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World AIDS day remembered in Keene



Equinox photo by Melissa Deane

KSC students and Keene community members gather in a candle light vigil around the town gazebo to remember the victims of HIV and Aids.

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Operation AIDS Quilt, Destination Keene State College" happened yesterday, from 4 to 10 p.m. in the Mabel Brown room.

"This will not only benefit the campus community, it will also benefit the communities around it," said Eric Proulx, senior class treasurer.

The senior class sponsored the event in order "to illustrate the ongoing impact of the AIDS epidemic in our country and community and to promote awareness, compassion, healing, prevention education, and to encourage support and funding for orga-

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Writing sports is the easiest job; it would take a few hours of your time each week.

The meetings are Tuesday nights at 9:30 up on the 3rd floor of the student center.

You get to go out and write about sports, which I think is the best job in the world, and that is why I am putting my time in here so hopefully I can become a

sports writer.

You get two credits for a minimal amount of work. Those credits add up to classes that you don't have to take.

You don't have to be a journalism major, we will help you and teach you how to write.

Once again, I apologize to the girls and their fans. This will not happen again. I will make sure

that I cover the games if I have to.

Questions or comments call Mike at the Equinox 2413 or send an email to kscsports@hotmail.com.

You can sign up for The Equinox as a class, or come check it out on Tuesday nights and decide to add it next semester.

The couple went directly

to the Tisdale housing office to inquire about the requirements for on-campus housing. The housing is available for students who are married, or are domestic partners, and are twenty-one or have children living with them. Cyr and Halter are engaged, but since the baby is not due until this December, they do not fit the criteria until the spring 2001 semester.

They filled out the necessary paperwork and were given the impression that plenty of housing would be available for that time. There is a place on the application form where students need to circle the one-bedroom or two-bedroom apartment. Cyr and Halter wanted to apply for either type but were told that they could only circle one. They chose the one-bedroom apartment and were reassured that several of both types would be

available.

Halter went into the office during the summer months to make sure that everything was going along smoothly and was told that "everything was taken care of" and they were "first on the list for the next available housing of either type."

The young couple, now engaged, believed that they would be living on campus next semester and began to plan accordingly by signing up for classes on alternating days so that one of them could always be home with their son.

Two weeks ago they were told they "had not kept up on all the necessary paperwork," so they would not be getting the housing they had requested for next semester.

They were told that they "are hard to deal with," and "difficult to talk to" when they called again and again

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CAMPUS SAFETY LOG

November 28th - December 4th

Tues. November 28

12:28p.m. - A 911 activation was reported from the Fiske Annex. The activation was a false alarm. The subject was given the old KSC instructional booklet on how to use the phone system.

1:36p.m. - The Residential Life Department reported a student up in a tree. An officer advised the student to climb down. The student was retrieving his bicycle tire from the tree.

3:00p.m. - A noise complaint was received from Main Street reporting that someone was playing drums in the building.

Weds. November 29

1:26a.m. - A call was received reporting that a male was attempting to enter through the bathroom window of a house on Blake Street.

4:17p.m. - A blue light phone was activated by the Owl's Nests. The caller mumbled something into the phone and then hung up. The subject was gone before an officer could get to the scene.

7:20p.m. - A call was received from the Newman

Center from a witness reporting an accident. The subjects involved in the accident were not affiliated with the college.

7:42p.m. - A student reported that his license plates were stolen off his car in the Winchester Lot.

8:45p.m. - A call was received reporting that several stereo components were smashed and destroyed in the Winchester Parking Lot.

Thurs. November 30

2:37a.m. - A noise complaint was received from Carle Hall reporting that a group behind the building was being loud.

5:43a.m. - An officer reported that the handicap ramp outside of the Hale Building was very slippery.

3:49p.m. - A report was received that a possible stolen vehicle was located in the Elliot Lot. The Keene Police responded.

Fri. December 1

7:20a.m. - A vehicle was towed from a lawn on Madison Street. The car had excessive parking tickets.

Campus crime across the country

Rash of hate crimes at UVM

by Billy O'Keefe
TMS Campus

School officials at the University of Vermont have issued a campus-wide response to the outbreak of hate-related behavior aimed at gay students.

Members of the school's Inter Residence Association have distributed copies of the letter, which condemns the incidents and promotes solidarity, to members of the community, and have asked faculty members to read the letter in class.

"In any situation where a member of our community is threatened and an individual or a group of individuals is identified as responsible for perpetrating threats of violence, he, she, or they will be held accountable to the fullest extent of university policies as well as applicable criminal laws," read the letter.

The letter stated that any students convicted of the crimes may face dismissal from the university, in addition to any criminal penalties that apply.

UVM officials said that since August, the university has recorded 16 crimes of bias against gays, including vandalism, graffiti and threats of violence and death. In one case, someone sent a typed note to the office of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Alliance that read, "We will kill you lesbian."

The Inter Residence Association encouraged members of the community to contact university police with any leads, adding that a crime against one is a crime against all.

"While this rash of incidents has involved threats made to members of our campus, we recognize them as threats to our entire community," concluded the letter.

Deans at UVM distributed a similar letter to faculty earlier last month, which reiterated university policy regarding hate crimes and stated that the current spate of incidents "undermine the very purpose of our university."

2:22p.m. - A call was received reporting three males on bicycles doing tricks on the stairs and handicap ramp outside of Elliot Hall. The subjects were spoken to.

10:24p.m. - An RA from Carle Hall reported possible marijuana use by a resident.

Sat. December 2

6:09a.m. - A Unico employee reported that the stairwell window of Carle Hall was broken. An officer noted that the window was previously boarded up, however, the board had been kicked in. The mess was cleaned up.

9:00a.m. - The RD from Holloway Hall reported that the television in the great hall had been taken.

5:47p.m. - A call was received from Butler Court reporting a very strong odor of skunk inside the building. An officer cracked two windows to air out the building.

10:26p.m. - A call was received reporting a disturbance on the second floor balcony of the Bushnell Apartments.

Sun. December 3

1:10a.m. - A call was received reporting that two females were walking outside Fiske Hall with open

containers. The caller reported that the subjects were staggering badly.

2:49a.m. - A Resident of Owl's Nest 2 reported an odd smell coming from the lounge area. An officer investigated and found that someone had left the microwave going unattended. The officer reported that it might have been a possible arson attempt.

Mon. December 4

7:34a.m. - A theft was reported from a building on Winchester Street.

9:00a.m. - The RD from Holloway Hall reported that the television in the great hall had been taken.

9:25a.m. - A report was received that a Toyota in the Winchester Lot had its rear window smashed and its car stereo pulled halfway out of the dash. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

**Write
Campus
Safety
Call 2413**

Court sheds light on textbook prices

BY MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS Campus

While most college students have always had the sneaking suspicion they're getting gouged on textbook prices, a recent New York Supreme Court ruling will help students at Hudson Valley Community College realize exactly how much they're paying over cost.

In a nine-page decision handed down last week, the court decided that the college must tell exactly how much it paid for textbooks sold in the school-run bookstore. The decision stems from a lawsuit filed by Anthony Gray, the editor in chief of the school newspaper, who had requested the figures under New York's Freedom of Information Law. Gray intended to write an article addressing student complaints about alleged "price gouging" at the book store. Gray's lawyer in the suit Brian M. Culnan said.

Gray requested the figures in Dec. 1999, the college denied his request and Gray sued. As part of the decision, Hudson Valley Community College will also be required to pay Gray's legal fees.

The case's significance could reach beyond Hudson Valley Community College. Many colleges and universities have argued that releasing booklists and invoices could put them at a competitive disadvantage with competing non-college bookstores. Under the recent decision, Hudson Valley is only required to release the book title and price it was purchased at.

Gray, who has since transferred to the State University of New York at Albany, won't get the chance to write the article for the Hudson Valley student paper. He will, however, likely write a similar article for the SUNY-Albany student newspaper, where he's heard similar student complaints about the bookstore, Culnan said.

**Happy 22nd
Birthday
Lauren!!**

STSS END OF SEMESTER REMINDERS

Voicemail helpers:

- Change your voicemail password. To do this, log into your mailbox, then press 84 and follow the instructions.
- Use a temporary greeting. Indicate you are gone for Christmas break and when you plan to return. To do this, press 82 and press 3. Remember to change it again when you return to campus.
- For questions regarding your telephone bill or forgotten long distance authorization codes, contact STC at x6700 from on-campus or 800-355-1081 from home.

E-mail helpers:

- Unattended email received while you are away can put your email account over-quota and disable your account. Do the following to help avoid this:
- Clean out your KSCmail account of any unnecessary messages.
- Remove your name from any listservs.
- Send a note to friends and relatives telling them you are away and not to send you any email.
- Retrieve your mail from home using <http://KSCmail.keene.edu>.
- If you find your email is disabled when you return from break, your account most likely is over-quota. You can correct this at KSCmail using the overquota instructions or call STSS.

Computer helpers:

- If you plan to leave your computer in your room, unplug all components to avoid the risk of a power surge.
- If you use your computer at home over the break using your modem, remember it may need to be reconfigured for network access. If you have any questions, call STSS.

Computer Lab

- To help you with the crunch of finals, Rhodes Hall Computer Lab will have extended hours Monday thru Thursday until December 14. Your student ID will be required for access after midnight.

Student Technology Support Services 358-2535
www.keene.edu/stss

Assembly votes to get ice rink

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Plans to have a skating rink on campus were approved by the Student Government this Tuesday night.

The rink was a part of the Student Assembly's plan for a "Winter Weekend," not to be confused with a similar event to take place next semester by the Social Activities Council. Student Body President Matt Ulvila said the rink will be purchased from a company in Montreal, and is 102 feet long by 60 feet wide.

Later in the meeting the Assembly approved a \$4,400 cost for the rink, which includes shipping and handling, as well as money for the grounds crew. During the discussion about the rink, many questions were brought up by Assembly members.

Brian Parda mentioned that a lot of people might not have ice skates, and the possibility of renting skates out to students was brought up. As it was the last Assembly meeting of the year, members of the group asked about how to advertise the rink and how they'd bring skates if it would be up at the beginning of the next semester.

While the rink will be a main part of the Assembly's Winter Weekend, which will probably be renamed "Fire and Ice," it will be open for the first few weeks of the semester, and the actual weekend probably will not take place until the first weekend in February.

Other plans for the weekend, according to Ulvila, are a bonfire, possible sleigh rides, and hot chocolate and doughnuts at the ice rink. There were discussions about trying to differentiate

the Assembly's weekend from SAC's "Winter Weekend."

Eric Dusseault, a representative from SAC, spoke, and said that he thought maybe the two organizations could work together, as most of SAC's plans revolved around nighttime activities. However, the Assembly thought the weekends should be separate, in order to give students another weekend not to have to go home.

Members of the assembly did recommend that SAC utilize the rink during their weekend, and also said that the rink will be up until it is not cold enough to keep the ice frozen, so students as well as faculty and staff members could skate freely.

Student Government Advisor Paul Strifolino asked about the possibility of getting more lighting at the A fields, where the rink will be placed, and also students wanting to play hockey.

Assembly Chair Josh Schroeder said that there could be set times for hockey, and times for recreational skating. He also said the Assembly could talk to Athletics Director John Ratliff about the possibility of starting hockey intramurals.

Problems with the schools online network system were also addressed by the Assembly, as STSS representative Chris Lombardi came to speak about the issue. While there were no permanent decisions made, Lombardi said that attempts are being made to have more discipline computer labs for certain majors so students can have more access.

An idea about loaning out laptop computers at the Mason Library was another thing Lombardi spoke about. He said that there is a possibility of getting a few laptops in the library

for students to borrow, and use within the library.

While there would be possible problems of theft or breakage of the computers, Lombardi said there could be more ID taken for a deposit, such as a Driver's license as well as a student ID.

One of the last things on the night's agenda was a funding request for a geography class. A problem with the request was that it was from a class going on a field course in Costa Rica in the beginning of January. Most of the funding handled by Student Government has to do with student organizations.

The class had asked for \$2100 to send 21 people on the trip, which they would come back from and give presentations to the school. In discussing the request, Assembly members asked why the students couldn't pay for themselves when many

other people pay their own way to spend entire semesters abroad.

Another problem was that the proposal came on short notice, and the Assembly voted to not allocate the funds.

Two elections happened at the meeting as well. Current Student Assembly Chair Josh Schroeder is leaving the college at the end of the semester, and a replacement was needed. Assembly member Maria Moguiler was voted into the position.

Charles Harvey ran for a position to represent the nontraditional students. While he said he is involved in four other organizations, he said he would be able to handle the position. The Assembly had a quick discussion, and then voted him in.

Next Semester, we will need people to write the Campus Safety Log and Student Assembly Meetings. If you would like to do this, call or leave a voicemail for Richard at x2413 at the beginning of the semester.

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**Happy Belated
22nd Birthday
Bode!!!**

Correction:
According to Paul Vincent, Director of Holocaust Studies here at Keene State, Kristallnacht was not one of history's greatest massacres, but was the first state sponsored act of mass violence against the Jews in World War II. We apologize for this error.

Building Hours

• Rhodes Computer Lab

Sunday, Dec 3
1pm - 3am
Monday, Dec 4 - Thursday Dec 7
8am - 3am
Friday, Dec 8
8am - 4:30pm
Saturday, Dec 9
10am - 6pm

• Mason Library

Monday - Thursday
8am - Midnight
Friday
8am - 6pm
Saturday
10am - 6pm
Sunday
1pm - Midnight
The library will close on Friday, December 15th at 4:30 pm.
For a complete listing of library hours during the winter holidays, visit the library's web site.

• Young Student Center

Sunday, Dec 10 - Thursday, Dec 14
7am - 12am
Friday, Dec 15
7am - 4:30pm

Don't forget to bring back your ice skates

OPINION

GOT AN OPINION? CALL 358-2413 OR E-MAIL EQUINOX@KEENE.EDU

Let AIDS Day be a Reminder...

On December 1, we commemorated all those who have died of AIDS. It goes without saying that this is a horrible disease that we should all exercise every precaution against.

Many of us have never been close enough to someone suffering from this horrible disease to know the seriousness of the issue at hand. Some others even think that we are close enough to a cure that we no longer have to worry about contracting HIV.

If you think you cannot catch HIV, or if you think that you don't know anyone with this disease and therefore stand no chance of catching it from someone, then you are sadly mistaken.

Let us assure you that there are people, right here in Keene, NH, who have HIV. Do a little research, and you will find that this is true. If you don't think you know them, keep in mind that these people do not wear a scarlet letter, and there is nothing that physically differentiates them from anyone else.

HIV carriers may very well not know that they have the virus, and in fact, if they are still practicing unsafe sex, then it would stand to reason that they probably don't know.

You have probably heard all of this before, and still think this will never happen to you. But who plans to get HIV? If you do meet someone with HIV someday, they will most likely tell you that they never thought it could happen to them, either.

If AIDS was no longer a concern, we would no longer have cause to set aside a day to remember those who have died from this disease.

HIV is still on the rise, it is still out there. You are not safe yet.

We hope that you carry this awareness into your everyday lives. We hope that you never forget the consequences that this disease could have on your lives, what would happen to your education and your future if you were to test HIV positive someday. It's a high price to pay for simple carelessness, but the fact that it is so unfair does not stop it from being true.

There is no one to watch over you to make sure that you do not contract this virus. It is your job. It is up to you to take personal responsibility for your life. Please don't throw it away.

AIDS sufferers are real people who deserve our sympathy and kindness. They are just like HIV negative people in every way, except for the fact that they are now facing a horrible disease - many of them facing their own mortality.

This is a scary subject. There is no way to sugar-coat it. To be unafraid of such a horrible fate is lunacy. Be afraid, paranoid, and above all, cautious at all times. Your life depends on it.

People are still dying of AIDS today. Let this stand as a testimony that we are not so close to a cure that we can through caution to the wind. Keep yourself safe. You already know how to be safe, so do it.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Equinox is published Thursdays during the academic year with dates preceding and following holidays omitted. Advertising deadline is 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to publication. The Equinox reserves the right to refuse advertising for any reason. Advertising is not accepted until it appears in the paper.

Letters to the editor are due by noon the Friday prior to publication. All letters must include name and phone number for

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For clarification or additional information on any of the above policies, call 358-2414.

The Equinox business office is open Monday - Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



STAFF COMMENTARY

Don't Stereotype the Greek Community

I would like to take a minute to clear up a misperception that truly could not be further from the truth. It seems as if whenever I hear anything about Greek members on our campus it has a negative aspect to it.

I never hear about any of the positive things that are being done on a day to day basis. Many people see all the positive things that the student government is doing as well as many of the other organizations on campus, what they fail to realize is that many Greeks are a part of those organizations also.

Within the past year Greeks have gone above and beyond anyone's expectations in the field of community service and this is something that is done because Greeks want to give back to the community, not because they are required to do these things. Last spring a Greek member orga-

nized a walk and raised quite a bit of money for the March of Dimes, all the Greek organizations on the campus showed up and participated in the walk and raising money. A large number of Greeks have taken part in Habitat for Humanity and its alternative spring break and plan to do so again this year.

Besides the big things like that we see many smaller things on a week to week basis, with in this past semester Greeks took a large role in the Pumpkin Festival, the river clean up, and certain individuals have taken on roles in preparation for World Aids Day.

All of these things have been taken on by Greeks because they want to help and give something back to the school and the community, it's not because they are required to, and it's not because they're Greek, it's because they're good people and they care what happens on our campus and in our community.

If you take just one thing away from what you just read I would like it to be that there is no Greek stereotype and Greeks are just as diverse as everyone else. Greeks have their own minds, lives, and majors just like everyone else on this campus, so I'm not asking accept it, just respect it.

The Electoral College Has Got to Go!

Last week, I proposed that we begin voting digitally on touch-screen kiosks, in order to eliminate any questions of the legitimacy of our elections. But there is a second pillar to my election reform plan, and that's the Electoral College. Recently, pundits and columnists have been vigorously defending this stalwart of the voting process. But it's all hogwash. The electoral system has absolutely got to go.

Conservatives might be expected to support the Electoral College. They are, after all, conservative. The very name means they are resistant to change - and especially to something as hallowed as the Constitution. I think there's a little opportunism involved also, though. Texas Gov. George W. Bush seems poised to win this election even though he didn't receive the most votes. I mean seriously, if the election had gone the other way, and Gore had lost the popular vote but won the electoral vote, the U.S. Congress would now be voting on scrapping the whole Electoral system.

Opportunism aside, let's treat the arguments for retaining the Electoral College seriously. What goodies does it give our democracy to not have a popular vote?

The first bonus offered by supporters of the electoral system, such as writers for the Washington Post, Business Week and the Christian Science Monitor, is that it makes candidates have to campaign in all the states, not just the major metropolitan areas with a large population.

Mmmm, no. Not true. For example, this year neither Gore nor Bush visited Wyoming or South Dakota. The outcome in those states was assumed, and with so few electoral votes, they just didn't matter. Florida, on the other hand, was visited by the two candidates a combined 38 times. Florida was seen as a battleground state (in hindsight, I can't imagine why), so the candidates focused efforts there.

If the popular vote was instituted, candidates would have to woo the whole country. After all, if the vote was expected to be close in California, or say, Florida, 30,000 votes in Wyoming would matter.

Why is there such a focus on a "nationwide campaign," anyway? We live in the TV and Internet era. Buying TV ads makes it a nationwide campaign. Having debate transcripts and party platforms available on the Internet makes it a nationwide campaign. Candidates no longer have to ride on horseback to the next town meeting.

A nationwide campaign is fine, but what about a nationwide re-count? Opponents of the popular vote worry that a close election would require an almost impossible national re-count. That wouldn't be necessary if we institute digital voting. With a digital system, every vote would be counted instantly and correctly the first time - all 100 million of them.

The only other significant defense of the Electoral College, offered by, among others, Emerald columnist Bret Jacobson on this page last week, is that it's a necessary part of our tradition and the Constitutional values of representative democracy that make our country great.

But the electoral system isn't representative democracy. It isn't as though the high-class, educated elite are the people

who cast electoral votes for president. Electors are little more than the party faithful, who are just as likely to be drooling morons as the average voter. So where is the benefit of having our intellectual betters make wiser decisions than we ourselves would make? There is no benefit. The electors simply mouth the popular vote of each state. But they mouth it in a magnified manner.

This magnification of the electoral vote compared to the actual voters is the problem. See, the Electoral College was designed to give preference to places with a larger population, not a larger number of voters. As explained by Walter Williams in the March 1998 issue of the Christian Science Monitor, some people have argued this was a method to help preserve slavery, because slaves were counted in the population of a state even though they couldn't vote. So even though they had less votes, states with more slaves had more pull in the presidential election. Slavery and unequal representation - are these the American values that conservatives are speaking of when they defend the Electoral College?

The way this inequality works out today is to give more power to voters in states with more children. A voter in Utah has more say in the presidential election than I do. I defy anyone to explain to me how this is fair or sustains a representative democracy. We need to blow this system out of the water.

Thanks to some of the electoral system's supporters, I have a few more compelling reasons that people should demand the abolition of the Electoral College.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., defending the electoral system in the Nov. 13, 2000 issue of Time, wrote, "The abolition of state-by-state, winner-take-all electoral votes would speed the disintegration of the already weakened two-party system. ... Cumulating votes from state to state, [third parties] could force a runoff if no candidate got more than 40 percent of the vote - and then could extract concessions from the major parties."

Hurrah! You mean third parties would have to build coalitions with other parties? You mean major parties would actually have to listen to other voices in our country? Count me in.

Another tactic used by supporters of the Electoral College is that individual states could simply change their method of allocating electors. According to a Nov. 21, 2000 article by Robert Tanner of the Associated Press, Illinois and California are both considering bills to have each congressional district award its elector based on how that district voted. So, theoretically, Oregon could have five electoral votes for Gore and two for Bush, based on how the different districts voted.

Wait a minute. Giving each district its own vote based on the popular vote is darn near just having a popular vote. And there are benefits. As Republican Illinois Representative Bill Mitchell explained in Tanner's article, "This bill acknowledges that there are differences in the political preferences in different parts of our state."

And guess what? Having a popular vote would acknowledge that there are differences in the political preferences of each and every citizen. It's about time we made those differences count.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson, founding father of our nation

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Thursday, December 7, 2000

The Parade of Collectivism Marches On

I have witnesses: I said early on Nov. 7 "This election will come down to a couple thousand Cubans sending a message to Al Gore about the way Jackboot Janet decided to 'resolve' the matter of Little Elian Gonzales."

Who, by the way - Elian, that is, not the murderer troll - will come to America and have his own talk show after Papa Fidel finally becomes the last hero of the World Socialist Revolution to be embalmed and laid out for public view. (The Russians are apparently running out of money to keep re-embalming Lenin. I'm not - as Dave Barry would say - making this up.)

Of course, the Russians are running out of money for pretty much everything, despite the best efforts of the thieves at the World Bank to divert an artery coursing with U.S. taxpayer cash right into the angio-genic tumor which the Kremlin has become, concluding in that secret deal recently OK'd by our point man in the kleptocommissariat, Al Gore, encouraging the Reds to unload all their left-over engines of death on Iran and other friendly powers. Not that I mind a free market in weapons, mind you.

I'd just like to know, if the average barefoot godfather from Zahedan to Samarkand can now buy his own a shoulder-launched heat-seeking missile, why I can't pick one up at Home Depot. Fair is fair.)

Safety Issues

Dear Dr. Y:

As you may be aware, a Safety Walk was conducted on Thursday, November 2. Over 60 students, from Greek Life, the women's swim team, Women's Studies, the student American Society of Safety Engineers, and others - participated. The program, which was organized by a subcommittee of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, "Preventing Violence Against Women," included a presentation by Bob Christopher on safety tips for students.

One outcome of that program was a list from students on improvements that Keene State can make to increase safety for all. These suggestions include additional lighting, blue light issues, and other items such as overgrown bushes. Attached for your information is a listing of these items, and this has been forwarded to those departments having responsibility. As a committee we hope to be a catalyst for implementing these suggestions, act as a liaison with students to keep them informed of safety improvements, and continue to educate students about safety issues. Safety Walk Comments

Good lighting around the new library
Blue Lights
General comments about the blue lights: will need to be checked again because in some cases they were checked by two teams who came back with different results. Some did not work because there were too many calls at once from the teams (which leads to the question of what happens in the event that two people are calling at once who are genuinely in trouble). There were several queries about how frequently the lights and phones are checked by the Safety Department.

#9, #14, #20 not working
Tidale blue light is out but the phone works
#9 - no cover
Several covers were hard to open
Blue lights needed between Shaws and Owl's Nest and near the tennis courts
Blue lights needed near path to Owl's stadium and at Owl's Stadium
Proctor house needs a blue light
Blue light needed somewhere on the side of Main Street where the President's house is - maybe near

The AP reported after the Kursk disaster this fall that "Not a single rescue system functioned on this top-of-the-range submarine. ..."

Disasters ranging from crashing airplanes to industrial accidents have become commonplace in Russia. ... A string of plane crashes were blamed on overloading after pilots accepted bribes to take extra cargo, weighing down their aircraft. ... In rural areas, people hack holes into oil pipelines to siphon fuel, often causing fires or explosions. ... Hundreds of people are electrocuted every year while trying to pilfer communication wires, electric cable and train and plane parts for sale as scrap metal.

Airplane parts taken out of planes which then try to fly the next day, mind you - remember the missing parachutes in Joe Heller's "Catch-22"?

It's all thoroughly predictable, after decades of teaching a nation's youth in the government-run propaganda camps that acquiring private property and investing in hopes of future profits are both bad; that everything belongs to the first person to get there with a pair of pruning shears; that "excess earnings" should be confiscated and "redistributed."

You know - the political philosophy which has been in control of Washington City since 1932, now being genetically encoded through the reproductive organs of our own collectivist state, under the secure guardianship of the National Education Association.

Give it a few more months, the Russians will try to auction off Lenin's yellowed corpse to either Disney or Mammad Tussaud's. I say that in the interest of international

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Give it up, Gore

Letter to the Editor:

Listening to Mr. Gore's 5 minute pitch, last night (and the continuation, repeated, today), seems to demonstrate a real fear that he will lose (actually, he already has lost). This, from a man who has played second fiddle, through the last 8 years, and despite his previous history as a US Senator, who sees himself as a second string player, if at all, if he cannot "win" this presidential election, whether honestly (as if Al Gore even knows the real meaning of the word), or through dishonesty (by his court suits).

I see another fault, if Mr. Gore can get the US Supreme Court to order a full recount in Florida. All the individuals who voted for someone other than Bush or Gore, as well as those who did not vote for any presidential candidate (None of the Above, is acceptable, otherwise, NOTA), will be considered as "mad", or foolish, and the mistaken belief that they "really" meant to vote for Mr. Gore. Foxy, I did not vote for Bush or Gore. Does that make me less than those who did? NO way!

All this wrangling makes me glad I voted Libertarian. And, if the wrangling continues, that individual who desires Liberty, votes Libertarian in 2002, leading up to the 2004 elections.

Don't Trash KSC

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm a fourth-year student here at KSC. I have lived on campus for the last four years and I have become more and more concerned about the outside and inside appearance of the campus. I have issues with the trash that is left outside in the bushes, in parking spaces, and on the ground. These pieces of trash are beer cans

cooperation and historical irony the State Department should approach Ringling Brothers, heirs to the great P.T. Barnum. Decked out in a top hat and Uncle Sam suit, strung up on wires, I know I'd pay to see the old assassin dance like the skeleton marionettes in that famous music video of the Grateful Dead's "I Will Survive" - preferably performed by the Wheaton College Department of Feminist Studies Faculty Chorus.

Meantime, from the front in the ongoing Wars on Guns and Drugs, comes word that four senior citizens, owners of Graney's Valley Wide Food Store in Lancaster, Calif., may become the first citizens imprisoned under another Brave New Law of the People's Republic, this one requiring merchants to record detailed personal information about people who buy iodine crystals.

Yes, iodine - you'll remember it from the periodic table of the elements in Mr. Stewart's 11th grade chemistry class. Not only is iodine the nastiest stuff that stung when mom spread it over your childhood cuts and scrapes - it's also used to treat hoof and mouth disease in horses, and to purify water. What a lot of us might not know is that the stuff is also used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, which makes it OK for the cops to kill you on the spot if you're caught with any. (Las Vegas cop Bruce Gentner, for instance, got off after emptying the magazine of his .40-caliber automatic into 32-year-old local resident John Perrin last year, when it turned out Perrin - otherwise armed only with a basketball - was in possession of a vial of iodine crystals.)

So in a way, maybe the four California elders should court themselves lucky. State prosecutors merely bused the four, in the words of The Associated Press, "after becoming frustrated by the store's refusal to comply with the law." Which is to say, refusing to take down the names and other intimate data of their iodine customers, thereafter turning in said data to The Proper Authorities.

If convicted, the four powderheads could spend a year in jail. Did I mention guns? In late September, a 41-year-old Hamilton, Ontario, man was eating lunch with his family at a crowded restaurant after being fitted with a heart monitor by his cardiologist that morning. Canada being the Land of Snitches, a customer at a neighboring table noticed the bulky outline and leather strap of the heart monitor and, mistaking it for a shoulder holster concealing a handgun, summoned police.

Shattering the moment of family togetherness, a team of SWAT-clad Canadian cops suddenly dashed to the man's table, grabbed him, and threw him up against the wall. One of the thugs tore off his shirt and was trying to pull out the monitor, which was hooked to the man's belt, when he finally realized it was actually some kind of medical device.

The Hamilton chief of police later apologized for the incident, explaining it was an honest mistake.

Hey! You can't be too careful. The guy could have turned out to be an Afghan goatherd.

*The Great American Sleepout sponsored by Habitat for Humanity had a wonderful turnout with many students simulating a night without shelter.

*The "Millennium Build" House Dedication Ceremony occurred on Saturday morning.

*The many food items donated at the events were given to the Community Kitchen and Southwestern Community Services.

Thank you to all who participated in creating awareness on such a growing problem of hunger and homelessness, locally, nationally and globally. Hunger and homelessness is not due to a lack of food or resources, but about a lack of power. Due to the efforts of the week, the community is now better educated on how to help empower those who suffer from hunger and homelessness. Staying educated on the issue is the first step.

Karen Maciel
Coordinator of Homelessness and Hunger Week

Corrections

In the last issue of the Equinox, Ed Bark was credited with having written "New Library an Improvement, if not Truly New", while Steve Lindsey was credited with having written "And the Winner Is".

Lindsey, however, was the author of the column about the Mason Library, and Ed Bark was the author of the column about the recount of the elections.

Also, even though Evan Fulton, in a former column, may have written that killing of Tobacco Executives was equivalent to bombing abortion clinics, it is important to note that the Equinox does not condone violence against anyone.

We also apologize for a number of columnists who, due to a mistake in font production, were not credited for their work.

Also, in an editorial about the bypass, we said that the project would cost \$66 billion, when it would actually cost \$66 million.

We hope to bring you a more accurate Equinox in the future, but if you find mistakes, please let us know. Thank you for your patience.

Soundoff

"What is the worst holiday gift you've ever recieved?"

Interviews and pictures by Amy Flynn



"A Flowered button up corduroy shirt from my grandmother."
Amy Beth Gabert
Senior - English



"A greasy used bicycle pedal."
Bob Taylor
Sophomore - Undecided



"Empty Budweiser bottles."
Armera Williams
Senior - Phys Education



"A silk jumpsuit & I got dumped."
Jessica Stanley
Senior - Psychology



"A duck."
David Kiara
Freshman - Undecided



"A puff paint sweatshirt with kittens on it."
Kathleen Marucci
Senior - Graphic Design

Time has come for concession, Cheney says

Gore should step down and save fight for 2004

BY G. ROBERT HILLMAN
Knight-Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON — Declaring that the prolonged legal battle over the Florida election results could damage the nation, Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney

on Sunday urged Democrat Al Gore to concede. "I think history would regard him in better light if he were to bring this to a close in the very near future," Cheney said.

Vice President Gore, however, pressed on, continuing to contest the Florida results in an extraordinary Sunday session of state court in Tallahassee, Fla.

"It's certainly far too early to concede," said Gore's longtime adviser, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

announcements were imminent.

"We're going to let the dust settle before we can start acting as president," Card said, asserting confidently that Bush had won Florida's 25 electoral votes and the presidency.

But Christopher cautioned against a rush to judgment. Even though the recount battle is in the "late innings," he said, "the contest is not over."

"I can assure you that the vice president, when the time comes, will concede in a very gracious way," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "He understands his obligations to the people of the country."

ance on "60 Minutes."

"On Jan. 20, if the person standing up before the Capitol taking the oath of office is George Bush and not me, he will be sworn in as my president, too," Gore said.

"And I will spare no efforts in saying to people who supported me, 'Let's not have any talk about stealing the election. Let's not question the legitimacy of the election.'" Cheney "we are, I think, rapidly approaching the point where there will be damage to the nation."



George W. Bush waves to a group of his supporters.

Appearing first on NBC's "Meet the Press," Cheney sought to portray Republican George W. Bush as a president in waiting, asserting that "we're getting close to that moment" when the Texas governor would be called "president-elect."

Responding to a series of questions about the recount struggle in Florida nearly a month after Election Day, Cheney urged Gore to reconsider his legal challenges.

"It's time for him to concede," said Cheney, a former defense secretary and congressman from Wyoming.

Cheney said he hoped that the election would be settled within a few days because, "we are, I think, rapidly approaching the point where there will be damage to the nation, at least to the capacity of the next government to function."

While Bush was proceeding to fill a Cabinet and other key White House posts, Cheney and Andrew Card, whom Bush has chosen to be his White House chief of staff, said no personnel

when the presidential electors must be selected formally, is an important date.

Gore said as much himself in an interview later Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

"It won't last forever," the vice president said. "I'm expecting that it'll be over with within the next two weeks."

Gore won the nation's popular vote by more than 300,000 votes. But without Florida's 25 electoral votes, he falls short of the 270 needed to secure the White House. If Bush prevails in Florida, he wins the presidency with one electoral vote to spare.

Bush remained secluded at his Central Texas ranch Sunday. And Gore, after several days of near seclusion, went to church with his family in suburban Washington before his appear-



Al Gore shakes hands with one of his many campaign leaders.

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Computer game competition means big bucks

BY BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS Campus

Angel Munoz has a message for anyone who has spent an endless amount of unproductive days/months/years in front of a computer with a joystick in hand.

Your calling in life has arrived, and it's waiting for you in Dallas.

Deemed the largest professional computer gaming event in North American history, the Babbage's/Cyberathlete Professional League Tournament, held Dec. 14-17, will offer more than 500 players

from two genders, 20 countries and all age groups a chance to take home the crown as the world's best gamer.

And then there are the prizes. A free PC? A box of

games? Try a stack of checks totaling more than \$120,000, which Munoz calls the largest purse in professional computer gaming history.

"This event will mark a milestone in the continued evolution of our sport," he said.

The winner of the individual competition will receive a quarter of the \$100,000 purse. Additionally, team and all-female competitions will award skillful players more than \$22,000 in holiday shopping money.

Alongside the professional competition, an amateur "bring your own computer" contest will provide a more serene battleground for gamers with nervous trigger fingers.

Both individual competitions will feature the popular shooter Quake 3, while Half-Life: Counterstrike is the game of choice for the team tournament.

Angel Munoz

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Employers often uncover lies on resumes

Students are urged to think twice about lying

BY MARIA MALLORY
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Nov. 26-ATLANTA—If you've ever thought about lying on your resume, here's a word of advice: Don't.

A survey on reference checking from the Society of Human Resource Management shows many job applicants who lie on resumes are getting caught.

Human resource professionals reported uncovered lies in these categories:

- Length of employment, 53 percent.
- Past salaries, 51 percent.
- Criminal records, 45 percent.
- Former job titles, 44 percent.
- Former employers, 35 percent.
- Driving records, 33 percent.
- College degrees, 30 percent.
- Credit, 24 percent.
- Schools attended, 22 percent.
- Social Security number, 14 percent.

The moral of this survey's story is hiring managers and their supporting staffs aren't just taking a job applicant's resume at face value.

"The person who's preparing a resume for an interview needs to realize that their resumes are being looked at more carefully than ever before," advises Gail Geary, president of Geary Communications, a human resources and consulting firm based in Sandy Springs that helps companies sniff out inconsistencies and potential trouble spots in resumes.

These days, in addition to traditional reference checking, companies are using new software applications to screen resumes for inconsistencies, Geary says.

"The screening process is more sophisticated, and the job hunter needs to know that when they are applying," she says.

Geary acknowledges not everyone who is at risk is a bald-faced liar. "The fact that we have corporate downsizing and reorganization, people don't have any job security, so they are, in a lot of cases, protecting themselves by what they consider a slight exaggeration. Maybe it wasn't an out-and-out lie. They don't want to be dropped out of consideration for the job.

But even exaggerations can spell trouble if detected.

ed by a hiring manager, Geary notes. When it comes to unpleasant admissions, gaps in work history, lack of formal education, what should you do to save face?

"There are a lot of ways you can make yourself look good without lying," Geary says. "Emphasize your strengths."

Additionally, Geary offers these suggestions:

-- Don't go it alone.

"The savvy applicant actually shouldn't just do a resume without having a professional who understands the resume go through it with them," Geary says. "They can get some good books or hire an executive coach to go through it with them. When you have someone to go over it with you, you won't have the accidental errors."

-- Don't fill holes with lies. "If you're missing a credential, build your own professional credibility by getting the credential that you need," Geary says.

Do you feel you're being screened out by not having a college degree?

"To be a student enrolled in one course in your area, that looks like you're moving ahead," Geary says, so note that on your resume or list appropriate continuing education courses. In the interview, you can explain.

"There are certain ways you can put things without lying," she says. "No, I don't have a degree, but I have a lot of experience in that field, and I'm currently enrolled in classes to get more experience."

-- Don't lie about your age. "If you're an older employee with a long employment history, you might want to describe yourself in your cover letter as very energetic and future-oriented," Geary says.

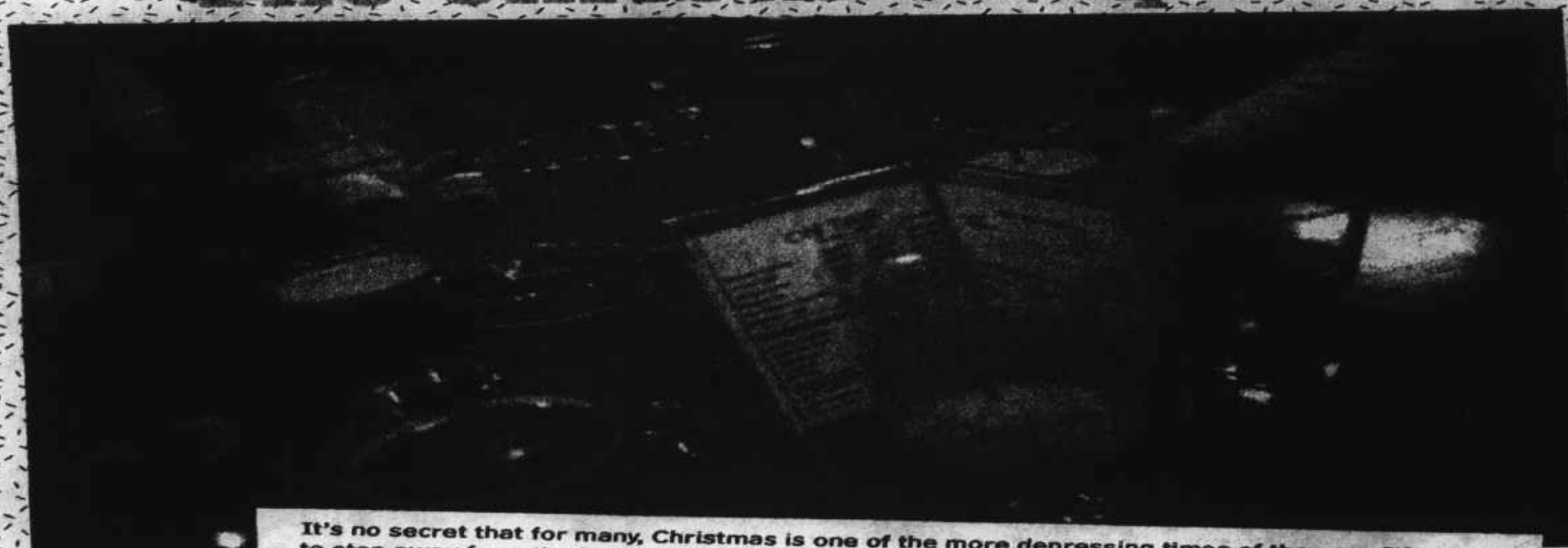
If you're fresh out of college and lack formal work history, highlight any related experiences from your college activities, she adds.

-- Don't be caught unprepared for the probing questions. "There are some great books out there on tough interview questions," Geary says, including "Best Answers to the 200 Most Frequently Asked Interview Questions," by Matthew DeLuca.

"You should prep yourself before going to the physical interview," she adds.

Gail Geary

What Does It Take To Get You In The Christmas Spirit?



It's no secret that for many, Christmas is one of the more depressing times of the year. It's a time to step away from the business of life and reflect. Many don't like what they see, in themselves or their families.

During his life, Jesus spent much of his time with those who felt on the fringe—outcasts, people who were disconnected from family and society. His message to them: "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." He will respond if you sincerely seek him. And the feeling of warmth, freedom and being known won't wear off in the morning.

Some evening over Christmas when you get alone, ask him into your heart...to stay. Tell him you wish to follow him. Then open up to the section of the Bible called "John" and just start reading. Jesus will speak to you. He will meet with you. If you have questions or want to explore this more, go to EveryStudent.com.

EveryStudent.com

KSC Pride Presents

FREE EVENT



Lesléa Newman
Thursday,
December 7, 2000
at 7 pm in the
Mabel Brown Room

Lesléa Newman is a poet, teacher, political activist and author of twenty-two books. Newman wrote the popular children's book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, which addresses the issues of same-sex families. This book is in its 10th year of publication. Newman will be presenting "Heather's Mommy Speaks Out" at 7pm in the Mabel Brown Room on Thursday, December 7th, 2000. It is open to everyone and is free. This presentation addresses the importance of teaching gay, lesbian, bisexual issues to children at an early age. This event is sponsored by KSC Pride, Student Government, The Counseling Center, and The Student Center.

Join Today!
We are an organization dedicated to equality for Allies, Gays, Lesbians, Bi-sexuals, and Transgenders. Come join us in the Ashuelot Room in Pondsides every Thursday night at 7p.m. All are welcome!
For more information, call x2639 or email at kscpride@hotmail.com.



Saturday Dec. 9th

7:00 - 9:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Contemporary Dance Ensemble: Winter Fantasia, December 8th and 9th at the Silver Cultural Arts Center, Plymouth State College. \$9 General Admission. 535-ARTS or 800-779-3869

"Ellington at the Holiday" Performances "Rhythm and Brass" Holiday Music, in the Redfern Arts Center-Admission \$5-\$17. For more information call 358-2188

Holiday Pops Concert, featuring the Assumption College Chorale, Salisbury Singers and WPI Alden Voices, 8:00pm Mechanics Hall, Worcester, Mass. Admission is \$26 or \$27. For more information call 752-0888.

Tuesday Dec. 12th

Casual Study Free Food in the Pub in the Night Owl Cafe!

7:00pm, 9:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Concert of Bells and Whistles, Mondadnock Flutes with the Ringers-on-the-Square, 8:00pm Franklin Pierce College, Rindge

4th Annual Christmas Beer Tasting, 6:30-8:30pm at the Elm City Restaurant, Brewery & Pub. \$15.00 in advance, \$18.00 at the door. debra Rives, 355-3335.

Sleigh Rides, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 12-28, every 20 minutes from 4:00pm-7:00pm leaving from the Deerfield (Mass.) Inn Registration. 413-775-7133.

Thursday Dec. 7th

7:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Senior Lunch in the Night Owl Cafe, starting at 8:00pm

"Heather's Morning Spanish Class" free in the Maple Brown Room at 7:00pm

Music at Amherst, the Gryphon Piano Trio, from Canada, will offer piano trio classics as well as contemporary compositions, 8:00pm, Buckley Theatre Hall, Amherst (Mass.) College. For Tickets call 413-542-2188 or go to www.amherst.edu/~gryphon

Expressions of Dance, fall dance extravaganza, more than 100 students performing 60 diverse numbers-lyrical, tap, salsa and mambo, hip hop, and Greek technodance, at 8:00pm, Ware Campus Center Stage, Colby Sawyer College, 100 Main St., New London, Adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 536-5000 or go to www.colby-sawyer.edu

Sunday Dec. 10th

UNH Symphony Orchestra, with UNH Concert Choir, at 3:00pm in the Johnson Theater, PCAC, UNH, Durham. Donation. For more information call 852-2290 or go to www.unh.edu/music

7:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Boston Pops Holiday Concert, featuring Keith Lockhart, at 1:30pm in Worcester (Mass.) Centrum Centre, 50 Foster St. Admission is \$25-\$35. For more information call 617-226-6000 or go to www.ticketmaster.com

Winter concert of seasonal music, sponsored by The Keene Chorale, performing selections by J.S. Bach with strings accompaniment at 3:00pm at St. Bernard's Church, Main Street, Keene. Admission \$8-\$10. For more information call 357-0306

Wednesday Dec. 13th

7:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Arcadia Players, Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach, 8:00pm St. Brigid's Catholic Church, 46 Pleasant St., Amherst, Mass. Admission \$5-\$30. For more information call 413-584-8882 or go to www.javanet.com/~arcadiap

Nowell Sing We Clear, 7:30pm Latco Theater, Brattleboro, Vermont. General Admission \$12, seniors and children \$5. For more information call 602-257-1819

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Friday Dec. 8th

4:30pm Classics End

12th Annual Amherst Band Festival in the Redfern Arts Center from 9:30am-5:00pm

7:00pm, 9:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

8:00pm SAC Concert with Wirehead in the Night Owl Cafe

Holiday Concert with the Keene State College Concert Band, will feature White House composer and conductor Stephen Bulla, sponsored by the department of music, 8:00pm in the Main Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center on Broadway Road

Contemporary Dance Ensemble: Winter Fantasia, December 8th and 9th at the Silver Cultural Arts Center, Plymouth State College. \$9 General Admission. 535-ARTS or 800-779-3869

Monday Dec. 11th

6:00pm Finals Exams Begin Good Luck!

National and International Exchange Orientation

7:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

Monday Music and a Movie Series, with (TBA), music 6:50-7:25pm (free), movie 7:50pm (\$8.50) regular admission, \$4.50 seniors), at the Colonial Theatre, on Main Street, Keene

Holiday Concert, featuring grades 1-5 and band, 7:00pm at the North Walpole Elementary School

Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 8:00pm at the University of Massachusetts, Bezancon Recital Hall. General Admission \$5, students and seniors and children under 18 \$4. For more information call 413-545-2511

Thursday Dec. 14th

Casual Study Free Food in the Pub in the Night Owl Cafe!

7:00pm "Steal This Movie" in the Putnam

A Ceremony of Carols, The H&H Chorus and Orchestra, 8:00pm New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. \$26, \$36, and \$52. Tickets at the box office-call 617-268-8605 or 831-ARTS or go to www.hendelhaydn.org

"Christmas Around the World", Moscow Boys Choir, 7pm Claremont Opera House. All seats are reserved, general admission \$18 students and seniors \$15. For tickets call 603-542-4433

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Concert Review

Sonic World of Medeski, Martin and Wood

JOHN MAGUIRE
The Equinox

What kind of music does Medeski, Martin and Wood play? Free form jazz, low down funk, chaotic noise, tribal beats, gritty stylish blues? I would have to say all of the above, yet none of the above. And for 3 hours last Thursday night, I was immersed into the sonic world of the Medeski, Martin and Wood.

MMW (the popular acronym for the band) stopped in at Northampton's Calvin Theater, which could have been likened to the Colonial, but with a posh bar instead of a closet sized popcorn shack. After a Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, we made our way to the stage. Joining handmembers Billy Martin, John Medeski, and Chris Wood were two guest

musicians, Oren Blodow on guitar and Cyro Batista playing an inexhaustible amount of percussion instruments behind drummer Martin's kit.

The first set was rather short, but non stop music. This "music", could not be described in words. While discussing this with a fellow concert goer, he said "You can't describe their sound. It is the Medeski Martin and Wood sound. That is it."

The band showed off it's chops early, easily switching from free form jazz noise, to more groove oriented music, with Martin and Wood supplying a very deep and bassy rhythm sound while Medeski went nuts on his rack of keyboards. These groove sections of the 2 sets reminded me a bit of hip-hop beats, and I half expected to see a couple of raga-

muffin MC's start free-styling at the front of the stage. Pretty contemporary stuff for a band on the Blue Note label, the label that was home to many traditional jazz artists like Miles Davis, and John Coltrane. That is their strong point, though: they incorporate all forms of american music, from hundreds of years back to the present day, and make their own sound out of it.

Even though there were no lyrics, or even traditional beginnings and endings of songs, my concentration never wavered from the music or the stage. The band lightheartedly talked and gestured to one another while the other member soloed, proving how talented these musicians are.

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A life cut short: Joe C. Remembered

BY TOM ZIMMERMANN
The Equinox

Joe C, the diminutive member of Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker group passed away in his sleep at on November 16, at his home in Taylor MI. Born Joseph Calleja, the 26-year-old rapper had suffered from a extreme form of Celiac Sprue, an intesti-

nal disorder, since early childhood.

While only coming to three foot nine inches tall, Calleja was technically not a midget, which is a form of dwarfism usually caused by a pituitary disorder, but was rather left stunted by his chronic Celiac disease affliction.

The exact cause of the disease is unknown, but the most likely

root seems to be a congenial genetic disorder, as incident s of the disease are much higher in children of afflicted parents. The disorder prevents the tiny projection in the intestines, called villi, from absorbing the proteins found in grains, especially the protein gliadin or gluten.

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ODB arrested again

BY TOM ZIMMERMANN
The Equinox

The latest coda to Wu Tang Clan member Ol' Dirty Bastard's wrap sheet was tagged on at a Philadelphia McDonald's last Wednesday, November 28, when he was apprehended by local police forces.

The 31 year old ODB, also known as Russell Jones, was

reportedly eating a meal while talking to fans and signing autographs when Philadelphia police officer Rebecca Anderson approached him, and brought him into custody.

"ODB was observed by Officer Anderson who recognized him while on routine patrol. She stopped him, investigated him and took him into custody without incident," said a spokes-

woman for the Philadelphia Police Department.

"The arresting officer knew it was him because her kid was a big fan," a source with the investigation told the press, and ODB "knew he was wanted and was basically nice about [the arrest]."

This latest incident in ODB's illustrious criminal career

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Blood and Gambling: "The Basket" review

ANDREW SYLVIA
The Equinox

This week's review is "The Basket", starring Peter Coyote and Karen Allen. "The Basket" was a good movie. And just like every other movie I've reviewed for this paper so far, it could have gotten much more acclaim if it had mainstream studio backing.

Then again, I could just go down to Key Road and review "The Grinch" or whatever, but you have to remember that I used to work at a pretty nice multiplex in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts: The Century City of Northern Middlesex County.

Lowell always got to be the Hollywood of Northern Middlesex County, those bastards ...

Anyway, I just can't rationalize paying five bucks to see an overrated movie in that concrete outhouse when I can just drive an hour to pay the exactly same rate for the exact same thing in a better setting, with people I know, AND Free Laundry! If the Hoyts on Key Road did my laundry for free, I would be the first one to sing their praises.

But luckily for me, Keene is a hotbed of Indie Films with our Film Society showing one of the better ones in "The Basket." This will be a good rent when it comes out on video if it isn't already. The correlation between Opera and the main story-

line adds to the depth of the plot, Der Korb is a pretty inspirational story, if not sappy.

Robert Karl Burkes' performance as the spunky little German three-point marksman Helmut actually had some people in the theater clapping for him when he brought that big guy to school. And ultimately, "The Basket" had what every movie involving any kind of sport should have: gambling.

If there is a lesson to learn from this movie, it's not that War is hell, or that we should get around our prejudices and see people for who they are; it's that you should never bet against an Irishman. They always seem to beat the spread, what with their lucky leprechauns and all.

But wait right there "The Basket"! I'm not done with you yet. Ellen Travolta was better as Chachi's Mom on Happy Days than she was in this movie as the creepy storekeeper lady. Also, why did the second son of the angry farmer want to go off to war? Didn't he just see his brother lose his leg when he got home?

The only reason I could think of for him wanting to go was that if he was dead he wouldn't have to do his chores anymore. Still, I have to give the chopped-off leg guy his due, for such a small part in the movie he played way above his original role and also gave the movie enough blood to declassify it as a chick flick.



The Late rapper Joe C and his partner Kid Rock at 1999's Woodstock music festival.

Joe C remembered

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Following contact with gluten, the villi then fail to absorb nutrients, causing stunted growth, weight loss, anemia, and vitamin deficiencies, but is rarely lethal. The required treatment for all Celiac patients is a gluten free diet, which means abstaining from all but specialty "gluten free" grain products, including pastas and bread. Calleja's case required a much more extreme routine, which he described to MTV in an interview a few months before his death.

"I'm doin' good, man," Calleja said. "I'm stickin' to my diet and takin' my medicine on time. You know, it's ridiculous. I take 60 pills [a day]. Right off the bat, when I wake up, [I take] two pills. An hour later, 10 pills. Three hours later, I've got the tube [in my stomach], and I shoot something through there. Two hours later, I take two more, and then an hour later, 10, then shoot the tube three hours later [again]." This treatment forced the rapper to leave Kid Rock's tour in November 1999, and left him holed up in his house, under constant monitoring from life support machines, but he was able to return for most of the tour dates in 2000.

Reflecting on the death, Kid Rock and others in the music industry spoke of his importance in their lives. "We have lost part of our family... Family and friends are everything, without them, all of the fame and fortune means nothing. ... Joe gave us and the world his love. He brought a smile to everyone who has ever known or seen him. In a world full of confusion, Joe made all of us laugh, no matter what color, religion, race, or beliefs we have, he made us all smile. He gave us the gift of joy. Joe, thank you. We will never forget you. We love you."

Jason Flom, an industry CEO also spoke out. "Joe C. was an extraordinary inspiration. He overcame tremendous adversity to become a great performer and a truly wonderful human being. Despite living with chronic pain, Joe C. never let his condition prevent him from living life to the fullest and brightening the lives of everyone who knew him, on or off the stage. He was a deeply loved member of our extended family and we will all miss him greatly."

In an interview at last year's Woodstock, Kid Rock described his first encounter with Calleja: "Joe C. ... that little mother used to come to all my shows, stand on tables in the front row, and sing all the lyrics. It bummed me out because I thought he was some little kid, and his parents were taking him to all my shows and buying him my records. I'm not the king of morals or anything, but I thought that was a little twisted. Finally, after one of the shows, Joe C comes up to me and asks if I wanted to smoke a joint. That was the final straw. I asked him to take me to his dad, and he got pissed. He started yelling, 'I'm grown! I'm grown!' When I realized he was just a midget, I said, 'Bring your short *** backstage.' He hung with us in the back, and I offered him a job rapping with the crew. I bought him a little karaoke machine and taught him how to rap."

Calleja first joined kid rock band prior to 1998's multi-platinum Devil Without a Cause album, his since been featured on the South Park: Bigger Longer and Uncut album, and was proudly working on a solo album at the time of his death.

Pop Rock band Weezer to release album, tour

BY TOM ZIMMERMANN
The Equinox

Weezer, the pop rock group made famous through their hit singles "Buddy Holly" and "Undone (The Sweeter Song)," are currently in the studio producing their third major album, and planning a nationwide tour.

Rapper ODB arrested again

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marked the end of his month long run as a fugitive, which began when he left his court ordered stay at the Impact House drug treatment center in Pasadena, CA, just before a scheduled October 17 hearing at

the Los Angeles Criminal Courthouse. LA superior court added a warrant for his arrest on top of the four pending New York, including warrants for possession of crack cocaine and operating a vehicle illegally.

ODB had been ordered to live at Impact House as part of a plea bargain for making "terrorist

threats", after he threatened to shoot and kill security guards at Hollywood's House of Blues nightclub. ODB had been ejected from the club for drunken behavior while watching a concert, and then verbally assaulted the security force that evicted him, vowing to return and kill them all.

ODB's fugitive run was highlighted by an appearance at a WU-TANG clan concert on Tuesday November 21, where he shocked authorities and fans by clambering on stage saying "I can't stay on stage too long tonight—the cops is after me," performing a song, and then disappearing again until his arrest.

They could make a huge, cohesive sound, yet still be relaxed in the middle of it. After a long second set that included the aforementioned groove sections, a few spacy ambient type sections, a dash of grand piano led traditional jazz sounds, a few bluesy numbers led by the guest guitarist, and a few intense moments of spiraling instrumental noise, the band closed the set with a looser feel. They convened at the front of the stage with acoustic instruments: Medeski had a small child's keyboard attached to a mouth piece

(ala what Peter Frampton used on his guitar), Martin a hand drum, Wood some sort of mandolin type instrument, and various other toys for the guest musicians, the band jammed, sans speakers, on a little ho-down ditty, and marched off the stage, still playing.

They returned a few minutes later, playing the same tune, and closed out the show with one more electric bass led groove number, that had the place bouncing.

Most of the songs were off of the band's new album, The

Dropper, so a lot of the decipherable were unknown to me, only "The Lover" and "Dracula" were songs I recognized, and even these were played as very loose interpretations of the originals.

Perhaps the largest quality the band has is it utilizes all it has to offer. Wood switched back and forth from stand-up to electric bass, Martin had a huge drum kit with many symbols, gongs and other things to bang on, and bandleader Medeski had at least two keyboards and a baby grand behind him, not too mention the guests.

Stephen Deoreo, a college student living in Massachusetts, stated that "no one performing or touring today is better than these guys. You cannot get a better live night of music than Medeski, Martin and Wood." I guess you could safely assume Steve is a fan. All in all it was a highly enjoyable, hypnotic, and engrossing concert experience. Now I just have to wait for another band to come around these parts....



The crowd warmly receiving the CD release performance by Keene State student Antara as she performs at The Big Western Hotel Lounge on December 3.

Folk Fun

Eminem Offered Plea Bargain

Controversial rapper faces \$25,000 in damages

BY TOM ZIMMERMANN
The Equinox

Grammy winning rapper Eminem may be offered a plea bargain in his assault case, but the prosecution is pushing a hard deal.

Eminem, a.k.a. Marshall Mathers III, is facing one count of carrying a concealed weapon, which is punishable by up to five

years in prison, and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, which carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison. Both charges stem from an arrest in Warren, Michigan, after a brawl erupted in the parking lot of the Hot Rocks Café during the early morning hours of June 4, 2000. He is charged with striking John Guerra, 26, who was purportedly seen kissing Eminem's now ex-

wife at the club, with a gun.

The plea bargain being offered to Eminem is the same as any first time offender might receive in Michigan courts. "We're not offering a milder sentence," Marlinga said, "[we] would like to ask for six to nine months [jail time]." The plea bargain would allow for one of the gun charges to be dropped, but the continued threat of jail time has lead

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College students chow down on insects

BY DIANE SUCHETKA
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — They tasted like chocolate, crunched like Rice

Krispies, went down easily. It wasn't until afterward that you felt a little queasy, when your tongue automatically went for that little piece stuck there, in your molar.

Then, you couldn't help but imagine a leg or antenna. That's what it feels like to eat a chocolate-covered immature

cricket.

Yuk, you say. But more than a dozen students did it at Davidson College.

"Do I have worms in my teeth," senior Anna Padgett asked, smiling big at her friends.

"I've never tried a worm before. Maybe I'll put it on my resume."

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The crispy critters were part of

a zoology lesson, taught by assistant professor Chris Paradise, which included fruit fly banana nut bread, mealworm chocolate chip cookies and cricket nymphs and mealworm larvae and cricket nymphs fried in garlic butter.

Why did the professor cook insects for lunch? "A couple of

reasons," he said.

For one, about 75 percent of the world's population eats insects as part of their diet.

"A lot of Davidson students will travel abroad," Paradise said, "and we want to expose them to the things they'll experience in other cultures."

Ross Cocklin, a senior from Owensboro, Ky., figures he'd eaten worse inadvertently, he said while trying the garlic worms, "nothing for a guy who once swallowed a goldfish on a bet."

The banana bread with fruit flies went down easiest. You couldn't see the flies. Besides, Paradise had only enough to pour about an 1/8 of a cup into each loaf.

The cricket nymphs, being covered in chocolate, weren't so bad either.

But the mealworm larvae were another story.

The pan full of tiny worms, one to two inches long, their little legs curled up but visible and fried to a golden brown, looked like a pan full of worms.

Those brave enough to try them, some with their eyes closed, said they tasted like garlic butter, crunched like corn flakes.

It was a learning experience for Paradise, too. He never before had made cookies from scratch.

The cricket nymphs — immature crickets — he explained, were a little easier. He dry-roasted them first. Then he melted chocolate in a double boiler and dipped them in.

They were so good, Carl Lentzsch, a senior from Dallas, wrapped leftovers to take home, then confessed she was going to leave them out for her unsuspecting roommates.

"Sick and twisted, yes, I know," she said, dropping the bugs into a napkin.

"But you've got to find fun where you can."



Above: A student cringes as she looks at a plate of garlic-basted worms & crawlers

Below: A bowl full of worms awaits some lucky college students



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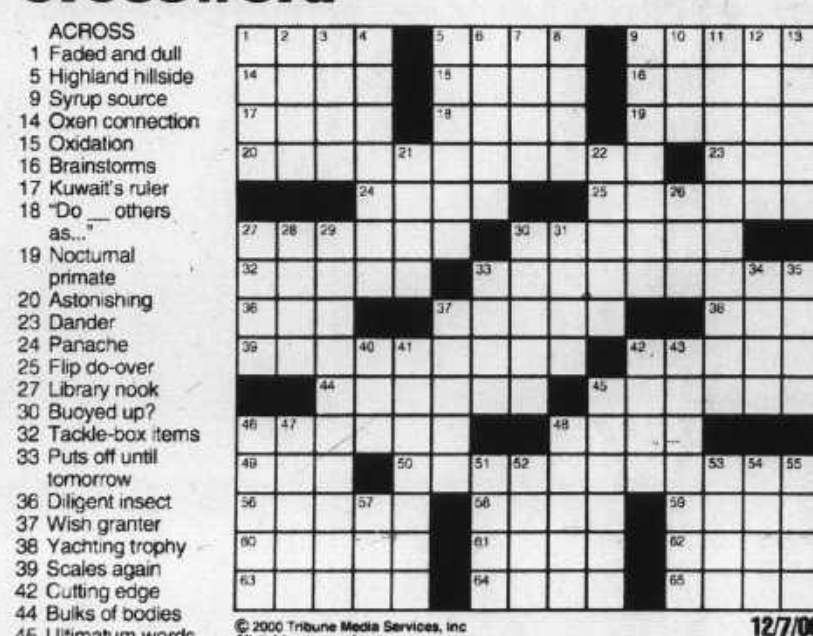
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Week of 12-07-00 Horoscopes

Aries

March 21-April 19
Let your best friend or mate talk you into something wild and crazy on Monday and Tuesday. It'll be refreshing since you're usually the one who does that. Get serious by Wednesday, however. You can improve your situation by Thursday if you pass the test. Starting on Thursday through the next few weeks, you'll get lots of chances to look sharp. Don't raise to the bait of a competitor to upset you on Friday. This weekend will be lots of fun traveling and playing with friends.

Taurus

April 20-May 20
Launch a new creative project on Monday and Tuesday. You'll be inspired. Somebody else wants to take control on Wednesday and Thursday. If they're going in the right direction, be supportive. If not, just excuse your self. Start by taking your sweetheart to a foreign restaurant for a great time on Friday. Heed an older loved one's advice on Saturday even if it's hard to hear at first. Relax by going over your budget or clipping coupons on Sunday.

Gemini

May 21-June 21
You are looking good on Monday and Tuesday. Don't be surprised if you get more offers than you know what to do. Do as much as you can on Wednesday. Things will get slightly more difficult around Thursday. You're swamped with work through most of Friday. If you're not getting paid what you're worth, negotiate a better deal. Somebody you love is full of surprises over the weekend. Go along, but keep track of the money you're spending! If you don't, who will?

Cancer

June 22-July 22
Get into a home decorating project Monday and Tuesday. Turn down invitations to go out on Wednesday and Thursday. The actions at your place, big the guest list is limited. Only your favorite people are invited. Get the family involved in another project, starting Friday night. If you all work together this weekend, you can create a magnificent transformation. And, it'll be fun.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22
You're smart, as well as quite attractive on Monday and Tuesday. Household matters demand attention from Wednesday through Friday. There are several tricky problems to solve, both mechanical and emotional, but don't fret. The outcome looks good. Use love and quick thinking! Although you'd like to play most of the weekend, there's too much work to be done. Get your sweetheart to help, and both that's challenging will become more like a game.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Make money a major theme on Monday and Tuesday and take it a lot. This could lead to new opportunities by Wednesday and new lessons learned. A tough problem on Thursday pushes you to study harder. By Friday you can be more confident. Have family and other loved ones over to your place this weekend.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You can have just about anything you want on Monday and Tuesday. Don't doze those days cause the game's getting harder to win around Wednesday. Count your pennies so you can make a long-needed change to your lifestyle on Thursday and Friday. Single up with a good book and a box of chocolates this weekend. You can have an adventure in a different role and place, right in the privacy of your home!

Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21
Something you hear over the grapevine could lead to a great deal on Monday or Tuesday. Find a sale on something you need for your home or a great deal on a new place to live. On Tuesday you may feel frustrated by a lack of funds, but on Thursday you'll start looking in. When you want something, you always find a way to get it. That could happen by Friday. This weekend's great for making hunting. You might also discover that something you own is worth more than you thought.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Your friend and confidant, and inspiration on Monday and Tuesday. Concerning to do great things together. Wednesday and Thursday are more difficult. An assessment that's overdue, cause pressure, and complications cause delays. You can do well financially over the next few weeks starting around Thursday. This is not through a fling, it's from keeping your promises, especially on Friday. Your confidence and charm attract new admirers this weekend. But the best one for you has been nearby all along.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Ask for that raise or promotion you've wanted on Monday or Tuesday. Be on your toes, required, you'll easily catch the deal. Your friends have a tough problem to solve on Wednesday and Thursday. You're getting stronger, so be a great help to them. Get rid of the dead wood on Thursday, and your whole team can be successful by Friday. Fresh old choices over the weekend and take care of old social obligations, too. Means life, keep a secret that's told to you in confidence.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18
A romance could come your way on Monday or Tuesday. Let yourself be talked into trying something new, you may like it. Don't be late to work on Wednesday. A critical person might like any excuses. You may feel awkward on Thursday, but you're OK. Keep your wits cracked to yourself, and an older person's intuition will outsize by Friday. Get together with your crazy friends over the weekend. Tell them you're giving up a bad habit, and your transformation will stick!

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20
Count your pennies on Monday and Tuesday. Then invest them in a safe place so you'll have more soon. Choices interfere with travel on Wednesday and Thursday. Work overtime these days, and you might get to leave earlier. Friday, a wise older person. Remember something that's always been true and learn something else from a brand new perspective.

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Navy makes plans to disarm USS Cole

by Reni Winter
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

BILOXI, Miss. — The expected arrival of the injured USS Cole at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss., is only weeks away, but Navy and Ingalls officials are still tight-lipped about the ship's location and the date of its arrival.

Before the Cole is ready for extensive repairs to its hull that was damaged in an Oct. 12 terrorist attack in Aden, Yemen, it is to be disarmed and any spoiled food has to be removed. But officials won't say when or where it's

going to happen.

"The time line is still being discussed as it moves on to Pascagoula, and I have not even seen that time line," said Mike Zitko, public affairs officer for the Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair in Pascagoula. "We're discussing the time line, the rules of what's going on after the arrival, and a communication plan — how we are going to communicate to the media and the public."

The Pentagon denies any attempt at secrecy regarding the Cole, but instead claims that it wants to fully develop its plans

before revealing them.

The plan at one time was for the ship to go to New Jersey for disarmament, said Den Knecht, vice president of industrial relations for Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula.

"The Navy hasn't announced a change," he said. "At this point, we know it's coming sometime in December, but we don't know when that's going to be. We won't start on the repairs until after we get back from the holidays Jan. 8."

The Navy has made no secret about the weapons that are on the Cole, which was battle-ready when it was attacked during a refueling stop. The weapons are listed on the Navy's USS Cole Web site.

The ship, an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided missile destroyer, is armed with nine different weapons systems, including the MK 41 Vertical Launching System naval surface missile launcher.

The MK 41 has multiple simultaneous war-fighting capabilities, including anti-air, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, ship self-defense and strike warfare.

The Cole also is fitted with the fully automatic .54-caliber MK 45 surface gun system, MK 46 and MK 50 torpedoes designed to attack high performance submarines, and the MK 15 Phalanx Close-In Weapons System, a quick-response, rapid-fire 20-mm gun system that gives Navy ships a defense against anti-ship missiles.

Representatives of Lockheed Martin, manufacturer of the MK 41 and other missile systems on the ship, won't say whether the Navy has asked for its assistance in removing them for the repairs.

"If we do help, we wouldn't be allowed to talk about it. That would be the responsibility of our customer," said James Fetig, Lockheed Martin director of corporate media relations.

Zitko said he also is not certain whether the ship will be disarmed in Pascagoula or elsewhere. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair is the Navy's ship construction branch and will oversee the repair of the Cole.

The ship's mess hall took the brunt of the explosion that blasted a gaping hole in the hull. Reports are unclear exactly how much food remains aboard the ship and how much was spoiled as a result of the explosion or during the period immediately

afterward before the ship's power had been restored.

Speculation about dangerous amounts of spoiled food harboring bacteria that could pose a health hazard is probably unfounded, said Lt. Jane Alexander, of the Navy office of public affairs at the Pentagon.

"I don't foresee it being a public health issue," she said. "Ships have ways of dealing with and disposing of spoiled food. The ship's power was only off for a couple of days. They probably disposed of it in the normal way that ships dispose of spoiled food, through the garbage system."

Zitko said that any spoiled food remaining on board the ship when it arrives in Pascagoula would be removed by people trained to handle it, possibly employees of the Food and Drug Administration.

"The proper officials have to go in there and offload it," he said. "We're waiting to hear exactly what's going to be done."

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Female Chocolate Cravings: Fear or Fact

Hailey P London
Dietetic Intern, Keene State College

Great news women! You can finally set your guilt aside and stop denying your chocolate cravings. Yes, as a trained nutritionist, I am saying you can eat chocolate when the urge arises and know that you are helping your body.

Chocolate over sex?

According to the scientific journal "Appetite" and numerous other sources, 97-99% of all women report experiencing food cravings. Up to 70% of these cravings are for chocolate. 50% of all women claim they would choose chocolate over sex at least some of the time!

Why do women crave fats and sugars while most men crave meats and other proteins?

67-76% of women report craving fats, sweets and starches, while 69-78% of men crave meats and proteins. This is no surprise. Nor, as Freud said, is this craving for fat and sweet a form of penis envy triggered by the menstrual cycle. According to Registered Dietitian Debra Waterhouse, the author of "Why Women Need Chocolate" and "Outsmarting the Female Fat Cell", our differences in cravings are strongly physiological and not simply emotional. Men traditionally have more lean body mass, made up of proteins, hence they crave those proteins as a biological way to say "Hey hang on to that mass and those protein stores". Women, being the perpetrators of life, have a need to keep the body at a certain fat level so that they can menstruate and reproduce (It's a tough job ladies, but someone

had to be designed to do it!). The female chocolate craving is the bodies way of saying "Over here, yeah you, I need attention and I know just the food to do it".

Why chocolate? Why not an overwhelming desire for lima beans? Warning: There is science up ahead anyone afraid of learning something new turn back now!

According to Waterhouse and Dr. Stephen P Gullo, author of "Thin Tastes Better", there are at least five physiological factors that may cause a woman to crave chocolate. Serotonin, a powerful brain chemical responsible for the feeling of well being is released upon the ingestion of starch and sugar and enhanced by magnesium. Endorphins, another brain chemical responsible for the feelings of pleasure are boosted by fat intake. Endorphins and serotonin tend to run low in the female prior to menstruation. Chocolate has high levels of fat, sugar and magnesium. Besides these brain chemicals that are enhanced by fat and sugar, there is actually a brain chemical that exists naturally in chocolate called phenylethylamine (PEA). PEA also found in the brain is responsible for the feelings associated with being in love. No, really, no joke. Just make sure that you don't actually develop a co-dependent love affair with the chocolate itself! If this isn't enough, chocolate contains over five hundred flavors, two times more than any other food and literally melts in your mouth.

So the cravings are legitimate, what now?

Well, as a woman, once you realize that your cravings may be the bodies way of asking for something it needs, you can learn to allow yourselves to satisfy these cravings. By doing so you may learn to honor your body, trust your female instincts, overcome the fear associated with cravings, learn to satisfy them without overindulgence and guilt, and begin to under-

stand the needs of your body, whether biological or emotional.

Is this a license to gorge myself with chocolate whenever I get the urge?

This is not a cry for all women to go buy stock in Hershey's and hook themselves up to an I.V. nor am I denying that there are also emotional and psychological factors that are perpetuating some of these chocolate cravings. This is simply a friendly reminder or maybe a warning not to anger the chocolate monster that many of us have created a home for. During the dreaded PMS times our cravings may seem intense, but the body is simply saying, "Give me serotonin, give me endorphins, give me estrogen." Your survival instincts have kicked in and no, you will not die if you don't give in to these cravings, but fighting these cravings often leads to bingeing. Better to allow yourself a small amount of exactly what you are craving, often you satisfy the body and the chocolate monster remains happy. Denial commonly leads to a build up of the craving which either makes you (1) eat a large amount of something that you were not actually craving or (2) put off the craving until it is so large that you "accidentally" eat a half a bag of Hershey's kisses instead of two or three. The main point here is that you should not feel guilty or out of control for craving what you crave, but you should understand that there are clear reason why chocolate is the craving of choice for many women. So moderation is the key here. Chocolate is a high fat, high sugar food...so go easy on it, but don't feel so guilty!!





The voices of WKNE (left to right) Bob Varnum, Kevin McNeil and Mark Healy

Behind the Mic

JOE JOHNSON
The Equinox

When you are driving around the great city of Keene, NH and press your scan button on your car radio you will definitely hit WKNE FM 103.7.

They play a mix of Top 40 songs from the 80's, 90's, and now.

So, who are these voices that we hear throughout the day?

Bob Varnum has worked for KNE for a few years but he doesn't just work behind the microphone, he helps in the sales department as well.

However, the radio world doesn't come that easily. Varnum tells future radio personalities to be persistent.

"It takes a while to get what you want, but if you work hard and use your communication skills to air your questions and concerns with your boss and fellow employees you will succeed," he said.

Varnum is relatively new to the radio scene. One of his colleagues, Kevin McNeil, has been in the business for fifteen years. Most listeners probably know McNeil through his live request show named "online lunch."

"I've had a chance to connect with the listeners through the Internet and look forward to interacting with all the listeners through email," said McNeil.

Mark Healy is the other big dog at WKNE. He is best known around the station for his impressions of fellow employees and on the air for his Top 30 Countdown Show. Healy said, "radio is a fun business but there's a lot to be done besides playing music. You are constantly doing production work (commercials) and planning out your shows with prep work."

How does someone get involved with the radio industry? Programming director Steve Hammel feels that an education is essential to the field. He said, "first and foremost finish school. Second, you need to get experience; to get experience you should take some communication classes and become involved with the College Station. One of the best assets for an on-air announcer is to have the ability to do everything and anything."

The next time you're listening to the radio, remember that it's much more than music.

The Survey Says....

Students share their feelings about the dining commons

KEVIN NORRIS
The Equinox

Nearly 72 percent of Keene State College students feel the food in the Zorn dining commons is all right, according to an unscientific, random poll conducted earlier this semester.

About 50 Keene State students, out of a total population of 5,000, were asked in the dining commons, while they were eating lunch. They were asked if they thought the food was excellent, all right, or horrible.

"The food is already made for me and I don't have to do anything but eat it," said Keene State sophomore, Jim Driscoll.

As long as he does not have to cook or make anything he feels the food is all right, said Driscoll. When the survey was conducted during the lunch rush around noon, only 10 percent of the students felt the food was excellent. That means out of 50 students, only five felt the food was excellent. This means that students eat three meals a day in the dining commons and do not really care for the food.

"The stir fry line is a nice addition to an already outstanding selection," said Keene State sophomore, Luke Mitchell.

"I love the meat loaf," said Keene State senior, Kristen Potter. "I eat here [Zorn dining commons] everyday and I love the food."

The rest of the students that were surveyed, the last 18 percent, felt that the food was horrible. The only reason these students ate the food is because they already paid for it.

"They need to get rid of the fruit flies," said first year student, Nicole McDonough.

"If they actually cooked the food it might be a little better," said first year student, Rich Morsi.

When the students who said the food was just all right or horrible were asked what the dining commons could do to make the food better, about 12 students said they wanted "more variety."

"There is not enough vegetarian food, and the selections they do have are horrible," said senior Angela Zingarelli.

Erin Foley, a senior agreed with Zingarelli and said, "They need more low fat alternatives, in stead of just the one healthy choice alternative."

Then the students started to talk about what else they could do to make the food they eat better.

"The dishes that are prepared need to have more seasonings," said senior Kate Steinmetz. "They need more flavor."

A table that was full of five students was eating lunch and they were asked this same question and asked what they thought could be done to make the food better.

who worked in the dining commons heard them, then they would be given food that would make them sick.

These five students' comments were taken into consideration, but they were not used in the data. If they didn't want to give their names, then they were not going to be part of this survey.

Another problem that was talked about by two or three students, was the staff that worked in the dining commons.

"Some of the people who work here, really need an attitude adjustment," said Foley.

Potter said, "Some of these workers are just out right rude."

"Sorry your job is to serve my food," said Potter. "If you hate it so much, find another job. Don't try to take it out on me."

"It horrible when you would like to change something on your sandwich, but you feel bad asking one of the workers," said Foley. "Maybe if they had some workers who cared a little more, then I would say the food was excellent, instead of just all right."

The facts of this survey of about one percent of the population of students at Keene State College feel that the Zorn dining commons is doing an all right job.

If they had a little more concern for the students and had a way to keep the food a little warmer, more people would be satisfied completely.

An Issue of Energy

MATT MAHER
Commentary

Yes believe it or not this is a possibility and one that is not difficult to realize. As you read this article the Centerbrook Architects of Connecticut are working on the schematic design phase of what will be called Pondsides 2.

In case you do not dine at the commons or do not reside in the halls, allow me to inform you that this school is growing exponentially and we are running out of beds for all the new students.

We need more student housing, a committee lead by Anne Miller, the head of residential life has been working with Centerbrook in formulating their concepts. What we will have is five separate buildings that will be occupied by 24 students.

Keene State College has a budget just like any other school. They will need to take out a loan. Money is always an influence on design.

I have learned this through my years of design courses at school. Along with this knowledge I have learned that with a little more money spent up front, you can save great amount of money in the end.

The extra cost to make our buildings more energy efficient will prevent the waste of unnecessary amounts of energy, energy most likely in the form of non-renewable fossil fuels. With more efficient buildings we will drastically cut our effect on environmental problems such as global warming and air pollution.

KSC is a state funded school, meaning that your tax dollars fund these buildings. With just a few percent more over the existing budget, we can save ourselves considerable money in the end, not to mention our planet.

What I am about to tell you are not information that the school advertises. We spend approximately two million dollars a year on heating and energy needs of the buildings on campus.

To illustrate the marvel of inefficiency that KSC is to ask the girls that I live in Huntress about how much heat flows through that building.

They endure so much heat they must sleep with their windows open. This problem stems from our nineteenth century heating system, which is another topic all together. I only bring this up to illustrate how inefficient we are.

We now have the ability to make up for some of this inefficiency by starting a building movement that will distinguish us as a school that cares about the environment.

To save ourselves money and reduce our contributions to global warming, we must all understand that a few extra dollars must be spent up front to make these buildings more energy efficient.

In doing this I am not proposing anything drastic at this time. Simply increasing R-values by using more insulation and better windows are the first step. As we all have experienced this school is a bureaucracy and like any bureaucracy, we must make it clear to all levels that we are a student body that wants our money spent in a way that will ensure a better future for all of us as inhabitants of the planet.

KSC is an institute of higher learning; we have a social responsibility to ensure the future of our planet. After all, if an institute of learning like Keene State can't push itself to a higher standard like the one I propose to you, how can we expect society as a whole to do so?

This is an issue that has no downside, if we make these design improvements, the buildings will cost more up front but this money will be saved over time. This can be proven through simple calculations.

Are we the people that make these decisions so blinded by the initial bottom line that they cannot except what is true?

Are we, as a school that is ignorant? Let us hope not, let these buildings be a testimony to our new approach to efficiency.

These buildings are the future of our campus, let's design them so they will help ensure that the future here is long, healthy, and even profitable.

Matt Maher is a senior, his opinions doesn't reflect those of the Equinox

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The best and the worst in college football

MIKE HUGUENIN
Knight-Ridder Tribune

This season's five biggest surprises:

Auburn: No one expected Tommy Tuberville to lead the Tigers to the SEC West title. Yes, Alabama and Mississippi weren't as good as expected, but Tuberville and his staff were there to help their team fill the void.

Junior college transfer RB Rudi Johnson was the catalyst for the offensive improvement, and a lot of young guys came through on defense.

Northwestern: That team was one win from the Rose Bowl says a lot for Coach Randy Walker. Most expected the Wildcats to finish at or near the bottom of the Big Ten.

Instead, they used an ultra-productive headed by TB Damien Anderson to get to eight victories despite a bad defense.

Oklahoma: Folks expected the Sooners to win eight or nine. But a possible national title awaits in Coach Bob Stoops' second season. QB Josh Heupel is a perfect fit for the offense, the defense is opportunistic and OU is physically tougher than people think.

Oregon State: The Beavers

deserve a BCS bid. Will they get one? Even if they don't, this has been a season to remember in Corvallis, as the Beavers will be going bowling in back-to-back seasons for the first time ever. RB Ken Simonton is the best player you've never heard of, the defense is tough and the secondary is tremendous.

The big question now is how long Coach Dennis Erickson stays around.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks entered the season with a 21-game losing streak. They could end this season in a New Year's Day game.

Honorable mention: Georgia

Tech, Iowa State, Louisville, LSU, North Carolina State, Notre Dame, San Jose State, UAB, UTEP, Western Michigan.

This season's four biggest disappointments:

Alabama: The Tide went into the season with national-title hopes. It exits the season with a 4-7 record and without a coach. The offense was abysmal.

There's a ton of talent in Tuscaloosa - um, Tuscaloosa - and it was wasted this season. This team is one of the biggest disappointments nationally in the past 10 years.

Georgia: This is not a lost sea-

son, by any means. With a victory today over Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs will finish 8-3. But a Music City Bowl bid likely awaits, and that's not good enough for a season that was supposed to end on New Year's Day.

SEC East rivals Florida and Tennessee were down a bit this season, but the Bulldogs couldn't capitalize.

Yes, Georgia finally beat Tennessee, but that win was erased by losses to South Carolina and Auburn. An QB Quincy Carter seemingly has regressed the past two seasons.

Illinois: The Illini had nine starters back from a high-pow-

ered offense that led them to a bowl rout of Virginia last season, and that offense was supposed to make up for an iffy defense.

Instead, the season went downhill after some questionable officiating cost the Illini a possible victory over Michigan. The Illini went into that game 3-0; they finished 5-6.

USC: The Trojans were expected to contend for the Pac-10 title; instead, they're finishing in a three-way tie for last. The defense, which was supposed to be strong, can't stop good teams. And the offense needs a running game.

Indoor track kicks off a new season at last weekend at Williams College

WILSON PEREZ
The Equinox

This past weekend the men's and women's track teams headed to Williams College to compete in the first indoor track meet of the season.

On the men's side of things Keene State (59 points) was just edged out by Williams College (100 points). In indoor competition the highest score wins the meet.

The women finished third out of five teams competing with 41 points.

All-America Jeff Leavitt grabbed a school record in the 300-meter with a time of 38.05.

"I have been hitting the weights a lot more so my strength is much higher. I have plenty of time till March (indoor track nationals) to work on my speed," he said.

Craig Bernard was fourth in the 55-meter dash and third in the 300-meter dash. Bernard ran 6.86 seconds for the dash then came back to run 38.63 in the 300-meter.

The king of middle distance on the day was sophomore mark Miller, a 2-time All-America, who won both the mile and the 1,000-meter runs. He ran the mile in 4:33.19 and the 1,000-meter event in 2:39.10, respectively.

He also helped the team to take third place in the 4x400 and second in the 4x800 races.

Joe Dunham was just edged out by Miller in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:39.10. Dunham was running him down the last 20 meters, but fell short in the end.

Dunham returned to place fourth in the mile, with a time of 4:44.43, and compete in the 4x200 and 4x400 events.

Matt St. Germaine finished third in the 600-meter dash with a 1:27.64 and second in the 3,000 meter run at 9:23.37. Germaine also ran in the 4x200 and 4x400.

Jeff Roberts and Josh Lyford led the way in the throwing events for Keene State.

Roberts won the 35-pound weight throw with a 12.03 mark while Lyford finished third with a 11.66.

"Roberts got lucky on his last toss," said Lyford. "He kept throwing the weight out of bounds but managed to get the win," he added.

In the 1,000-meter run David Ames and Kevin McGrath grabbed fourth and fifth in the 2:52.30 and 2:52.35, respectively. Ames also finished seventh place in the mile with a time of 4:53.

Scott Singleton took fifth in the mile (4:45) and sixth in the 1,000 with a time of 2:54.97.

On the women's side of things freshmen Katey Deville took home her first collegiate victory in the 1,000-meter dash. Deville won the race in 3:26, beating the second place competitor by 12 seconds.

Danielle Smith placed fourth in the 1,000-meter with a 3:43.67.

Lindsey Monroe was a force in the 55-meter hurdles placing second in 9.69 seconds while Anne Valihura took eighth in the high jump with 4'6". She also got seventh in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.22 seconds.

In the 55-meter dash Courtney Staab was fifth in 7.95 seconds. Brooke Carney won Keene State broke seventh in 8.28 seconds.

Ellen Histen not only won the two events she was in, but she broke two school records while doing it. Histen broke the long jump and the triple jump records here at Keene State. In the long jump she leapt 15'6" and in the triple she made 32 feet even.

Carney ended up sixth in the triple jump at 29'9".

Christine Leggett was another recordbreaker at the meet on Saturday. Leggett threw 12.64 in the weight toss and took third place. Leggett also was seventh in the shotput with a toss of 8.46.

Hannah Horton won the mile in 5:58.9 while freshman Meg Matthews was fourth in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:47.37.

The men's and women's track teams will head to Massachusetts this weekend to compete in the Tufts University Invitational.

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At the start of the spring semester the office will move across the street from Holloway Hall to 29 Butler Court.

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Stop by to check out the new office!

KSC athletics #1

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Following the completion of the fall athletic season, Keene State College is tied for 13th place in the Sears Directors' Cup Standings.

The Owls received their 90 points from the men's cross country team which placed second at the NCAA Championships last month.

KSC is presently ranked fourth among New England schools and is the top rated program among public institutions in the area.

The College of New Jersey is currently ranked first in Division III with 236 points. Defending champ, Williams College is second (211 points).

The Sears Director's Cup is presented each spring by the nation's athletic directors to the school with the most successful all-around athletic program.



Spaulding Gymnasium, home of the Owls



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Staff Commentary: Can we please get rid of the BCS?

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

Is it just me or does anyone else think that having a computer write up an equation just doesn't seem to work that well to determine a national champion in college football?

As far as the polls and coaches say, Oklahoma is the best team in college football.

I am a Notre Dame fan and I will always think that my team is the best, but that's the way college football fan work.

I have always thought because my school never wins and they never get beat by winning the championship, back in the day when they still thought that was the way to win.

But now, with the BCS, it's all about the computer. It's all about the numbers. It's all about the math. It's all about the BCS.

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Lady Owls drop Williams

The Keene State women's b-ball team took care of the ball and played a solid second half to win

RICHARD EGAN
The Equinox

Keene State lady-ballers started the season with a hot four and one record before losing the next two games to quality opponents. On Wednesday November 29th Keene State hosted Amherst College in a non-conference game. The Owls played a very good and tough game in which they played their hearts out in a disappointing two-point loss.

"The bottom line is we missed a lot of open shots," said coach Keith Boucher.

Erika Forsberg tied the game with a runner in the lane with only 3:42 left marking the fifth tie in the game. Unfortunately for Keene State they couldn't finish the game strong losing by a score of 62-60.

Margot Fleming led Keene with 14 points and nine rebounds while Erika Forsberg notched 12 points and eight rebounds.

In the first conference game of the year the Lady Owls lost to a well-coached team in the University of Southern Maine. It was another close game for Keene State but the buzzer went off the ballers were on the losing end for



Erika Forsberg rips down a board against Williams in the victory Tuesday night

the second straight game. On a positive note, Hayley Alaimo scored a season-high 17 points in the 69-63 loss.

The Owl's next obstacle would be Williams College. Keene State started the game on a 12-4 run and looked as though they were going to run away with the game.

The Ephwomans made a roaring comeback to take a 39-26 lead at the half behind the play of a strong back court.

At the half the girls must have changed their game plan to because they came out with vengeance. Margot Fleming tied the game with 15:00 minutes left at 56. They

then took the lead with a runner in the lane by Julie Tardif. Keene State took over the game dominating the boards and penetrating the tough full-court pressure of Williams in the second half.

The visiting team dressed only 10 players and during the second half they began to fall into foul trouble. Not only were the Ephwomans handing out the fouls, but the ladies of Keene State were converting at the free-throw line. Fleming was clutch from the line in the second half as she hit 15 of 17 from the line throughout the game. For the game, the girls shot 30-38 from the charity stripe.

The Owls were led by the one-two punch of co-captains Fleming and Sara Linn, who dropped 30 and 21 points respectively.

In addition to her 30 points, Fleming added 11 rebounds, six assists and two steals.

Linn grabbed nine rebounds and dished out two assists. Freshman Courtney Clarke came off of the bench and gave the Owls some good minutes as she hit a big three-pointer and scored seven overall as the girls outscored Williams by a score of 46-33 in the second half.

Keene State did an excellent job of taking care of the ball giving up only 10 turnovers while creating 20 on defense against Williams.

This win improved the Owls' record to 6-3 and gives them confidence to play their tough and demanding Little East Conference. They play again this Saturday at Rhode Island College.

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Men's hoop cleans up on the road

JASON CAMPBELL
The Equinox

The Keene State men's basketball team is now 5-1 for this season and on a four-game winning streak after two big wins this past week.

Last Saturday the Owls made the three-hour trip to Southern Maine to play their first Little East Conference game. Keene State got out to the early lead which ruined Southern Maine's game plan to slow things down.

As Keene State continued to pull away Southern Maine was forced to speed up and ultimately force had shots. The Owls remained focused and gave a well balanced attack holding Southern Maine under 50 points and winning the game 80-49.

One of the keys to success for the Owls was the fact that the Huskies shot a poor 30 percent while the Owls shot above 50 percent.

Next the Owls took part in the Granite State Classic which all the teams competing were division three teams from New Hampshire. Keene State this year was pitted against New England College which ex-Keene State coach Gino Vallante now runs.

Keene State took the early lead again in this game but instead of blowing the team out right away the Owls just couldn't seem to shake them. It took until about five minutes into the second half for Keene State to kick into full gear. At this time NEC was only eight points back but would finish the game on the losing end of a 120-81 point trampling.

Dave Stantial tied a career-high with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Chris Conter had 25 points and Kyle Purinton finished the game with 16 points and a career-high 16 boards.

Inviting the Keene State snowboard club members, a half court shot contest on the ice rink, and alternative activities to ice skating were proposed by assembly members during the meeting.

"We need to think about other winter events if we're going to use the whole area. For students who can't ice skate, we'll need other stuff to do," said Brian Parda, a senior class representative.

The assembly members decided to send letters to Keene State clubs and organizations inviting them to come and participate in this event in hopes that it will encourage other non-club affiliated students to come, too.

"The shuttle saga goes on," said Corinne Kowpak, the vice president for student affairs, during the discussion about Keene State's expanded shuttle bus system during the meeting.

Due to a lack of employees hired by HCS (the company that the college is working with) the established plan between Keene State and the Keene City Express bus system fell through at the last minute according to Kowpak.

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Student government members at their meeting on Tuesday

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Fire on Ice. The new Keene State shuttle bus system, the lack of student assembly members, and a student review of the Dining Commons were the main topics discussed at Tuesday's Student Assembly meeting.

Broom hockey, ice skating, and contests are the proposed events for the Fire on Ice weekend program taking place on Keene State's campus, on Feb. 3, according to Matt Ulvila, the student body president.

"Some of the activities we brainstormed were broom hockey. You use your shoes, a broom and a tennis ball," Ulvila said.

Ulvila added that this game is for students to have an alternative to ice skating while at the event.

Inviting the Keene State snowboard club members, a half court shot contest on the ice rink, and alternative activities to ice skating were proposed by assembly members during the meeting.

"We need to think about other winter events if we're going to use the whole area. For students who can't ice skate, we'll need

other stuff to do," said Brian Parda, a senior class representative.

The assembly members decided to send letters to Keene State clubs and organizations inviting them to come and participate in this event in hopes that it will encourage other non-club affiliated students to come, too.

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Swim team gets 1st LEC championship

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The Owls went down to Boston this weekend and came home as champions. Our own Keene State Owls Women's Swimming team won the inaugural Little East Championship at UMass-Boston's Clark Athletic Center in front of 100 swimming fans on Saturday.

According to some, this could make Keene State the team to beat in D-III women's swimming the rest of the year.

Keene State dominated, winning ten out of 14 swimming events, outdistancing their closest competitors, UMass-Dartmouth, by over 92 points.

Kristen Hart, Jennica Tripp, and Kate Carguilo each won a race with Lanell Smith winning 2(100&200 yard breast stroke) and Freshman Lisa Wadeloski taking 3 events. (50 yard, 100 yard, and 200 yard freestyle).

The Keene State women also proved themselves as a whole, winning the 200-yard medley relay by 4.37 seconds over

Umass-Dartmouth, and narrowly taking the 400-yard freestyle relay by 4.1 seconds.

Head Coach Gene Leonard later sang the praises of his teams exceptional performance. "It was a good meet" Leonard said, "It was a great way to get the first conference meet off the ground."

Leonard also told the Equinox that Keene State swimming has set the standard for the conference with their win in this first annual all-conference meet.

Coach Leonard added that he feels both the Men's and Women's teams have a good shot to take the New England NCAA Division III championship in February.

Women's team co-captain Heather Pamula was also exuberant about the performance on Saturday.

"Everyone swam at their top form this weekend," she said, "The way we were going after this title, we couldn't afford one bad race, and we didn't get one."

Pamula stressed the importance of winning this meet since it was the first ever conference meet and she also

lauded the great performances of sophomore Linelle Smith, and Keene State's only diver, freshman Katie Avenner.

Unfortunately, the Keene State men's team didn't get their chance to prove their dominance like the women's team, the Little East Conference did not have enough men's teams to conduct a competition.

"I feel sorry for the guys," Leonard said, "It's come down to the point where there are only 4 real men's swim teams left in all of New England. The next few years will determine whether the sport can make a comeback or not in this region." Regardless, the Men's team made their mark in the meet by taking times and running the score sheets.

Keene State's next home meet will be in Late January, but the team will be back in action on the road this week at Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Facing off against WPI and Elms, Coach Leonard expects another great performance from his team.



A KSC swimmer preps to hop in last season

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