated, and a male screamed into the phone and shut the door.  
**1:12 a.m.** The same male from the above report stated into the blue-light phone nearest the

trestle that he had been beaten up in front of Carle Hall  
**1:45 a.m.** The same subject from the two previous reports called from the Winchester Street parking lot blue-light telephone to report that he was being assaulted.  
**1:57 p.m.** Officers escorted a non-student from campus. Subject was described as being "belligerent and elusive."  
**9:10 p.m.** There were obscene phone calls reported from Fiske Hall.  
**September 5 Thursday**  
**7:52 a.m.** There was report of graffiti on the third floor of Monadnock.  
**September 6 Friday**  
**12:01 a.m.** There was a call from Owl's Nest 8 of a student wishing to turn in his roommate for possession of a controlled substance.  
**1:02 a.m.** The sprinkler system in Fiske Hall was activated.

**1:14 a.m.** There was a report of a controlled substance at Owl's Nest 7.  
**1:18 a.m.** A bat was reported in an upstairs bathroom of Owl's Nest 7.  
**4:27 p.m.** A former student was seen in front of Fiske Hall. The person is banned from residence halls due to a conviction.  
**8:05 p.m.** The alarm system at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery was showing a broken pane of glass.  
**9:08 p.m.** Report of a minor in possession of alcohol, in Randall Hall.  
**11:49 p.m.** An RA in Randall Hall reported a fight in the St. Bernard's Church parking lot.  
**September 7 Saturday**  
**12:25 a.m.** An intoxicated female, 18, was found laying down in front of Carle Hall. The campus safety officer was advised to call an ambulance, the Keene Fire Department

transported the victim at 12:40 a.m.  
**2:00 a.m.** A resident of Monadnock Hall was taken into protective custody by the Keene Police.  
**2:10 a.m.** There was a couple arguing in front of Carle Hall. The Keene Police were called to the scene, but took no action.  
**11:52 a.m.** There was vandalism on a room door in Carle.  
**12:26 p.m.** A student reported that some speakers and an amplifier were taken from his truck, which was parked in the Winchester Street parking lot.  
**2:48 p.m.** There was a bird in the lounge of Fiske Hall.  
**10:55 p.m.** A bat was spotted in the center stairwell of Hollowat Hall.  
**11:16 p.m.** There was an intoxicated person near Owl's Nest 7.  
**September 8 Sunday**

**3:09 a.m.** The blue-light telephone at Ponside Hall was activated, the subject yelled "fire" into the phone and closed the door.  
**3:10 a.m.** A subject was seen ripping a sign off its post in the commuter lot near the Redfern Arts Center of Brickyard Pond. The subject was believed to be the same as from 3:09 a.m. report.  
**9:22 a.m.** A shopping cart full of newspapers stolen from PAKS was found at Strafford house.  
**10:48 a.m.** There was an open screen on the first floor of Holloway.  
**12:00 p.m.** A student who is banned from residence halls was seen in the Dining Commons. The person left campus soon thereafter.

## Keene Police Log

**August 29 Thursday**  
**12:06 a.m.** Kent Johnson, 22, 85 Winchester St., detained at the intersection of Winchester and Blake Street for an open alcohol container. Released on summons.  
**12:18 a.m.** Kathleen Malone, age unknown, address unknown, detained at the intersection of Winchester and Blake Streets for an open alcohol container. Released on summons.  
**August 30 Friday**  
**12:31 a.m.** subject urinating on sidewalk in front of Randall Hall, subject moved along.  
**5:15 a.m.** KSC Safety called back to advise that they no longer need assistance because vehicle has gone on their way.  
**September 1 Sunday**  
**8:47 a.m.** KSC Safety, Spaulding Gym vehicle to be left on campus until Sept. 3  
**7:49 p.m.** Carle Hall, services rendered  
**September 3 Tuesday**  
**10:44 a.m.** KSC Safety, investigation  
**9:44 p.m.** Art Center services rendered  
**September 4 Wednesday**  
**12:06 a.m.** Andrew Harris, 19, 65 Queen Rd. Keene, arrested at 109 Davis St. for unlawful possession of alcohol. Police were called to the Davis St. address for a loud party complaint. Harris was bailed on \$300 personal recognizance until Oct. 4.  
**6:24 p.m.** Fiske Hall follow up  
**7:02 p.m.** KSC, stolen property complaint  
**September 5 Thursday**  
**8:22 a.m.** Holloway Hall, bike theft, victim Jessica Bishop, Holloway Hall room 225A,

mountain bike reported stolen from bike rack outside building  
**7:14 p.m.** KSC Safety, Owl's Nest 3 room 301, services rendered  
**11:39 p.m.** Madison and Winchester St. complaint of loud party, services rendered  
**September 6 Friday**  
**12:16 a.m.** Owl's Nest 8, police called to building, alcohol found in room  
**1:09 a.m.** Owl's Nest 9, services rendered  
**1:15 a.m.** Michael Geary, taken into protective custody  
**1:35 a.m.** Fiske Hall services rendered  
**2:08 a.m.** Monadnock Hall alarm  
**5:43 p.m.** Nicole Carey, 19, Owl's Nest 8 room 204, arrested for unlawful possession of alcohol. Turned self in to police. Released on \$300 personal recognizance bail until Sept. 24  
**10:00 p.m.** KSC Art Gallery alarm, unknown cause  
**September 7 Saturday**  
**12:35 a.m.** Carle Hall ambulance canceled  
**12:36 a.m.** Randall Hall services rendered  
**12:51 a.m.** Christina Miliski, 18, Randall Hall room 209, arrested for possession of a controlled drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, bailed \$800 personal recognizance until Sept. 20.  
**2:38 a.m.** Carle Hall, services rendered  
**4:49 a.m.** Fiske Hall fire alarm  
**5:25 a.m.** KSC trespass letter given to KPD  
**1:09 p.m.** KSC Winchester St. parking lot theft, victim Rachel Cheever, Owl's Nest 1, Volkswagen Jetta broken into, stereo and

pen light stolen, \$100 damage to vehicle  
**1:09 p.m.** KSC Winchester St. parking lot theft, victim Pamela McCarthy, Owl's Nest 1, Volkswagen Golf broken into, Rockwood stereo stolen, \$200 in damage to vehicle  
**1:09 p.m.** KSC Winchester St. parking lot theft, victim Bradley Poisson, 140 Winchester St. Motor vehicle broken into, speakers and amp stolen from vehicle valued at \$200, \$100 in damage to vehicle  
**1:30 p.m.** KSC Winchester St. parking lot theft, victim Gavin Kane, Owl's Nest, vehicle broken into, stereo and CD's stolen, \$75 in damage to vehicle  
**3:54 p.m.** KSC Winchester St. parking lot theft, victim Sheila Smith, Owl's Nest 4, 1983 Plymouth, rock through window, wire cutters left behind, \$205 in damage to vehicle  
**4:16 p.m.** Art Gallery alarm malfunction  
**9:51 p.m.** Loud party complaint Blake Street, agreed to desist  
**September 8 Sunday**  
**12:49 a.m.** Monadnock Hall, smoke in building/dry chemical extinguisher discharged  
**2:30 a.m.** Holloway Hall, report of phone harassment  
**11:14 a.m.** Holloway Hall at request of KSC Safety, services rendered  
**11:02 p.m.** Michael Davis, 19, Randall Hall room 310, possession of drug paraphernalia. Released on summons

## Baisden: Fiske flood a 'malicious act of destruction'

Joel Kastner  
The Equinox

After an event college officials are calling an act of malice, five Keene State College students have been forced to relocate from their rooms in Fiske Hall.

Sometime after midnight on Thursday, a

Fiske Hall resident apparently broke the head off of a water sprinkler, flooding his room, and the room directly below which housed three other students.

Vernon Baisden, director of campus safety calls the incident a "malicious act of destruction."

The damage to the building has made the

two rooms uninhabitable for at least a month, according to Anne Miller, associate dean of student affairs; student life.

Dollar estimates are unknown, and the five students will not be reimbursed for their personal losses Miller said.

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## Environmental studies dorm opened at 331 Main St.

### Dorm offers freshmen a greater sense of community

Hannah Snyder  
The Equinox

Keene State's newest residence hall at 331 Main St. is more than just another mini-house, it offers distinctions from the other residence halls on campus.

There is a seminar room in the building and a few offices for environmental studies faculty and staff.

The 37 residents are freshmen, all of whom have expressed an interest in the environmental studies program.

Vice President for Finance and Planning Jay Kahn, said the renovation of the building "allowed us to create affiliates between academic life and residential life."

Students living at 331 Main St. will actually be attending classes in their house, according to Anne Miller, associate dean for student affairs; student life.

New students who expressed an interest in environmental studies or who had no specific area of study interest were sent pamphlets about the opportunity to live and study in an atmosphere with a greater sense of community.

"The magic of it is when you live together and attend the classes together," Miller said.

In order to live at 331 Main St., residents had to register for an English composition class and 100 level environmental studies class.

Melissa Colpitts, a freshman

living at 331 Main St. said the pamphlet that was sent to her made the program sound good. She is glad she chose to live there because the building is nicer than other residence halls on campus and everyone there became really close, really fast, she said.

"Everybody likes it here, everybody wants to live here next year, and I don't mind having to take the classes. I was going to take them anyway," Colpitts said.

Keene State didn't buy the building with intentions of transforming it to another dormitory, Miller said. The main reason for the purchase was because of the buildings location near the gateway to the campus.

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• Anne Miller  
Associate dean of student affairs/student life

According to Kahn, students prefer mini-houses to larger residence halls because it provides a sense of community.

After the program was under way, Miller realized the importance of a community when dealing with the environment and environmental issues, which is the focus of the program.

"When you're doing something right, everything falls into place. I know this is a good idea, I have no



331 Main St., a building recently purchased by the college, was opened as a dorm for environmental studies students. Besides being a mini-house, the building offers seminar rooms, and offices for environmental staff and faculty.

doubts about it," Miller said.  
 "The students love it," Kahn said. "They like how good the facility looks."

Freshman Kirk Gustafson, a resident of 331 Main St., said, "It's nice, really nice. I was very surprised to see the quality of the

## Mason Library renovations give greater access to patrons

Molly Wheeler  
The Equinox

Closed stacks of periodicals and microfiche have seen the light of day.

Renovations to the Wallace Mason Library periodical section has been opened up for the first time in 12 years and are now available for public browsing.

Prior to the renovation, periodicals had to be retrieved by a staff member, and checked out using a Keene-Link card.

Along with the opening of the periodicals, the staff desk was removed and walls were knocked down, allowing room for new furniture, plants and the shifting of materials.

Materials can now be retrieved without the aid of a staff member, there is added work space with less walls and sunlight reaches throughout the room.

Twenty library personal were needed last year to staff the periodical section. Now that staff has

students were very helpful and very enthusiastic about the project, she said.

There are no definite plans for the program next year and there is no telling if the focus of the facility will remain on environmental studies, she said.

been cut in half, and the remaining staff has been spread throughout the library. To help students operate the microfilm machines visual aids are hung on the walls explaining how to operate the microfilm machines and how to locate materials.

The decision to open the periodical section was made by David Pinto, director of the Mason Library. Pinto is optimistic about the change.

The goal of this project was to make the section more "user friendly," Pinto said, and to make it more consistent with other libraries which have open stacks of periodicals.

Periodicals were restricted 12 years ago due to theft and mutilation of the collection.

With a concern for damage now, steps have been taken to heighten the security and college policy will be strictly enforced if anyone is caught stealing or damaging library property.

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David Pinto, director of the Mason Library, decided to make the periodical section of the Wallace E. Mason Library more "user friendly." Renovations were made over the summer. This is the first time in 12 years that the racks have been open to the public. In 1984 the periodical stacks were closed to browsing because of repeated vandalism.

Equinox photo by Matthew Daily



# Arboretums and Gardens of Keene State College

After five years, the campus horticulture is officially opened to the public



Equinox photo by Erin Wheeler  
**Thornless Halka Honey-Locust tree on Appian Way**

Sandra Duggan  
The Equinox

On Earth Day 1996, a seed planted five years ago finally bloomed.

The Arboretum and Gardens of Keene State College, a self-guided walking horticulture of campus was designed to teach and to diversify the botanical life on campus.

Organizers have been working since 1991 to put the arboretum together.

The idea of the arboretum was originated by David Gregory, of the biology department, Peter Hartz of the physical plant department, and Judith Schwartz, a lecturer in biology. The goal was to use the campus to teach, and to add to, and diversify the botanical life already on campus.

"As time goes on, we're going to do more and more with the arboretum," said Bud Winsor, director of the physical plant, who also worked to put the project together. Winsor explained that over 300 trees have been planted over the last three years.

Jeff Garland, who maintains all the trees on campus, says, "It's wonderful that we have trees like this and it adds a lot to the campus environment."

He also said that Keene State College has a long history of planting trees.

The arboretum is not only enjoyed by students and faculty on campus, but also other groups in the Keene State community.

Garland explained that people of all ages have come to enjoy the arboretum including a local Kindergarten class.

Garland said that the arboretum is the whole campus. "There's more that isn't in



Equinox photo by Erin Wheeler  
**Colorado Blue Spruce and Cut-leaf Weeping Birch located on Oya Hill named for the late Henry Oya, former grounds keeper of the college.**

## Arboretum & Gardens of Keene State College

there (the pamphlet) than is," he explained. Garland wants to call others' attention to the trees and have others help maintain their beauty.

The arboretum walking tour begins in front of Elliot Hall and continues down Main Street past Parker Hall and the Hale Building, where tour takers can see the Parker-Hale Greensward.

The next stop on the route is in Fiske Quad, where tourists see a row of nine Common Lilacs which stand as a memorial to Keene State alumni and students killed during World War II. The Lilac is also the official state flower of New Hampshire.

The Fiske Quade has been designated as the area for memorial plantings.

After Fiske Quad, the tour runs onto Appian Way and then proceeds toward campus housing to Oya Hill.

The tourist is then guided past the Whitcomb Building to the Ashuelot River and



Equinox photo by Erin Wheeler  
**The Parker-Hale Greensward as seen through the Alumni gateway.**

onto the Arts Center and Brickyard Pond.

The Art Gallery is next then the Library Courtyard. The tour ends on Elliot lawn where it began.

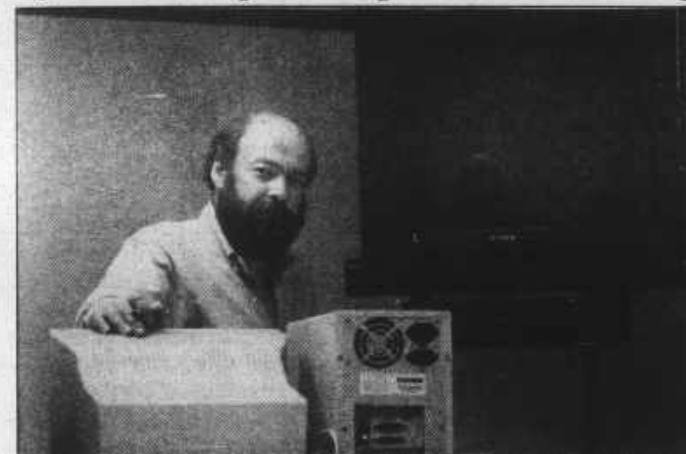
The pamphlet points out interesting trees and shrubs at each of these stops, and it points out some historical information pertaining to each location. A map is also included for the tourists' convenience.

The tour pamphlet was researched and

written by Judith Schwartz and students and staff members of the biology department, the science division, and physical plant department: Dr. David P. Gregory, Jenna Konesko, Amy Ferland, Bud Winsor, Peter Hartz, Jeff Garland, and Pete Dunnigan. Guide pamphlets are available at the student center, arts center, admissions office, alumni office, library, art gallery, and the Spaulding Gym.

## New computer lab on-line in Elliot

Journalism department purchases 12 PC-compatible Pentiums



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak  
**New journalism computers will help Craig Brandon and other professors create the feel of a real Newsroom.**

Hanna Snyder  
The Equinox

Computers have been added to the journalism department to turn the newly renovated classroom into a newsroom.

Chuck Thompson, director of the computer, said the greatest benefit to the students is the experience of using these machines in an advanced way, getting information as it's happening, almost immediately. Having that advantage is important, especially in

**"Everything is a cost decision, there was limited money at the time, but we actually got the computers for less money than what Craig and Rose were proposing,"**

• Chuck Thompson  
director of the computer center  
journalism, he said.  
Craig Brandon, journalism instructor, said the computers are

ideal because they are what people really use in a newsroom.

"Now we can design an entire newspaper right on the computer. It's more efficient, much more realistic," Brandon said.

According to Brandon, each computer costs between \$2,000 and \$2,500 and the money for the computers and the renovations came from several sources.

Thompson said Brandon was aware of the state of the technologies in the journalism department compared to the advanced technologies in *The Equinox* office. Brandon and Rose Kundanis, journalism department head, presented a proposal for the computers to Dean of Arts and Humanities, Michael Haines.

"Everything is a cost decision, there was limited money at the time, but we actually got the computers for less money than what Craig and Rose were proposing," Thompson said.

Thompson said he doesn't think too many students know about the new computers yet. "They should be flooded. If they're not, I don't know what else I can do for them," Thompson said.

Twelve computers are currently in the lab. Up to six more will be installed at a later date.

## Thieves take car stereos from KSC parking lot

Over \$1,000 in damages from Winchester St.

Robert K. Wollner  
The Equinox

Five cars parked at the college's Winchester Street parking lot were broken into over the weekend, resulting in over \$1,000 worth of damage and stolen property.

Vern Baisden, director of campus safety, says his department is working in cooperation with the Keene Police Department, searching for suspects, and aiding in the investigation.

"It is still under investigation, it's going forward and we are checking into some suspects," said officer Jay Duguay of the Keene Police Department.

Vehicles burglarized include a Volkswagen Jetta owned by Rachel Cheever. Cheever's car window was broken, and a car stereo and pen light were stolen. Police estimate the damage to her vehicle at \$100.

Pamela McCarthy's Volkswagen Golf was broken into and a car stereo was stolen. Police estimate \$200 in damage to her vehicle.

A vehicle belonging to Gavin Kane was broken into, his car ra-

dio and some compact discs were stolen. Police estimate the damage to his vehicle at \$75.

A 1983 Plymouth belonging to Sheila Smith was broken into; wire cutters were left behind in her car. Police estimate \$205 in damage to her vehicle.

**"It is still under investigation, it's going forward and we are checking into some suspects."**

• Jay Duguay  
Keene Police

Bradley Poisson's vehicle was also broken into, police say that stereo speakers and an amplifier were stolen from his car and were valued at approximately \$200. Police estimate the damage to Poisson's car at \$100.

Baisden says this is an isolated incident, and that patrols by both Keene State Safety and the Keene Police have been increased in the area of the Winchester Street lot.

Baisden asks that anyone who may have any information regarding this incident contact either his department or the Keene Police.

## THE CHOMPING BLOCK Delicatessen

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# Opinion

## Greek stereotype deserves a second look

### Editorial

After years of whispers and empty promises, the Keene State College administration and the Greek Community have finally decided to start working together.

For almost as long as Greeks have been on Keene State's campus, they have viewed the administration as an enemy and the administration has viewed Greeks as a problem, although neither side was willing to admit it.

Everyone knows that underage students drink at Greek parties. Because of the element of secrecy used to protect their traditions during the pledging process, Greeks are constantly open to attacks of what people "hear" goes on behind closed doors.

When hazing charges were brought against Sigma Rho Upsilon last Spring, neither the Greek community nor the administration could look the other way.

The whispers became screams. Both sides realized that something had to be done if Greek life was to survive at Keene State.

Unfortunately it took the suspension of a Keene State sorority before both parties involved realized that some changes were needed in Greek life.

With the formation of the administration's assessment team and the active role the Greek Senate is taking in monitoring fraternities and sororities, if everyone holds true to what they are saying, it seems as though it won't be long before Greek life is back on track.

Matt Miale, president of the Greek Senate, says he wants Greeks to police themselves and make each other follow the senate's guidelines.

By doing this, Miale and the senate won't have to worry about the college administration cracking down on them. If the senate makes Greeks - individually and as organizations - responsible for their actions, the college won't have to get involved in their affairs.

The simple fact is that Keene State's Greek community has been negatively stereotyped. People can argue as to the validity of these negative stereotypes, but that's not the point.

Now that Greeks are making an honest attempt to

improve their impact on the campus, they deserve a second look.

The campus community views each fraternity and sorority not as individual organizations, but as one.

This "Greeks are Greeks" mentality adds to the negative view many people have of Greek life as a whole.

The Greek Senate and individual Greek organizations must make sure they take swift action against anyone, individuals or organizations, who violates their policies. By doing this they will insure that Greeks are not lumped together as one. Those Greeks who give to the campus in a positive manner will not be brought down by those who act with malice.



### Soundoff

photos and interviews by Sue Ashman

### "What do you like/dislike about Keene State College?"



"I enjoy the opportunity of meeting new people."  
• Alison Stromberg  
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graphic design



"The people are really friendly here."  
• Jack Goldberg  
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• Jeff McCall  
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industrial technology



"I like the small and pretty campus. I don't like the amount of work and responsibility."  
• Kristin Jaeger  
freshman  
health and fitness

## Dole's old, Clinton's Clinton; things could be much worse



Peter Lambert  
Equinox  
Columnist

To say that voter apathy this election year is high is to make an absolutely blatant understatement - sort of like saying that there is nothing to do in Keene. No one except card-carrying political party members are really happy with the candidates, and even they aren't crazy about them.

On the surface, it's pretty easy to see why no one is too excited this election year. Bob Dole does not exactly enthrall us. He has the charisma of a toaster oven, and, let's face reality, he's old. Really

old. (Rumor has it someone was thrown out of the GOP convention because, instead of yelling "Dole in '96!" he yelled "Dole IS '96!") No one really expects him to give us a 15 percent tax cut, balance the budget, build up the defense, bring back old time values, and bring world peace, all at the same time. We're surprised he can walk and breathe at the same time.

President Clinton is not the ideal leader, either. His term has made Richard Nixon's look good, decent and civilized. Members of his administration are dropping like flies. They are either being fired, resigning, or actually dying. A president is someone who the people want to look up to, but when the average American can picture any president having a stack of dirty magazines in the Lincoln bedroom, it's Bill Clinton. The on-

ly redeeming thing about Bill is, we could be stuck with his wife.

If someone looks a little deeper, however, he or she will discover that Americans have absolutely nothing to complain about. If you examine other world leaders, our's look like angels.

Take the leader of Peru, President Fujimori. In 1992, he dissolved the Peruvian Congress, suspended the constitution, and imposed absolute censorship. He gave no real reason, it was just something to do. Can you imagine what would happen if the American president dissolved Congress and suspended the Constitution (that includes the Bill of Rights), all on a whim?

President Assad of Syria is no better. In recent elections, he received 99.98% of the vote. However, this is a low amount, seeing

as how he made all opposing parties illegal. It is also believed that he is behind alleged Syrian sponsored terrorism.

What a swell guy.

How about Dr. Hastings Banda of Malawi? The former self declared leader for life took it upon himself to ban what he thought were indecent influences on his country. He banned kissing and blue jeans, among other things.

We could have President Yeltsin of Russia. Several times over the past few years, he's taken "vacations" - usually to recuperate when he's too ill to lead the country, or too drunk.

Frankly, if he were a horse, we'd have him shot. The fact that anyone this sick and feeble has control over nuclear warheads that could destroy, say, New York does worry us a bit sometimes.

General Sani Abacha leads Nigeria, the most heavily populated country in Africa. In 1995, the military government was supposed to hand the country over to civilian control - but unfortunately, General Abacha didn't want to let go. He's still in power, and when anyone dares protest, he has them shot. He is not exactly the type of person you would want to lead your country.

We suppose that, given the choice between one of our two candidates, and any one of these clowns, the average American would probably pick Bob or Bill and be content with his or her choice. When compared with other world leaders, Bob Dole and even Bill Clinton don't look half bad.

- Peter Lambert is a Keene State freshman, majoring in history and a columnist for The Equinox.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Remembering the TWA victims

They have been silenced for almost 60 days now.

The 230 individuals of TWA Flight 800 were extraordinary people. Lawyers, doctors, professors, students; all were on board the flight that fateful day. A couple going on their last family vacation with their two daughters, one a recent graduate from college, the other, receiving her driver's license, both signs of independence.

An 80-year-old woman, along with her husband were two individuals who had travelled to many places around the globe during their 50-plus years of marriage. As a birthday present, her husband had gotten two tickets to go to Paris for the first time. However,

due to the crash of flight 800, the present will never be fully opened, and shall remain only in the minds of those who remember.

A young girl, a genius for her 12 years and known throughout her small community in New York, traveling alone for the very first time to visit a pen pal from France.

A 25-year-old prosperous hockey player from France who just minutes before take off, called his girlfriend at her New York City apartment, and asked those cherished words, "Will you marry me?" Her answer was "Yes." He boarded the plane a happy man, but in the end, she sat alone in her apartment, never to wear that sacred ring of marriage.

Another promise had fallen silent during that warm summer evening of July 17, 1996.

A young business man, whose

girlfriend was working in France, called her a week before, and said he was flying out to Paris the next week to ask her an important question.

She knew what that question would be, but at 8:35 p.m. on that fateful day, the question was unanswered. Her ring lay preserved in the briefcase when divers retrieved it a week later, from the plane's watery grave.

We will never forget the group of students from Montoursville, Pa. A French club that had raised thousands of dollars in a two year period, only to have been silenced by some unknown act.

What was going through the minds of the 230 individuals who boarded the plane that summer evening?

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## No more looking forward to next year



Joel Kastner  
Executive  
Editor

Another graduating class, another year I'm still in school. For me, this is the last, but it's been a long time coming. Five years to be exact - I'm one of a dying breed 'round here, one which was once more prevalent - we called ourselves students on the "five-year plan."

But alas, those carefree days of endless withdrawals and 9 credit semesters seem to be gone, most likely for the best.

Gone too, also for the best, is the view with which The Equinox was held by the vast majority of the Keene State campus, just a few short years ago ...

For those of you who are lucky enough not to have witnessed the seemingly imminent demise of The Equinox a few years back, I say count your

blessings.

At that time, the paper's mandate seemed to be, "piss off as many segments of the local community as possible." Oh boy did we ever make enemies.

We insulted individuals, departments, and at one point, we went so far as to degrade an entire college campus with our small, but costly mistakes.

Thankfully, those days seem to be in the past.

Last year, something happened that was unheard of during my brief tenure at the paper: dedication mated with knowledge.

Certainly, one or the other was always present, but the pairing of the two, led to a finished product which I am, and I think justifiably so, very proud of. Our first issue last fall seemed to be right in line with its predecessors.

After missing our 6:30 a.m. printing deadline, we continued piecing the paper together straight through to lunch time, and produced something so hideous, I have blocked its image out of my mind forever.

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## Improved

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But then gradually, things started to change. Writers learned to write. Editors learned to edit. And with the help of our new advisor, Craig Brandon, we slowly but surely started producing a rather professional (by college standards anyway) and somewhat attractive newspaper.

Therefore, I choose to think of last year as a rebuilding year - one in which we far surpassed our goals of simply straightening out our previous follies.

With all this said, I am looking to the future. Beginning this fall, *The Equinox* will undergo a series of improvements - color photography in every issue for instance - which I believe will send the paper to a new level of competency and respectability.

In addition to technological improvements, we are enjoying our largest and most diverse general staff in years.

After years of ten-person staffs, it's no wonder that we're excited about having close to 50 names in our masthead.

A talented general staff means editors have more time to work on long-term projects.

This year, look for *The Equinox* to expand its coverage of Arts Center events, broaden its political reporting and publish results of recreational sports at Keene State.

Of course there will still be those of you who are entirely unsatisfied with the paper. To you I offer several options:

First off, write letters to the editor. This is your forum to complain, discuss or even complement *The Equinox*, or any other aspect of the Keene State community.

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Maybe you decide you have something to say that doesn't quite warrant an entire letter or commentary, in which case, give us a call.

Finally, the option of joining our staff is always open and encouraged. Sometimes, if you want something done right, you just gotta do it yourself.

- Joel Kusner is a Keene State senior (for the second year running) and the executive editor of *The Equinox*.

## TWA

• from page 6

We can only speculate.

There's an old saying that time heals all wounds. That may be so, but for some of the individuals who will only be known for their accomplishments in their family circle, or in their community.

We might never have met them personally or knew who they were on screen or in the news, but we all lost individuals, 47 at least, from our own generation.

What would those 47 young adults have become? Could the girl who was sitting in seat 45, aisle 13, find the cure for AIDS? Could the young sports jock, known for his talent both on the field and on the court, become the next Michael Jordan?

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Jason Hindle,  
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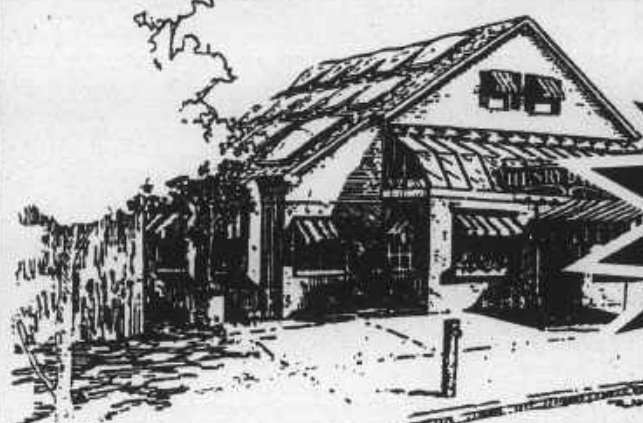
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## Crash course to help freshmen

Colleen DeBaise  
College Press Service

IOWA CITY - For 18-year-old freshman Sharon Monaghan, the adjustment to campus life at the University of Iowa has been close to trouble-free.

Except, "I forgot my robe," she said. "I'd really like that." Also, she'd like a laundry bag.

The toughest part for her, she says, is getting used to the academic demands of college.

"It's a lot more work than high school," said Monaghan, who plans to major in biochemistry. "I feel like a dork. I come home, do work and then I go to bed by nine. I'm just kind of waiting for the homework to pile on."

So far, she gets along well with her new roommate, and they've lofted their beds to squeeze a couch into their tiny dorm room. And she's not too homesick.

"You think about going home, but all your stuff is here," she explains.

Being away from home. Coping with studies. Dealing with roommates.

Those are just some of the concerns that nearly every incoming freshman has during the first few weeks on campus.

A number of publications--many written by recent grads--offer helpful tips on surviving campus life. They list tips on how to manage with the "roommate from hell," how not to gain the "Freshman 15," and how to keep in touch with Mom and Dad.

For instance, Joe Turton, a 1994 graduate of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, recently finished writing "My Freshman Manual: The Official College Handbook."

At Denison, Turton was a psychology major and an athlete, and he describes himself as "someone who recently has been in the trenches and is willing to share these lessons with others."

"If I had known all the things I included in the book beforehand," Turton said, "I would have avoided many problems myself."

Here's his advice for college freshman:

- Get a phone card for calling home. It will save you a lot of money, and you won't have an excuse for not calling the parents.

- When you fill out your maintenance room report at the beginning of the year, mark every single detail, as well as a few extra. School fines can be outrageous for very small damages to your room.

- Buy an alarm clock that has a battery back-up. The power always seems to go out in the middle of the night.

- Get to know the professors in your major department. Letters of

recommendation are very useful when you are looking for a job.

Following those "rules of thumb" will help alleviate the stress of freshman year, Turton said.

Melanie Sponholz, a 1993 graduate of Drew University in Madison, N.J., and her husband, Joseph Sponholz, a 1994 grad of New York University, offer their advice to freshman in "College Companion: Attaining Academic and Social Nirvana."

The book, recently published by the Princeton Review, was written because "facing life in a pantry-sized dorm room with a total stranger might not be the easiest of situations," according to the 25-year-old authors.

They lace the book with real students' stories gleaned from interviews they conducted with current college students, and commentary drawn from the Princeton Review's surveys of more than 56,000 college students.

First off, the Sponholzes offer these tips for incoming freshman:

- Take care of money matters. Open a saving and checking account with a local bank, but shop around for the best fees. Some banks require students maintain minimum balances; others tack on charges for using automatic-teller machine cards at machines not owned by the bank.

- Have a "ground rules" chat with your roommate. You'll each be glad you took the time to work out a plan to accommodate each other's study, sleeping, eating and CD-blasting habits.

But, "don't be a dork about this," the Sponholzes warn. Instead of handing your roommate a typed list of suggestions, have lunch together and talk about how you both like to live.

Once a freshman has settled into classes and dorm life, a whole new set of problems can arise, according to the authors.

Melanie Sponholz bases her advice on her two years as a resident adviser at a Drew dormitory.

Joseph Sponholz's perspective comes from his years as an NYU "frat guy" and intramural athlete.

Their tips are:

- If you have the "roommate from hell," give it some time. During orientation week, you and your roommate might spend 24 hours a day with each other.

But once the school year starts, you'll most likely have separate classes and activities to live your some space. Soon, you'll meet other people, and you can hang out in their rooms.

"It's also important that you and your roommate talk about every problem as it occurs," the Sponholzes advise. "This way you'll avoid a bunch of little arguments

creating a huge blowout between you and your roommate."

They note that sometimes, the situation is really bad. In the worst cases, your roommate might be the resident drug dealer or sports bookie. That's the time to turn to your college's resident support staff.

"You don't have to handle every problem that arises during college life alone," the authors write. "When you feel that you legitimately need help in rectifying a serious problem, don't hesitate to go out and get it."

- To avoid the Freshman 15, don't linger over your meals with your friends; you'll just eat more than you really wanted. If you want to hang out for a while, defeat the munchies by making yourself a cup of tea, and keeping both hands on your mug.

Entenmann's chocolate chip cookies for dinner is a bad thing. Don't keep tons of junk food in the dorm room.

- Lock your dorm room. "When you're out, there's always the potential for some criminal moron to come into your room and take your clothing, jewelry, money, etc.," the authors warn. "Theft on campus is not some rare occurrence. It happens all the time."

Also, for your own personal safety, lock your dorm room when you're in it.

- Use the buddy system. "Yeah, we know this is kind of silly, but it is safe," the Sponholzes write. Take someone with you, whether you're out jogging, studying, walking around campus late, going to a party or going off campus. After all, there's safety in numbers.

- To deal with stress, try writing down everything that you need to do, then prioritize the list. And know your limits. If your list becomes 30 items long, maybe you should try cutting back on your extracurricular activities, or maybe there's a class you can drop and take another semester.

- Keep an open mind when it comes to your hometown honey.

"We're smart enough not to tell you what to do about your relationship," the Sponholzes write. "One thought though: Follow your instincts, and keep an open mind."

In other words, if you feel like the romantic relationship that you're in is something you're ready to work hard to maintain, then go for it. But if you change your mind a few months down the road, then don't cling to your decision like a lifeline.

On a lighter note, the authors also fill the book with ways to host and crash parties.

"Don't let anyone tell you that having fun isn't one of the central purposes of going to college," say the Sponholzes.

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7:30 p.m. @ Great Woods

## Thursday, September 12

**Student Activity Fair**  
11:30 a.m. @ Appian Way

**Field Hockey**  
vs. Fitchburg State College  
6 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

**Type O Negative**  
\$12.50 at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel  
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## Friday, September 13

**Max Creek**  
I Shot Andy Warhol  
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Hall

**Richie Havens**  
7 and 10 p.m. @ The Iron Horse Music Hall  
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8:30 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub  
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**Stealing Beauty**  
7 & 9:15 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre

## Saturday, September 14

**Women's Soccer**  
vs. University of New Haven  
12 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

**Men's Soccer**  
vs. University of New Haven  
2:30 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

**Me'shell Ndegeocello**  
7 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub  
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8:30 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub

**Vance Gilbert & Fred J. Eaglesmith**  
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## A Streetcar Named Desire



Courtesy Photo

MOVIE - Original director's version, fully restored, will be shown on September 28 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets on sale September 10 for \$10.

## Sunday, September 15

**The Sum of Us**  
2, 7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Hall

**J.J. Johnson**  
@ Iron Horse Music Hall  
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**Stealing Beauty**  
2, 7, & 9:15 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre

**WFCR Benefit: J.J. Johnson**  
7 & 9:30 p.m. @ Iron Horse Music Hall  
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## Monday, September 16

**The Sum of Us**  
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Hall

**Monday Night Football**  
8:30 @ Night Owl Cafe

**Stealing Beauty**  
7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre

## Tuesday, September 17

**Hrx Rush**  
9:30 p.m. @ Randall Hall Lounge

**Down Periscope**  
9:30 p.m. @ Night Owl Cafe

**Burning Spear**  
8 p.m. @ Pearl Street Nightclub  
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**Superfly w/ Triple Mind**  
Doors at 8 p.m. @ Bill's Bar-Lounge

**Stealing Beauty**  
7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre

# Arts & Entertainment



## After slow start, Percy Hill gets 'em rocking

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Representatives from the Hemporium, a local business that sells products made entirely from hemp, such as clothing, also attended.

The NSEA, from Greenfield, Mass., is an organization determined to change the way human beings use energy.

The organization hopes by focusing on big business, it can better achieve its goals, which its pamphlet defines as "(fostering) the use of renewable and sustainable energy, the responsible use of non-renewable forms of energy, and to convey the value of these practices for the preservation of the environment."

The NSEA also sponsors the Tour De Sol, the road rally championship for electric and solar based electric vehicles.

The festival was propelled by the diverse acts Island Rokkerz, Vitamin C and Percy Hill.

Island Rokkerz kicked things off with their reggae stylings, playing to an unenthusiastic and small crowd, but they did it with panache. The band, which drew mostly from cover tunes, does have an original single, entitled "Politicians Lie."

The Rokkerz tried several times to get the tiny crowd going, but they were pretty much unsuccessful. They had a great show, but said they felt it would have been better indoors.

The Rokkerz have a special indoor sound system, and they would have had the house rockin'. The members, who hail from such locales as Aruba, Trinidad

and Jamaica, met in Boston three years ago at a jam session.

Up next was the jazzy-funk combo Vitamin C, which has been together for about a year.

The group, despite the age of its members, is extremely talented and succeeded in getting the crowd riled up. The funky rhythms, reminiscent of an old jazz band, got the crowd up and dancing.

Their set was primarily instrumental, but the music was so good they didn't need lyrics.

It seems clear this band is going places - fast. They are releasing a CD in November, which was recorded live at Mike Libby's Bar in Durham. Vitamin C hails from the University of New Hampshire.

They definitely did the trick on Saturday. The crowd loved them and they really brought the show to life.

Finally, what many had been waiting for, Percy Hill. The Hill, who also started out at UNH, has successfully released two independent CDs and were able to leave school and tour exclusively.

Their performance energized the crowd, and moved people in a way some might not believe.

It was absolutely insane. Overall, Solarfest was a huge success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the rain even held off for the duration of the show.

So of this year's Solarfest only one thing can be said: what a fest it was.



Equinox photos by Lisa Robichaud  
**Vitamin C (above) performs during Campus Ecology's third annual SolarFest. The Island Rokkerz hang out and enjoy the music.**



## This Is Our Music

by  
Brendan P. Murray

### Rock and roll big-wigs show up at CMJ to inundate the masses



Last week, myself and two of my fellow WKNH executive board members spent an exhausting four days in New York City for The College Music Journal Music Marathon.

College Music Journal is the largest, most comprehensive college radio publication and every year the magazine takes over Lincoln Center and virtually every club in NYC to expose radio folks to new bands.

They also offer informative (or not-so-informative) panels on every aspect of the music industry.

From hip-hop politics to retail management, CMJ attempts to cover it all.

They also throw a really great party.

Thursday morning began with a keynote address from the legendary Patti Smith, whose 17-year career has seen a resurgence with her first studio album in 10 years, "Gone Again", considered by most critics to be one of the best records of the year.

Patti's speech was a beatific lecture on the purity of rock and the importance of not tampering with what she called "the people's first pure art form."

As usual, Patti accepted her role as one of rock's true living legends with style and impeccable wit.

Other highlights included an impromptu afternoon set from Washington's Unwound, a stunning techno showcase at the Roxy, which featured London's Goldie performing a DJ set of hyperactive jungle beats.

The final big event was an artist panel featuring the aforementioned Goldie, Mike Watt, Money Mark, keyboardist for the Beastie Boys, among others.

The focus of the panel, as it was for the entire weekend, was the importance of diversifying the airwaves and not allowing the major label promo types to influence programmers.

While all of this heavy handed invective (sharp, harsh words used to attack Ed.) was nice, it was a sharp contrast to the schmooze-fest that surrounded the convention.

Which brings me to my point.

All weekend, myself and my fellow radio pals were inundated by every label employee in the business attempting to introduce us to their bands.

After the dust settled and the free meals and the free CDs were accounted for, we realized that we as college DJs already have a good idea of what we consider good music.

The shows and the free stuff were very nice and the panels were very informative. But at the end of the day, it all came down to something Mike Watt said.

At the artist panel, he reminded the audience that we have "control over our own lives and should be able to pick our own bands." As naive as that sounds, it's very true.

So the next time you're watching MTV, fishing around the record store or just hanging with your friends listening to CDs, be sure and ask yourself, "Why do I like music? What does it mean to me?"

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Top: Fritz Scholder, painter, printmaker and sculptor, stands next to Red #1 at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery. Below: Martyr #6, an acrylic on canvas painting which is not for sale. Some of Scholder's paintings are going for up to \$45,000.

### Painter introduces exhibit at Thorne

For Scholder, art and  
life are inseparable

James Wisowaty  
The Equinox

As an introduction to an exhibit of his work at Keene State College, painter, printmaker and sculptor, Fritz Scholder, gave a lecture at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond, Sunday. The lecture, entitled "The Artist Today" discussed the place artists have in today's technologically minded society.

"In this age of information, lines have already been drawn between the artist/shaman, and the technocrat," Scholder said.

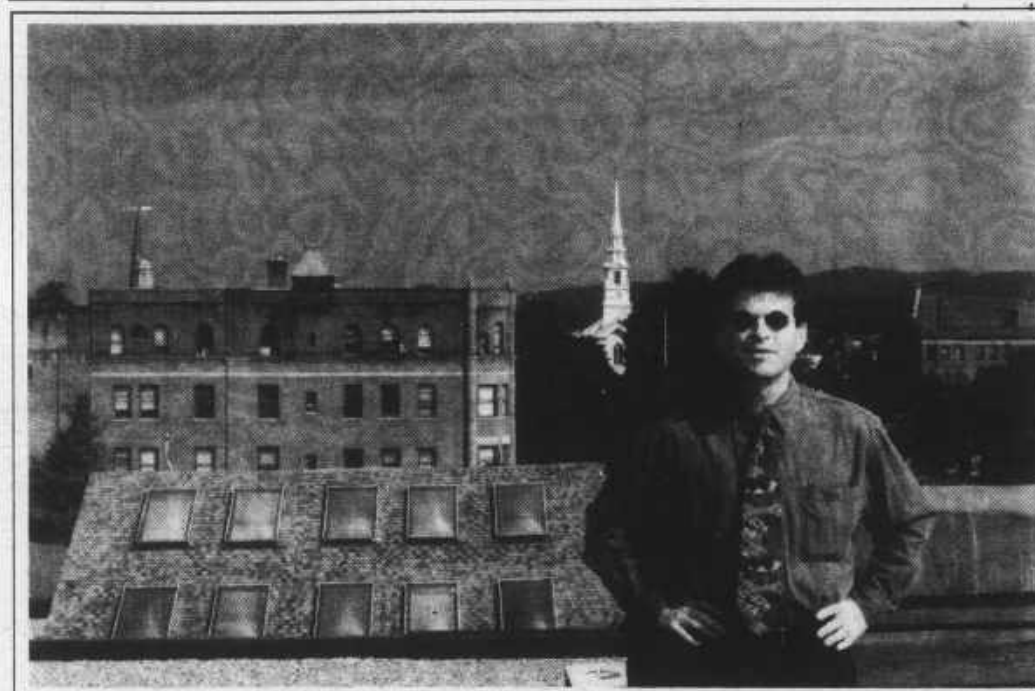
"To me, art is life, and everything has to do with that. My life and my work are inseparable."

His exhibit, Fritz Scholder Paintings and Prints, will be on display at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery from Saturday, September 7, to Sunday, October 27.

Admission to the Gallery is free and is open from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday through Wednesday, and noon to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Scholder created some of his pieces while he was a resident in the country's

oldest and largest artists' colony, the MacDowell Colony, in Peterborough.

From Keene State, half of the exhibit will be moved to St. Paul's School in Concord, while the other half will move Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter. Both exhibits will be shown from Friday, Nov. 1, until Saturday, Dec. 14.



Peter Zimmerman, director of the Colonial Theatre, is primed and ready to kick off his first year with a bang. The Colonial will feature a director's cut of "A Streetcar Named Desire" as its first main event this season. Others include Bela Fleck and "Hello Dolly."

### Theatre introduces new director as it prepares for an exciting season

Danielle Hayford  
The Equinox

In the heart of downtown Keene is a place full of hopes, dreams and art.

The Colonial Theatre, known for its stunning performances and classic movie showings, recently presented its new season.

Along with the new lineup, the Colonial has a new director, Peter Zimmerman. The board of directors is excited about this addition and feels Zimmerman will do great things for the arts in Keene. Zimmerman will be the first director who has both a love for the arts and business savvy.

The board is also excited about the renovations being made to the building. Some back-stage work has already been completed, and renovation plans are set for the other parts of the theater. Some of these include new seats, new paint, new lights, side curtains, and Dolby surround sound, among others.

The board of directors feel these renovations, although necessary, will also add to the atmosphere of the theater.

According to Merle Laracy, vice chair of the board, there will be various fund raisers to help pay for the renovations.

One such event is called the "a buy-a-seat" program, and another is being set up by the Keene Rotary Club to pay for the painting

of the building.

"Art is the only real connection between people."

• Peter Zimmerman  
Director of the Colonial Theatre

The board members are also hoping to add a second viewing room that will be used when the main theater is showing extended runs of movies.

It is difficult for the theater to get prints of films from major



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companies without a constant run. It is their hope that this second room will solve this problem.

With the new season at hand, everyone is excited. As Zimmerman says, "art is the only real connection between people."

Some of the shows at the Colonial this season will be:

- "A Streetcar Named Desire," the original director's version of the film starring Marlon Brando and Kim Hunter. Hunter will be on hand to give a speech and answer questions
  - Cirque Eloise, an acrobatic circus
  - "Jack and the Beanstalk," interpreted by the comedy team Gould and Stearns
  - Jayne Persch and Company/Briah Contemporary Dance
  - Mummenchanz, a mime masque troupe
  - The Flirtations, a capella music group
  - Bela Fleck, jazz banjo player
  - "Hello Dolly," musical film starring Barbara Streisand and Walther Matthau
  - "West Side Story," musical
  - The Snow Queen, a new production of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale
  - "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," a newly restored print of the musical film
  - "Die Fiedermaus," opera
  - Keene Chamber Orchestra
- There are many shows this season and if none of them excite you, Zimmerman throws out the question, "What would you pay money to see?"



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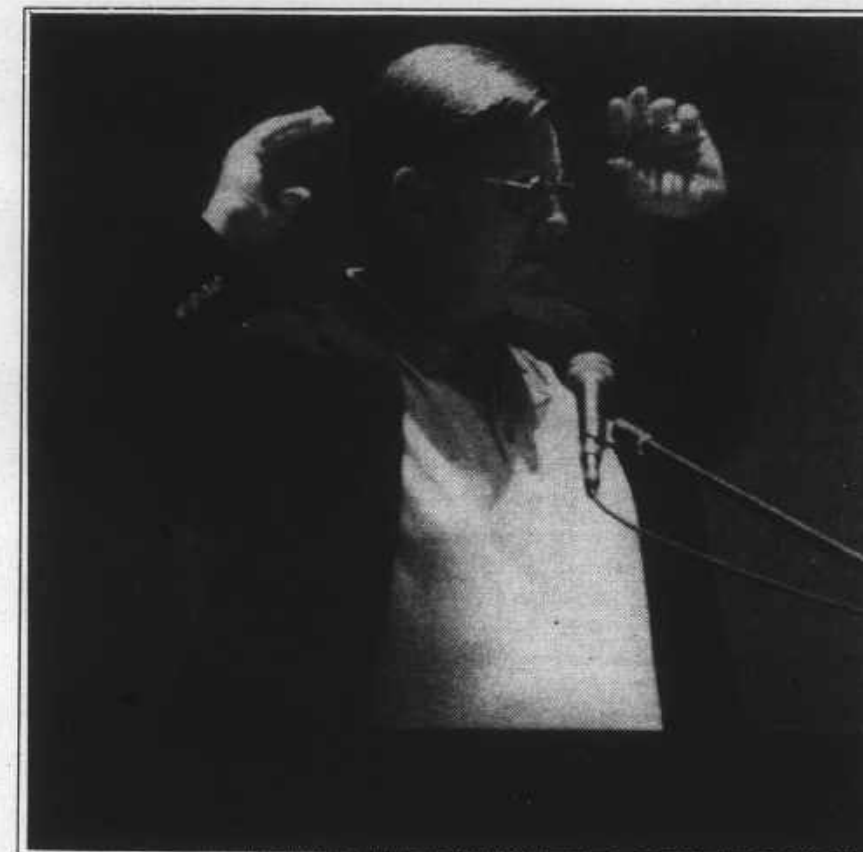
## When he talks,

*"My goal is two things. One is to get students to make informed choices and number two, I would like to work myself out of a job. After ten years of doing programs on alcohol and drugs, I am getting weary of it. I would like to get to the point where these are non-issues but they are still, sadly, very much big issues."*

• Will Keim  
motivational speaker

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### Will Keim speaks from experience



Equinox photo by Angela Puglisi  
Motivational speaker Will Keim has spoken at over 800 campuses to over two million students. He brought his knowledge to Keene State last week.

Anthony Vogl  
The Equinox

Greek life at Keene State College has a greater chance for survival if it follows seven objectives, motivational speaker Will Keim said, in a conference last week.

Keim, who has a doctorate from Oregon State in college student services, has spoken to over 800 campuses and 2,000,000 students, spoke to the Greeks on Wednesday.

"It all started with a memorial service of a student who had died with a drinking related motorcycle crash," Keim said.

"His national officer came out for that and invited me to come back."

Keim said after the speech that he has a goal that he would like to accomplish by working with college students. "My goal is two things. One is to get students to make informed choices. To understand that the stakes of their mistakes are a lot higher than when we made them."

"And number two, I would like to work myself out of a job. After ten years of doing programs on alcohol and drugs, I am getting weary of it. I would like to move to other things. I would like to get to the point where these are non-issues but they are still, sadly, very much big issues," he said.

Keim seemed enthusiastic about

Greek life at Keene State, although he realizes the stigma attached.

"You actually have made some strides here and some progress, but again, because of where you are in the United States, in a very Greek-hostile corner of the United States, the leeway is not there," Keim said. "If your campus wanted to get rid of you, they would already have done it. All they would have to do is to come to your next party," said Keim during the speech to the Greeks.

*"If my son comes back to go to college, I would like him to have a choice. But you could fuck it up so bad that I can't get him Greek here."*

• Will Keim  
motivational speaker

"We are at that point all across the nation where if Greek life doesn't fit in with the university's mission, they are eliminating them. To be honest with you, I am for that," Keim said.

Keim talked to the Greeks about the real-world view of the Greek system.

"If my son comes back to go to college, I would like him to have a choice. But you could fuck it up so bad that I can't get him Greek here. We were idiots at a time when society tolerated idiocy. We were drunks at a time when society tolerated drunks. We yelled awful things to people of color when society turned its cheek, but it ain't happening any more," Keim said.

Keim listed seven things that Greeks must do to remain Greek at Keene State.

- Study
- Serve
- Be open to all
- No more hazing
- Be sexually responsible
- Stay sober
- Don't smoke marijuana

#### Keim's tips for Greeks

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To back up these points of his, Keim gave some powerful statistics. In the past ten years, there have been 61 people killed in hazing related accidents. There have been 50 gang rapes in the past year. Forty-nine were at fraternities and one was in a residence hall.

Keim says he does not kid himself thinking he gets to everyone. "I get a lot of letters, I get a lot of e-mail, I have a lot of students who call me and say things like 'You mentioned in your speech that you had been sexually abused. I realized that I had too, and I am going to get help now for the first time,'" Keim said.

"As big an effect as I want? No. Everybody? No. I know there are people who are hearing me and people who are feeling empowered," he said.

Jim Matthews, who sponsored the event, was also being realistic about the number of people Keim reached.

"A big effect? No. I am a realist. I know that it will impact a lot of individuals. I hear that all the time," Matthews said.

"A major impact? Maybe not, but maybe this time the message will be internalized and they will really act," Matthews said.

Anyone who wants more information on Will Keim and his various writings can visit his world wide web page at <http://www.willkeim.com>.



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**Help Wanted**

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Parent of the Year Award nominations are due by Monday, September 23 at 4:30 pm. The essays should describe parents who have supported you and Keene State in the spirit of love, commitment and encouragement. Bring essays to the Barry Alumni Center, Elliot Hall. For information, call x-2369.

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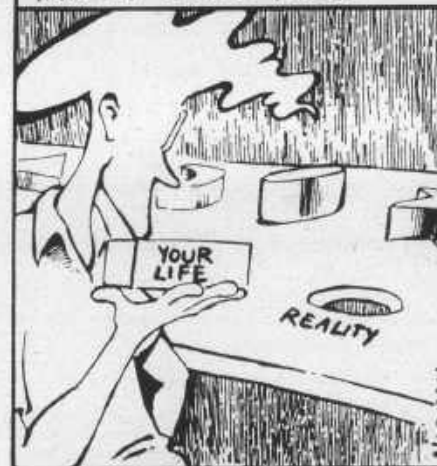
**Seniors**

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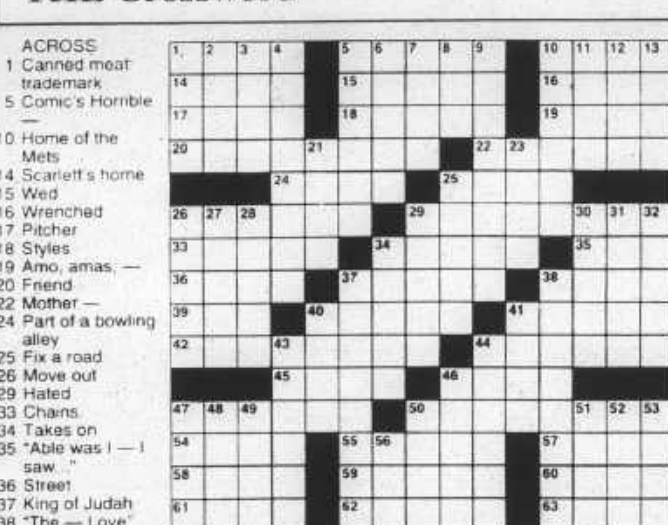
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**THE Crossword****ANSWERS**

Kristin Flink (front) and Hilary Slitt paint Kappa Gamma's pledge sign in preparation for rush.

**Greeks**

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"The college has a partnership with every student organization on campus," Strifert says. "With Greek Life it is a high risk partnership because of the liability issues, especially the alcohol."

The liability of Greek Life and alcohol has been cast into the national spotlight with the recent death of a University of New Hampshire student.

Todd Cruikshank, 18, of Londonderry fell 35-feet to his death two weeks ago while attending a party at The Acacia fraternity at UNH.

Greek Senate President and Phi Mu Delta brother Matt Miale says he wants members of Greek Life at Keene State to take action before a similar situation arises here.

Miale, who took over as president of Greek Senate at the end of last semester, called for a rewriting of the organization's constitution as his first order of business.

"Greek Senate was empowered to do nothing," Miale says. "We weren't empowered to govern. I called for a rewrite to get things back to the way they should be."

The revised version of the con-

stitution was passed by the Greek Senate and calls for a number of changes, including the inclusion of sorority and fraternity presidents on the senate.

*"If things don't change and if Greeks and the school don't find common ground to work with, there could be trouble on the horizon."*

• Mark Reagan  
Co-coordinator of Greek Senate  
Miale says by allowing every

group to have their presidents sit on the senate, Greeks will be able to have more say in the monitoring of Greek Life. "All Greeks now have the ability to extend themselves through Greek Senate," he says.

Miale says the basis for the revision to the constitution is equivalent to having that of the Constitution of the United States. He says it is important for each fraternity and sorority to have their independence, but it is also necessary for them to be monitored by a governing body equivalent of the federal government.

Besides the new constitution, Miale says the Greek Senate is also working to draft a new set of bylaws for Greek Life as well.

Though bylaws will not be voted on until Tuesday, Miale says one proposal includes not allowing freshmen into parties and no longer allowing open parties.

"I see no reason for open parties. There really aren't going to be open parties anymore," he says. "The social face of this campus will be changing forever."

Miale says these proposals are not finalized; he wants to meet with members of the Greek Community to hear every side before making a decision.

"It's going to be a tough transition, I won't deny that, but it needs to be done for our survival," he says.

Co-coordinator of the Greek Senate Mark Reagan agrees that these decisions may not be popular with members of the campus, but they are necessary.

"If things don't change and if Greeks and the school don't find common ground to work with, there could be trouble on the horizon," he says.

Both Miale and Reagan know that these changes will take some time to implement and neither of them expect immediate results, but they know that by January, the process will be well on its way.



President of the Greek Senate Matt Miale was one of the driving forces behind last Spring's rally.

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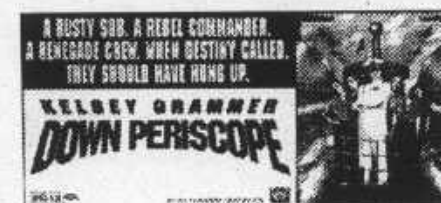
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## Campus debate on Affirmative Action continues

Colleen DeBaise  
College Press Service

Austin, Texas - Brandon Bichler, a University of Texas senior, says he is not sure where he stands on the issue of affirmative action.

It's not that he hasn't thought a lot about the issue. As the moderator of several debates on the topic at the University of Texas, Bichler has had plenty of opportunity to hear arguments for and against affirmative-action policies.

Yet the topic doesn't lend itself to easy answers, he has found. "What is the purpose of affirmative action? To equalize the playing field," he said. "The question that keeps coming up is 'have we reached that plane?' It's clear that racism still exists in this society. To what extent should the government intervene?"

University officials nationwide are struggling with these same questions as legal and political attacks on affirmative action have prompted many institutions to re-examine their admissions and scholarship policies.

Much of the recent national debate has centered around the University of Texas, where a recent federal appeals-court decision barred the law school from considering race in admitting students.

The decision in *Hopwood v. Texas*, issued March 19 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, only affects public universities in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana. But what has shocked college officials nationwide is the court's rejection of the Supreme Court's 1978 decision in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*, which declared colleges could consider race as a way to promote diversity.

Diversity has been the basis of most college affirmative-action programs ever since.

The State of Texas has appealed the *Hopwood* ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, and universities have been granted a stay on the controversial ruling until the Supreme Court decides whether it will hear the case.

In the meanwhile, many conservatives are cheering what they are calling a dismantling of affirmative action.

"This is clearly another nail in the coffin of racial preferences," Clint Bolick, litigation director of the Institute of Justice, a conservative legal group, told the New York Times after the Texas ruling.

"I think it would be a very costly gamble for any public university to persist in any kind of racial preference system," he said. "As an attorney, my advice to any university would be to get out of the racial classification business."

Already, some appear to be heeding that advice.

In Georgia, Attorney General Mike Bowers recently called for an end to affirmative-action admission policies at state colleges and universities.

In a letter dated April 9 to state schools Chancellor Stephen Portch, he recommended that state-run schools bring their admissions policies into compliance with federal court rulings such as *Hopwood*.

"It has become very clear that the use of racial classifications of any kind are available only in the most narrow of circumstances," he wrote.

This month, Texas suspended several statewide minority-scholarship programs after concluding the *Hopwood* ruling also applied to financial aid as well.

**"Preference by race undermines relations between the races and undermines the credentials of the best minority students"**

• Carl Cohen  
University of Michigan

This latest blow to affirmative action follows other challenges within the past year.

• Last May, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ended a scholarship program for blacks at the University of Maryland at College Park.

• The University of California Board of Regents voted in July to drop race and gender preferences in hiring and admissions, sparking a bitter battle that has become a political one as well.

This month, a statewide referendum barring the use of racial preferences in all California government programs officially qualified for the November ballot.

Meanwhile, some students are demanding an end to policies that give preferences to minorities.

University of North Carolina law student Jack W. Daly filed a lawsuit April 11 against UNC's Board of Governors over a requirement that eight of its members be women and others be minority groups.

"Because he is a white male, Jack Daly is not eligible to compete for these eight seats, half of which will come up for election in the Spring of 1997," the suit states.

And in the same week as the UNC suit, the UT law school was sued once again in federal court by a group of white and Asian-American students who claim that they, too, were discriminated against by the school's affirmative-action policies.

## VP nominee Kemp shows support

Chicago — At a South Side rally, Republican vice-presidential nominee Jack Kemp told an African-American audience that he continues to support affirmative action.

"I am for affirmative action if it is about removing barriers to people taking part in jobs, education and other opportunities," Kemp told a group of black business people and philanthropists gathered at a community center.

Kemp has long been a supporter for affirmative action, although many believed he had switched his position when presidential candidate Bob Dole chose him as a running mate.

The students, who now are attending more costly, private law schools at Baylor and Southern Methodist Universities, are hoping to show that they have been financially hurt by the use of affirmative-action policies, their lawyer told reporters.

At several campuses within the University of California system, hundreds of students have protested at meetings of the Board of Regents; dozens have been arrested.

UT students have rallied on campus to express their concern that diversity would not be preserved without race-preference policies.

In fact, the appeals-court review of *Hopwood* revealed that without such policies, the UT law school would have admitted only nine blacks and 18 Hispanics out of a class of 500 in 1992. Instead, the entering class included 41 blacks and 55 Hispanics.

The Student Coalition for the Defense of Affirmative Action was formed by students on the Austin campus immediately after the Texas ruling. About 600 students marched about four blocks to the Attorney General's office to urge the state to the *Hopwood* decision.

Tito Garcia, a UT senior and the coalition's project coordinator, said students plan to work hand-in-hand

Dole has charged that affirmative action is an affront to the American principle of fair play.

He supports the California Civil Rights Initiative that would ban the use of race and gender preferences in all state hiring and college admissions.

The controversial California initiative will be on the state's November ballot. President Clinton opposes the initiative.

Kemp did not go into details about how his views would mesh with those of his running mate, Dole.

He has endorsed Dole's position on the California initiative.

with UT administrators to develop a revised admissions policy that would protect diversity. "What we want to encourage the university to do is develop a policy that will look at other factors—essays, extracurricular activities—not go to a complete numbers system."

Like students and educators around the nation, Garcia is worried about the fact that blacks and Hispanics often score lower on standardized tests than whites. Affirmative-action policies have long been regarded as a way to rectify that situation and increase the pool of minority applicants.

Carl Cohen, a professor at the University of Michigan and author of "Naked Racial Preference: The Case Against Affirmative Action," said he believes the Texas ruling could help minority students.

Often, Cohen said, minority students at Michigan and elsewhere complain that professors and other students assume they have been admitted to the university based on their skin color and not their skills.

"Preference by race undermines relations between the races and undermines the credentials of the best minority students," Cohen said.

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## news briefs

### Purdue student acquitted of hazing-related charge

Lafayette, Ind. — A former Purdue University student accused of beating a pledge during a hazing incident last year was acquitted Aug. 31.

Donald Frazier, 26, had been charged with four counts of battery, five counts of criminal recklessness and one count of intimidation with a deadly weapon.

Luis Algarin had accused Frazier and 11 other members of Alpha Phi Alpha of beating him during a weeklong hazing incident last year. He told the court that he suffered a separated shoulder, internal bleeding and severe bruises as a result.

Algarin also revealed, however, that he had not reported the alleged incident until the end of the semester when he was about to flunk several classes.

Prosecutors told the court that Algarin had lied to police, telling them he had been recruited for Purdue's track team and was on an athletic scholarship.

A jury deliberated about 11 hours before finding Frazier innocent, according to reports.

Charges against the other 11 fraternity members had been dismissed in March.

### National-Louis University receives award from Poland

Chicago — A Chicago college president recently received an award from Poland for his efforts in providing long-distance education.

At a special ceremony Sept. 5 at the Polish consulate, National-Louis University president Orley R. Herron accepted the "Amicus Poloniae" for NLU's efforts to expand higher education in Poland.

Herron is the 11th American to receive the award, which is awarded by the Polish government.

In partnership with the Polish business college Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu in Nowy Sacz, Poland, The NLU program provides about 1,300 Polish students with computers, electronic library facilities and course instruction via satellite.

The business school was recently ranked as one of Poland's best.

"By exchanging knowledge with educational institutions around the world, National-Louis University will be the real beneficiary in this growing global business environment," said Herron.

Numerous students of Polish descent attend NLU, he said.

### Arizona State University holds women's voter drive

Tempe, Ariz. — Arizona State University recently kicked off a voter-registration drive with a twist: its purpose was to increase women's impact at the ballot box, organizers said.

The drive was held Aug. 28, the 76th anniversary of the 19th amendment that gave women the right to vote. The event featured historical skits on Arizona pioneer women and exhibits on women's suffrage.

"A lot of young women, especially, don't have any real understanding of the struggle it was to win the vote," said Jane Barlow, of ASU's college of liberal arts and sciences.

"We're trying to create an awareness among women of the importance of their vote."

Especially when it comes to issues such as health care, education, equal pay and domestic violence, "women could have a significant voice in legislation if they voted," Barlow said.

"Yet less than half of eligible women voted in 1994."

About 150 years after suffragists Susan B. Antho-

ny and Elizabeth Cady Stanton marched for the right to vote, many women have little knowledge of the long fight leading to the 19th amendment's ratification, she said.

The event, which was also open to men, registered about 110 new voters, organizers said.

"I suspect it was mostly women who registered," said Sarah Auffret, an ASU spokesperson.

### University Wisconsin-Madison fraternity goes substance-free

Madison — After years of trouble with alcohol and hazing violations, Theta Chi fraternity at the University Wisconsin-Madison has decided to shed its "Animal House" image by adopting a substance-free policy.

The fraternity, whose membership has dwindled over the last few years, hopes to attract a new breed of college men: those who can do without the alcohol and tobacco at house parties.

That doesn't mean Theta Chi brothers need to take on a completely chaste lifestyle.

The substance-free policy applies only to events at the fraternity house itself, said Dave Westol, executive director of Theta Chi's national headquarters in Indianapolis.

"Members can go out somewhere and have an event and have alcohol or tobacco there," he said.

That's what fraternity members are allowed to do at University of Iowa, University of Colorado and Utah State University, where similar substance-free policies have met with success, he said.

The policies are catching on across the nation for a number of reasons, including lower insurance rates, better living conditions and the academic improvement of members, he said.

But with rush season set to begin later this month at Wisconsin, it remains to be seen how popular the new policy will be with freshman. Already, Theta Chi has sent letters to more than 3,000 first-year male students to encourage them to visit the substance-free house.

"I think we're going to attract some guys who might not think about a fraternity normally," Westol said. "There were guys who joined for the wrong reasons; for a social-athletic club."

### Theology student arrested for carrying weapons in airport

Tampa — A theology student was arrested Aug. 31 after trying to board a plane with explosives, ammunition and weapons in his carry-on bag.

An airport security guard opened 21-year-old Roman Regman's bag and discovered two hand grenades, a 9 mm pistol, about 180 rounds of ammunition, six military-style knives, five handmade explosive devices and other materials, police said.

Regman held a ticket to Wilkes Barre-Scranton, Pa. He was set to start his third-year of study for priesthood in the Orthodox church at St. Tikhon's Seminary near Scranton.

Regman, who was charged with seven counts of carrying explosive devices, six counts of carrying weapons and one count of carrying a concealed firearm, insists that the materials were harmless.

"The things I had were not real . . . they're used weapons. They were no good. The grenades are dead," Regman told a Florida television station from jail, where he is being held without bail.

Lt. Steve Marlovits, a spokesman for the Tampa airport police, said that was not true. "Everything was functional," he said.

The FBI told reporters that an investigation would focus on what Regman's motive were in attempting to pass the material through the security checkpoint.

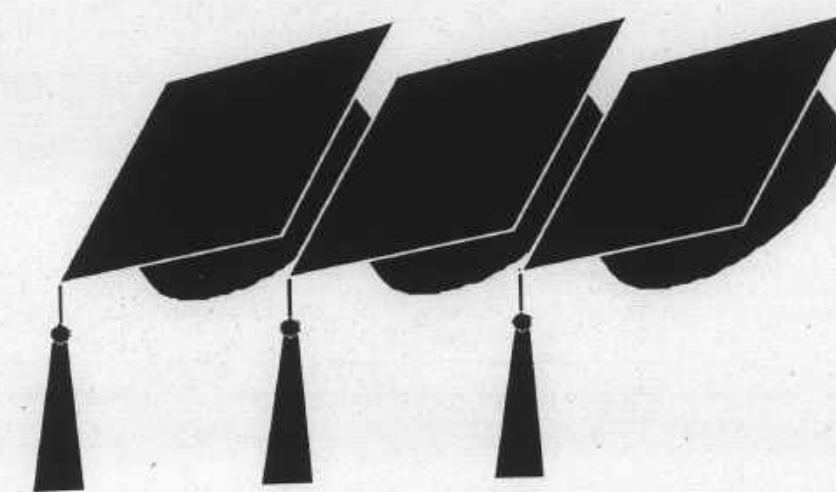
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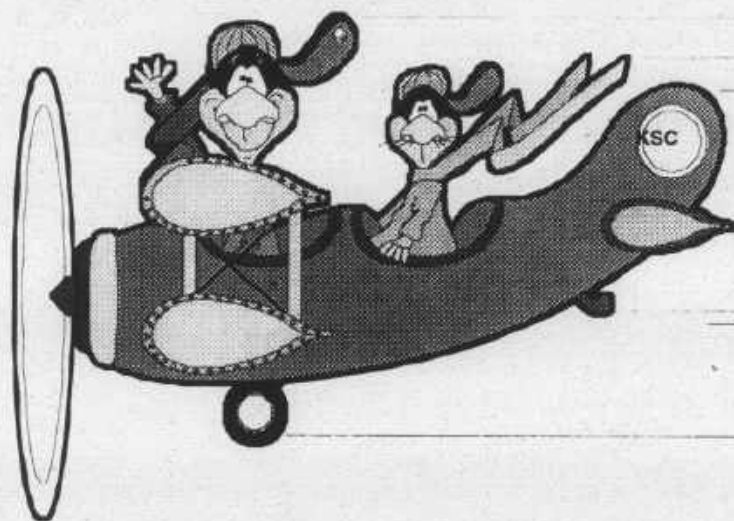




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## Flood

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Although Baisden referred to the situation as a "malicious act of destruction," Miller said she "is not permitted to discuss judicial specifics," and, in fact, said she is unable to "make a definitive statement" at this time. She did say however sprinkler heads do not "become unattached easily."

Should residential life find evidence of wrongdoing, Miller said an investigation would be in order.

The problem of intentional destruction by Keene State students is nothing new to residential life. Last year, thousands of dollars in damage were incurred in the Randall/Monadnock complex by residents.

"We have a lot of students who care about their surroundings," Miller said, calling the group of students that don't care a "minority."

Miller said efforts to curb intentional destruction last year were led by students who had had enough. "We had a couple of situations last year where those who cared stepped forward," she said.

Future efforts may also rely heavily on students, rather than traditional policing techniques. Miller likened student-oriented techniques to community watch programs. "The answer is not to make everyone a cop," Miller said, but rather to demonstrate that the majority of students are against intentional destruction of college property.

Kate Wadley, the Huntress/Fiske Hall residence director did not return phone calls to her office yesterday.

## Library

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Periodicals Supervisor Marilee Rouillard, requests that students not reshelve items, but instead put them in the bins provided so that materials do not get misplaced, and that the periodical next to the one pulled from the shelf be pulled out a bit to provide a marker for easier reshelving.

Junior Laurie Plouffe, was happy with the renovations. "It's more open to the students and if you need help it can still be given. One can browse more subjects and people will get more familiarized with materials available to them in their own library."

Jon Rubin, a freshman, finds the change something one should expect in their own library. "It saves a lot of time, it is easy access and self explanatory. Someone coming to college should be able to find the periodicals themselves. It's all easy to understand."

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## Smaller class causes fewer problems

Nicole DiPentima  
The Equinox

Last year's freshman class was the largest in Keene State College's history and it was evident on move in day.

Due to the influx of 1,049 freshmen, the college had to make last minute arrangements to accommodate everyone, including the transformation of Doyle House from offices to a mini-house. The office of residential life was "crazy," said Pam Bond, from the office of residential life.

The freshmen raised many concerns about the college's ability to offer on-campus housing to such a large number of new students.

This year with the 891 student class of freshmen moving in, said Bond, was "as peaceful as could be."

"There were no accommodation concerns with the new students," Bond said. Very few students came in with complaints about their housing assignment.

One change that made things go more smoothly this year was the decision to wait until later in the summer to make the housing assignments.

This allowed new students to meet and connect with other new students during orientation, and make arrangements to live together if they wanted to.

Ellen Tomaszek, a freshman from Stillwater, Minn. said the first day "went really well."

Lenn Hoyle, Tomaszek's uncle from Bristol agreed saying, "it was cool. I really liked how they (administration, faculty, staff and volunteers) helped unload the cars." As an out of state student,

Tomaszek said that she wished the college would be more flexible with the orientation dates so that people who live far away are more likely to be able to come.

The administration is starting to discuss the idea of building new residence halls with a projected opening date of 1998. Anne Miller, associate dean of student affairs, is scheduled to meet with architects for preliminary discussions in October.

Students will be heavily involved with the development of any new housing much like they were in the development of the Pondsides Hall.

These ideas as well as new programs for incoming students, as well as others are just some of the things that will help transitions become even smoother in years to come.

seemed shocked and impressed with the treatment they received from the volunteers, Yarosewick said.

Each year, more people are getting involved in moving in day. It has become a tradition on our campus, he said.

Yarosewick thinks things will be done in a similar way next year since the program seems to be working well.

## Move

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The volunteers were enthusiastic about working with each other while getting to meet some of the new students, Miller said.

President Stanley J. Yarosewick, has been involved in moving in day for two years.

The parents of new students

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## Hockey

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All four defenders will be back from last season and so will sweeper Karli Zien.

The problem is the lack at mid-field because Johanna Dow is nursing a sore back. Lucy Anderson and Eliza Maher will have to step up to the challenge of being full-time midfielders until Dow is capable of returning.

## Nucleus

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Daly will team up with junior Cynthia Suggs, and sophomore Carrah Fiske. Lyons remarked that Daly will be the number one goal keeper, but Suggs and Fiske will play a supporting role.

Lyons, who is in her seventh year as head coach, seemed excited for the upcoming season, and looks forward to avenging the 5-3 conference record.

Lyons, who has been in the soccer program at Keene State for

The Lady Owls offense is really strong this year with three returning vets.

Senior Stacey Joslin was last year's top scorer with 11 goals and 23 points. Chrissy Brown and co-captain Kate Letourneau will team up with Joslin to make one hard hitting offensive line. Freshman Kate Bradley will be the other forward that will complete the line.

"We got a lot of potential. We got a strong offense and strong defense," co-captain Kate Le-

about 10 years, was disappointed after last season, as the team failed to reach the post-season.

*"Our team morale is very high right now. We are playing with a lot of heart, which is the key to success. We just have to take one game at a time."*

• Denise Lyons  
women's soccer head coach

However, she is very confident that her squad will be able to get to the nationals this year--with a little work.

tourneau said. "I think we could make the post season. We got a lot of strong returning players as well as strong new players."

It is really going to be difficult for the Lady Owls this year because of the tough schedule. "If we can get through our schedule and be successful, we would have a great chance at a tournament berth," Watson said. "You can't lose many games and be a contender."

The Lady Owls have started the season with a bang.

The team has had three games in five days, and have won all three.

They beat Quinnipiac College 3-2, Assumption College 5-0, and Eastern Connecticut State University 2-0.

"Our team morale is very high right now. We are playing with a lot of heart, which is the key to success. We just have to take one game at a time," Lyons said.

The Lady Owls will try to go for four in a row, when they take on the University of New Haven this Saturday at noon on the turf.

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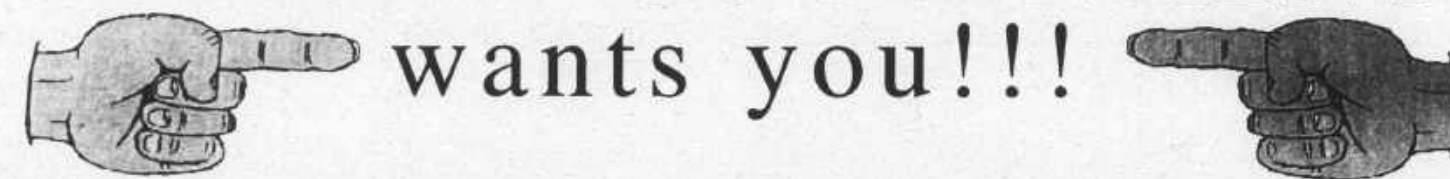


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## No choke

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That is how bad the season has been for us Red Sox die hards.

And if that term "die hards" was a reality, I would have been dead years ago. But even though I was ready to trash my television, and burn all of my Sox apparel, I still believed deep down they would make their never fail August run.

And BANG! In just over a month, the Red Sox have battled back from being 17 games out of first, to an amazing 6.5 games behind the New York Yankees, and 4.5 out in the wild-card race, behind the Chicago White Sox.

In the last month, my head has been totally spun around about baseball. Not just because of the Sox, but because the excitement is back.

Here is how it breaks down.

Over in the National League, the World Champion Atlanta Braves should have the eastern division wrapped up, as they have an 8 game lead over the Montreal Expos.

The Central division is extremely tight, with the St. Louis Cardinals in first by 1.5 games over the Houston Astros. But the Cincinnati Reds are hot, trailing the Cards by 4 games.

The West is also exciting, as the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Diego Padres-yes, the Padres, are dead locked in a tie for first. The wild-card race is also exciting, as the Padres and the Expos are tied for first, and the Astros only trail by 3.

Now back to the American League. In the east, it's the Yankees with a 3 game lead over the Baltimore Orioles, while the Sox trail by 6.5.

The Central division is pretty cut and dry, as the Cleveland Indians have a 7 game lead over the White Sox. Out in the west, the Texas has overcome the criticism of the media, and have taken an 8 game lead over the Seattle.

The real story in the A.L. has been the recent wild-card race, as well as the race in the east. As it stands now, the White Sox lead the race with a 1 game lead over the Orioles, a 3.5 game lead over the Mariners, and a 4.5 game lead over the Sox.

As for the East, the next three weeks will be the make or break point for three teams-the Yankees, Orioles, and the Sox. The Sox have eight games with the Yankees, and two with the Orioles, while the Orioles have only three with the Yanks, and two with the Sox.

I think it's going to be a great three weeks of baseball, as well as an exciting post-season. So even if you don't like baseball, I advise you to take in a game anyway. I promise, you won't regret it.



While every other team at Keene State is dropping from Division II to Division III, the men's rugby club is doing the opposite. Despite the tougher competition, the men are 1-0.

## Ruggers open season with a win

Erik Nelson  
The Equinox

In contrast with the college's NCAA program, Keene State College's men's rugby team opened their season with a move from Division III to Division II. After an invitation from NERFU (New England Rugby Football Union), the club's executive board decided to make the move in the interests of improving quality of play and opponents.

Captain Nick LaPointe said, "The move will up our level of play for the veterans who've been playing in Division III. It will also enable our new members of the team to experience a higher level of play their first year in the sport. This is something that we have dreamed of for a long time."

To start out their season the rugby team decided to take on an even tougher challenge than Division II for their first match. Club president Bob Brown accepted an invitation for a Sept. 7 match with 1995 Division IAA champions UNH. It marked the first time that Keene State had faced a Division I opponent.

As Keene State took to the field, there was a feeling that the team needed to be intense for the whole 80 minutes in order to stay competitive with the larger UNH club. From the first kick-off, Keene State showed that enormous heart could make up for a lack of physical size. The forwards rucked and mauled with great intensity while the backline contained the UNH offense with a merciless defense.

Keene State was down to UNH 5-0 in the first half until Phil Pinkerton pinpointed a penalty kick to the 2 meter mark. Hooker Kirk Sanger then threw from touch to Bob Brown, who pushed in for their first try. This only increased Keene State's intensity. Minutes later, rookie Dave "Peanut" Conant charged the UNH offense and stole a pass to run it in for the try in his A side premiere. With only a minute and a half to go, Keene State took an opportunity to show that everybody on the team has the potential to carry the ball. With the ball exchanging hands between approximately eight or nine players, Patrick Crowley took the final pass from scrumhalf Andy Baird

to score the final try, ending the game at 15-5.

Captains Roland Brassard and Nick LaPointe agreed that, "Fitness and defense were the keys to our game play. We found that some play was still rough and sloppy, yet with practice can be worked out. Although the overall victory is an amazing boost for Keene State Rugby."

The B side game welcomed Eric Coe, Jeff Dejak, Seth Godek, Christopher Levesque, Cameron Mackenzie, Mike Maverek, Mike Moravec, Matt Nassar, Kevin O'Connor, Phil Quarry, Justin Sims, and Dave Smith to their first ever rugby game. They lost 17-5 to UNH's B side. Keene State's only score was scored by Peter Gagnon on a run covering almost three quarters of the field. Fourth year veteran Kirk Sanger said, "The ability of this very inexperienced B side to only 12 points is incredible. As soon as this team sees some more action and gets some more time under their belt they are going to be a force to reckon with in Division II."

Although Rugby is only a club sport, it seems to be the up and coming sport of the '90's not just for men but also for women. More and more women seem to be switching to rugby as their sport of choice.

Practice started on Tuesday of last week and an outstanding number of new players came out to give it a try. All but a few are still with it which gives them more than enough for an A and B side. There are 15 returning players which include captains Maureen Quinn and Megan Neveu.

As a team, they have high hopes for this season. It will be tough though with competition coming from St. Michael's, Colby, U-Maine and St. Anselm's.

The rookies look promising and may help bring a winning season to the women's rugby club.

Open practices are held on the A field Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for anyone that is interested.

The men have their home opener on the A-field Sept. 21. The women's home opener is on Sept. 28.

## Howe leads Owls to strong finish

Keene State baseball expects to build on last season's success

David Haley  
The Equinox

May 1996. An 8-6 loss to Southern Connecticut in the ECAC tournament ended what had become a historical run by the Keene State College baseball team-it was finally a chance to reflect on the ride of the last month.

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• Martin Testo  
Owls tri-captain

The Owls entered the last month of the season faced with the knowledge that no less than 12 wins in a row would send the team to the ECAC tourney and a chance to join the elite of New England Division II baseball as well as answer the critics who labeled the Owls underachievers.

"It seemed like all season long, for one reason or another, our backs were against the wall, and we just kept coming through when we had to," team tri-captain Martin Testo said. The Owls jumped on the back of All-Conference shortstop Geoff Sylvester and the pitching combination of Scott Power, Guy Harrington, Scott Ely and Sean Berry to enter the ECAC's as the tournament's hottest team.

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• Brian Hamilton  
Owls right fielder

The Owls return a strong nucleus in Harrington, Testo, Hamilton, O'Brien and Ely. The current players realize they will be called upon to step up as leaders off the field as well as on. "We have a strong group of young players that should be ready to step up, it's our job to get them there," Testo said.

Hamilton added, "Sylvester, Power, Berry and Jim McTeague were leaders for us last year and that was a key to our success. Now, it's our turn to lead by example."

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and the award quieted many of his skeptics. "He is becoming a great baseball coach," said Testo. "He and assistant coach (Pat) Hearn had an answer for everything down the stretch."

Senior Sean Berry added, "you could feel (the coaches) gaining confidence along with us down the stretch."

It was Berry who made the most noise after the season with several pro tryouts and independent league offers. A left-hander who can throw hard strikes, is a hot commodity in pro baseball, and Berry fits the description to a tee.

Berry worked out for the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies before accepting an offer to play for the Johnstown (Pennsylvania) Steel in an independent league. Though Berry is looking forward to playing for Johnstown, he's still focused on this year. "I'm going to play for them after I get my degree. I hope to help out the team any way I can and stay in game shape. Last season is something this team can build on."

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Eric Capron defends the net during a scrimmage. The Owls play tonight at 7 p.m. at home.

## Finale

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The Owls will again be solid at midfield with senior team captain Philippe Moreau on defense and senior Chris Gingrow on offense. Sophomore Justin Belanger and junior Kevin Chaevalier will be on the outside wings, looking to help out in scoring. Freshman Chris Brunette should also be a standout at midfield.

The defense will once again be

## Strong nucleus will power Lady Owls

Mike DeFina  
The Equinox

The foliage of fall is rapidly approaching, school is back in session, and the start of soccer season is upon us.

The Keene State College women's soccer team, who finished 12-8 overall, and a 5-3 fifth place finish in the NECC conference in 1995, are ready to begin the climb to the top of the conference.

The Lady Owls have a solid nucleus returning, with nine starters back for another season on the turf. They will be led by senior captains Heather Boisvere and Sharon Currie. Boisvere, a midfielder, led the Lady Owls last season in goals (13), and total

strong, with seniors Drew Stiezel and Simon Roeleveld in center, and senior Charles Owusu and Junior Dave Stuart providing support on the wings. The Owls will be able to utilize their depth by rotating freshman Ben Rayder into the backfield.

The Owls are at a loss with the graduation of keeper John Griffin, but should find leadership from junior Eric Capron and red-shirt freshman Matt Audrolet will be battling for the job between the pipes.

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points (31). She also received All-Region, as well as All-NECC honors. Currie, a forward, had a solid 1995 season with 6 goals and 2 assists.

"Heather and Sharon are our leaders on the field, as well as off. This is their senior year, and they want to go out in style," head coach Denise Lyons said.

The Lady Owls should have a strong mid-field, which will be led by Boisvere, and her tag team partners, junior Ellen Pagnano, and sophomore Katelyn Haggerty.

Joining the attack will be freshman Courtney Beausoleil.

The forwards will also be tough for the Lady Owls, led by Currie, senior Kate Deysher, who had 5 goals and 9 assists in 1995, senior

of talent and experience, this year's team has the opportunity to have an incredible season. "Anything less than what we did last year would be a disappointment," expressed Moreau.

The Owls will face some serious competition. Big teams like Franklin Pierce, Southern Connecticut, and New Hampshire College will surely give the Owls a run for their money. "If we can steal one or two of those games, we have a realistic shot of going far." Butcher said.

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Andrea Slayton, (4 goals, 3 assists.) and junior Nealy Hucker, (2 goals, 1 assist.)

Senior fullback Nicole Veilleux, who got All-NECC (2nd team) honors last season, will lead the Lady Owls defense in the backfield.

Veilleux will be joined by sophomore Johanna Lozier, and sophomore Liz Uram. New to the defensive attack will be freshman Kristy Alex.

Safe-guarding the net for the Lady Owls this season will be junior keeper Kristen Daly.

Daly, who played well last year, was 6-4, with 13 goals allowed (1.57% GAA) over those 10 games.

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## Keene State College baseball team collects honors in postseason

Head Coach Ken Howe was named the coach of the year by the NECC after he led the Owls to their first post season in eight years. Geoff Sylvester, Mike O'Brien and Brian Hamilton also earned All-Conference honors.

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Kate Deysher gets ready to drive the ball during Sunday's match against Eastern Connecticut State University. The Lady Owls notched a win 2-0. See story on page 31.

## Baseball's Back; BoSox Closing Gap

Pennant races make the game exciting again



Mike DeFina  
The Equinox

I think it was a hot mid-July night when I almost threw my television out the window, vowing that I would never watch another major league baseball game ever again.

The Boston Red Sox had lost yet another game, I think that they were leading by five, when the infamous Heathcliff Slocumb gave up a grand slam and a two-run homer for the loss, or something to that effect.

It was the same thing every night for half the summer. The Sox would either blow a lead in the late innings, or get blown out early. Anyway, the fact of the matter

was they were losing, badly. Every game I watched was pure agony.

In the middle of a game in which the Detroit Tigers (who are now 28.5 games out) were pounding on my beloved team, I suddenly heard myself singing that famous Paul Simon song, "Slip Sliding Away."

The loss of Academic All-American Kerry Pillote, who was the team leader is a big loss for the Owls to cope with. Head coach Amy Watson is confident that even with the loss, her club

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## Men's soccer looking to future

Owls plan to make their last Division II season a memorable one

Jennifer L. Kuehn  
The Equinox

As the Keene State College men's soccer team kicks off their 1996-1997 season, their expectations are high. The Owls are determined to make their last season in Division II one of their finest.

With six seniors and nine returning starters, the Owls have the experience to put together a year more impressive than the last. Finishing last season with a 13-6-2 record, and coming in sixth in the New England Collegiate Conference, with an appearance in the ECAC finals, the Owls would like to at least match last season's finish.

"This year we have excellent depth, as a matter of fact, (we have) so many good freshman we can't put them all on the varsity team," said head coach Ron

Butcher. He will look to freshman Charlie Martin to play a dominant role in the Owl offense.

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Owls head coach

Martin will spend the season learning from and playing alongside senior Christian Battaglia, one of the mainstays of the offense.

With this duo up front, the Owls will look to cash in on opportunities in the front of the net, which has been a problem in past years.

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## New recruits could add punch Lady Owls need

Paul Silverfarb  
The Equinox

The Keene State College women's field hockey team is ready to take the New England Collegiate Conference by storm this season with the combination of a strong offense and defense as well as a number of awesome new recruits who are ready for action.

Last year the Lady Owls had a .500 season with a record of 9-9, though this record could have been much better. The ball did not drop their way, as they lost most of their games by one or two goals, and they also did not get that many chances.

The loss of Academic All-American Kerry Pillote, who was the team leader is a big loss for the Owls to cope with. Head coach Amy Watson is confident that even with the loss, her club

will be better than last season.

The Lady Owls have 20 players returning to the line-up out of a roster of 26 total. This is great for any team to have, and the Lady Owls, led by senior co-captains Kim Stokes and Kate Letourneau, are no exception.

Jessica Bishop will return to the line-up after a knee injury sidelined her for all of last season. Watson believes that it might take a few games, but she expects Bishop will be in top form by the teams fourth game.

Sophomore goalie Erin Bonner will give the Lady Owls extra support between the pipes.

The Defense is the key this year for the Lady Owls, as they have not fared as well on grass as they have on turf, so they want to give Bishop some extra protection.

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## Changes near for Greek parties

Jonathan Cooper  
The Equinox

### Freshmen may no longer be welcome

A vote by the Greek Senate on Thursday could change Keene State College's party scene forever. Thursday's vote on the revised Greek Senate bylaws includes a measure that would no longer allow "freshmen entrance into any Greek parties," says Matt Miale,

president of Greek Senate and a Phi Mu Delta brother. Miale says he expects the vote to pass and refers to the vote as a formality because every Greek organization was involved in the rewriting of the bylaws. Miale says he doesn't think not

allowing freshmen into Greek parties is a major change because "generally Greeks don't have open parties," he says. "Anyway, things are going to be tighter." By "tighter," Miale is referring to the active role each Greek organization will take in enforcing the

new bylaws, particularly not allowing freshmen to attend Greek parties.

Miale says the Greek Senate has discussed a number of ways to enforce the policy, but he admits the details will have to be worked out with college administrators.

*"They're more of a liability than we need."*

• Jim Selig  
Greek Senate treasurer

One possibility is to have each organization keep a list of those students whom are registered with Keene State as freshmen.

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## Twenty alarms in twenty one days

Robert K. Wollner  
The Equinox

You might think that the campus has burnt to the ground judging by the number of times the Keene Fire Department has responded to the college.

Since students returned to Keene State on Aug. 24, the fire department has responded to the campus a total of 20 times for both fire alarms and medical emergencies.

During the first two weeks of classes alone the fire department responded to 15 alarms and two medical emergencies. According to the Keene Fire Department Log, one alarm was a malicious pull, two were in response to students cooking in their rooms, and another was for a dry chemical fire extinguisher being discharged.

The other 11 alarms were for varied reasons ranging from alarm malfunctions to a vehicle leaking fuel outside Monadnock and Randall Halls.

Keene Fire Chief William Pepler, says the number of responses to campus so far this year is unusually high, but added that traditionally, his department responds to Keene State more during the first few weeks of the academic year than at any other time.

"(The number of calls) level out after the first few weeks," Pepler said. "The vast majority of students are responsible and understand the situation."

Pepler says the college is usually not a problem for his department.

He says the fire department usually sends a single engine to the college for alarms, unless Keene State Safety notifies them that there is an actual fire in a building.

The Keene Fire Department estimates it costs the city approximately \$250 each time an engine has to respond to an alarm. Pepler says, this figure depends on the time of day, and the availability of personnel at the fire department at the time of the alarm.

Last spring the city and Keene State reached an agreement where the college makes an annual payment to the city for the use of call boxes and is not charged per alarm.

Estimates for services rendered to the college by the fire department are in the vicinity of \$3,750. Medical emergencies that require an ambulance to be sent to the college are paid for by the individual who requires the service.

Pepler says his firefighters' morale is not lowered by frequently responding to Keene State. His department is concerned though because it compromises the safety of the crew responding to an alarm, and it also compromises the safety of other people throughout the city who may need emergency services.

Vern Baisden, director of campus safety, says the number of responses by the fire department on campus is "relative to the fact that the campus is back in full swing."

Baisden says he agrees with Pepler, in that the recent number of alarms is not a significant problem.



Equinox photo by Jesse Stenbak

Thursday's third annual Keene State College Activity Fair included 49 student organizations.

## Student Activity Fair draws hundreds

Nicole DiPentima  
The Equinox

When Student Body President Micah Minium set out to plan the Third Annual Fall Activities fair, he decided to concentrate on creating a large turnout among active organizations on campus. The plan was to draw as many clubs, groups, and organizations as possible, and interested students

would follow. Minium's plan proved successful as hundreds of students crowded Appian Way to wander from table to table, asking questions, reading brochures, and at times just looking. This year the variety of organizations that participated in the past, contacting advisors, and presidents of all groups on campus, and continual follow up

cry from the 12 clubs that attended the first Activities Fair.

Some of the measures Minium, and other student government officials took to make this possible included sending personal letters to organizations that participated in the past, contacting advisors, and presidents of all groups on campus, and continual follow up

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