

Owls red hot for tournament

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Chris Coates was sensational all night for the Owls.

When the Owls needed a rebound he grabbed it.

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

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

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

Enter Kareem Porter.

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

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

Then there was junior Scott Rogers.

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

Want more?

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

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

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

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

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

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

The difference this time was noteworthy.

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

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KSC ready for Eastern Connecticut Univiversity

PAUL SIVLERFARB
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

Rhode Island College and

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

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

enth and eighth seeds to finish off the division.

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

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

Keene State. They are looking at the games one step at a time. The Owls played Eastern Connecticut on Tuesday. At press time, the final outcome was not known. The Owls lost both previous regular season games against Eastern Connecticut, including one 61-59 heartbreaker on the road.

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Campus Safety Log

February 23 Monday

2:03 a.m. The Keene Police Department called in reference to a male student who has not been seen since 3 p.m. on Feb. 22. It was reported that the student was suicidal at the time. The Department of Campus Safety checked his room but he wasn't there. The Winchester Street parking lot was also checked for his car. The subject was located in Nashua, N.H.

4:48 p.m. A subject at the information desk in the student center called Campus Safety on behalf of a female who had fainted. The student refused medical transport after fainting twice. A message was left for health services.

10:17 p.m. A resident from Tisdale Apartments called to report that a car was parked in his assigned parking space. The subject wanted the car removed but the space was empty when a Campus Safety Officer arrived. The officer did ask another resident to remove his car from a no parking zone. The subject became disorderly and the Keene Police Department was called for assistance.

10:36 p.m. A third floor resident of Huntress Hall called to report that she had been receiving harassing phone calls. She didn't want to file a report because she wanted to try to find out who the caller was from the message on her voice mail.

February 24 Tuesday

12:52 a.m. There was a report of people "hooting and hollering" outside of 331 Main St.

7:44 p.m. An RA from Randall Hall requested an ambulance for a resident who had been burned from boiling water. A message was left for health services.

10:50 p.m. A report came from the student center's information desk that a male in his mid 30s had been in the building harassing sorority members during their rush. The subject had a Domino's Pizza name tag and had been driving a red Corvette.

February 25 Wednesday

12:40 a.m. Dispatch received a call from a Domino's Pizza employee. The subject called to inform the office of his local mailing address so they could mail him a letter ordering him not to trespass on college property.

2:51 a.m. Residents of a room on the 3B side of Carle Hall received a harassing phone call.

They didn't want to file a report at the time.

5:23 a.m. Dispatch received a call from the wife of a faculty member who wanted them to have her husband call home. When dispatch called back, he had returned home.

5:45 a.m. Empty alcohol containers were found in a men's bathroom in the Spaulding Gymnasium.

8:50 a.m. Bud Winsor reported that he saw a missing ground sign hanging up in a student's window in Carle Hall. A Campus Safety Officer spoke to the resident. He said he found it by the dumpster. The sign was returned to the Office of Residential Life.

10:35 a.m. There was a report of a possible break-in at the Zorn Dining Commons. The inner part of a doorlock was broken but the outer portion still worked.

2:31 p.m. There was a report of vandalism to a vehicle parked in the Winchester Street parking lot.

2:38 p.m. A resident of Randall Hall reported she has been getting harassing phone calls and that the caller threatened her. A report was filed.

10:31 p.m. Someone was misusing the maintenance channel radio by playing music, flushing toilet sounds and making animal noises over the air waves.

February 26 Thursday

1:12 a.m. A Campus Safety Officer saw a subject removing a handicapped parking sign from the Madison Street parking lot. The subject was wearing a dark blue vest, tan pants, and a baseball cap. The subject fled on foot towards the Owl's Nests. The Keene Police Department was notified of the situation and the officer on duty filled out a report.

4:22 a.m. Someone in Monadnock Hall discharged a fire extinguisher in the hallway causing the fire alarm to go off. The Keene Police Department responded. The smoke detector will be replaced.

6:58 p.m. Subjects outside of the Grafton House were spoken to regarding skateboarding.

February 27 Friday

1:17 a.m. A Campus Safety Officer responded to subjects yelling at each other on the west stairs of Bushnell Apartments. The officer requested assistance.

1:28 a.m. Two subjects skate-

boarding outside of the Zorn Dining Commons were warned of Keene States's policy.

4:33 p.m. The Fiske and Huntress Hall SRA called to report that people playing soccer on the quad had kicked the ball into a second floor window in Fiske Hall. The window broke and the subjects ran away.

5:14 p.m. An employee of the Owl's Roost called to report that key scratches had been made on her car.

8:04 p.m. A broken window was found in the game room of Carle Hall.

February 28 Saturday

12:27 a.m. An RA from Huntress Hall called to report an unwanted subject was in a second floor room. The subject left before Campus Safety Officers arrived. The RD on duty and the Keene Police Department were notified. The escaped subject later called a different room and threatened to commit suicide.

1:39 a.m. The Keene Police Department responded to a confrontation outside of the Phi Mu Delta house on 57 Winchester St.

1:45 a.m. A campus safety officer spoke to subjects who were playing loud music from their vehicle parked in the Madison Street parking lot. The subjects agreed to turn down the music.

2:26 p.m. Campus Safety Officers and the Keene Fire Department responded to the science building where excess smoke was coming from the 1A kitchen due to a cooking accident.

4:05 p.m. An RA from Randall Hall called to report that there was a small hole in the window of a second floor room. She also said that a rock had been thrown through the window of another room on the same floor.

9:07 p.m. Cleaning services reported a burning smell coming from the back of the student center. It was smoldering paper in one of the cigarette urms.

March 1 Sunday

1:13 a.m. There was a complaint from a Holloway Hall resident who said someone on the second floor was playing basketball in one of the rooms.

1:15 a.m. A female subject called from the Student Center to request that an officer speak to two disorderly subjects on Appian Way. The two males had reportedly been trying to initiate a fight and threatened

A phone in need of service



The service phone by Owl's Nest One, broken since the beginning of the semester, was still in need of a replacement at press time.

the female if she reported them. Campus Safety Officers met with the female and two of her friends at the student center and escorted them back to their residence halls. RA's from Carle Hall and Huntress Hall were informed of the situation.

2:22 a.m. There was a report of a male in the women's bathroom on the 4B side of Randall Hall. The subject seemed to be ill. The RA took him to his room and monitored him for the night.

2:30 a.m. Custodians reported that they saw a male subject wearing a gray shirt pass by the science center and break a cigarette urn. The subject headed in the direction of the Owl's Nests.

2:36 a.m. There was a report that an unknown subject had removed the Owl's Nest 6 and 7 dumpster and dumped it on the lawn outside Carle Hall.

2:42 a.m. A group of five to six students were gathered on the foot bridge. When a Campus

Safety Officer approached them they ran in the direction of Bradlees. Keene police officers who were in the area stopped the subjects.

3:08 a.m. There was a report that the glass on the door to Owl's Nest 9 had been cracked and broken. Beer bottles were found on the ground. Campus safety spoke to specific residents on the first floor.

3:51 a.m. There was a report that a female resident of Randall Hall was in a bathroom, upset and intoxicated. She had been hitting mirrors and scratching herself. The resident was resisting help and said she didn't trust anyone. The RA requested that the Department of Campus Safety call the woman on duty from the counseling center for help. The woman on duty talked to her supervisor and decided not to come in. Keene Police Officers

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KSC prepares to show new face

KURT RINGLEBEN
The Equinox

It's coming. The archway at the Main Street entrance of Appian Way will finally be arriving at Keene State College in the fall.

The \$200,000 project is due to begin construction on May 30 of this year, and should be completed by Homecoming Weekend this October.

The archway will consist of two 17-foot-tall columns topped with gothic light fixtures. A wrought iron arch will connect them and bear Keene State's name. The columns will have the Keene State motto "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve" engraved on their sides.

It was designed wide enough to allow safety vehicles to enter from Main Street. However, as with any new structure on campus, it leaves students wondering where the money will come from. Fear not, says Judy Kalich, director of advancement.

Keene State's new "face" on

"Keene State will finally have a front door."

Judy Kalich
director of advancement

Main Street is being funded by faculty, staff, local businesses, and alumni donations, but no college or student funds are being used for the project, Kalich said.

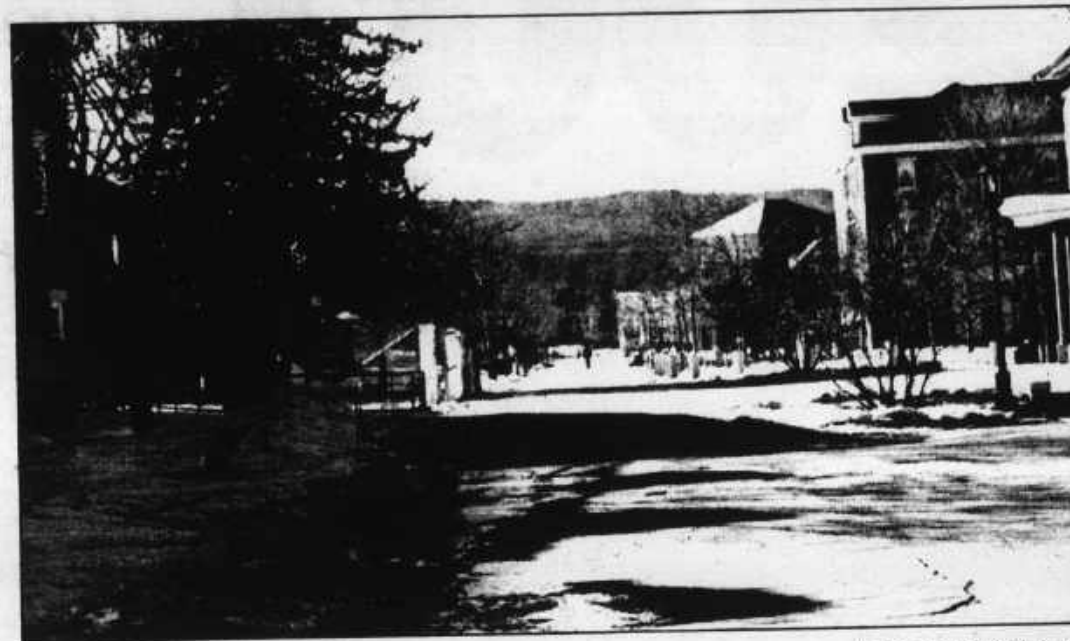
"Keene State will finally have a front door," Kalich said.

More than 90 contributors who donated \$1,000 or more will have their names engraved on granite panels used to construct the arch, Kalich said.

"Many were first time donors because they felt so good about the project," Kalich said.

The idea for the archway was conceived in 1988 by alumni Elizabeth Grace and planning for the project started in earnest in 1996.

The late Alma Southard from the class of 1928 was one of the first contributors, providing \$20,000 to the project. Other contributors include the Keene State Alumni Association,



The gateway has been in the planning stages for over a year and construction is expected to begin at the Main Street entrance to Appian Way by the fall semester.

Stromgren Plumbing and Heating Co., Kingsbury Corp., MacMillan Co., Al Melanson Co., and Clough Harbour and Associates (C.H.A.).

"We are pleased to join you [Keene State] in this celebration of community spirit," Roger T. Monsell, a partner at C.H.A., wrote in a letter given

to Keene State, along with a \$1,000 donation.

The classes of 1997 and 1998 will be listed as contributors.

So will Keene State President Stanley Yarosewick, Judy Kalich and Director of the Alumni Center Mike Maher, among others.

Construction will also

include finishing Appian Way from the end of Morrison Hall to the junction with Main Street, as well as replacing some of the fencing in front of Rhodes Hall and the president's house.

Construction is scheduled to coincide with the completion of Rhodes Hall.

Room draw: luck, chance, or pure strategy

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The Equinox

It's that special time of year again when students must choose where and who they'll live with next year - it's time again for room draw.

Many students have complained in the past that room draw is both hassling and confusing. Lotteries, lines, and deadlines set a course of shoots and ladders students must traverse to ensure the right room, and roommate for the following year.

Many students are already saying they're looking for off-campus housing, but the Office of Residential Life has announced several new changes for next year which

they hope will make students turn their heads.

Cable and Internet access availability has been added to every room on campus, Sarah Wilson, assignment coordinator for Residential Life, said. In addition 72 dividers have been removed from rooms in Randall Hall, making the new spaces some of the largest rooms on campus, according to the Office of Residential Life.

"We heard loud and clear that students didn't like the dividers," Wilson said. "We're trying to make the housing as attractive as possible to students."

Making on-campus living more attractive may be an incentive to stay but many students wonder if it would make the room draw process any easier.

Students must initially find a roommate, fill out a form, receive a number, and then wait for the complete list to appear. Then they need to appear at an appointed time

and stand in line according to their appointed number.

Needless to say, the process can be confusing, but students should be able to navigate the various procedures if they take time to read the instructions, Wilson said.

"It's hard for me to hear that," Wilson said in reply to students' confusion. "The information is so abundant, and if they just took 10 minutes to read the instructions, they'd see it's very logical."

Most students are intimidated by the process, she said, but not all the instructions apply to every student, and are in fact very basic.

As long as students have a roommate and \$100 by March 27, they can sign up for their choice of housing, Wilson said. Then all they have to do is wait until April, when the lottery will be drawn and lists will appear all over campus and in The Equinox.

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Students must gaze their eyes upon walls of seemingly endless tags for rooms, designating where they may live next semester.

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Monadnock Millennium committee planning headed for the future

"Acknowledging our past and setting our sights on the future"

ANTHONY B. VOGL
The Equinox

■ **Monadnock area residents are gearing up for the party of the millennium.**

It's coming whether you like it or not. And you can't stop it either. But people in the Monadnock region won't let it pass without a bang.

The members of the Monadnock Millennium Committee are planning big things for the region during the millennium's passing of the torch during the years 2000 and 2001, but they aren't going to stop there.

"For me, there's some significance when the one turns to a two. We're going to start in 1999 and then we'll be going into 2001 to acknowledge the true meaning of the millennium," Ellen Avery, co-coordinator of the Monadnock Millennium, said.

Keene Mayor Pat Russell said in a press release that she thought this was "... a rare and defining moment for all of us."

"Just think of the wonderful ways in which we can celebrate this momentous occasion. I am looking forward to what will be created," Russell said.

Committee members and regional citizens met in the Mountain View Room of the Keene State College Young Student Center Monday night to discuss plans to celebrate the approaching millennium celebration.

Avery said she has a lot of plans for the area, and the meeting was a brainstorming session to get started. There are, after all, only 667 days left until 2000, she said.

"We're going to make long lasting projects you will all create," Avery said to the group of about 30 people, including Keene City Mayor Patricia Russell and Keene State College President Stanley Yarosewick.

"As long as it isn't illegal, I figure we can do it," Avery said, drawing laughter. "The possibilities are endless," she added.

After introductory remarks, Avery and Molly Lane, the other co-coordinator, passed out paper to the group and asked them to write any ideas they had for millennium plans.

The group did not let them down. When the time came to share ideas, no one was left out.

In recent years, Keene has hosted the annual Pumpkin Festival, and has set the World Record numerous times. Mike Klein of Center Stage, which hosts the festival every year, said, "the first thing I wrote down was 20,000 pumpkins for the millennium."

There is a need to focus on the things that are unique to Keene, he said. Klein said more organizations can be involved in community events, such as the annual tree lighting ceremony.

One permanent structure was suggested is a band shell at Railroad Square. The structure would have laser lights pointing into the sky every time there was a concert.

Larry Davis, a member of the staff at Monadnock State Park, said he has climbed to the summit of Mount Monadnock for 2,134 consecutive days, and wanted the mountain to be a focal point for the celebration, since it is the center of the region. Right now Mount Monadnock is renowned as the most climbed mountain in the world.

"Hopefully in 2001, they will still say that," he said.

Bonnie Rill from the Keene Day Care Center, who represented the Cheshire Children's Network, said she would like to see a permanent walkway at Ashuelot River Park where children would stamp their hands and feet in the walkway, like the celebrities of Hollywood.

"Children are our future," she said. Children were one of the central topics of discussion surrounding plans for celebrations. "I want to get my students involved," Susan Leech, a principal in Marlborough, said.

She wanted the whole region to have some theme in each school.

Ideas ranging from coordinating a history of the past thousand years at the local schools to creating an endowment for local students to attend local colleges were brought up and pasted on banners hanging from the walls. By the end of the night, they were filled with colored paper and ideas galore.

Gordon Leversee, dean of sciences at Keene State, said the community should collect 1,000 stories about life in Keene reflecting both the good side

and the bad. He said Keene should make a community report card to see how the city is doing, and what needs to be changed or improved.

"What are our goals, and what kind of progress are we making?" he asked, in regard to what the report card would show.

The coming of the millennium, or at least the year 1999, brings about many anniversaries for local organizations. Keene State College will be 90, the Colonial Theatre will be 75, and The Keene Sentinel will be 200.

By the way, the M&M is the official candy of the Millennium celebration. After all, M is 1,000 in Roman Numerals.

Some suggestions:

- music festivals.
- cultural expositions.
- a video documentary of the region.
- trips back to the lands of our ancestors.
- community report card.
- 20,000 pumpkins for the millennium.

"This is a rare and defining moment for all of us. Just think of the wonderful ways in which we can celebrate this momentous occasion."

• Pat Russell
Mayor of Keene



Molly Lane, co-coordinator of the Monadnock Millennium Committee spoke in the Mountain View Room of the Student Center Monday night.

Equinox photo by Anthony B. Vogl

El Niño wreaks havoc

■ Weird weather pattern brings March mud

ANA FORD
The Equinox

Students played Frisbee on Fiske Quad and sunned themselves on benches across campus as the warm sunshine gave a hint of spring this week.

■ **People in Florida and California may have more cause to gripe about the catastrophic effects of El Niño, but northeast residents have mud in their eyes too.**

Denizens of the Monadnock area may not have thought twice about the phenomenon responsible for the balmy conditions, but inhabitants in many other areas of the globe have witnessed a much gloomier winter at the hands of the same weather-affecting mischief-maker known as El Niño.

The phenomenon that brought the warm weather to the region last week was also responsible for the mild winter and one of the cloudiest Januarys on record in this area.

Jack Halpin, staff meteorologist at the Mt. Washington Observatory, said El Niño is responsible for the strange mix of weather we've had this winter.

In January and February the temperatures in this area were 14 and 13 degrees above average, he said. Precipitation in New Hampshire was about normal, although the Seacoast area had a little more rain than usual.

"The difference this year is that because of the warmer temperatures the precipitation has been in the form of rain rather than snow," Halpin said. "To date, we've only had 27 inches of snow versus 40 inches that would be the norm."

Students at Keene State College took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather.

Sammy, a young puppy, played in the grass with his owner Brian Pampel, a Keene State senior.

Ian Judge, a Keene State junior, chatted with friends in the sun.

"It's worth all the misery that a human being goes through to live for a day like today," he said.

"This is really nice, said senior Bill O'Brien. "We haven't been slammed with snow like last winter."

Students weren't the only ones in Keene who reaped the benefits of El Niño.

Bruce Tatro of the Keene Public Works Department said his department is currently 25 percent under budget for snow removal.

"The salting budget is just about on target because of the ice storms we've had, but we still have half the sand left over," he said.

The department has a flexible budget that allows him to use the unspent dollars on road patching and other enhancements, he said.

Halpin said this region can expect April and May to be

warmer, cloudier, and wetter than average.

El Niño occurs every three to five years when the low pressure area over the Western Pacific that keeps warm surface waters close to Indonesia

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El Niño, the weather pattern coming from the coast of Chile, has wreaked havoc in Florida and California. It also dumped a fair share of snow on the Monadnock Region.

Equinox photos by Steph Majewski



Women's studies group finds courage & strength in Mexico

ANGIE ROBIE
The Equinox

The courage and strength of indigenous women in Central America was only one of many topics the women's studies group, which traveled to Mexico during winter break, discussed Thursday night inside the Mabel Brown Room of the Young Student Center.

■ **The women's studies group, which traveled to Mexico during winter break, discussed Thursday night inside the Mabel Brown Room of the Young Student Center.**

A group of about 25 students and three faculty members from Keene State College visited Mexico City, Chiapas and many other surrounding cities, where they studied the history and geography of the region, as well as the cultural roles of Mexican women.

Before they left Keene, students asked themselves what they imagined the women of Mexico to be like. Poor, uneducated and passive were some of the answers.

When the group left Mexico two weeks later, they said the women were anything but passive. The indigenous women had identity, courage, strength, and most of all hope for a better future, student speakers agreed on Thursday.

Junior Lisa Berkson and senior Donna Servant talked about the Coordinating

Organization of Women's Popular Groups (CONAMUP), an organization which provides much needed services to Mexican women.

Servant said the center provides valuable services like literacy classes, and low cost meals. They also ran a health care center, before the government closed it down.

"When the government realized what the group was for, they tossed everything out the window and onto the street," Berkson said. "They were teaching women to be independent. The government didn't want to see women with

The women's studies trip to Mexico helped them realize what life was really like for women living in this developing North American nation.

power." The organization was formed by Carmen Martinez after her husband abandoned her and her children.

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Enjoy the effects of El Niño while they last

Our View

Winter in New Hampshire is not supposed to be enjoyable. It's supposed to be very cold and windy with at least two feet of snow on the ground.

Not this year. Last week was one of the warmest that most of us can remember, for February. With hardly any snow left in Keene, it was bright and sunny with temperatures in the 50s.

People were outside taking walks without parkas and boots on, actually enjoying being outside.

So what caused this phenomenal event? Most fingers point to our new best friend, El Niño. This great big mass of warm ocean water far out in the Pacific has somehow managed to warm frigid New England, and we don't hear anyone complaining.

Well, we take that back. People in Florida and California are complaining. Floridians are being drenched with rain and suffered through several killer tornadoes. California is also being hit with a series of brutal storms, causing mudslides and millions of dollars in damage. And that's just here in the United States. El Niño is causing

abnormal weather around the globe.

Of course, we certainly have full sympathy for the good people in the perpetually warm states of California and Florida. It's a horrible tragedy. But at the same time, we can't help but enjoy the benefits that El Niño is bringing us this winter.

But will it last? Locals know all too well that a week of incredibly warm weather can be followed by a month of the coldest Arctic air

imaginable, several feet of snow, and wind that will blow you into last semester. This is still New Hampshire. It has snowed in June. Even now, you only have to travel a few miles out of Keene, up into the hills in Sullivan, Stoddard, Marlborough and Jaffrey to see lots of snow still on the ground.

So don't take warm weather for granted. Get out there and enjoy. It might not last for long.



Photos and interviews by Steph Majewski

Soundoff

"Do you support using military force against Iraq?"



"Yes, because if we don't use force, Saddam will keep doing what he's doing."

• Mike Garthwait
freshman
industrial tech.



"I support it. What else can we do? But I'd rather see peace than war."

• Corey Schofield
junior
chem/physics



"Yes, I support it. Something should be done with Saddam Hussein."

• Dan Holmes
freshman
undecided



"I don't know, I'm against war, but I'm also against what is going on there."

• Susan Errico
sophomore
management



"Bomb the bastards!"

• Rickie McCrea
freshman
undecided

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Equinox

Conflict Resolution

Use mediation to to attain a workable solution

Guest Commentary

Just as it is beneficial for the body to stretch out and get plenty of exercise, the mind needs similar training to keep in shape. I am not talking about doing more reading, writing, and arithmetic, although they are also very important, but I want to focus on your knowledge of human communication and more importantly, how we handle conflict.

Although conflict might seem like something we should avoid, it is important for us to understand that as individuals with differing opinions, values and moral judgements, conflict is perfectly natural.

Since conflict is a natural part of who we are as human beings, how then do we deal with certain issues when they arise? Over the course of a lifetime, most people have developed different strategies in assisting us in making rational choices toward a workable solution?

As a communication major here at Keene State College, I have asked myself these questions many times. During the spring semester of the 1996-1997 academic year, I found an opportunity to get the answers I have been searching for.

I have been fortunate to acquire an internship at the Office of Mediation and Dispute Resolution here on campus for the current academic year.

What is mediation you may ask? Well, mediation is a voluntary process where a neutral third party, or mediator, is called upon to guide two or more disputing parties through a series of steps in gaining an understanding of one another's perspectives on conflicting issues.

The Office of Mediation and Dispute

Resolution, through the T.R.E.E. program has set up these steps to ensure that individuals will be given the skills necessary for resolving current and future conflicts. T.R.E.E. stands for Teach, Resolve, Educate, and Empower.

I feel fortunate to be involved in the mediation process at Keene State College.

As with any degree program, once I began learning new skills and gained a greater understanding of communication I could not wait to put these new skills to use.

With the guidance of my supervisor at the Office of Mediation and Dispute Resolution I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn how to develop my own mediation skills in order to help others understand and resolve their own conflicts.



Terri Dodge

Office of Mediation and Dispute Resolution

Letters to the Editor

Students should not use Cliff Notes

I am writing in regards to the current debate I read about in The Equinox [Issue 14] surrounding the sale of Cliff Notes in the college bookstore.

As an English major I view these texts as a bastardization of fine literature and am appalled that the school condones the sale of them.

Fine literature is a fine art and can not be translated into simple sentences or paraphrased. Using Cliff Notes not only minimizes the texts but runs counter to everything the English department faculty spends years trying to teach their students.

The reality is that English is a difficult major, requiring years of study and training to

master the art of becoming a critical reader. Cliff Notes do not help develop the skills needed to become a writer, critical reader, or skilled English teacher.

Some students can justify the sale of Cliff Notes if they are used to supplement the original texts and class lectures. Anyone needing additional instruction needs to look no further than their professor. The English department is literally packed with scholars who are open minded and eager to discuss their field of study.

Students need to capitalize on the knowledge that their professors possess by taking the time to discuss their challenges and anxieties with them.

A professor has the ability to prepare a student for a life-

time of independent thought, something Cliff Notes can not do.

I am also read the concern some students had that their Constitutional rights would be violated by banning these books. A reminder that, while I have the right to bear arms, I am not allowed to bring a handgun to class.

Americans enjoy an unlimited amount of rights which are protected under the Constitution, it is up to the administration to determine which should be promoted on campus.

Keene State has the responsibility to provide its students with an environment that encourages learning and critical thought. I think that people

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People just don't have fun like they used to

Staff Commentary

I must admit to being an avid movie watcher. My friends say this borders on obsession and that my video store (which, despite Keith's belief otherwise, is not a slacker job) job just feeds it.

Through this so-called obsession of mine, I have observed countless things. One of these things, which I happened to start thinking about because of my desperate need of a subject for this column, is that over the centuries and decades, people's idea of fun has changed.

During the 1800's, which is when "Sense and Sensibility" and "Emma" (adaptations to Jane Austen novels) take place, conversation was high on the list of things to do. Parties were also very big, as well as balls.

The movie "Swing Kids" takes place in the 1940s and as the title suggests, swing dancing, for the younger crowd at least, was a pastime to look forward to.

Moving ahead a decade to 1950, "Dirty Dancing" comes to my mind. Now the older crowd is more into learning swing and the foxtrot whereas the twenty-somethings are a little more into the dirtier side of dance.

Okay, at this point, I'm starting to notice a little bit of a theme occurring that wasn't quite mentioned in my thesis: because it wasn't planned. Maybe people's idea of fun hasn't changed so much. Dancing seems to have been considered a favorite pastime throughout the centuries, just the styles have changed.

In "Sense and Sensibility" and "Emma," dancing was done properly and usually in groups.

The "Swing Kids" decided to add a little action, throwing girls in the air and whatnot.

The "dirty dancers" got a little daring and tossed any

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Meghan H. McInnis

business manager

Senior Audits

Make sure you graduate on time

Hello Keene State College! This week I have a public service announcement of sorts for all students who care about graduating from this place we call "our" college.

For those who don't care, you should, because college takes too much time, effort, and money not to care about graduating. Basically, I wanted to make everybody aware of the process called an audit and how poorly the Office of the Registrar currently handles this process.

An audit is when then registrar looks at all of the classes you have taken in your college career and they figure out if the credits you have earned satisfy your degree requirements for graduation.

In your mind you are probably thinking, "Wow, Matt, that's a great thing because the registrar lets me know if I'm not going to graduate, so I can go take the classes I need!"

In response, there's one small hitch. The way it is currently done,

you don't get your audit until the semester right before you graduate. So now, for all who are trying to get out of college and into the real world this scenario has some serious flaws.

The biggest flaw being that by the time you get the damn audit it is too late to take any class you might need to graduate.

Taking myself for example, I got my audit a week ago and I plan to graduate in May. Luckily all of my classes are in order and I will actually graduate in May.

But what if my audit had come back with a problem on it? Say somehow I missed a general education requirement along the way. I would be screwed and consequently stuck to return next September to complete my degree.

Now I don't know how all of this sounds to people reading this article, but to me, this sucks and I hope nobody is getting shafted by having to return for an unexpected semester.

I suggest people work closely with their advisors and make sure that they are taking the right classes.

I say the above because I know some people are going to

say that it is not the responsibility of the registrar's office to make sure students take proper classes so that they graduate when they want to.

What I say to this is that it has some validity. Yes, students are responsible for making sure that they graduate; but on the other hand, the registrar shouldn't provide a service that is useless because it is not delivered in a timely fashion.



Matthew Santo
columnist

They should be doing the audits when people are juniors so that in their senior year they can take the classes they need to graduate.

As the process currently operates it wastes time and the money we students pay to keep this place going. It is too late for me, or other current seniors, to do anything about this situation. Because of this,

I hope some underclassmen go over to the registrar and tell them that they are there to serve the students well and they are not doing their jobs in this particular instance.

This is a small campus and students can create change with relative ease. If anything, meet with your advisor, and don't let yourself get stuck on campus for an extra semester because you missed three credits.

Matthew Santo is a senior majoring in sociology and is a columnist for The Equinox.

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sometimes forget that we are in college. We are here to learn; learning is not easy and should not be viewed as a means to an end.

A college education should be the catalyst for a lifetime of critical thought and intellectual growth. Short cuts, like those taken by using Cliff Notes, is not the way to obtain this goal.

Kristen Levesque
Keene State College student

Alpha Pi Tau is dealing with its problems well

This past fall issues surrounding Greek organizations played a prominent role on campus. It seemed that wherever you turned there was another article, flyer, or police report alleging that fraternity had done this or allowed that. Having weathered that storm, I now believe it is important for me to speak out regarding one case from last fall.

Over the course of the fall semester I had the pleasure and honor to work with Alpha Pi Tau as they have dealt with the repercussions of an incident which occurred last fall.

Alpha received sanctions from a Campus Judicial Board which affected the organization both socially and financially.

The sanctions were serious, and instead of crying foul, the organization chose to accept the fact that they had made some serious errors in judgment and poor choices regarding their actions and deal with it. And deal with it they did.

Alpha took the bull by the horns, and with the assistance of their advisor, Jim Draper, and college and local officials they met the challenge head on. They pulled together as an organization to focus on making amends for their actions, and in the process improved the quality of Greek Life on campus.

The organization worked hard to not only complete the sanctions, but to complete them well ahead of the timeline set out in the sanctions.

Not only did Alpha meet the sanctions, but they did the college one better.

They have taken concrete steps to implement a number of the college's new guidelines in advance. I applaud them for their efforts and initiative.

Issues surrounding the Greek community and the judicial system have always been a hot topic. Frequently it has been said that I hate the Greek community and want to get rid of it. Such statements are untrue.

What I do want from the Greek community is for them to live up to the ideals which they espouse and act in accordance with college policies and local, state, and federal laws.

Greek Life has a great deal to contribute to Keene State College and to a student's growth and development, but only if it commits itself to making a healthy and positive impact on students' lives.

Over the past semester Alpha Pi Tau

has done this. They have provided a shining example of how a Greek organization can work with the college to improve their own status and the image of fraternities and sororities.

I am very proud of what Alpha has done, and want to congratulate Sean Powell, the president of Alpha; Jim Draper; and the entire membership for their efforts and accomplishments. Alpha has demonstrated what it takes for an organization to act responsibly and succeed in their endeavors.

I sincerely hope that the relationship which started this past fall will continue and that the entire Greek community will follow Alpha's lead as Keene State moves forward in a new positive direction.

Mark Schmidl-Gagne
Keene State College
Dispute Resolution Coordinator

Older students provide a vital link in college

Non-trad's, Dr. Spock babies: on those days when you feel yourself adrift in a gulf, between your slightly elder professor and a sea of twenty year-olds, know that in the general scheme of things you, and particularly as pertains to class discussions, you, the mid-boomer, help at times to keep some class discussions afloat by providing a causeway between the old Nike Air Bases and Michael Jordan's sneakers.

With admiration and condolences, your fellow Spock baby.

Kathryn Manning
Jaffrey, NH

General Education proposal has many flaws

I vote against adaptation of the curriculum proposed upon pages nine of the attachment to reference A.

You asked for the reason, and a non-secret ballot, so here they are:

There are at least six fatal flaws in the proposal as listed below. I will be brief in my description. Overall, it is simply badly staffed, with many addressed issues ignored, and simply not ready for "prime time."

No technology requirement is included as explained in Computer Department vote. The reason that we "cannot afford to teach each and every Keene State student a single course in technology," is as damning a statement of the condition of a college as I have ever heard. If it is true, our accreditation as an institution of higher education should be removed.

No international education is included in this day and age of internationalism. The cultural requirement does not really international issues, although there is an overlap. In particular, the following disciplines are international in nature, not cultural, and should not be forced into a cultural mold: Introductory foreign languages, foreign policy, international economics and banking, and physical geography.

A Keene State College major's capstone course will no longer satisfy GE102, and it did in previous

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versions until the present attachment to reference A. Does not the proposed gen. ed. czars trust the majors to teach a reasonable information gathering and critical thinking course?

The System permits, as indicated on page 40, six psychology courses to satisfy 11-13 gen.ed. requirements. That is a major "not good." It destroys the idea of distribution, which is a major component of everybody's gen. ed.

Lack of a physical geography option is inexcusable. I don't want reruns of "where is Vietnam?" or in more modern terms, Iraq. That is geography and not included in the proposed gen. ed.

Forcing disciplines with nice "round peg" courses into a gen. ed square or triangular hole is inexcusable. Beginning foreign languages, communications, theater art, physical geography, industrial technology, management, computer science, and wellness disciplines, come quickly to mind.

The idea that it "could happen" is mirage to distract one from the central content and written goals of the proposal.

The idea that information literacy and using library technology resources is another mirage and distraction. Information literacy is important. That is why Plymouth State College requires that in addition to technology literacy.

I am sorry our library representative on the gen.ed committee does not appreciate the difference.

However using technology is not now, nor has it ever been the same as understanding the principles of technology to allow a person to deal with its growth and change.

As a parent of two Keene State College graduates, I do not want their current or future alumni degrees cheapened as being from the school known as the "last of the backward looking colleges" or that "no where, no tech" college that ignores internationalism, modern communication, and technology.

The course structure on page nine will surely do that. Many parents who hire our graduates will hear about our gen. ed.

statement from their children as they search for colleges.

I do not wish our graduates to have to overcome the "no tech" hurdle in their quest for jobs.

Unfortunately there is no way to measure the students who never get invited to interviews because of the reputation of their college.

I do not think we, as a community, will like the kind of students the that Keene State College will attract (if any) with this type of general education statement.

I seriously doubt it is what the voters, taxpayers, employers, legislatures or other supporters of our state college system will desire or think they are paying for. No amount of polling of the current students will reflect this because students interested in technology, the modern world, jobs and paying off their student loans will simply never come to Keene State College to be interviewed.

Jerry Joyce
computer science professor
Keene State College

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KSC-TV is a part of the journalism program under Community TV News. Dr. Rose Kundanis is the executive producer of the newscast. Seniors Deb Clougher, Jen Kuehn, Jean Norwood, Amy Richardson,

and juniors Justin Bates, Jen Hegarty, and Mike Meagher are the featured reporters throughout the season.

KSC-TV provides quality programming to our viewers. Some of our featured interviews that are now archived have been with Hilary Rodham Clinton and Keene Mayor Patricia Russell.

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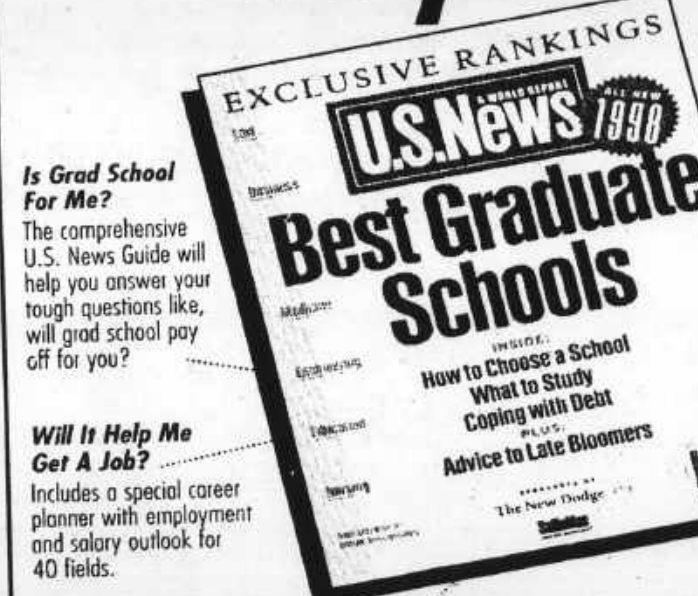
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But for some students the work isn't worth the reward. "I think the whole thing's a waste of time," Rob Gasser, a junior, said. "Just move off campus."

Other students don't dislike the procedure as much, but feel that the selection process is all just a matter of luck.

Carlos Cardona, a junior, said he's received the room he wanted for the last two years, but it could have gone just the other way.

"I've had a lot of luck and I hope this year I'm lucky again, but it is just all a matter of luck," Cardona said.

But luck is not the only factor in the selection, Wilson said.

Seniority gives students an advantage because the lottery draws begin with seniors and work their way down to first year students, she said.

Senior Lauren Donohue said her friend, who is planning on studying abroad next semester, has also had problems.

Her friend, who has lived with her roommates throughout her stay at Keene State, will not have the option of moving back in when she

returns because residential life claims the space is not available to hold the room, Donohue said.

"I just don't understand that," Donohue, who lived on campus last year, said. "They always have extra space available after they've filled the rooms. Why can't they make an exception for students abroad?"

But Wilson disagreed.

"We always have more students than rooms," she said, although after the fall semester many students do leave, she added.

The improvements residential life is offering may not be "improvements" say some students.

Junior Andrea Salzburg said that cable television should be an optional feature for students. If you don't want it, you shouldn't have to pay, Salzburg said.

"I think it's cool, but you shouldn't have to pay for it if you don't want it," Salzburg said.

Residents of the five mini-houses scheduled for demolition near the Madison Street lot have the privilege of first pick for next year's housing, Wilson said.

The mini-houses are being knocked down to make way for a new parking lot, but resi-

dents who had planned to stay in those houses next year will file for displacement status which ensures them the room they want, Wilson said.

However, displacement status does have a catch.

Residents who opt to file cannot choose to live anywhere they wish. All of the more popular halls on campus, such as Holloway and Pondsides, will be off-limits to displacement status students. Students are not allowed to reserve or withhold rooms there.

The process of reserving a room, known as "squatting" isn't allowed in the more popular residence halls because that would be unfair for students waiting for better rooms to become available, Wilson said.

"Because some halls are so popular, if you could squat anywhere they wanted, you could sit tight and those rooms would never be available," she said.

Residential Life will be doing a little reshuffling this year to make up for the loss of space and changes in campus demographics, Wilson said.

The third floor of Randall Hall, currently a female floor, will be changed to accommodate males, and the Proctor and Carroll mini-houses will be reopened for female residents, Wilson said.

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Life as a page is no joking matter, student learns

DUSTIN BLOCK
University of Wisconsin
College Press Service

MADISON, Wis. — Jenni Cole-Opitz has learned an important lesson: Cracking jokes about Wisconsin politicians could get you fired.

The 19-year-old University of Wisconsin-Madison sophomore, a page for the state Assembly for 13 months, was fired on Feb. 18 for comments she made to the university's student newspaper, The Badger Herald.

Cole-Opitz had joked about working as a "go-fer" for state leaders.

Her depiction of life as a page not only has left her jobless. It also has prompted government officials to remove the newspaper from racks at the Capitol and has sparked sever-

"I'm very upset about this. I've learned more about politics in the last day than I did last year."

— Jenni Cole-Opitz
UW sophomore

al questions about First Amendment rights.

"I'm very upset about this," said Cole-Opitz. "I've learned more about politics in the last day than I did in the past year."

In a front-page article headlined "Raise the Roof: A look inside the Capitol and How UW Students Help Make It Work," Cole-Opitz spoke about the occasional absurdity of pandering to legislators.

She talked about the time Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen wanted a Coke when only Pepsi was left in the

Capitol. Cole-Opitz told The Herald she was sent to Walgreen's for the speaker's preferred drink, adding the comment: "I was just standing there in awe. He's the speaker of the house, not Jesus Christ."

"It didn't mean anything," Cole-Opitz said after her dismissal. "I told the story because I thought it was funny."

She has hired attorney Tim Provis to contest her firing. He says Cole-Opitz's savior may actually be Jensen himself, who was vacationing in Arizona when the controversy erupted. Provis compared the speaker to Marshal Dillon, of television's "Gunsmoke."

"On the show, the marshal would leave town and all this crazy stuff would happen," Provis said. "Let's hope when the speaker gets back to town cooler heads will prevail."

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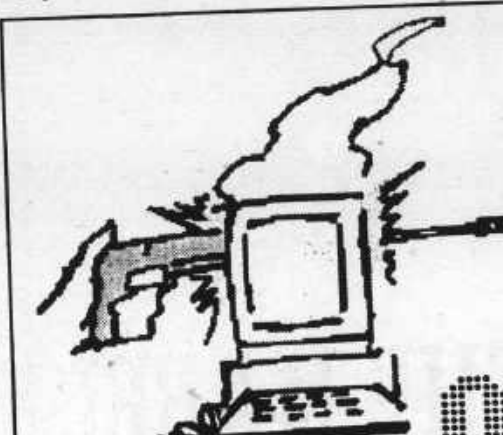


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- Shawn Colvin to grace the Colonial.
- The Doug Elkins Dance Co. brings its grace to Keene.
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Dance at Redfern is a nationwide hit



JOSH
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The Equinox

Modern dance is an art form which defines everything from rhythmic walking to spastic flagellation of every body part. The trick is to do it right.

According to nationwide critics, this is exactly what the Doug Elkins Dance Company is doing.

Elkins will bring his choreography to Keene State College tonight at 7 p.m., as he and his

"[Doug Elkins] is a choreographer who sucks up dance like a Hoover."

• Multiple sources

troop perform at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. Elkins will be a treat for age old dance fans, as well as newcomers to the art. He is rapidly becoming one of the country's most popular choreographers.

Dances that have captivated past audiences will be performed at the Keene State show as well.

The concert is set to open with the company's signature piece, "The Patrooka

Variations." This piece is choreographed for the entire company, it combines the styles of everything from flamenco to breakdancing, running amok in the realm of macho.

As the night continues, the company will move through different genres, with pieces like "Roda," a solo by Elkins.

His style of dance is not truly definably, many critics and contemporaries have said he is a choreographer "who sucks up dance like a Hoover."

often, posing deep introspective surfaces as his intensity brings the audience to their own interpretation of the sporadic Hip-Hop interlaced into Brazilian rhythms.

The show will come to a close with Elkins' most recent piece, "Center My Heart." He was awarded the coveted New York Dance and Performance Award, the Bessie, for this work.

As he received this accolade, the presenter introduced him by saying: "For walking the walk as well as talking the

talk, not to mention utterly tanking what's left of post-modernistic pretension..."

Elkins is an innovator and a disciplined dancer. He portrays his feelings through his movement, and shows them to the audience through the dances of his company.

Tickets will be sold at the Arts Center box office at \$16.50 for the general public, \$15 for seniors and Keene State faculty and staff, \$8.50 for youth 17 and younger and \$5 for Keene State students with ID.

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The National Honors Society for Psychology will host its meetings every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in rm. 309 of the Student Center. The next meeting will be held on March 4th. Pam Backes from Career Services will discuss resumes and job interviews at the March 18 meeting.

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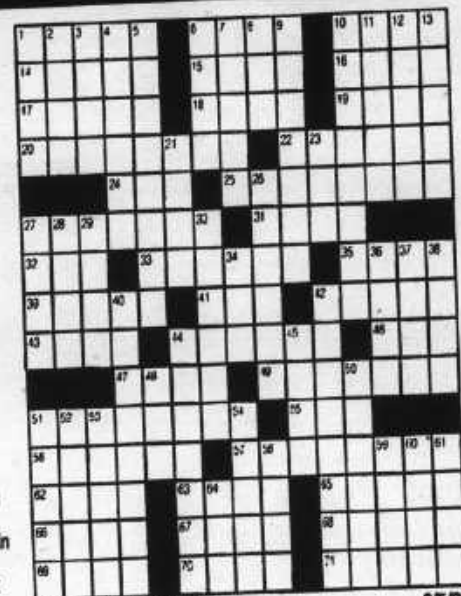
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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Career matters continue to gel for you. New opportunities arise to improve status and income. Romance is most fortuitously highlighted during the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New career developments occur in the office and you'll be the one to make them happen. Your graciousness opens doors for you at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spend some time in the company of friends and loved ones. Good fortune comes to you through family later in the week. Prepare for making a major purchase for the home by getting your budget in order.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) News comes from a distance, with a travel plan as the happy result. You have extra drive, but don't be stubborn about your way of doing things. An intriguing weekend social invitation comes your way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get an early start this week as you're especially motivated to achieve. Later in the week, though, the accent falls on sharing and pleasant outings with loved ones. You'll feel better if you allow yourself to relax more.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a very productive week for you. A business deal works out as planned and you'll have a dear one at your side to enjoy a victory celebration. This weekend, avoid an unfortunate tendency to gloat.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things fall into place at home, thanks to your efforts. Romance sets the pace for weekend activities. Your financial situation looks rosy.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnership activities are highlighted. Intuition proves an asset in business and a good head for facts and figures promises you financial gains. Try to be less rigid with loved ones this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It should be a good week for those involved with sales, but downplay high-pressure techniques. An unexpected turn of events later in the week could affect your personal life. However, take this in stride.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You should be all fired up this week and your enthusiasm is catching to co-workers. Others are impressed with the way you handle yourself in a personal situation. Advice you give this weekend is taken seriously.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good week to rid the house of some clutter. Dealings with banks and realtors are promising at this time. Some add an inspiring touch to home decor over the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a rocky road for you in love unless you make a conscious effort to be aware of another's sensitive points. Accent creativity. Your wheels are turning and ideas just bubble from you.

This Week In History

On March 5, 1770, during the Boston Massacre, British troops fired into a Boston crowd, killing five people, including Crispus Attucks, a black man who was the leader of the group ... **March 4, 1789**, the first Congress met in Federal Hall in New York City ... **March 2, 1836**, Texas declared its independence from Mexico ... **March 6, 1933**, all banks in the U.S. were ordered closed by President Franklin Roosevelt ... **March 5, 1997**, administration officials acknowledged that in 1995, Maggie Williams, chief of staff for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, had accepted a \$50,000 donation to the Democratic National Committee in the White House ... **March 6, 1997**, the New York Times reported that former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell had taken large sums of money from supporters of the Democratic Party, suggesting that the funds constituted "hush money" to deter Hubbell from revealing what he knew about the Whitewater scandal.
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Entertainment

Shawn Colvin will bring her acoustic talent to the Colonial Theater

MICHAEL GAGNON
The Equinox

On March 10, Sunny will come home to the Colonial Theater.

Shawn Colvin, a double Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter this year, will be in Keene for one night only.

Colvin, who's 1989 debut

album "Steady On," won her a Grammy for best contemporary folk.

Although The Grammys are nothing new to her, her recent award speech had a little twist as she was interrupted by Old Dirty Bastard of the Wu-Tang Clan.

"[I had] been making a living performing for 15 years before I even made my first

album, so writing and recording was a very new and intimidating experience for me. It's taken a lot of time to build up enough confidence to establish my self as a front person," she told John Ross, a New York Times Writer.

But a "front person," Colvin has always been.

Her musical roots take hold in the rich and colorful history of New York's Greenwich Village and the unforgiving, snotty streets of Harvard Square in Boston.

Colvin's story is atypical of the revolution in American Pop music. She worked at it, and worked at it quite diligently.

She supported herself by waiting tables, and struggled with depression and alcohol.

There is a hard-lived-life

feeling to the music that comes through in songs like "Get Out of This House" and "Sunny Came Home," her most recent hit.

Things are defiantly looking up for this 41-year-old, highly acclaimed recording artist. Colvin and her husband Mario Erwin are expecting their first child in early August.

Colvin has also found comfort in the accolades she received for her performances during last year's Lilith Fair.

Shawn Colvin has always loved to perform live.

"My confidence," she told Ross, "tended to revolve around my live performances because I felt that putting on a good show has always been my strong suit."

Good news for Keene, to say the least.

Springline



Springline plays at the Night Owl Café last Friday to Keene State College Students. Equinox photo by Lynn Kimerick

Commentary

Hersh takes a new role

Over the past few years, one of the more prolific rock sub-genres has been the female singer-songwriter set.

Which culminated in last summer's wandering coffee-house, the Lilith Fair, featuring Sarah McLachlan, Jewel, and Shawn Colvin, amongst others.

The highly profitable tour played to a largely white audience willing to shell out the \$27.50 or whatever needed to hear a homogenous neo-folkie parade.

It is comforting to note that one respected artist, ex-Throwing Muses leader Kristen Hersh, turned down the offer to join the tour.

She has also delivered what is sure to be one of the year's highlights, Strange Angels.

This is Hersh's second solo work and first since the demise of the Muses.

Strange Angels is an acoustic affair strewn with an other-worldly air to it.

Hersh's oblique songs take on delicate, crystalline quality between the sparse instrumentation and ethereal lyrics. ("Fill a glass with shiny tacks/ I'm feeling sharp/ I am numb/ When he drools it's like he's spitting jewels," from "Some Catch Flies.")

These vaguely Sylvia Plath-like lines are indicative to the fact that Hersh is one of the more original songwriters working today.

Hersh's vocals, known to Throwing Muses fans as yelling above college-buzz saw guitars, on this record are breathy and her phrasing inches frightfully into the crevices of the songs.

Like her first acoustic solo effort, 1994's Hips and Makers, Hersh puts poison in the latte and you're never really sure where your soul is, let alone if it's going to be saved.

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

AT THE PUTNAM

TOMORROW NEVER DIES
Rating: PG-13
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Playing Mar. 6-12

CALNDAR



Sara Gameau cringes during a Red Cross Blood Drive at Keene State College last year. This year's blood drive will be held on March 9 from 1 - 6 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room of the Student Center. Equinox File Photo

Thursday, March 5

Women in Mexico
Multicultural Luncheon
Seminar Series
12:30 p.m. @ Thorne-
Sagendorph Art Gallery

An American Nurse
at War
6:30 p.m. @ Drenan
Auditorium

Health Service Info.
Table:
"Nutrition Savvy"
@ Atrium
Student Center

"One Night Stand"
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall

Doug Elkins Dance Co.
7 p.m. @ Wright Theatre
Arts Center

Friday, March 6

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam
Arts Lecture Hall

Fun & Games
Extravaganza
8 p.m. @ Night Owl Café
Student Center

Piano Recital:
Barbara E. Bedding &
Jessica Lake
7:15 p.m. @ Alumni
Recital Hall
Arts Center

Saturday, March 7

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
2, 7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam
Arts Lecture Hall

Maggie Cassella & Karen
Williams
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
20 Center St.
Northampton, Mass.
(413) 584-0610

Sunday, March 8

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam
Arts Lecture Hall

Monday, March 9

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

Blood Drive
1 - 6 p.m. @ Mabel
Brown Room
Student Center

Workshop:
Indonesian Shadow
Drama
2 & 4:30 p.m. @ Alumni
Recital Hall
Arts Center

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall

Tuesday, March 10

YMCA if Greater Boston
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ Atrium
Student Center

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall

Power of the Mothers:
Revitalizing Abenaki
Identity on the New
England - Quebec Border
7:30 p.m. @ Alumni
Recital Hall
Arts Center

Movie Night:
"Air Force One"
9:30 p.m. @ Night Owl
Café
Student Center

Wednesday, March 11

"Tomorrow Never Dies"
7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts
Lecture Hall

Open Mic Night
7 p.m. @ Night Owl Café
Student Center

The Ventures
7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse
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Shawn Colvin, who won two Grammys this year, will be at the Colonial Theater on Tuesday, March 10. Courtesy Photo

Consider This...

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If so, you should thank your mother, and even if you weren't,

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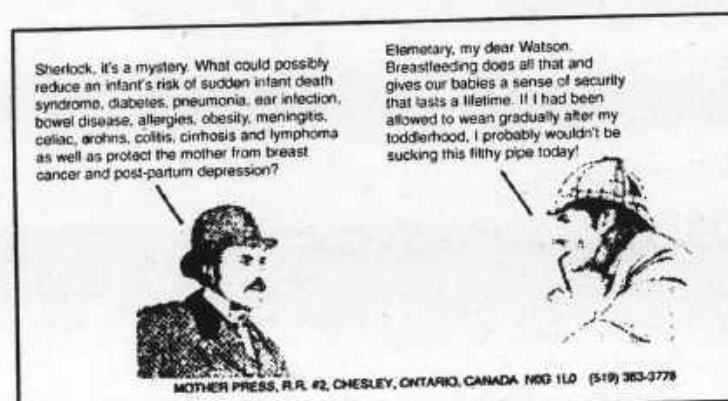
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- ♦ are one third less likely to die of SIDS
- ♦ have fewer allergies
- ♦ enhanced intellectual and neurological development, and reduced frequency of disease later in life including cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes, and obesity

NURSING MOTHERS-

- ♦ have lower rates of breast cancer
- ♦ get protection from osteoporosis
- ♦ enjoy enhanced bonding with their baby and self confidence in providing for their baby's needs.
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Affordable healthcare begins with breast-feeding. As little as three months of breast-feeding for newborn babies could save billions in yearly healthcare. We can no longer afford to let the infant formula industry dupe the public into believing that there are no critical differences between human breast milk and the artificial concoctions designed to

replace it. Formula companies continue to aggressively market substitutes in defiance of World Health Organization guidelines, undermining new mothers efforts to establish breast-feeding. Children have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standards of health, and women have the right to nourish their children in the best possible way.

For more information, be sure to attend the La Leche League meeting scheduled for March 11, at 7 pm, in the infant/toddler room of the Child Development Center.

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Spring Fashions

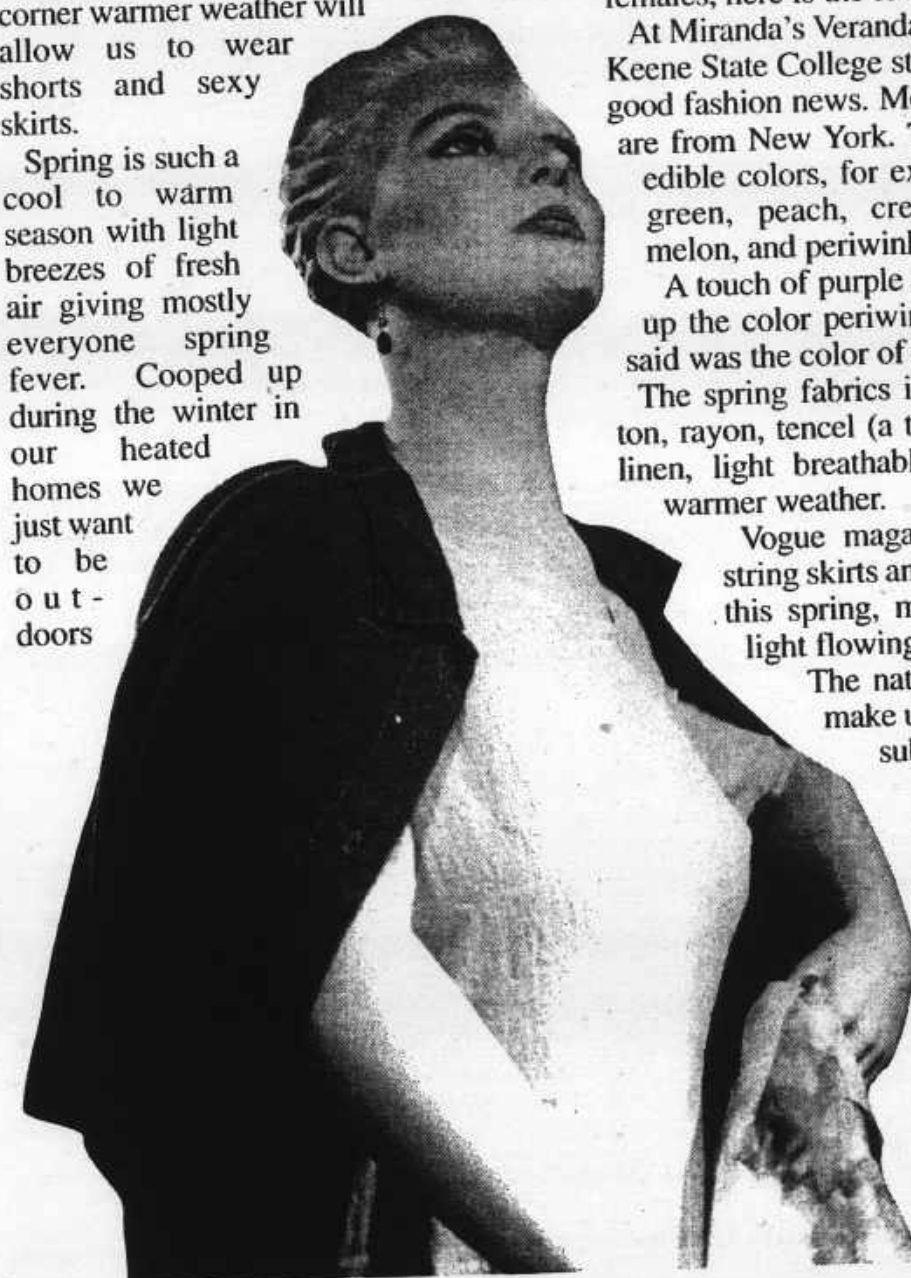
Ooh La, La-

The Scoop on looks of the season

KRISTIE GUERIN
The Equinox

Oh where would we be without fashion? It drives us to some extent and with spring around the corner warmer weather will allow us to wear shorts and sexy skirts.

Spring is such a cool to warm season with light breezes of fresh air giving mostly everyone spring fever. Cooped up during the winter in our heated homes we just want to be out-doors



enjoying the sun and the smells of spring air. As we are out and about enjoying the weather we want to look good, don't we?

That is where fashion comes in. After driving around Keene and scoping out the fashions for both males and females, here is the low down...

At Miranda's Verandah, Maggie Guild (a Keene State College student) gave a lot of good fashion news. Most of their fashions are from New York. The colors are light edible colors, for example a pale olive green, peach, cream, lemon, lime, melon, and periwinkle.

A touch of purple and slate blue make up the color periwinkle, which Maggie said was the color of the season.

The spring fabrics included a light cotton, rayon, tencel (a tree fiber), lycra and linen, light breathable fabrics great for warmer weather.

Vogue magazine included draw string skirts and pants coming back this spring, made with fabrics of light flowing materials.

The natural look is in, light make up and short hair with subtle high lights.

Platform, strappy sandals with slim fit boot legged cotton pants in tan and white are a good fashion for spring flings.

Cherry and Web and Weathervane, have a nice variety of shirts, tank tops with spaghetti straps, and pale

colored skirts.

Tank tube tops and other style of skimpy tops are the hit this season. If the bra is showing, not a big deal.

Synergy also had some really good comments on spring fashion.

Kristin Meritt and Gary Tateosian work there and were a big help giving some new advice, saying the big names of the season were Union Bay, Quicksilver, and JNCO.

JNCO is a brand name jean, a good description would be sporty, retro, Adidas-influenced denim wear. Kristin gave me some model names JNCO uses for both male and female jeans. Names and style of the jeans were very neat!

Male jean names included Tuffy, Chincio, Handyman, and Roadkill. The cute thing is all these Jeans have a "J" on them somewhere about.

Road kills are called as such because they have road stripes on the side with a mangled squirrel three quarters up the leg in the thigh region.

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Mannequins from Doffoli's at the Colony Mill Marketplace
Equinox Photos by Steph Motiwski



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The cute factor was that the squirrel had tire marks on him with bulging eyes, tasteful not gross.

Handyman are a carpenter, mechanic style jean, baggy with big pockets and hammer holders on the side. Most of the colors were in the mid-tone range of blue, not too dark or light.

Female JNCO jeans had names like Lucy Girl, Turbo and Girly Stuff. The jeans should fit-n-flair or contain wide legs.

Eric said "JNCO comes out with new model names every couple of months making them original from other brand name jeans.

Kristin described JNCO jeans as "character clothes with a super charged stripe down the leg." She also made clear the new name for corduroy, "pipes."

The inn thing at Synergy for females were tank tops sporty looking sweater vests with a chest stripe or stripe down the side of torso, short to the waist

with a V-neck. Style for males include sweater vests, woven camp and plaid shirts (button down short sleeve, double collared), and cargo pants/shorts that have wide legs made of twill, nylon, and cotton. The winning look is stripes, stripes and more stripes the retro type.

Sometimes it is hard to keep up with fashion because it is ever so changing, but the "need to have's" this season for females are tank tops in any variety from spaghetti straps to tube tops. Also some type of "strappy pair of sandals."

Keep in mind the retro look of the seventies. Fun, skimpy, striped and simple.

Eric at Synergy said the bathing suit for the summer season has the square type bottom called "the slim boy leg." This bathing suit is best when in two pieces with a halter type of top.

For the male wardrobe some cargo style shorts are always a good choice, and in khaki they will match great with a sweater vest of any color.

Fashion magazines are always good for checking out fashions. But shopping is a good stress reliever, so get out there for the spring look.

Spring



A wall at Synergy showing of some cargo shorts with easy button down shirts in cool patterns.

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Comic book creator tackles sexual assault on campus

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The Gazette
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It is, Danny DeAngelo believes, a project that simply was meant to be.

■ Captain Awareness doesn't target evil space creatures. Instead, he tackles drunken driving, drug abuse, sexual assault and fire safety.

DeAngelo, of DeLand, Fla., is the creator of Captain Awareness, a hero at the center of what DeAngelo hopes will become a series of comic books targeting such important issues as drunken driving, drug abuse and fire safety.

The first subject Captain Awareness takes on is sexual assault, within the pages of "Captain Awareness: Assault on Campus" - a story that was truly years in the making.

Captain Awareness has a convoluted history. He started out as Captain

Stetson in a comic strip DeAngelo created for his student newspaper, The Stetson Reporter, while a freshman at Stetson University in DeLand in 1991.

Later, he published a Captain Stetson one-shot comic book, which he sold on campus, then eyed taking his character to other campuses with the name Captain College.

A friend of his suggested that Captain College take on real-life issues instead of super-villains.

Touched by an anonymous letter a few years earlier in The Reporter by a rape victim, DeAngelo already had been thinking for some time of taking on the subject of rape.

"But I was afraid," he says, "that people wouldn't take it seriously if they read it in a comic book."

That's when his friend dropped a bombshell: She was that anonymous letter writer - and she wanted him to do the story.

"A light went off in my head," he says. "I thought, wow, I really better do this story."

Easier said than done. DeAngelo tried selling the idea to colleges and other groups, "but they all said college students were too mature to read a comic book" - or weren't interested in shining a spotlight on the problem of sexual assault.

And plans for funding, such as a Daytona Beach, Fla., rape crisis center's hopes of getting a grant to publish the book, fell through.

But DeAngelo did find allies - including famed comic book artist George Perez. DeAngelo approached Perez - "my idol for years" - at a convention about contributing to the book. Perez took enough of an interest in the book that at one point, when DeAngelo was ready to throw in the

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Power of the Mothers

Revitalizing Abenaki Identity on the New England-Quebec Border

Mariella Squire

Anthropology Faculty-in-Residence
Keene State College

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Recital Hall
Redfern Arts Center on
Brickyard Pond
Keene State College
Free and open to the public

Dr. Squire will explore the mosaic of Native American ethnicity on the Canadian borderland - and the role of women as the culture continues to change.

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- Must relate to the Holocaust.

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towel, it was Perez who convinced him the project was too important to abandon.

DeAngelo continued to approach other groups, other comic-book pros.

And the ball started rolling. Artist after artist agreed to help out, and the story was endorsed by the American College Counseling Association and other organizations.

"It's very amazing all the help I have gotten from different quarters," DeAngelo says.

The final result does indeed

boast an amazing list of credits.

DeAngelo wrote and drew the book and did some of the inking.

But the list of artists who "donated art" through either inking pages or providing pin-ups includes Perez, Brent Anderson, Norm Breyfogle, Dick Giordano, Dan Jurgens, Jimmy Palmiotti, Trina Robbins, Alex Ross and Mike Wieringo; Phil Jimenez provided the cover. Perhaps that help shouldn't be a surprise.

The comic-book industry, after all, has a proud tradition of taking on real-life issues: drug abuse, racism, spousal abuse.

DeAngelo, 30, hopes Captain

Awareness has the same kind of influence on today's youth; the Captain College name was changed to Captain Awareness when DeAngelo decided the book should be aimed at middle-school and high school students, too.

So who exactly is Captain Awareness? He could be you, DeAngelo says.

"Captain Awareness: Assault on Campus" is scheduled to arrive in comic book stores in April — National Sexual Assault Awareness Month — with a \$3.95 cover price. DeAngelo is hoping he at least breaks even; if there is a profit, about 25 percent will be donated to the American

said. That is what caused the flooding in California and the tornadoes in Florida, he said.

The jet stream that normally comes down from Canada in the winter and gives us that cold Canadian air is now pushed much farther north into northern and central Canada he said. "This is the strongest El Niño to date, since we've been recording weather, and has lasted the longest," he said.

This El Niño started in October and is expected to last until May. Halpin said it is already starting to show signs of weakening.

He said the effects of El Niño may be compounded by other climate changes such as global warming.

"I'm sure it's having some effect, but it's hard to tell since we haven't kept track of it long enough," he said.

El Niño has been around since the times of the Mayans and Incas, he said.

The climate changes associated with El Niño were first noticed by Peruvian fishermen. It often happened near the Christmas season so they named it for the Christ child — El Niño.

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collapses for some unknown reason. The pool of warm water then migrates to the western shores of South America.

That's when the chain reaction starts that changes weather patterns around the globe.

In North America, the jet streams are thrown off course.

"The subtropical jet crossing the southern region of the United States is taking all the strength of El Niño," Halpin

Night Owl Café

Spring T-Shirt Giveaway

- 1--win a Night Owl Café T-shirt at any NOC event
- 2--random people seen wearing a NOC T-shirt will be selected to win free admission to a NOC event.
- 3--at the event you will receive a gift certificate to one of the following...

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Join the Night Owl Café in celebrating Women's History Month Concert/Lecture



Special Guest

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Fri 13th

7 pm Concert

8:30 pm Lecture

FREE!

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Meanwhile, state Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Solie insists her decision to fire Cole-Opitz was justified.

"Employees have work rules they are expected to follow, and there are consequences when they are not followed," said Solie, who refused to cite the exact rule Cole-Opitz broke.

In a letter Cole-Opitz read to The Herald - her lawyer asked that it not be released - Solie stated she was firing Cole-Opitz because of the comments that appeared in the newspaper.

Cole-Opitz said the letter also states her remarks were disrespectful and violated the pages' code of conduct.

On Jan. 1, the speaker directly appointed Solie to be the Capitol's first woman sergeant-at-arms. But that relationship had no impact on the decision to fire Cole-Opitz, said Steve Baas, Jensen's press secretary.

"Denise told me that it didn't matter if it was the speaker or a freshman member of the minority party," Baas said. "It's unfortunate when pages with access to members abuse their privilege."

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Badger Herald Staff Writer Jessica Erickson contributed to this report.

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and Campus Safety Officers arrived at the scene. They suggested to that the student be taken into protective custody, but the staff rejected the idea. Instead, the student decided to go to bed. The RA and RD on duty regularly checked her through the rest of the night.

7:02 a.m. The blue light phone located near the heating plant was activated but no one was talking. When campus safety arrived no one was there.

9:26 a.m. The manager of Domino's Pizza complained that he was getting disturbing phone calls at home. He said he believed they were made by Keene State students.

10:55 a.m. An officer responded to a call made by the daughter of a faculty member, who was calling about a broken window in her father's office.

6:20 p.m. A student reported getting a headache while doing her laundry at 61 Butler Ct.

She was concerned about the possibility of carbon monoxide. The Keene Fire Department responded but found no traces of it.

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The Writing Center

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Mexico

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"She wanted to get services for her family and for others as well," Berkson said.

Martinez did not let the government stop her. She and the rest of the CONAMUP group moved to the town square in Mexico City and worked from there. One day they hope to re-open their health care center. Berkson said she was impressed by Martinez's clear direction in life.

"I felt like the impoverished one, without a sense of community," Berkson said.

Another organization, COVAC, works to improve the chain of life.

The organization teaches helpful skills like agriculture. One of the group's projects

includes the breeding of stock animals which they pass along to other communities.

"COVAC gives hope for the future," Amanda Predko said.

Habitat for Humanity works with COVAC to build homes and teach building skills to the indigenous people of Mexico.

"This gives people a feeling of accomplishment," Predko said.

Senior Becky Kay visited a clinic owned and operated by women who provide free medical and dental help seven days a week.

After the clinic opened, a political candidate from the area opened another clinic with more advanced technology.

Kay said the candidate had only opened the new clinic to receive the votes of the community and once elected nothing was done with it.

"They watched the clinic be built, they watched the candidate get elected and soon after they watched the clinic close," Kay said.

The women who run the free clinic are hoping to expand once they raise enough money and bring in more business, Kay said.

Women are also taking part in the fight against the Mexican government. The day the students arrived in Chiapas there

was a Zapatista protest march.

There were women silently walking down the street carrying coffins to represent the loved ones who had been killed during ongoing battles between the government and the Zapatistas.

"We were told we couldn't participate in the march or we would be deported back to the United States," Predko said.

Fortunately, students had very capable shepherds on their trip south of the border.

Karen Cangialosi, assistant biology professor and women's studies coordinator, Jo Beth Mullens, assistant geography and environmental studies professor, and Patrice Strifert, assistant director of programs all made sure none of the students strayed into harm's way.

Laura West, a senior, said students got to know their professors on a completely different level on the trip.

"We all got sick together and they were the ones taking care of us," West said, remembering the few days when almost the entire group came down with the flu.

Their projects consisted of field studies, readings, and discussions. The trip was a three credit course in either geography or women studies.

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Oelkers, Kane set swimming records

MIKE DEFINA
The Equinox

For a sports program that has been shown neither love nor light by this sports editor this season, both teams have given me hardy and deserving slaps in the face over the last two weeks.

Last week, the women's team went to the New England Championships and set 10 Keene State College records.

Over the weekend, the men's team went to the Division II-III New England Championships and again showed us that we should all pay attention.

The team finished 21st out of 25 teams. However, numbers do not always do a team justice.

"As a whole, I thought we did pretty well ... we were not seeded high in many events, but everyone came through with great times," Kane said. Junior Gavin Kane, and

senior swimmer Robin Oelkers each set individual Keene State records.

Gavin had a time of 56.14 in the 100, and a time of 4:30.11 in the 400 individual medley.

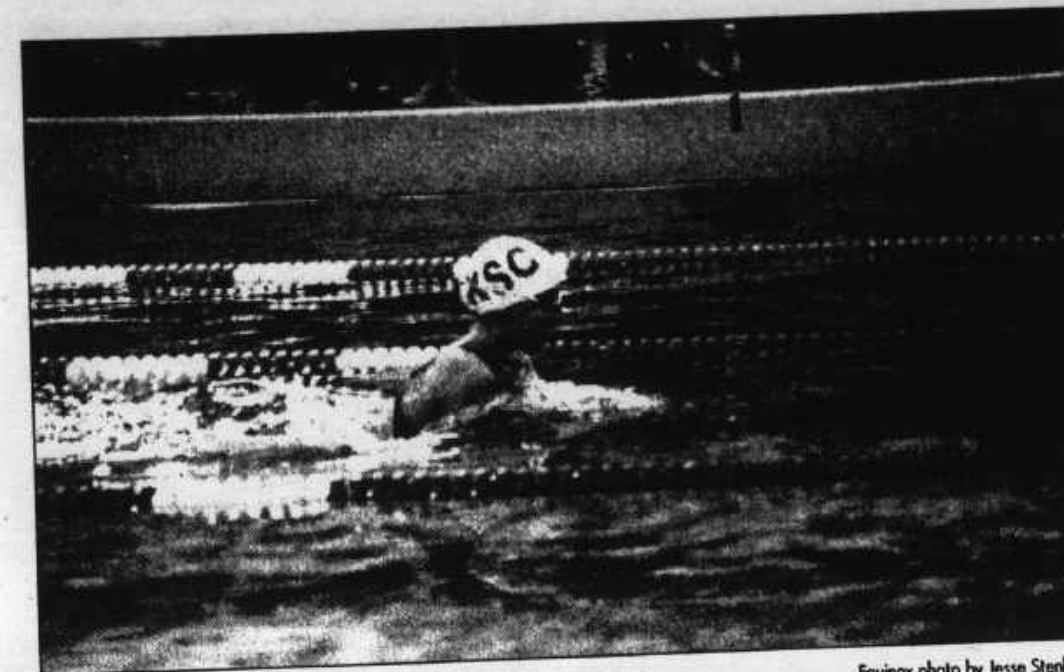
Oelkers had a time of 55.14 in the 50 freestyle, and his split time of 47.97 in the 400 freestyle relay for his records.

These two swimmers made the finals on Sunday, as Kane took 14th in the 100 individual medley (56.85), and Oelkers took home 21st in the 100 freestyle (48.68).

These two also got together with teammates Matt Schulde, and Matt Donovan to capture 18th place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.85).

"I thought we had a great meet ... everyone swam their best, so you couldn't ask for a better way to end the season," Oelkers concluded.

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



A Keene State swimmer goes to work during earlier season action in Spaulding Gymnasium. Equinox photo by Jesse Sterbak

Advance

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Conference rival Plymouth State is the seventh seed in the tourney that includes second seeded Colby-Sawyer, third seed Wentworth, Bridgewater

and Emerson College.

Unlike the slower tempo of the Little East Championship game, Rowe sees a return to the up-tempo attack his team thrives in for the ECAC quarterfinal.

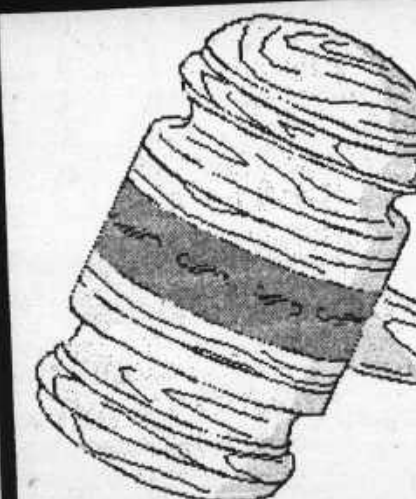
"It will be a run and gun special, just the way we like it," remarked Rowe.

The men's inaugural season

in Division III will be remembered as a huge success; the ECAC finish is icing on the cake. But don't let coach Rowe catch you raising a glass in toast quite yet though.

"I have said it all year, we can beat anyone we step on the court against when we execute. We're going in to this to win the (ECAC) title."

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MEN'S B-BALL LEAGUE RESULTS

| League 1 | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| BOB | 3 | 0 |
| The Real Deal | 1 | 1 |
| Celtics | 1 | 1 |
| Cozart | 1 | 2 |
| TKE | 0 | 2 |

Game Summary:

The Celtics got a big win last week over Cozart's. The key to the win was that the Celtics showed up while Cozart had something better to do.

BOB beat up on TKE to the tune of 57-28. Adam Benedict led BOB with 21 points while Luis Corga and Mike Peabody added 14 apiece. TKE was led by Chris Mello's 14.

| League 2 | W | L |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Bomb Squad | 2 | 0 |
| Green & Gold | 2 | 0 |
| Tanglewood All-Stars | 1 | 1 |
| Circus Midgits | 1 | 2 |
| After Shock | 0 | 3 |

Game Summary:

The Tanglewood All-Stars pulled out a tough one over The Circus Midgits 58-54. Doug Jenkins led the way with 19 points while everyone's favorite soccer player Kevin Chevalier added 14. Chris Masiello was also there. Mike Miller led all the Midgits with 20 points.

Green & Gold beat After Shock 60-26 behind 19 points from Ryan Brown. Former Red Raider Brett Seidman added 16. Again Gregg Cormier was a defensive menace. Garret Blair was the high man for the losers with 10 points.

| League 3 | W | L |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Disaffiliation | 2 | 0 |
| Hydrosonics | 2 | 1 |
| Huskies | 1 | 1 |
| And 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Griff's Canoli Shop | 0 | 2 |

Game Summary:

Disaffiliation moved into first place with a 56-47 win over Hydrosonics. Ricky Gagnon led the winners with 15 points while Brian Pitti added 13. John Kanicki led the Sonics with 15 points.

In other action, there wasn't a dry

eye in the house as fans saw a heroic effort from Griff's Rich Lutz as he limped up and down the court in vain as And 1 stuck a 58-24 nail-biter on Griff's Canoli Shop. Mark Garganta led And 1 with 14 points, while Lonnie Baldwin scorched the nets for 14 points for the Canoli Shop.

| League 4 | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| Beech Street | 2 | 0 |
| Showtime | 1 | 0 |
| Canadiens | 1 | 1 |
| Tall Taggers | 1 | 1 |
| Dog Pound | 0 | 2 |

Game Summary:

It was 17 points from Chris DaCosta and 16 from Shane Theriault that led the way for the Tall Taggers in a 70-27 win. Gary Burke was top Dog (sorry) with 18 points in a losing but worthwhile cause.

In other action, Showtime opened their season with a 75-52 win over The Canadiens. Matt Andrulot scored 24 points in the win while Justin Belanger added 22. Charlie Bailey led the losers with 23 points.

| League 5 | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| Free Masons | 2 | 0 |
| 57 Chesters | 1 | 0 |
| Alpha A | 1 | 1 |
| ACE's | 0 | 1 |
| The Pickles | 0 | 2 |

Game Summary:

The battle between Alpha and Kappa lived up to the hype as the Free Masons hung on for a 49-48 win over the defending champs. Dan Racicot and Brendan Carr led the way for the Masons scoring 17 and 12 points respectively. For Alpha, who had four shots to win in the final seconds, it was all Taner Kanlier in the first half and Dave Haley in the second as the two combined for 32 points.

In other action, The Pickles forgot to lace 'em up properly and were dropped by the 57 Chesters 34-16. Dave Washington and Neon Dion Placencia were too much for the Chesters in combining for 21 points. They offset a brilliant performance by the Pickles Mike Stout who ran the intricate Pickle offense to perfection. Pat Dooley led the losers with 6 points.

| League 6 | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Nuff Chooch | 2 | 0 |
| Cold Beverages | 1 | 0 |
| O.D.B.s | 1 | 1 |
| Black Lungs | 0 | 1 |
| Barnum & Bailey | 0 | 2 |

Game Summary:

Team discourse and scandal have led to a disappointing start to a once promising Barnum & Bailey season as they were shellacked 55-24 by Nuff Chooch. Eric Pantano scored 14 and Steve Labine added 12 for Chooch. The Alpha Bailey's were led by Tim Grahams 10 points and Matt Oleksak 5 fouls.

In other action, O.D.B.'s beat the Black Lungs 49-24 behind 17 points from Todd Swanson. Mike DeFina worked through constant double teaming to scorch the nets for six points to lead the Lungs. Matt Cawley and Bill Monas also added a whopping six points a piece for the lungs.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

All Women's basketball games were cancelled due to tournament games. Results will appear next week.

CO-REC VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

| LEAGUE II | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|
| El Nino | 1 | 0 |
| N-8 | 1 | 0 |
| South Park Cows | 0 | 1 |
| Fantasmagorics | 0 | 1 |
| A.M.F. | 0 | 0 |

Results:

El Nino 15-10, 15-13
South Park Cows

N-8 15-3, 15-7
Fantasmagorics

| LEAGUE III | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|
| US 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Gremlins | 1 | 0 |
| Sigma 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sigma 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Phi Sigma Sigma | 0 | 0 |

Both teams won by default.

KSC looks to next season

PAUL SILVERFARB
The Equinox

The Little East Conference had a new neighbor on their street this year. But not all the colleges on that street were ready to show hospitality to their new neighbors.

From the second Keene State College stepped foot in Division III's neighborhood, people did not give the Owls respect, but now they are thinking otherwise.

The Owls finished the season with an overall record of 12-13.

They played tough all year, and showed fellow members of the Little East that the Owls could take whatever the conference dished out.

The Owls took that challenge to the court of Eastern Connecticut State University for the Owls' debut in the Little East Conference Tournament Tuesday.

The Owls hung tough in the first half, playing really well and at one point had the lead.

Alice Adams got a basket that put the Owls up 18-16 halfway through the first half.

However, for the rest of the half, the Owls would only get three more points, and would go into the locker room with the scoreboard showing 27-21.

"You can't play 20 minutes of basketball and win a 40 minute game," said Keene State head coach Keith Boucher.

Early on in the half, Eastern Connecticut caught fire.

They extended their lead to 12, and from that point on, it was smooth sailing for Eastern Connecticut.

They outscored the Owls 42-24, as they advanced to the quarterfinals and sent the Owls home.

Judy Izzo played exceptionally well for the Owls, as she netted 19 points and pulled down 10 boards.

Adams was not far behind, as she got 13 points and nine rebounds.

This season should not be a disappointing season when you look back on it.

The Owls did what they had intended to do, and that was to

"You can't play 20 minutes of basketball and win a 40 minute game."

• Keith Boucher
Owls head coach

make a name for themselves in the Little East.

The Owls are only going to get better.

For example, the Owls did not have any seniors on the team.

They were playing in a tough conference with no senior leadership.

Next year will be different. Izzo and Lindsay Arnold are only a few of the seniors that will have to step it up again and show the rest of the team the leadership qualities that make teams winners.

"We are a very young team and (we) made strides at the end," said Kerri Raymond. "We helped each other play well," she said.

Another good thing about being a young team is that they are not going to lose anybody to graduation and will get a chance to do it again next year.

On an up-note, Margot Fleming was named the Little East Rookie of the Year.

This honor was capped off by her being named the LEC Rookie of the Week a record five times.

Although a late season injury hindered her, she definitely had enough solid performances during the season, including a 21 point, 16 rebound game against UMass-Dartmouth on Dec. 13.

However, Izzo was snubbed, as she was given an honorable mention for the conference awards.

Izzo was a true leader for the Owls, and played against some of the top competition in the country, and should have been named to the All-Conference team.

However, Izzo, Fleming, and the rest of the Owls will have another opportunity next year that they belong.



Owl Megan Jalbert gets around her Endicott College opponent and puts up a floater. KSC's season came to a close on Tuesday, with a first round loss to Eastern Connecticut State University.

KSC gets stiffed for LEC honors

COMMENTARY
JACOB MICAL
The Equinox

The world is full of politics. Unfortunately, that means that politics can rear its ugly head into all parts, including the world of sports.

On Monday, the Little East Conference announced its honors for the 1997-98 season.

Among those that received first team selections were Adam DeChristopher from Plymouth State College, and Jason Antonio from UMass-Dartmouth.

Both of these players had exceptional seasons for their respective teams and certainly deserve the honor.

Unfortunately, Keene State College was for some reason left out of the entire process.

Not one member of Keene State was honored by the LEC.

My question to the conference is how can a team compete in the conference championship game and not have one member receive any mention in the conference honors?

Rich Ballmann and Kareem

Porter were each named to the New Hampshire Men's Basketball Coaches Association first team and second team respectively, but received not even an honorable mention from the LEC.

Fred Fieldhouse led the conference in three-point percentage, but his name wasn't on the list either.

Something is amiss in the LEC. Maybe politics had more to do with this than we are led to believe.

Of course, if you have been following the Owls at all this season, you know who has been the biggest part of the team. How many freshmen led their team in points per game and rebounds per game?

It doesn't happen often, so when it does, wouldn't you think it was a big deal?

This season, Owl freshman Chris Coates led the team with 12.5 ppg and 8.0 rpg, and was considered by most to be the top candidate for the LEC Rookie of the Year honor.

However, the wisdom of the conference coaches was to pick Co-Rookies of the Year, because they couldn't decide

who deserved the honor.

They chose two centers: Salih Rowe of UMass-Boston and Nick Cicelio of UMass-Dartmouth. Rowe put up great statistics for the season, but didn't always perform when the game was on the line (LEC quarterfinals). During the season he was named the LEC Rookie of the Week four times. However, Cicelio is a different story. He was named Rookie of the Week just once, yet he received co-honors for the season?

Coates was named Rookie of the Week three times throughout the year, by the same coaches that voted for the season honor.

Why didn't Coates receive the co-honor with Rowe?

For some reason, politics had to come into play here, that is the only explanation for such an atrocity.

So the votes have already been tabulated, and you can't change the past. Next year, however, I hope that the coaches of the LEC make it a little less obvious that they were influenced by more than just on the court performances.

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Two members of the men's swim team set four school records over the weekend
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Eastern Connecticut State Univ. bumped the women's hoop team from the Little East Tournament
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Owls advance to ECACs after Little East heartbreaker

DAVID HALEY
The Equinox

As Rich Bahlman dribbled the ball on the perimeter with the final seconds ticking away, and the Little East Conference title on the line, he knew his coach hadn't let him down. The Owls came out of their huddle with 11 seconds left and no fewer than four options to win or tie the game. It had been Bahlman, the senior co-captain, who had been there all game (29 points), and now as time ran down to under four seconds, his entire career came down to this.

It was just then, with four seconds left, that head coach Phil Rowe's plan came to fruition, as Kareem Porter broke free under the basket. "It's the perfect play and we executed it perfectly," said Rowe of the double baseline screen that freed Porter up. Bahlman spotted Porter under the basket and did what he had been doing all afternoon for the Owl's: deliver.

But Porter's shot became wedged between the backboard and the rim and a desperate shot by Stacy Massiah would go in only after the final buzzer went off. The final score was 81-79, making UMass-Dartmouth conference champions once again. "I couldn't be more proud of the guys ... they just hung in there and hung in there. It's a great effort," exclaimed Rowe to the Keene Sentinel after the conference title game. Bahlman saved his best effort of his career for the Owl's in the biggest Keene

State College game in decades. "He played like a senior. He stepped up and was tremendous," added Rowe. Tremendous has become the norm for the Owls of late; their were great efforts abound. Porter scored 10 points in the title game, but more importantly, he was outstanding at the defensive end, proving once again to be one of the top defensive players in the conference. Rowe also got great efforts from Massiah (13 points and nine rebounds) and freshman Fred Fieldhouse, 11 points in the loss.

"Any one of seven teams could win the tournament ... It will be a run and gun special, just the way we like it."

• Phil Rowe
Owl's head coach



"We shuffled in 11 players throughout the game, we had to try and force tempo and we got contributions from a number of people," remarked Rowe. After thriving at the break-neck pace that Rowe had set for his team in the final weeks, UMass-Dartmouth head coach Brian Baptiste anticipated the Owl's pressure and pulled the equivalent of putting a senior citizen behind the wheel. The slower pace frustrated the Owls early on as they fell behind by 10 points in the first

half and needed a Bahlman three-pointer to pull them within one with 45 seconds left.

A UMass-Dartmouth free throw made it a two point game with 11 seconds left. Porter felt he was hit on the decisive play by Dartmouth's Tony Moriera, but the game officials didn't see it that way, and the game was over. For the Owls, it was an incredible week that saw them need two clutch foul shots from Porter in the final seconds to pull out a 99-98 win in the conference quarterfinals in front of a raucous crowd at Spaulding Gymnasium.

Keene State followed that up by pounding Plymouth State College 110-93 in the rubber match of their renewed rivalry. The Owls would trail early against the Panthers, but used their up-tempo attack to tire and frustrate Conference Player of the Year, Adam DeChristopher, into a rare off night. In all, the Owls made quite an impression on their new conference foes over the course of the week.

"We played with a good tempo all week and forced the other teams to run with us," explained Rowe. The Owls got conference recognition in a number of area's last week as senior Rich Bahlman was named to the All-Conference team. Porter earned second team honors and Chris Coates walked away with Freshman of the Year Honors.

In addition to the individual honors, the Owls (19-8) also found out on Monday that they had earned the fifth seed in the eight team ECAC tournament, the Owls first postseason invite since the 1975-76 season. Keene State will open up on the road at fourth seeded Worcester State College (19-9) on Wednesday.



Equinox photo by Steph Majewski
KSC forward Stacey Massiah keeps his eye on the hoop.

A win would set up a semi-final meeting with top seeded Amherst College (18-4) on Friday at 7 p.m. "Any one of seven teams could win the tournament," said Rowe as the tourney loomed.

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