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MEN'S LACROSSE

Track

Staab and Miller lead Owls

SCOTT JENSEN
The Equinox

A last weekend's Fitchburg State College Track and Field Invitational, both the men's and women's teams placed third. The men scored 76 points, only four shy of second place Colby-Sawyer's 80 points.

Freshman Mark Miller came up big in the absence of multiple All-Americans Wilson Perez and Scott Jensen.

Miller scored a whopping 30 points for the men, winning three races.

While making his debut in the 300m Steeple Chase, Miller ran an impressive 9:35.1, winning that race by nearly a minute.

"I attacked the hurdles," said Miller. "I was able to hurdle with both legs."

The performance was an impressive start in an event which coach Peter Thomas hopes will bring Miller national recognition.

"I know that with competition in the race I will be able to run at least 9:12," said Miller.

The young freshman will be travelling to the Penn Relays in a few weeks to compete in the Steeple Chase and hopefully run it in a national qualifying time.

Miller also came back strong in the 1500m and 800m events, winning both in times of 4:08 and 2:00, respectively.

Sophomore All-American Jeff Leavitt continued to show his leg speed in the 400m, winning that event in a personal best of 50.9.

He also made his debut in the 400m Intermediate Hurdles, placing second with a time of 61.5.

Senior Matt Zaffini also had a great day, placing second in the 100m and 200m events.

Freshman Russ Pollison also scored for the

men, placing second in the 110m High Hurdles in a time of 16.2.

Junior Jeff Roberts scored in the Shot Put, Discus, and Hammer Throw, placing 6th, 4th, and 6th, respectively.

Freshman Steve Callahan and sophomore Jason Campbell scored for the Owls as well, placing 4th and 6th respectively in the Javelin.

The women came through with 69 points, missing second by a mere 28.

Freshman Courtney Staab was the leading scorer for the women with 18 points in two events.

She placed first in the 100m dash with a time of 13.6 and second in the 200m with a time of 28.1.

Sophomore Alisha Cupp also scored in the sprints, placing second behind Staab in the 100m with a time of 13.9.

School record holder, Anne Valiuhura won the High Jump with a leap of 4' 8".

She also scored in the 400m IH, placing 2nd with a time of 72.4.

Freshman Mary Proulx also came up big for the women, placing 3rd in the 800m with a time of 2:25.9 and 3rd in the 1500m with a time of 5:00.7.

In the throwing events, freshman Christine Leggett came up big, placing in four different events.

She finished fifth in the Shot Put with a throw of 27' 11.75".

Leggett also placed in the Discus (4th), Hammer (3rd), and Javelin (6th) with throws of 96' 10", 110' 4", and 76' 0", respectively.

Both the women's and men's track teams will be traveling to Tufts University this weekend as they continue their season at the Tufts Invitational.

Scott Jensen is a member of the Track team, as well as a writer for The Equinox.

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Mark Miller



Freshman Mark Miller tries not to get wet in the 300m Steeple Chase.

Men's Lacrosse

Bonnes and Owls win third game in a row

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

The Keene State College men's lacrosse team increased its winning streak to three games with victories over the University of New England and Salem State this past week.

The Owls, after losing four straight games to open the season, have picked up their play of late to improve to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

With strong defense and the offensive leadership of Bob Bonnes, the boys seem to be on the right track.

The first game of the week placed the Owls in Biddeford, Maine against the University of New England Nor'easters.

Keene State wasted no time jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the first half behind the performances of Bonnes and Ned Cremin, who combined for ten goals and six assists on the day.

Their production alone would turn out to be more than enough support for the defense, which tightened down the clamps to hold UNE to only two goals in the game.

Patrick Sullivan made six saves and the Owls set the cruise control for a 17-2 victory.

Cremin handed out five assists in addition to his four goals, while Shawn Aubin also played well with two goals and two assists.

Bob Taylor, Chad Tiger, and Mike Lupi combined for five goals to round out the rest of the well-balanced attack.

The loss dropped the University of New England to 0-4 on the season while boosting the Owls record to 2-4.

In the second game of the week, Keene State traveled to Salem State to play a Pilgrim League Conference game and came out of it with their first conference win and third straight victory overall.

Bob Bonnes spent April Fool's Day in style, scoring another five goals and thus raising his total to eleven goals on the week.

"Bob and the rest of the offense really stepped it up this week," said Owl defender Chris Kelley. "As a team we continue to improve with each game."

Once again, the Owls came out ready to play and jumped out to a 4-2 lead after the first quarter.

By the end of the half that lead would grow to 8-3, allowing Keene State to simply match Salem in the second half with four goals to tally a 12-7 victory.

Chad Tiger turned in a notable performance on the day with two goals and two assists, while goaltender Ryan Scipione made 14 saves as the defense held an opponent to a single-digit score for the fourth straight game.

"Our defense really stepped it up only allowing 4.5 goals per game during the week," said Kelly. "Adam Prisky also received the hammer award for his excellent defensive play against Salem State," he added.

Ned Cremin made his usual solid effort, scoring a pair of goals while Aaron Varela stepped up with a goal and an assist.

Keene State will play two games this week, including a matchup against rival Plymouth State this Saturday on the turf at 1pm.

Michigan State wins NCAA basketball championship!

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Billy Williams hurls one towards the plate.

Equinox file photo

Baseball

Howe's Owls pull out win in ten

JOHN TIERNEY
The Equinox

The Hero of the day for the Keene State College baseball team on Sunday was starting shortstop Art Balzotti.

Balzotti's hit down the left field line with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning drove in Doug Morse with the game-winning run that allowed the

Owls to come from behind and win 9-8 over Middlebury College.

"I was trying to go to the right side, but he gave me a ball inside and I just turned on it and sent it down the chalk in left field," Balzotti said.

Nick Wirkkala was relieved by Jason Limmatainen in the fifth.

Limmatainen pitched well and got the win for Keene, which improved his record to 2-1 for the season.

"This was a nice win against a quality team," said KSC coach Ken Howe. "Wirkkala struggled, but Limmatainen came in and did a good job. We have a big week ahead, so hopefully we can build on this win."

The Owls were down 5-2 after four and a half innings, but they went ahead 7-5 with a five run fifth inning. The key hit in the rally was a three run double by Marc Dube.

An RBI hit by Craig Roach gave Keene State an 8-6 lead in the sixth inning, but Middlebury tied the game

on a run producing hit by Joe Exner and a sacrifice fly by Devon O'Neil in the seventh.

Joshua Coughlin had three hits and Dube went two-for-five with four RBIs for the Owls.

O'Neil and Denny Smith each had three hits apiece for Middlebury, while Exner finished with two hits and three RBIs.

The Keene State Owls defeated Western Conn. 30-2 in the second game of the Little East doubleheader played last Saturday in Danbury, Conn., after losing the first game 7-6.

Eric Kilburn hit two home runs with five RBIs to lead the Owls in the 28 run blowout of the Colonials.

Justin Hickman homered and drove in four runs, while Joshua Coughlin had four hits and drove four runs in also.

Matt Lavatori was the winning pitcher improving his record to 2-1.

The Owls lost the first game in the bottom of the ninth when the Colonials scored a run after the Owls had come back to tie the game with four runs in the top of the ninth.

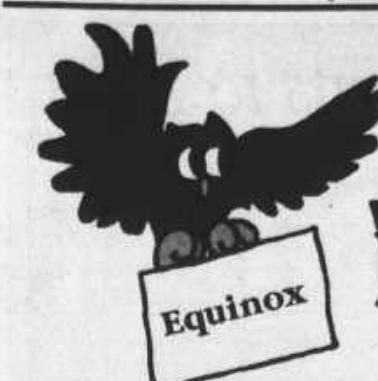
Bill Williams struggled, giving up six runs on nine hits, while striking out 10 in seven innings for Keene, but he didn't suffer the loss.

Corey Hartson got the loss, giving up the game-winning run in relief.

The Owls will face Williams College at home today at 3 p.m.

"Hopefully we can build on this win."

KSC Coach Ken Howe



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Weather

Thurs. : hi 51 : lo 29 • partly cloudy
Fri. : hi 59 : lo 39 • rain & snow
Sat. : hi 63 : lo 40 • showers
Sun. : hi 64 : lo 40 • showers

Counterfeit 20's pass through Owl's Roost

Keene Police Department and U.S. Secret Service notified

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Two weeks ago, counterfeit money was first discovered to have circulated through the Keene State College campus, and the matter is currently being investigated by the Keene Police Department and the United States Secret Service.

According to Bursar Teresa Donnelly-Major, the person who first discovered that there were counterfeit bills, two Thursdays ago, "a teller from the Bank of New Hampshire called and said that the deposit would be 20 dollars short because of a suspi-

cious 20 dollar bill."

She said that the next day the same thing had happened, and "I noticed a trend."

Ed Bourassa of the Keene Police Department, said that the bills were "passed at the Student Center convenience store," the Owl's Roost.

Donnelly-Major said she noticed that the two bills that were found had "appeared to have the same serial number," which, according to the campus-wide voicemail of last Wednesday, was G0895402E.

The voicemail also said that the bills were the older twenties, and not the more modern ones

that have been circulating recently.

While she felt no difference in the suspect bills than normal ones, Donnelly-Major said the bank teller that noticed them told her "they felt like monopoly money," and "the outside border looked wider than normal."

Bourassa said the case has not yet been solved, and "all that's happened so far is that officers picked up two counterfeit twenties."

"At this point, no suspects have been found," he said.

Freshman Eric Lovely had some feelings toward whoever the counterfeiter is, saying that "I think that it is a slacker col-

lege student who is really desperate."

"It could be someone who couldn't make money on their own, so they decided to cheat," he said.

While some students have no stake in the matter, because, as of yet, the incidents have not affected them.

Shayne Gendron, a junior, said, "I don't want to get stuck with [counterfeit money]."

Bourassa said the situation is still under investigation, but "usually in these cases, they are difficult to prove who passed [the bills]."

Campus Safety officers could provide no more information than the Keene Police Department because the case was handed over immediately.

According to the campus-wide voicemail, the Secret Service is involved in the matter because counterfeiting money is a federal offense.



Student Assembly explores idea of buying computers for all campus organizations

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Student organization funding requests for assistance in buying computers was one of the major issues discussed at the Student Assembly meeting this past Tuesday night.

The discussion began when representatives of the campus's American Society of Safety Engineers asked for assistance in purchasing a computer for their organization.

They noted that the need was because they had not received an office in the Student Center office area, so they had found an office in Butterfield Hall, where it is more available for safety students.

Because they were not in the Student Center, the ASSE did not get a computer for their office, but

felt it is a necessity to run operations more smoothly.

They had already raised \$500 for a Compaq computer, and were asking for more from Student Assembly for the total of \$1,099.00.

First, there was a question as to why the group wanted a Compaq computer when the Computer Connections store in the Student Center has an agreement with Dell Computers for a deal for education.

The organization representatives said they had checked with Dell and that the Compaq price they had looked at was better because it also came with a printer that was needed.

This small problem was eventually solved, and then the assembly moved to bigger issues regarding the request.

Assembly member Bobby Rodriguez said that he believed this idea of paying for an organization's computer would set a basis, but Rodriguez insisted that it wouldn't be possible to do this because of the precedent.

Then, assembly member Christine Leland suggested that this be taken on a case by case basis, but Rodriguez insisted that it wouldn't be possible to do this because of the precedent.

Assembly member Josh Schroeder made the points that the ASSE still keeps in contact with the Student Center more than most other organizations, and that they deserved to have a computer no matter where they were situated.

Student Body President Matt Ulvila asked about guidelines for computer funding if this should

happen and other organizations requested money also.

He also suggested that maybe the Student Assembly make it so they provide half the money and the organization shows that they have raised funds for a computer.

Assembly member Rory Goldman suggested that the Assembly table the issue until they can discuss the precedent further.

He also said that if they let one group whose office is not in the Student Center have a computer that they helped pay for, but wouldn't let any other groups do this, they would be considered hypocrites.

Next, there were two motions made, one to table the issue until the next meeting, and one to approve the funding request.

The table vote was first, and it ended in a tie, meaning that the issue was not tabled.

The next vote was to let the group have the money to purchase a Dell computer, and it was passed by the assembly.

Later in the meeting, for the report of the Senate, Assembly member Ashley Buchta said that there was an endorsement to change the standards for the student suspension policy.

Instead of putting a student on academic probation for a semester if they get below a 2.0 GPA, the student would have two semesters to bring up their average before being suspended by the college.

This change also made it that it would be impossible to appeal an academic probation.

In the report for the Constitution Committee, Bobby Rodriguez said there was a problem with trying to finalize every student organization's constitution by the end of this school year.

He noted that previous Student Assemblies had not recorded the dates of constitutions, so not all of the groups had a date on when their four year constitution review was due.

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Bill Boerner, a member of Keene State Pride who manned

Keene State students fight for gay rights

DANIEL BARLOW
The Equinox

Keene State students who were not speaking during their classes last Wednesday, may not have just been shy.

A more likely explanation was that they may have been silently protesting the lack of civil liberties for homosexuals.

Wednesday, April 5th was the National Day of Silence, and Keene State was one of the many colleges taking part in the temporary ban on speaking.

The organized protest was to create awareness that homosexuals are lacking numerous civil liberties under the constitution of the United States, according to a pamphlet about the silent protest.

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Bill Boerner, a member of Keene State Pride who manned

the booth for most of the day, said over 80 people stopped by the booth that day.

"People stopped by to either pick up a ribbon, a ribbon and a packet, get their face painted, or just pick up information," Boerner explained.

"But, I think a lot of people were nervous about it. I saw lots of people whom I know support the cause, and pretended not to notice me."

Over 100 people took part in the protest in one form or another, said Jessie Gannett, the vice president of Keene State Pride.

"The numbers were a little higher than we expected," Gannett said.

Although it was nice to see these people protesting, some people got puzzled or questionable looks. People were wondering what we were doing."

The protest was set to last from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and few participating students encountered problems while being silent, Gannett said.

A memo had been sent out in advance to the faculty to inform them of the protest.

However, a small number of participating students did occasionally break their silence in order to communicate with teachers or co-workers.

"The whole purpose was to be quiet all day," Boerner said.

"But I think being out in public with the ribbon, painted face, or being silent, and just being out in the open is what really counts."

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Jessie Gannett

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Campus Safety Log

March 31
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April 10

Note: The Equinox is running the correct entry for the March 31 portion of the safety log.

Friday, March 31

1:26 a.m. - Several calls were made concerning a group of people shouting obscenities at each other between Owl's Nest 1 and Carle Hall.

1:58 a.m. - Three doors were found kicked in at the Owl Stadium.

2:09 a.m. - There was a malicious pull of the fire alarm on the D side of Carle Hall.

8:52 a.m. - A motor vehicle accident was reported on Butler Court. Campus Safety, the KPD, and an ambulance were all on the scene. Campus Safety was notified about getting the hedges along Butler Ct. cut back for better visibility.

6:42 p.m. - A student reported that her stereo was stolen from her vehicle in the Winchester Lot.

Tuesday, April 4

2:26 a.m. - A Carle Hall RA reported that firecrackers were set off on her floor which consequently set off the fire alarm.

News of the Weird

Police Arrest Dough Boy

Police called to a Giant supermarket in Yardley, Pa., in January arrested Samuel Feldman, 37, and charged him with one count of criminal mischief but suspected he is the person responsible for a three-year spree of squeezing, smashing and poking packages of bread and cookies in various area supermarkets, ruining more than \$8,000 worth of goods.

After the squeeze had struck more than 100 times in the area, Giant installed a hidden camera and, according to police, when Feldman was seen squeezing bread on the third separate occasion, he was arrested.

People With Too Much Money

In December, Graham Gund started a third version of his new multimillion-dollar house in Cambridge, Mass., tearing out the foundation for the second time after deciding that he really wanted the house to look like the first version, which he had bulldozed down eight months earlier after it was nearly completed.

2:43 a.m. - A malicious fire alarm pull was reported from Randall Hall.

3:15 a.m. - A suspicious looking vehicle was seen driving in and out of the Fiske Lot and had also turned off its headlights. The KPD was contacted and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

3:17 a.m. - The Huntress Hall RD reported a broken window next to the main entrance.

3:35 a.m. - A malicious fire alarm pull was reported from Randall Hall.

6:55 a.m. - An RD reported a case of vandalism on the front of Fiske Hall. The word "fags" had been spraypainted on the quad side of the dorm.

11:50 a.m. - A balance scale was reported stolen from room 313A of the Science Center.

9:30 p.m. - An RA on duty in Carle Hall reported broken glass in the fire stairwell of 2D. A 3x4 foot glass pane had been smashed out.

10:50 p.m. - A broken window pane from basement room 16 of Huntress Hall was reported.

Wednesday, April 5

3:17 a.m. - A Randall Hall RA reported that the window in Room 303B had been broken.

Dress Code Abandoned; Leads To Arrest

According to a December Orange County Register story, Mark W. Driga of Long Beach, Calif., had just filed an employment discrimination lawsuit against his former company, Boeing, for firing him because he chose to work in the nude at the office on Thanksgiving Day 1998 when he thought he was alone.

A security guard turned him in for violating the company's dress code, and Driga charged that his subsequent termination was illegal in that Boeing should have provided "reasonable accommodation" to his religion of shamanism.

Smooth Reactions

Jealousy With a Flair: In December, the wife of a Cambodian undersecretary of state was accused of dumping five liters of acid on top of the 18-year-old girlfriend of her husband.

Latest Rages

Elevator-Etiquette Rage: Engineering student knocked a lecturer unconscious after she objected to his pushing elevator buttons with his feet (Sriracha, Thailand, January). Cigarette-Ash Rage: 100 people were arrested for stoning police during a religious protest started when one man's ash accidentally landed on another man (Raver, India, November). Angolophobe

Thursday, April 6

2:28 a.m. - A person was found writing on Rhodes Hall with chalk. Additional chalk markings were later found.

10:05 p.m. - The door of room 121, a Science Center Computer Lab, was reported to be jammed with students still inside.

Friday, April 7

1:30 a.m. - The Randall H all RA on duty reported that an excessive amount of damage had been done to the second floor, B side. Broken bottles were also found in the showers.

2:37 a.m. - A Carle Hall night attendant reported that fireworks had been set off on the D side and that the second floor bathroom faucets were all turned on.

11:07 a.m. - A fender-bender involving a Mercury Sable that had backed into a parked Jeep was reported in the Grafton Lot. Campus Safety and KPD officers responded.

11:13 a.m. - Money was reported stolen from a female's pocket-book while in the Student Center.

2:27 p.m. - A Campus Safety officer spoke to the driver of a Jeep that had been driving on the grass around Oya Hill.

Rage: One Quebec man was fined about \$700 (U.S.) for punching another because he addressed a postal clerk in English rather than French (Hull, Quebec, March).

Organ Donor No More

In December, a 36-year-old, 280-pound man in Pontiac, Mich., originally questioned by police because his stereo was too loud but then arrested on an outstanding DUI warrant, snapped his handcuffs off, creating a jagged edge, which he used to cut a hole in his stomach so he could pull his organs out to throw at rescue workers. "Reaching in and then tugging on stuff, and I mean tugging," is how Sheriff's Sgt. Matt Norman described the man's attempts.

No-Star Restaurants

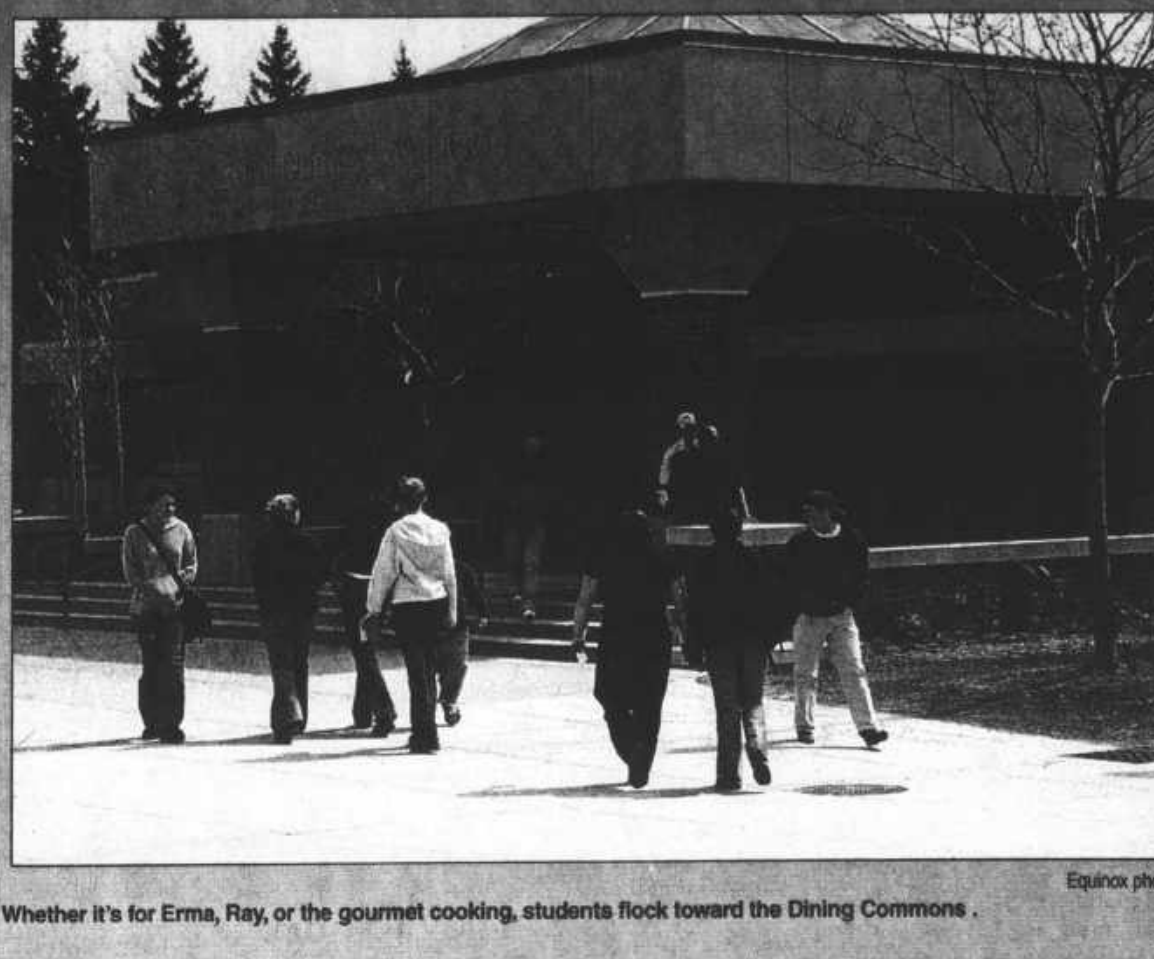
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A midday stroll leads students to Zorn



Whether it's for Erma, Ray, or the gourmet cooking, students flock toward the Dining Commons.

Saturday, April 8

3:34 p.m. - Several calls had been received concerning students being hit with flying debris from the Mason Library construction area. A Campus Safety officer reported that there were two patients with minor bumps and abrasions. An ambulance arrived on the scene.

5:32 p.m. - A dumpster had blown into a Honda Accord parked in the Fiske Lot. The dumpster was moved back into place but there was no way to secure it.

6:53 a.m. - A Mason Library employee reported seeing two white males loading what looked like a Rhodes Hall couch into a red pickup truck. No couches appeared to be missing after inspection.

11:13 p.m. - A Randall Hall resident reported she had been harassed approximately 20 minutes ago. A Campus Safety officer and RA were en route.

11:18 p.m. - A hole had been kicked in the wall near room 103 of Owl's Nest 2.

Sunday, April 9

3:12 a.m. - A Carle Hall RA reported that wires had been torn down from the ceiling on 2D.

3:23 a.m. - A malicious fire extinguisher discharge was reported on the 3rd floor of Fiske Hall.

3:41 a.m. - A malicious fire alarm pull was reported from Randall Hall.

11:13 p.m. - A Randall Hall officer and KPD officers responded to the Phi Kappa Omega house in response to reports of subjects throwing flares from the roof and making an excessive amount of noise.

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Monday, April 10

12:17 a.m. - The spotlight on the south side of the sign at Wyman Way and Main Streets had been kicked out of its socket.

1:43 a.m. - A call was received from a Carle Hall resident who reported that his door was being duct taped shut. An RA and a Campus Safety officer helped remove the tape.

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Least Justifiable Homicides

A 13-year-old boy was sentenced to 25 years in prison in December for killing his parents in retaliation for their not letting him go on a church field trip (Canton, Texas).

And a 23-year-old man obsessed with the film "The Blair Witch Project" pled guilty in January to strangling his girlfriend because she insisted the movie was fiction (Grand Haven, Mich.).

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Keene State News Briefs



KSC celebrates Earth Week

The Campus Ecology Club and the KSC Council for a Sustainable Future have collaborated to offer the campus multiple events to promote environmental awareness on the global and local level. The events will run during Earth Week, April 17-21.

There will be a Campus Ecology informational table set up in the Student Center featuring a different theme each day, from Monday through Friday and a campus-wide trash/cigarette butt collection taking place throughout the week as well. People are encouraged to collect litter and deposit it in a bin that will be set up in front of the Student Center.

The week is also being billed as "Bike/Walk to work week." Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to find alternative means of transportation to and from Keene State.

The New Hampshire Hemp Council and Campus Ecology will sponsor "Hemp for Victory: 2000 and Beyond!" on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room. The program will demonstrate the possibilities of industrial hemp, showcase hemp fashions and foods, and teach about the use of hemp for clean fuels.

A dirty sock tailpipe contest in which socks are placed over various car's tailpipes to demonstrate the amounts of emissions from various vehicles, will take place Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m. in the Madison Street parking lot near the Student Center's Lantern Room.

"The SUSTAIN! Showcase, 'Earth Day 2000! What on Earth are You Doing?'" will be on display in the Lantern Room and will feature projects from various campus and community groups such as Campus Ecology, R.O.C.K.S., the Physical Plant Office, and

SolarWorks, of Wilton, N.H.

A tree planting and the reading of the proclamation of Earth Day will take place at 11:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the President's residence. KSC Vice President of Finance and Planning Jay Kahn will make welcoming remarks and Mayor Mike Blastos will read an Earth Day proclamation.

The annual Solarfest 2000 concert will be the culmination of the exciting, informative week, and will feature the bands "Rana" and "The Disco Biscuits" beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the Student Center Lawn on Saturday, April 22. The bands are scheduled to begin at 3:30.

For more information about Earth Week events at KSC, call Mary Jensen at (603) 358-2567.

Pulitzer Prize winner to present reading at KSC



Photo courtesy of Gabriel Amaduzio Conroy

Tracy Kidder, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Courting the Appraisal of the Dead" will appear at the 11th annual Mason Library Lecture at

Keene State College. The program will take place at 8 p.m., Thursday April 20, in the Mabel Brown Room, is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a book signing.

Kidder's work "The Soul of a New Machine" won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction in 1982 and along with numerous nonfiction articles for The Atlantic, The New Yorker, The New York Times Book Review, and others, four more books have followed.

His latest effort, 1999's "Home Town," is a portrait of Northampton, Mass., as seen through the lives of its representative citizens. Kidder lives in Massachusetts and Maine.

KSC Jazz Ensemble 'swings' into spring

The KSC Jazz Ensemble will present its spring concert, celebrating the sounds of artists such as Count Basie, Harry James, Nelson Riddle, and others. The guaranteed evening of great fun and great music will begin at 8 p.m. and take place in the Main Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center on Wednesday, May 3. Tickets are \$7 for the general public; \$5 for KSC students, faculty, staff, senior citizens, and youth under 17. Get your tickets while they last by calling 358-2168.

Don Baldini, directing the ensemble for his 14th year will be joined by guest trumpeter Dave Ellis, lead trumpeter with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble, and trombonist Walt Sayre, music director at the Walpole School.

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Leadership Committee looking for leaders

The Leadership Steering Committee is accepting nominations for outstanding leaders in the Keene State community. The committee is looking for students, faculty, and staff who have gone above the call of duty.

If you would like to nominate someone who epitomizes outstanding leadership, nomination forms can be picked up in the atrium of the Student Center and returned to mailstop 3003. The deadline for April nominations is Monday, April 17.

Retirement party planned for Delina Hickey

A barbecue celebrating the 25-year career of Vice President for Student Affairs Delina Hickey will take place on Sunday, May 28 at the College Camp on Wilson Pond. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends are invited.

A \$20 donation covers the cost of the barbecue and a \$10 donation to the Delina R. Hickey and David B. Andrews Scholarship Endowment, established by Delina and David to provide scholarships to Keene State students, faculty, and staff for international travel, will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Keene State College and sent to Pat Hitchner at mailstop 1503 before May 19.

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Andy Dick speaks to the crowd during a recent stop on the Spitfire Tour.

Spitfire tour brings message to the masses

BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS Campus

The next time someone berates you for not accepting the status quo and business as usual, just remember: You have friends in high places—specifically, on stage.

Founded by Rage Against the Machine frontman Zack De La Rocha and presented by colleges.com, the Spitfire Tour is a one-of-a-kind event, bringing actors, musicians, and activists together under one roof to speak out on global affairs and instigate social activism.

In its third incarnation after a pilot run in 1998 and a well-received stint at Woodstock '99, the tour is larger than ever, debuting this year in West Virginia, Ohio, and Illinois and playing to campuses on both ends of the country as well as several spots in between.

Attractions include former Nirvana guitarist Krist Novoselic and rapper Ice-T giving their distinctive two cents on censorship; actor and "Newsradio" alum Andy Dick discussing drug

abuse and performing a small acoustic set; and activist Julia "Butterfly" Hill, who lived for two years in a California redwood tree to protest the deforestation of America's ancient woods.

The physical reach of the tour itself still has its limits, but its online counterpart, <http://www.colleges.com/spitfire>, is working crowds everywhere all the time, serving as a national forum for student debate. For those who want a taste of the tour, selected speeches are available for download; for those who want the whole nine yards, a contest offers students the opportunity to win a gig on the tour.

The tour next surfaces on April 13 at the Bridgewater State in Boston, followed by stops at the University of Missouri, University of New Hampshire and University of Cincinnati on April 25, May 5 and May 12, respectively. More dates will be announced, and an updated schedule is available at the Spitfire Web site.

"Nothing gets the job done like face-to-face communication between two people."

It's that communication O'line feels is key to ensuring a student is getting the best advice and filling out all of the necessary forms to receive financial aid. "The human factor can't be taken out of the situation," he says.

The bottom line is for students to do their homework before searching for financial aid on the Internet, says O'line. "A machine can't do that."

Check out
The Spitfire Tour
when it makes a
pit stop at the
University of
New Hampshire
in Durham on
May 5.

Hang in there seniors... Only 31 more days until graduation!

Students turn to web for scholarship searches

JAMES BOOZER
TMS Campus

Do you find yourself working two or more jobs to pay for college? Have your parents decided that the time has come for you to be more independent? Or have you wasted that trust fund your grandparents gave you on a car, beer and other things you couldn't live without?

If so, you're not alone. You now find yourself joining thousands of other college students who search for financial aid each year.

Today, more than ever, many future and present college students are searching for alternative means to pay for their college education, which has become more expensive in recent years.

According to the College Board, the typical annual tuition bill at a four-year private college averages \$23,651, while tuition at a state school costs an average \$10,909 per year. In fact, the price of a year at a private school can easily top \$30,000, which has made the need to find financial aid a priority for most college students.

And one of the most important

questions students are now asking themselves is whether or not they want to go through the normal routine of filling out a handful of financial aid forms and talking to a financial aid advisor if they don't have to.

With Internet technology changing and growing each year, so has financial aid resources on the Web. Because of this, more college students have turned their attention to searching the Internet for scholarships, grants and loans.

Over the past several years, a number of Web sites have emerged, giving students financial aid advice and in most cases, scholarships to help pay for college. And because the field has become so crowded, most sites will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of a large and growing audience of financial aid seekers.

One of the most popular sites online is FastWeb.com. Created in 1996 and originally called Student Services, FastWeb has more than five million registered users and gives high school and college students access to more than 400,000 scholarships valued at more than \$1 billion.

In addition, the site offers its

users expert advice on various topics ranging from career planning and jobs to money management. Students also receive updates on new scholarships via e-mail.

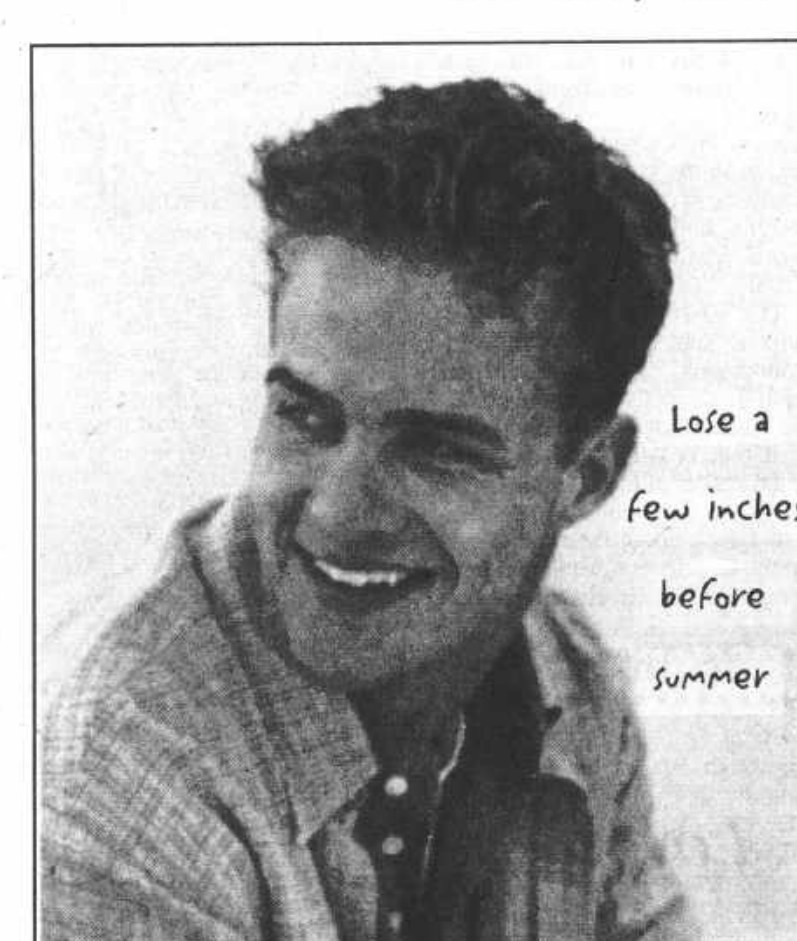
Like most sites of its kind, FastWeb supports itself with ads as well as fees for generating marketing research.

FreeScholarships.com is another Web site that has gained a lot of media exposure over the past few weeks. This site gives away scholarships—\$10,000 daily, \$25,000 monthly and \$50,000 quarterly—through online drawings.

Winners can apply the scholarship toward tuition, fees and even loans while in school or after they graduate.

Visitors to the site can research how to finance a college education and participate in online auctions, chat rooms and message boards geared toward helping students and their families meet the rising cost of a college education.

As one of the largest scholarship search Web sites online, FastWeb.com has more than 20 years of experience researching scholarship sources and is the old-



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Opinion

More information needed in alleged rape case

We usually don't comment directly on specific letters to the editor, but we feel so strongly about a certain letter this week that we feel compelled to add our voice to that of our reader's.

Rape is a serious charge. Although a fair investigation is needed, we'd like to be reassured as to the state of the case.

The letter is written by a student who is concerned with the complete lack of communication in recent weeks regarding the alleged rape on campus that may or may not have taken place some time ago.

We welcomed the letter sent out by Dr. Yarosewick informing the campus that Keene State would be looking into the matter. And we

also recognize that a good investigation takes time. Certainly, we do not want the college to release information prematurely.

However, some information would be reassuring to the campus. We still do not know whether or not a rape took place. The thought of a possible rapist on campus is more than a little unsettling. If something did take place, we would like to know. If it didn't, let us know that, too. Don't wait to release the information over the summer when no one will be around to find out.

At the very least, let us know the status of the investigation. When can we expect to find out? Is it before the Judicial Board now? We may be a newspaper, but we are sure that other members of the Keene State community want to know. At least one does. She wrote a letter.

Rape is a serious crime. If it happened here, we want to know. We don't want to tamper with the investigation, but we deserve to know more.

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—Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Live free or die, death is not the worst of all evils.
—General John Stark



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Greeks

Beneficial or Tappa Kegga Brew?

Rape? Drug Abuse? Alcohol abuse? Physical Abuse? Verbal Abuse? Sexual Abuse? Hazing? Fires? Sexual Discrimination? Racism? Cult-like behavior? Homicide? Suicide? Death?

Sound familiar? Well, this is what fraternity and sorority life often involves for a lot of fraternities and sororities nationwide. Take a look at these facts: As reported by the Associated Press Online, 12/21/99, a 19 year old freshman was shot in the groin with a BB gun when fraternity members thought it would be fun to scare the new pledge. Fraternity members thought the gun was unloaded.

Last February, according to Texas Monthly, a 21-year old TKE pledge who had too much to drink fell asleep on the couch, and never woke up.

One Kappa Kappa Gamma and two Phi Kappa Sigma members were died in an early morning house fire when someone decided to light the couch on fire as a prank at the University of California, Berkeley.

At the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Phi Chi Rho member was injured when another member came home drunk, saw his shadow on the wall, picked up a 9mm (one of 8 guns in the frat house) and shot at it. The bullet found its way through the wall, hitting the other fraternity member. Shocked, he turned the gun on himself and was killed.

The list goes on and on.

Now, I'm not saying that these incidents have happened among the fraternities and sororities that associate with Keene State College. I repeat, these incidents may or may not happen at Keene State College. What I am saying is that a lot goes on within those frat and sorority houses that many people are not aware of or if they are, they simply turn their heads in the other direction.

Whenever any rumor starts about an incident that may have occurred at a frat or sorority, it seems as though our college officials like to keep it hush hush. Which according to my research, is something our college officials should not do.

Instead, research suggest that colleges should publish a list at the beginning of the semester, covering five years of the Greek organization's behaviors in detail, including the name's of members involved.

If the college won't do so, the college newspaper should. This is of course would let students know what they are getting into before they mesh. But you try being the college newspaper and getting this information. It's impossible. Why? Well, the college knows that no parent would let their child attend Keene State if they knew the truth, assuming that there is something horrible going on. Anyway, who needs bad publicity. Right? Well, I sure would like to know if that guy in my English class who just asked me out was once accused of rape. Wouldn't you?

This college frets when a bar advertisement is run in the student newspaper, but hell if anyone is over at the fraternity and sorority houses getting in their faces. I mean, when anyone says frat or sorority they automatically think: Alcohol. That's advocating alcohol use, but has anyone shut down our beloved Greek organizations? Not that our paper has been shut down, but you get the point.

What I want to know, because I can not figure it out, is why anyone would want to be a member of these Greek organizations?

What's so Greek about them anyway? You mean, the Greeks got drunk and partied every night? The Greeks enjoyed a

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Soundoff

"Are you happy with SAC's choice of G. Love?"

Interviews and pictures by Krista Lundberg



"Yes, yes, yes and yes."

• Megan MacStary
sophomore
art



"I love them, but I can't go."

• Nicole Koemer
junior
English



"Never heard of them. I doubt I'll go."

• Scott Lawrence
freshman
management



"He's cool but I doubt I'll be there."

• Sam Bisson
senior
sociology



"Yes, I'll try to make it."

• Kristin Daley
senior
communication



"I've never heard of them but I might check them out."

• Benny Hall
sophomore
English

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Election 2000 Get out and vote!

Guest Commentary

At this time of year lots of students are thinking about getting through final exams or hitting the beach, and for those hundreds of seniors, graduation! Not the Student Assembly, though. We are already looking into the future of the Keene State Student Government. It is that time of year when prepare for elections for the officials of the next academic year.

We have been planning out the election process for a few weeks now and are ready to put to use all the plans we have made next week. Petitions have been made available for two weeks, now and the turnout has not been as great as we had hoped.

I write this commentary to urge you, potential student leaders, to get a petition and jump on the Student Government bandwagon.

I would like to begin by assuring everyone there are no positions that are "held." Anyone who wants to try to maintain their position or attempt to occupy a different one is REQUIRED to fill out a petition and have their name listed on the ballot.

Some students feel it is a waste of time to run against someone who has been elected to the same position for 2 or 3 years. But I urge you to run.

As students excel in their educa-

tion they see new doors for new opportunities and decide to put their energy into other activities. Another choice is to study abroad. Students make these choices without alerting the campus, thus creating a window of opportunity that not many people may know about.

Therefore,

I encourage all of you to pick up a petition and get a couple signatures within the next few hours and run for a class office. As of Tuesday night there are still SEVERAL positions open.

I also encourage you to be wary of who you are electing into the class or student body positions.

Do some homework (as if you don't have enough already, right?). Find out what type of work each position is required to do, think if your current elected officials are living up to those standards and elect next year's officials accordingly.

Your school/class is only as good as your elected officials. They represent YOU! Don't complain if you think they are doing a crummy job, do something about it.

The officials that are elected rest in your hands. It is at this time a year you have the power to change how your class can operate and best represent you. If you still don't feel like any of the officials are living up to your standards, then grab a petition. You can become a leader!

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Letters to the Editor

Alcohol story needed a meaningful picture

I would like to commend Angela Watson on her excellent article regarding alcohol consumption and college students. Rather than media the all-too-often featured horror stories that are usually headlined in the report, she exhibited a refreshing insight into what is really happening.

Her report acknowledged the problems that many students experience with high risk alcohol consumption however, as she indicated, most student do not consume alcohol at a high risk level. As a matter of fact, many actually abstain! Her explanation of the misperceptions about college drinking and the "everybody does it" syndrome, indicated a clear understanding of the phenomenon of "imaginary peers."

It is too bad however, that the photo beside the piece did nothing to support the content and emphasis of the article. Rather than a photo of cans and bottles of beer, a picture of some of the students who abstain or consume alcohol at a low risk level participating in some healthier activity may have enhanced the article a bit more effectively.

Once again, thanks to Angela and "The Equinox" for providing valuable information regarding an issue that is critical to the success college students.

Jim Matthews
Keene State College
assistant to the vice president for alcohol and other drug programs

More details needed in alleged rape case

At a speech on Monday April 3, 2000 there was a speaker that came to speak about men ending violence against women. There was a brief discussion about the recent issue of [alleged] rape at a fraternity party here at Keene State. What [was] discussed was very serious and I feel compelled to write this letter.

About a month ago everyone received a letter from the president of Keene State about recent violence that has been taking place on campus. Then there was an article featured in The Equinox about rumors and allegations of a rape at a frat party.

Nothing, after the letter and the article, was publicly said about what happened. The rumors were not cleared up and allegations were left to be just allegations. Everyone was left to put pieces together with all the rumors that were floating around. Nothing was said about whether the girl was all right, if the man has been arrested, or if there was an investigation. Nothing.

No counseling was ever offered for the students who might have had feelings about the rumor (which by this point seems to be true, but still, not many stu-

dents know for sure). No forums were held to talk about ending violence.

I am not asking for specific details of the rape, but I think that every student has a right to know what is going on around campus.

The fact that nothing was discussed and it was kept so quiet is what keeps violence so prevalent in our society and in our small community of Keene State.

People stopped caring about the rape because it was not discussed openly.

So besides the increase of floods, salt, emissions, habitat loss and 66 million dollars of our money, what can we expect to get out of it? Well, increased traffic delays for the next eight years, more development and road construction, a huge By-Pass project, the loss of aesthetic quality, which makes Keene a special place for so many.

In light of this issue a group that calls themselves the Concerned Cheshire Citizens (CCC) has gained popularity among community members and campus organizations. They are trying to convince the City of Keene and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to reevaluate and understand that this By-Pass project is not only outdated, but the numbers that were submitted, but the DOT have huge inaccuracies. The CCC will be on Campus on April 12th at 7 PM in the Mountain View room. The effort of this group has been outstanding in our community and a great example to all with voices. This event is totally free and open to everyone.

Lastly, to my anonymous friend... I invite you to come out and learn a little something; so you may change the way you have chosen to voice yourself. If we have time I'll even teach you how to drive through a roundabout.

Roundabout a good solution to local traffic

I am writing this letter in response to the article printed last week concerning the bypass expansion project. I find it uneasy that people feel the need to express their opinion without doing any research or obtaining a comfortable understanding on a certain issue, which hold so many negative outcomes. What I find more troubling is that this person seemed to know that they were incompetent of writing this article, and therefore did not put their name on it.

This worked out well for whoever wrote the garbage that was published. I would like to clarify some of the statements made in this article.

First, the author seems to lack the ability to drive confidently when placed in a roundabout. These roundabouts are located in many places that have proven to be not only successful but safe and easy to manage. The Roundabout located in Brattleboro, NH has done an excellent job by catering to the passage of 5000 trucks and a number of cars daily. Since the placement of this there has yet to be a reported accident.

Second, their lack of compassion for the environment becomes clearly evident as well. With the completion of the By-Pass project, the town of Keene will have lost 30 acres of wetlands that are critical to Keene's drinking water supply and for a number of wildlife habitats. Despite popular belief wetland cannot be "recreated" in other areas while we fill existing ones. Along with this loss there will be a huge increase of road salt and emissions from cars, oil runoff, and a greater possibility of flooding.

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Sanjay Kakkad
president
Campus Ecology

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G. Love an excellent choice for concert

Every year the Student Activities Council (SAC) has the dubious distinction of picking bands for spring weekend. Considering the diversity on campus, (at least in terms of musical preference) it is very difficult task to satisfy the musical interests of 4,800 students.

Also, if you were that concerned with the bands maybe you should have made it a point to voice your seemingly narrow opinion or join SAC. I think SAC does an excellent job representing the wants and needs of the campus community. While the last few years have been less than successful in terms of the music selection, at least in my opinion, I feel that G. Love was an excellent choice for this year.

In regards to your whining about the

Safety Trust your instincts

Commentary

Two years ago, some friends and I went to a party. I didn't really know the people who were throwing the party, but my friends did, and they decided to bring me along. It turned out to be a very good thing we had gone out together, because the night soon turned ugly.

Of course, there was a lot of drinking going on. There were even some drugs. I mentioned this was a party, right?

After a few hours, one of my friends got up to go to the bathroom, and she took an exceptionally long time. The rest of us went to check on her, and we found her in the hallway. Two very drunken men had her pinned up against the wall, and they wouldn't let her go. In fact, they were trying to drag her into a nearby bedroom.

When they saw the three of us, the men got scared and ran out the front door. To this day, I have no doubt in my mind that my friend would have been raped if she had gone to that party alone. It's very scary that these things actually happen. A girl can't be too careful.

It's very easy to just look at something like that, and see it as something that happens to other women, and think that we are safe and nothing like that will ever happen to us. But the frightening truth is, that is simply not the case.

I couldn't help but think of her last Wednesday, as we were walking through the Student Center and noticed that there was a giant sandwich board out with lavender ribbons, promoting awareness of sexual assault.

No woman asks to be raped, and it is certainly not the fault of the victim if they

are raped. There are, however, a few precautions that anyone can and should take that will lessen the chances of this happening to you.

The semester is coming to a close, and there are bound to be tons of parties. Remember, bring friends. The old adage of "the more, the merrier" is a safety rule, too. Do not go to parties with people you do not know alone!

Once there, don't wander off. Make sure your friends know where you are, and keep an eye on each other.

Watch that drink! You never know what can be put in your drink when you are not looking. Get your own drinks, and once you've got it, keep it close by. This goes for any other party substances as well. If you're not absolutely sure it's safe, don't take it. It's not worth it, when you consider what can happen.

Trust your instincts! If you feel uncomfortable for any reason, get yourself out of that situation. If you feel that you are in danger, you probably are.

Don't walk alone at night. Especially if you are drunk or otherwise impaired. Again, stay close to the friends, and try to stay on main roads where there is good lighting. If any of you is carrying a cell phone, keep it handy, just in case. A telephone can be a valuable tool in warding off an attacker.

Please, do not allow yourself to become victimized. Don't let yourself be put in dangerous situations. You may feel a little dumb for being overly cautious, but safety is one of the smartest things you can do for yourself.

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Even though SAC has the largest organizational budget on campus, it is not nearly enough money does the campus have the proper facilities for the likes of George Clinton, Filter, or the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Bands of such magnitude would not even consider such a place, and as sad as it sounds, who can blame them?

These bands have in front of tens of thousands of people, not a small college and its surrounding community in New Hampshire. If you really think we can get a band of this type you are living in pipe dream (or smoke something out of that same pipe that mouses you overly optimistic and a dreamer).

For one brief moment, I would have to agree with Mr. D'Errico in this type of decision making. But, personally, I have no problem placing this responsibility on such a group as SAC and trust they will do their best to provide a decent band.

It takes a lot of organization and a little bit of luck to tie down a rather well known band, like Love and Special Sauce. Just because "heavier" bands were listed, you make a naive assumption on your own. Leading yourself to believe it would be Filter or Red Hot Chili Peppers type band.

What is even more naive is my follow-up comment concerning the fact that "after all, this is a concert for the entire student body". By that very idea you make the supposition that everyone on campus likes "heavier" bands. But according to your poll, at least a third of those people thought G. Love was a good choice. And the funny thing is I conducted a small poll myself and found that G. Love was a perfectly fine choice. So, I guess it just depends on who you ask, like anything else.

SAC is full of creative, intelligent people, coupled with various other resources, making it one of the most powerful organizations on campus. To use a list of bands as a flyer to help advertise for the Equinox was half as creative, maybe you wouldn't have to advertise half the paper with the need for more writers.

Also, if you were that concerned with the bands maybe you should have made it a point to voice your seemingly narrow opinion or join SAC. I think SAC does an excellent job representing the wants and needs of the campus community. While the last few years have been less than successful in terms of the music selection, at least in my opinion, I feel that G. Love was an excellent choice for this year.

In regards to your whining about the

bands after the concert being devoted to Connecticut bands, why don't you get an official statement before making assumptions? Who knows, maybe these supposed Connecticut bands will be good.

How about this, it's obvious you don't you don't have enough work to do because you spend your time writing unnecessary and degrading letters about other organizations, so why don't you start coming up with a list of bands for next year?

Maybe that way you can represent the campus body, the way the SAC organization seemed to ignore it, at least according to you. And the bands "that are cheap and probably willing to play a Spring Concert", do they have anywhere near the recognition G. Love and Special Sauce has? I doubt it.

If your prejudice towards G. Love stems from not hearing of them, please remove yourself from the cave in which you reside and get with the program. If you have had the pleasure of listening to them at all you would understand and appreciate their unique mix of lyrics and beats, along with excellent melodies.

The majority of Equinox members do an excellent job week in and week out of providing the campus with quality news, but Mr. D'Errico seems like the exception. You base all of your arguments on hearsay and assumptions—didn't you learn to write based on facts? If not, I'm taking Newswriting I right now and I'm sure my professor wouldn't mind adding the A&E editor into the class.

He could probably teach you a few things. I understand the article was an editorial, but I'd just as soon see a witty advertisement of the need for Equinox writers then the garbage you write. I'm surprised they let you publish it. Actually I take that back, this garbage seems to be on par with some of the recent articles in the A&E section. As for SAC, keep up the good work and I apologize for such an immature and childish article. As can't always get what we want, can we Tommy?

Jedidiah George
Keene State College student

Editor's note: The Equinox will no longer serve as a forum for this discussion.

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World News

Elian's father remains good father, friends say

ANDRES VIGLUCCI
Knight-Ridder Tribune

MIAMI -- He holds what to Americans ears may sound like a modest job, cashier at the gate of a park for foreign tourists in the Cuban resort of Varadero. The flashes of cameras and the shouts of an intensely unhappy, even pugnacious man, his eyes reduced to slits, his close-cropped head hunkered down between his shoulders.

Little is known on this side of the Florida Straits about the man now occupying center stage in the custody melodrama that grips the nation. Juan Miguel Gonzalez has given few interviews, and he has not slept in his family's small but tidy house in the Cuban town of Cardenas for months.

By the accounts of those who know him best, his friends and relatives in Cuba, the 31-year-old Gonzalez is just what he publicly claims to be: a good father and a good Communist, a man devoted to his son, Elian, and to his ideology.

Said a co-worker, Fidel Ramirez: "All of us here have been witnesses to the love that boy has for his father, and the father for the boy."

To this portrait, his Miami relatives -- who are enmeshed in a bitter four-month battle over the boy with Gonzalez -- add some dark strokes.

Early in the drama, the Miami relatives praised Juan Miguel's qualities as family man. Later, they claimed he struck the boy's mother and secretly wished to come to the United States, contentions that U.S. immigration authorities say they have been unable to substantiate.

On Thursday night, speaking at the Miami family's behest, a psychologist who has evaluated Elian alleged the boy is afraid of his father because Gonzalez has been verbally abusive on several occasions.

At the center of the relatives' argument for custody of Elian is a complaint that Juan Miguel cannot express his "true wishes" for his son because of pressure from the Cuban government.

Certainly, Gonzalez has in recent weeks been seen publicly only under tightly controlled circumstances, surrounded by Cuban officials.

NBC News has reported that, until his arrival Thursday in Washington, D.C., he had been

living in a government guest house in a section of Havana that is home for foreign diplomats. While here, he will stay at the suburban house of Cuba's top U.S. envoy.

But it is clear also that Gonzalez and his side of the family long ago made a decision to throw their lot in with Fidel Castro, and have done relatively well by it. For Juan Miguel Gonzalez, membership in the Communist Party has meant a steady job with access to tips in foreign currency, and -- a rare luxury in Cuba -- a good house with air conditioning where Elian has his own room.

"An excellent worker and true revolutionary," one co-worker, Pablo Hernandez, said recently. "He feels for his country like his life."

Formally, his ex-wife, Elisabeth Brotons, had custody of their only son, Elian -- born to them after seven painful miscarriages. Informally, neighbors and friends say, Elian spent at least as much time at his father's house as at her apartment.

So close was Gonzalez to his son that he drove him to school in his 1956 Nash Rambler, treated him to lunch, took him for father-and-son haircuts, and brought him to work on school holidays.

"When Elian was born he was a miracle to us," Gonzalez told an officer with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during a December interview in Havana. "Elián is my life. He is my first son. Wherever I went, he went with me. I taught him how to swim, how to do karate. He has a



Demonstrators stand behind barricades during a rally outside the home of the relatives of Elian Gonzalez in Miami April 9, 2000.

parrot here, dogs, a bicycle and all kinds of toys."

Like many Cuban families, Juan Miguel's was divided by the Revolution.

He is the son of a retired policeman, Juan Gonzalez, 53; his parents live next door. Of the elder Gonzalez's eight brothers and sis-

ters, five left Cuba for Miami, including Lazaro and Delfin Gonzalez, who have led the public fight to keep Elian here.

Juan Miguel and his parents, he has said, have resisted repeated entreaties from his Miami relatives to join them in exile.

In a December phone conversa-

tion with his uncle Lazaro's daughter, Marisleydis -- presumably recorded in Cuba and transcribed and published in the Communist Party daily Granma -- Juan Miguel is quoted as saying:

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Civil Rights Agency expected to criticize one Florida initiative

STEVE BOUSQUET
Knight-Ridder Tribune

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- The U.S. Commission on Human Rights, a bipartisan board controlled by Democrats, plans to formally criticize Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida initiative Thursday -- a decision Bush blasted as political and a "hasty rush to judgment."

The agency's stand comes as a Florida administrative judge prepares to hold a public hearing on a challenge to one part of the plan that deals with student admissions to Florida's 10 public universities.

The legal obstacle has delayed implementation of the "Tallented 20" plan until the fall of 2001.

Responding to a newspaper article, Bush fired off a letter Wednesday to the commission chairwoman, Mary Frances Berry, accusing the commission of an "apparent violation of our ordinary public notice requirements" in moving quickly to oppose One Florida.

It is hard to discern a non-political reason for such a hasty rush to judgment, or for the commission to attack a positive plan like One Florida, Bush wrote. "I am deeply troubled that the commission would take a formal, official position against my initiative without even seeking to contact any member of my administration."

Bush himself was criticized by civil rights leaders, black lawmakers and by ordinary citizens for assembling the far-reaching One Florida plan without first building a consensus for it.

strongly against Bush's policies. Bush's program would end race and gender-based preferences in state contracts and university admissions in a bold and controversial plan that Bush has said transcends affirmative action.

Documents previously made public show that Adam Herbert, chancellor of the state university system, was sent copies in February of a letter from commission chairwoman Berry to Richard Riley, the U.S. Secretary of Education, asking about the Tallented 20 program.

Herbert has been a supporter of the Tallented 20 but is not a Bush administration employee, though he was the governor's transition chief. He reports to the 14-member Board of Regents, most of whom were appointed by the previous governor, Lawton Chiles.

The Washington Times, quoting commission sources, reported Wednesday that the agency would poll all eight of its members by phone Thursday, one week before its regular monthly meeting, to endorse a 10-page statement that Bush's plan is an "unprovoked stealth acknowledgment that ... segregation will never change."

The statement is not legally binding. The commission is a fact-finding agency that makes recommendations to the White House and Congress on civil rights issues, but has no enforcement powers. "We're busybodies," said Russell Redenbaugh of

Philadelphia, one of two Republicans on the panel.

The paper quoted an unnamed agency source as saying that a poll vote has been taken only one other time in the past five years and that a majority of the commission members are Democrats.

Redenbaugh told the Miami Herald Wednesday: "This is an abuse of the process. A poll vote is fine if it's non-controversial or a matter of unanimous consent. This issue is very controversial."

He added that he thought the poll vote was being used to keep discussion on One Florida off the public record, and called the decision to poll members "horribly political."

Bush's spokesman, Justin Sayfie, agreed: "It looks very political."

The Tallented 20 plan is being challenged by the Florida NAACP in an administrative proceeding that was scheduled to open Friday before Charles Adams, a hearing officer in Tallahassee. But both sides have agreed to delay the hearing until the week of April 24.

Sen. Kendrick Meek, D-Miami, said Bush's comments were unwarranted. "The governor has made a lot of very bad moves in this, and the letter is another very bad move."

Meek said. "The tone is inappropriate." (Herald staff writers Lesley Clark and Phil Long and researcher Elisabeth Donovan contributed to this report.)



Even though McCain's campaign ended 33 days ago, he has not left the Republican view all in all, and continues to hold his famous town hall meetings.

McCain's Straight Talk Express still rolling

DICK POLMAN
Knight-Ridder Tribune

NEW YORK -- The wheels came off his Straight Talk Express 33 days ago, but John McCain is still rolling along, a road warrior without the limits of his newfound celebrity, playing hide-and-seek with the man who drove him from the Republican presidential race.

He is telling George W. Bush, in essence, that he will not go gently in defeat -- and that his active support for the Republican ticket may well hinge on whether Bush, the presumptive nominee, begins to show some appetite for McCain's favorite issue: fundamental campaign-finance changes.

John Weaver, McCain's national political strategist, said Monday that the Arizona senator

will bide his time before he even meets with Bush -- "in May or June." An endorsement is expected, said Weaver, but what may matter most is McCain's "level of enthusiasm."

Political analysts believe that an enthused McCain would buoy Bush's prospects in November. They note that candidates have lost close races in part because rivals in the party sat on their hands when the chips were down; witness 1976, when defeated insurgent Ronald Reagan offered minimal help to President Ford -- who then lost a squeaker to Jimmy Carter.

For the moment, McCain is content to behave as if the race were still alive. Monday, he conducted another "town hall" meeting, this time at Columbia University, complete with standing ovation from several hundred

students. He used the jokes, anecdotes, and salutations he had used in the primaries. He scolded himself for past and present political sins, just as always. His aides -- the same people who ran his campaign -- hoisted the same 20-by-30-foot American flag that had served as a fluttering backdrop during his candidacy.

Weaver said that more town hall meetings are being mapped -- including, perhaps, a forum in Philadelphia this summer during the Republican convention -- and McCain supporters might also try to force debate on reform issues during the Republican platform hearings. His profile will get another boost late this month when he flies to Vietnam -- at NBC-TV's expense -- for the 25th anniversary of the war's end.

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Funds, technical problems raise questions about National Missile Defense

JOHN DIAMOND
Knight-Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON -- With a major presidential decision approaching, the Pentagon said Tuesday that the cost of building a national missile defense system is rising sharply because of an expanded defense scheme and technical problems that have raised questions about whether missile defense is even possible.

Adm. Craig Quigley, a Pentagon spokesman, said the total cost of building and operating a national missile defense from 1991 to 2026 is now an estimated \$30.2 billion. That's up \$6.4 billion, or 27 percent, from the previous estimate, according to the Pentagon office in charge of the program.

The new Pentagon numbers track roughly with a recent

Congressional Budget Office estimate pointing to a \$5 billion cost increase. They come on top of an earlier announcement by Defense Secretary William Cohen of a \$2.3 billion cost increase.

All of this comes as military specialists and defense contractors scramble to produce a second successful test of the all-important missile interceptor. In the most recent flight test in January, the interceptor missed its dummy warhead target in space over the Pacific when a cooling system malfunctioned. The rising cost estimate could be crucial because President Clinton has identified cost as one of the four criteria -- along with technical feasibility, the nature of the threat and Russia's posture -- on which he will base his decision whether or not to approve the project.

"We are committed to giving enough technical information to

the president for him to make an informed decision," Quigley said. But he suggested that Tuesday's announcement may not be the last missile defense price increase.

"Things could change," Quigley said. "The further you go into the future, the less certainty you have."

National missile defense, as currently envisioned, is a scaled-down version of the Star Wars defensive shield proposed by President Reagan in 1983. It would not be able to cope with a massive nuclear attack of the kind that Russia could launch but would be designed to shoot down a few incoming missiles launched by potential enemies such as North Korea, Iran or Iraq. Republicans want to delay a decision in hopes that a Republican president could deploy a more robust missile defense. Democrats who oppose the program want a delay because they assume a rushed decision would be to deploy.

About three-quarters of the cost

"We are committed to giving enough technical information to the president for him to make an informed decision."
— Craig Quigley

increase stems from the growing scope of the missile defense system envisioned by the Pentagon. Where earlier plans involved 20 silo-based missile interceptors, the latest estimate is for 100 interceptors along with an advanced "X-Band" radar system that can accurately track the flight of an incoming warhead.

But a portion of the higher cost stems from emerging technical problems and changing demands, according to Air Force Lt. Col.

Rick Lehner, spokesman for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the Pentagon agency running the missile defense program. These cost factors include:

Needs to upgrade to the X-Band radar so that it can better distinguish an actual warhead from decoys deployed to foil the missile interceptor.

Upgrades to computers involved in early warning and command and control.

More ground and flight tests that the Pentagon believes are necessary to ensure the system can work. Proponents and opponents of national missile defense jumped on the cost estimates as indicators of political maneuvering.

Arms control advocate John Isaacs of the Council for a Livable World said the lower earlier estimates were deliberately inaccurate to stave off opposition and "get people to buy in at a lower level."

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., one

of the leading advocates in Congress for national missile defense, said the new, higher estimate represents the Pentagon's effort to give Clinton an escape hatch in case he wants to postpone a decision or kill missile defense.

By the standards of large and complex weapons programs, the cost increases encountered by the national missile defense program are not out of the ordinary.

The Congressional Budget Office routinely anticipates cost growth of 50 percent to 65 percent in new missile systems. But such budgetary minutiae may be lost on taxpayers being asked to pony up tens of billions of dollars for an as-yet unproven defensive system.

If Republicans get their way, the system ultimately deployed may be larger and more expensive than the 100-interceptor system envisioned by the Pentagon. "My guess is we're going to need a more robust capability," said Frank Gaffney, a former aide to Reagan and leading advocate for missile defense.

Parent/s of the Year Award

Here is your chance to say thank you to your parent/s!

The deadline for essays to nominate KSC parents for the 2000 LeVine Mellon Parent/s of the Year Award is Friday, May 5, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. The essay should depict parents who have supported you and Keene State College in the spirit of love, commitment, and encouragement. The Keene State College Parents Association (KSCPS) will present the plaque to the honored parent/s at the Honors Convocation on Sunday, October 22nd, during Parent-Family Weekend. The names will also be added to the permanent Parent of the Year Plaque in the library.

KSC parents are an extraordinary group of people who give their dollars and their hearts to you and the school. The committee of parents, students, and staff who select the winning essay also share the knowledge that submission of an essay is in itself an honor to the parent/s nominated.

Your essay should be submitted to the Alumni & Parent Relations Office in the Barry Alumni Center, Elliot Hall, no later than Friday, May 5, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. Please call extension 2369 if you have questions.

THOMAS M. DEFRAK
Knight-Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON -- Those humorless duds with the buzz cuts, cool shades and wires sticking out of their ears used to be status symbols for presidential wannabes. Not this time.

When Secret Service agents started protecting Texas Gov. George W. Bush (code name: Runner) at midnight March 14, some of the GOP candidate's top staffers bemoaned the takeover. "We can't be as spontaneous anymore," said one aide, failing to see any irony in his lament -- since the message-driven Bush campaign is the most buttoned-up operation this side of Al Gore (code name: Shadow).

Until the federal takeover, Bush was protected by Texas Rangers and plainclothes officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Secret Service was primed to take over Bush's detail on Feb. 19, the day of the South Carolina primary, but the Bush camp pushed back the timetable a month. Even now, Bush has told friends he would have preferred to keep his hometown bodyguards.

"He really likes his detail and is totally comfortable with

them," one top Bush aide said of the public safety guards. "He was very reluctant to give them up."

Before dropping "out of the GOP primary race, John McCain was even more adamant.

The Arizona senator made

clear he wanted no part of the Secret Service, fearing they'd

cramp the Straight Talk Express' free-wheeling style.

"I don't even want to think about it," McCain said one day aboard his campaign bus. "I shudder at the prospect."

Nonsense, Secret Service sources say. "Whatever it is they choose to do, we're there to create a secure environment for them," one official said. "We might make a recommendation, but we don't tell them what they can or can't do."

Only Democrat Bill Bradley (code name: Panther) was eager for the feds, who imposed some order on his chaotic campaign logistics from Feb. 7, when they came aboard, until he too

dropped out last month.

Vice President Gore, of course, has no choice. Federal law says only the President, vice president and their families must accept round-the-clock Secret Service protection.

Presidential candidates have to ask first. The Treasury secretary, who oversees the Secret Service, makes the final call with the advice of a committee of high-ranking members of Congress.

Informed sources estimate that a typical Secret Service detail for a candidate numbers about 75 to 100, including three eight-hour shifts of agents who literally guard "protectors," plus others who advance "sites" they plan to visit, staff command posts and handle communications and administrative functions.

The Secret Service -- which began protecting candidates after the 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy -- will spend \$25 million this year for presidential and vice-presiden-

tial candidate protection.

Some Bush aides and reporters covering his campaign privately complain that Bush's new minders are more rigid and bureaucratic than their Texan predecessors.

But there is consensus that the feds are the gold standard in candidate security.

"It's the appropriate thing to do," Bush campaign manager Joe Allbaugh told the Sunday News, "and I think most citizens fully understand and endorse the idea. You're talking about quite possibly the next President of the United States."

Another advantage of federal bodyguards is that Texas taxpayers no longer foot the entire bill for Bush's mushrooming security tab.

The state spent \$2.65 million on Bush's security last year -- a ninefold increase over the 1998 tab.

Most of the overrun was to protect Bush on his frequent out-of-state campaign jaunts.

The federal takeover of the Bush campaign isn't complete, however.

Texas still handles security for the state's first lady, Laura Bush, the Bushes' 18-year-old twin daughters and the governor's mansion.

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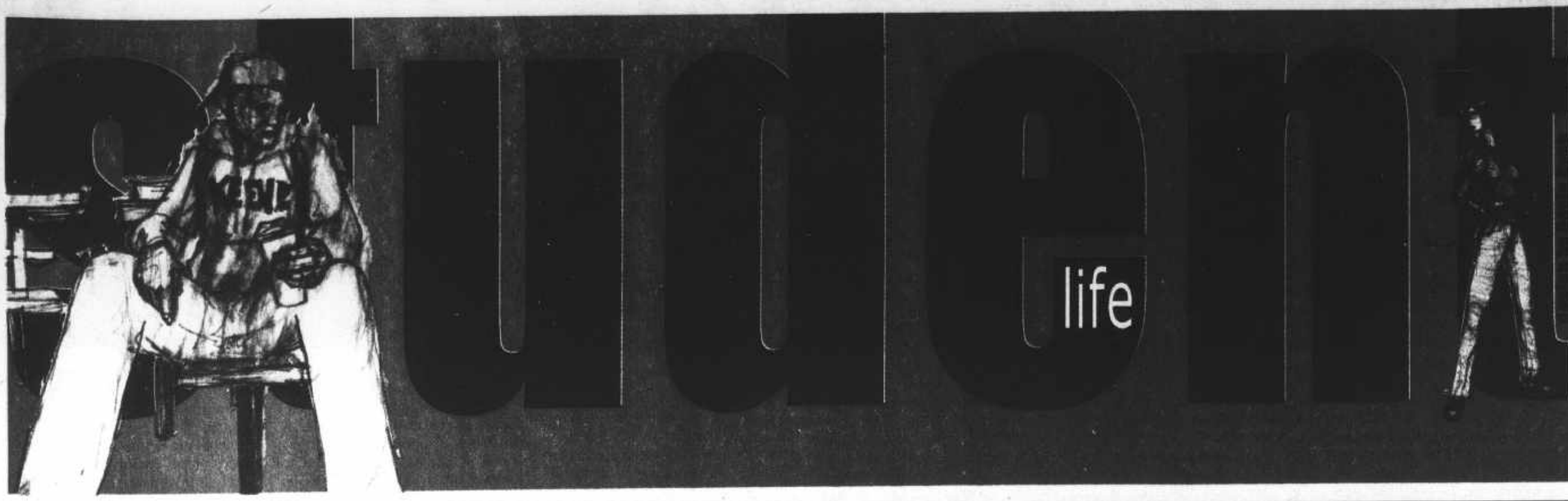
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He's in the money

KSC student Rob Zimmerman plays the market and hits a homerun

DANIELLE RAMPINO
The Equinox

Rob Zimmerman didn't know how it would happen, but he knew he'd be successful. "I wanted to have my first million by 25, and I wanted to retire at 50."

The Keene State College senior took his first real step toward that goal on March 31, 2000. That Friday the company he'd been interning for, Arrowpoint Communications, went public.

Rob is a 22 year old computer science major at Keene State. He chose Keene State because, "I was too lazy to send in my applications on time, and Keene was the only one who would accept me."

After his first semester he transferred to the University of New Hampshire to study nursing. "The campus was just too big" he said. "I didn't like having to walk more than twenty minutes to class."

Rob had always been told he had a skill for computer work at Pine St. Academy his high school in Freeport, Maine, but he considered programming nothing more than a hobby. When he realized the nursing program and the large campus didn't suit him he came back to Keene State to major in computer science.

Here he met another student, Derrick Schommer who "kicked me into the programming direction." Schommer and Rob began programming games. Rob enjoyed it so much that he taught Direct X, a game programming class to other interested computer science majors. "I had no real direction before I met Derrick. I knew I wanted to major in computer science, but I didn't know what I wanted to do with that. Rob said the experience from learning from Schommer as well as learning while he taught the class gave him a desire to one day come back and teach at Keene State again."

"Rob is one of the only college students I know

that is actually good at balancing work and pleasure," said Michael Daly a senior in the computer science department.

Rob began searching for a job in November. He interviewed at Arrowpoint, where Schommer also works, during winter break. There, he was told he would accept him for a full time position, but that they would accept him for an internship.

Rob drives the three-hour commute to and from Acton Mass every Monday and Friday. "I code and write programs but it doesn't feel like work" he said.

Most of the employees at Arrow point are under the age of 40. "The executives come in in suits, but the programmers wear jeans and play foosball during lunch." It is a small company with less than 300 employees Rob said.

Arrowpoint makes switches that divides Internet traffic making it possible for popular sites to handle their many hits. Rob does quality assurance there. "Basically I write programs that test their programs."

On March 11, Rob was offered a full time position with Arrowpoint following graduation. He accepted the offer the day it was given. His full time position will include working on software for Arrowpoint's main products.

"The IPO was a lot of fun," Rob said "we didn't know what time of day they'd go public, we just knew it was Friday." Rob partied all day while watching news programs with stock quotes. "It opened at \$34 and went up 400% the first day." "I'm impressed that such a small company had such a successful IPO," said Caitlyn Chabot a Keene State business major.

Rob and other employees could purchase the stock at the pre IPO price. "I had no real idea of how successful it would be."

I had my goals for it, and it more than exceeded them," he said. Rob made enough to pay off his new truck, his college loans and then some. He has sold

his stocks and plans to put the profits into more stable markets.

His friends were awed and excited about his success. "I can't believe he made so much money and I'm not seeing any of it," said his brother Zach Zimmerman a Keene State freshman "so am I getting that cell phone, now?"

"If there was a student that deserves to be successful it should be Rob," Tim Parkinson a senior said. "He's been a great friend and fellow student during my time here."

Chuck Bryden, a computer science major said "I am glad a fellow classmate was able to take advantage of the current trends in the technology market."

Others weren't at all surprised to hear of his accomplishment. "I knew Rob would be successful when I met him," said his friend Dennis Follensbee.

"He's a witty, intelligent guy," said Matt Meyer a CS major.

Rob intends to spend the next five years at Arrowpoint while beginning his own gaming business called Kyrle Entertainment with Schommer. He would one day like to do that full time and still have more time to play golf. "I'd like to be my own boss."

In the nearer future Rob will be getting married. In June 2001 he'll marry Danielle LePage a senior psychology major at Keene State.

Rob recommends that seniors send out as many resumes as they can. "The market is desperate for employees, not just computer science majors - everyone."



Equinox photo by Danielle Rampino
Money can't buy you happiness, but don't tell that to Rob Zimmerman who recently banked in the stock market.

He advocates finding a company that is pre IPO if possible, or one which offers employee stock options. He also advises juniors to begin finding jobs. "Many companies will pay for your last year of college if give some guarantee you'll work for them when you get out."

Rob makes his accomplishments seem easy and he truly believes many Keene State students can gain similar success.

However, those who know Rob, understand his achievements can be attributed to his goal oriented personality. "He's a very highly motivated and dedicated student that goes above and beyond the call of duty," Rob's roommate Damien Rudzinski said "and he'll continue to be successful throughout his life."

Numerous pop-culture references help give 'The Sopranos' its punch

BY MIKE ANTONUCCI
Knight-Ridder Tribune

I may have been the ultimate pop culture intersection: "The Sopranos" paying tribute to Pokemon in the show's most recent episode.

HBO's violent, profane and acclaimed series about everyday life in the mob ends its second season Sunday night as television's trendiest bloodiest. Some of that flair comes from an upsurge of snappy references about everything from the Beatles to Wal-Mart -- rat-a-tat dialogue that rubs out the line between normal people and criminals.

Each little quip sharpens the drama's most provocative questions: Is this a show about them being like us, or us being like them? And when did thuggery become so socially relevant?

"It's not the humanizing touches that are new," said Emily Fox Kales, a Northeastern University psychology professor. "It's the sophistication -- the good ear they have for what's going on out there in the culture."

In just the last two episodes:

Crime boss Tony Soprano has worked Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow, the "Matt Helm" spy character and old-time movie star George Sanders into his conversation.

Movie references have included "Angela's Ashes," "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and Gail Sheehy's now classic "Passages."

The History Channel, which has cropped up before, was mentioned twice, with a belligerent Tony telling his shrink that he saw a documentary reminding him of his constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness.

The famous names rolling off the tongues of mistresses, crooked attorneys, hospital nurses and scheming siblings have ranged from movie prodigy Macaulay Culkin and fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld to media theorist Marshall McLuhan and Bill Gates.

The heist of the week was not a shipment of cig-



HBO's "The Sopranos" is receiving critical acclaim for its use of pop-culture.

arettes -- as it was originally scripted -- but a truckload of Pokemon trading cards.

"I didn't realize there were so many," said the show's Mitchell Burgess, who then began musing out loud about what the saturation point might be.

Burgess and Robin Green are writing partners for some of the series, including the most recent one, and also are executive producers. They've been working on the series, created by David Chase, since the second episode of the first season.

All the pop-culture or highly contemporary references in "The Sopranos" enhance the sense of realism that gives the series its exquisite punch. Viewers find themselves identifying -- even empathizing -- with thieves and killers, as well as the wives and relatives who amount to co-conspirators. So how is it that some people actually love them? Green, a former journalist, isn't volunteering to settle the issue.

"No message, no hugs," Green added with a laugh. "It makes you think about why you're laugh-

ing, about liking murderers. Are we all wondering if we've made a pact with the devil? I can handle that, but I'm not sure how I feel about it."

University of Texas professor Horace Newcomb, editor of the Museum of Broadcast Communications' Encyclopedia of Television, says the number of clever allusions in the dialogue is one of the trickiest elements of the show's production.

"I think it's walking a real fine line on that point," he said. "They're playing with that aspect a whole lot. The question of what rings true is what they want us to ponder."

If the characters in the "Godfather" movies sometimes seemed to be in a world unto themselves, said Burgess and Green, Tony's family and mob "soldiers" strike an ominously different note by being so familiar to neighbors, schools and local merchants.

The implication for viewers may be that life is inherently sinful, or that we're able to rationalize our time on the dark side. It's that pact with the devil Green mentioned, made ceter by the panoramic cultural patter. But the fine line that Newcomb has spotted is obvious to the writers and producers, too.

Burgess and Green say the quip about Matt Helm, who was defined by Dean Martin in four late 1960s movies, didn't feel right to James Gandolfini, who plays Tony Soprano. But Chase had subbed it for another reference just because it sounded more humorous.

"That's part of the reason we do use these things," said Green. "They wake people up, and they draw people in."

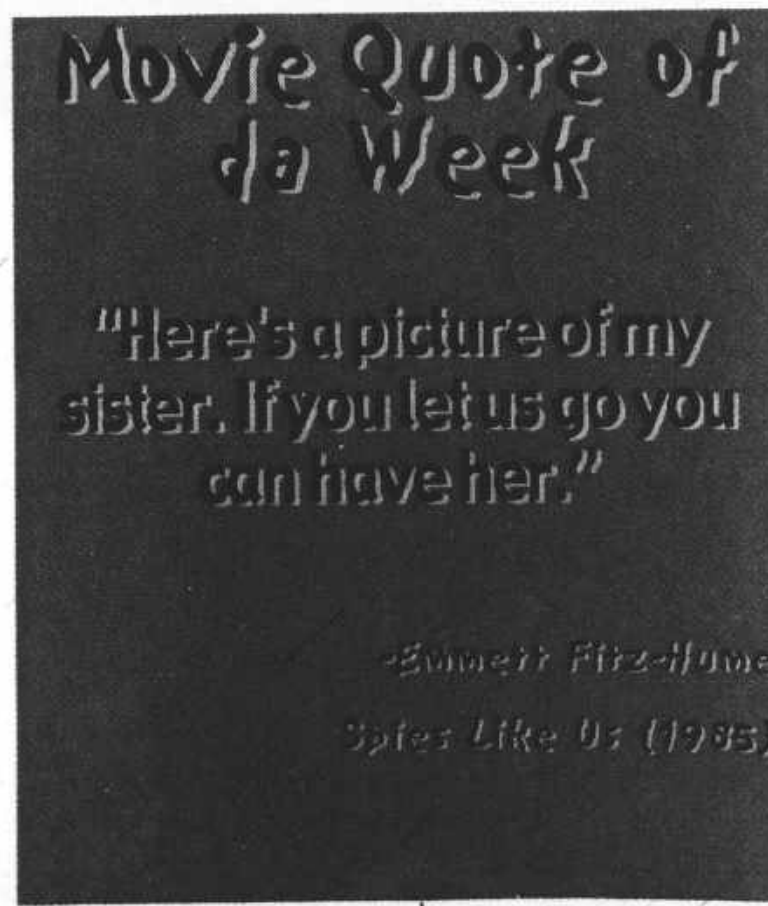
Despite an occasional misfire, contents Newcomb, "The Sopranos" has become the pre-eminent TV experience.

"I think it's the best show on television, without question," he said. "It's the best written, the most provocative and the most significant. The significance is in asking us to consider real moral questions."

And maybe to ponder, if only briefly, why you or someone you know is as obsessed with the History Channel as Tony and his henchmen.

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Letters

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I serve as the Department of Campus Safety Public Information Officer. In reviewing the 'Campus Safety Log' for the period between March 28 and April 3, 2000, published in the Thursday, April 6 edition of "The Equinox" I noted numerous errors and in one case, an inaccurate observation made by the staff of your publication.

I have pointed these errors out to Director of Campus Safety Vern Baisden and he has asked that these mistakes be corrected, and he has also requested that the inaccurate observation be retracted in an upcoming edition of the newspaper.

For the 'Campus Safety Log' portion of my complaint, I'll point out the errors that were made: On Wednesday, March 29, the time reported as 3:10 am was actually 00:31 (or 12:31am) for a noise complaint at Owl's Nest S, on Thursday, March 30, the time published for the one incident was 6:05am, when in fact the incident occurred at 23:06, or 11:06pm, which is almost 17 hours difference; for Friday, March 31, there should have not been any entries, because our department inadvertently left that day out of the logs your staff review (I'll get to that later).

The incidents you have published for March 31 actually happened on April 1. All of them,

and the time you have published as 9:03pm for that day was actually 8:03pm (20:03 in military time); and finally, the section dedicated to April 1, as published, should actually be for Sunday, April 2.

However, the last part that is published as Sunday, April 2 is correct -- you'll just need to add the April 1 stuff that happened early in the morning to it.

Now for the inaccurate portrayal part: The photo with the accident that states: "Friday morning two cars collided along Butler Court. The incident was not reported in the Campus Safety Log."

This incident was printed in the Campus Safety Log (Date 3/31/00, time: 8:52am, entry number 127150. Call came to our agency as Staff member from Res. Life Office reported incident to us). However, when your staffers came in to review logs on Tuesday night, they apparently didn't notice that 3/31/00 was missing from the pile (I know I did -- I'm the one who reviewed them while they were at Grafton House).

If I had been asked to produce a copy of this date's Campus Safety Log, I would have been more than happy to produce it.

My concern now, of course, is that the campus community now might think that we didn't bother to respond to an accident scene on or near campus, which isn't true because two officers from DCS responded, as did the police and

ambulance. In addition, the caption over the photograph, "Butler Ct. accident second in one week" gives the impression two accidents occurred on Butler Court during a week's time. Not true.

There were two motor vehicle accidents near campus, one on Butler Court and the other on Winchester St. near Blake.

Director Baisden and I certainly support your publication's weekly inclusion of the Campus Safety Log.

The information being published is important for all members of the campus community to be aware of.

To my mind, the information being published that portrays the nature of activities requiring our department's involvement here at Keene State College should be as accurate as possible.

I assure the readers and staff of The Equinox that the Department of Campus Safety responds appropriately to all incidents reported to Campus Safety Dispatch, located at Grafton House on Wyman Way.

Gregory Sears
shift sergeant
Campus Safety

Editor's Note: The Equinox regrets these oversights. The missing entries can be found in this week's Safety Log.

Computers

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Rodrigue then said that the constitution for Student Government also had not been completed, and he said that the entire process for all the constitutions would be held off until next semester and approved for next April.

Student Assembly elections for next year were discussed, and the Assembly chair, Jen Petrin, said she was dissatisfied with the small number of applicants for positions.

Bobby Rodrigue said that the students were embarrassing, and "sooner or later, the students need to step up."

Vern Baisden, Director of Campus Safety, was the next person to speak at the meeting.

He was telling the Assembly of a plan to get Campus Safety together with students to discuss how the department is doing and what could be improved.

Also, he said that an organization called the International Association of Campus Law

Enforcement Administrators would be visiting Campus on May 7, 8, and 9, and that students should try to attend meetings they would be visiting.

The second bill of the night was presented by Bobby Rodrigue, who proposed that every student organization that is allocated money by Student Assembly submit written reports of what has happened with the money and an evaluation of the organization's activity that the money paid for.

After a short discussion, the bill was passed.

The Kronicle was the next organization to request funds, asking for \$4,100 to help pay for yearbook costs.

They said that because of their new project to give seniors free yearbooks, they had underestimated the prices of printing and funds for next year's yearbooks.

Before the Assembly passed the bill, Bobby Rodrigue said that everybody will eventually get a free yearbook by the time they are a graduating senior, so this would benefit anyone by the end of their time at Keene State College.

Bobby Rodrigue then made two more motions for the assembly chair to draft letters to administration officials.

The first was to Bob Golden, the Vice President for Academic Affairs to make sure that classes that are required for students to graduate that are only offered once not be scheduled on Tuesday evenings after 6:30 P.M. and Fridays after 12 P.M.

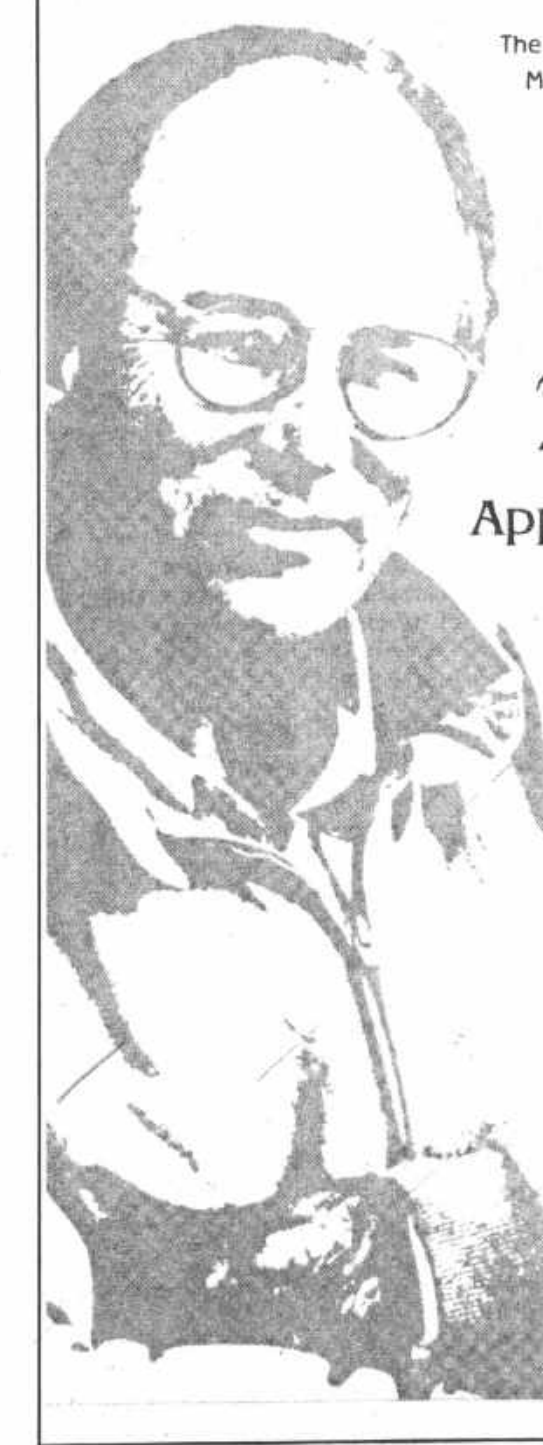
This was because some Assembly members would not be able to attend the assembly meetings if they needed to take a Tuesday night class and some people need to get home to work on Friday afternoons.

The second proposed letter was to the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and the Dispute Resolution Coordinator to discuss with the assembly student dissatisfaction with the judicial process.

Rodrigue said that because of res. hall overcrowding, people are being kicked off campus for lesser offenses.

Both motions were passed by the assembly.

Without the news, it's just a paper. Write for The Equinox! call x2413



The Eleventh Annual
Mason Library Lecture
at Keene State College

Tracy Kidder

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of
The Soul of a New Machine, *House*,
Among Schoolchildren, and *Home Town*

"Courting the Approval of the Dead"

"Kidder has endowed [The Soul of a New Machine] with such pace, texture, and poetic implication that he has elevated it to a high level of narrative art."

- The New York Times

Thursday, April 20, 2000

8 p.m.

The Mabel Brown Room

Lloyd P. Young Student Center

Keene State College

"Tracy Kidder can turn the most unlikely story into riveting drama."

- Anne Tyler in The Washington Post Book World

Equinox

Greeks

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little hazing now and then? Why would anybody willingly subject themselves to such activities as mentioned above? Is it because they desperately want to fit in, have friends, or obtain an invitation to a party? I'm sorry, I just don't understand. I do not believe that you have to submit to such things in order to be somebody.

Research suggests that people who come to college, just want to find a place to fit in. They are on their own for the first time and they need that sense of security.

Isn't that damn sweet? However, do people in Greek organizations really think that someone is going to hold their hand and pat their back once they get out of college? Sure they will. Keep believing that. Call me in a few years. I'll find you a good psychologist who can help you with your dependency problem.

Anyway, maybe you can tell me what makes Greek organizations so super cool. (Just don't do so through violence, I'm not a fan of abuse and it would only prove my point.) And remember, if this offends you, that's okay. You do not have to agree with me, but we are all entitled to our opinions.

Do you have a letter to the editor?

E-mail it to us at
equinox@keene.edu

Students carving out new home on Web

BILLY O'KEEFE
Campus Correspondent -
Columbia College

CHICAGO (TMS) -- Just about every day, Nathan Marting slips out of his dorm room and into a bondi blue virtual living room he's created for himself on the Internet.

Marting's home page (<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~nmarting/homepage.html>) is one of thousands on Iowa State University's campus servers. Its centerpiece is Marting's resume, but there are also family photographs and bios and all sorts of information concerning the Chicago Bulls, the Weather Channel and Garvanillo High.

"Sure, it goes in all directions, and some guy in Italy may not care too much about my family," said Marting, a junior. "But I enjoy doing it, and I'll keep it up as long as I can."

Contrary to new wives' tales, not everyone is out to raise money or hell on the Internet. For every Amazon.com trying to solicit business, there are literally millions of personal home pages that would like just a minute or two of your time. Many -- if not most -- are maintained by college students.

Not interested in the life and times of Nathan Marting? That's

fine. There are more than 10,000 personal student Web sites on Iowa State's servers alone, ranging from Jose's "Page of Love" (<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~ersn/sprng/homepage.html>), which is more about music than love, to Dana's "Wonderful World of Mystery" -- which isn't so mysterious because most of the links are related to her work in architecture class.

School administrators have greeted students' rights to do more than surf the Internet on campus with excitement and extreme caution. That because students are posting controversial pages all the time and, more recently, clogging campus computer networks by trading and posting massive collections of pirated music, software, games and movies. But the availability of student Web pages, in the eyes of students anyway, is to colleges and universities what air conditioning is to cars: a nice bonus in the past, an essential today.

My older brother goes to DePaul [University in Chicago], and they gave him his own Web account when he enrolled," says Marjorie Tomko, a sophomore at Columbia College in Chicago. "I was expecting the same thing when I came to Columbia, or at least an e-mail address. I was

shocked to find out that they offered neither."

Natalie Hamilla, whose site, "Natalie's" (<http://www.personal.psu.edu/~ersn/sprng/homepage.html>), is one of more than 26,000 student home pages residing on Penn State University's servers, said that even the simplest home pages make for good practice -- and that students need this practice.

"Everyone is looking for people who can do this stuff," says Hamilla. "I don't care what you wanna do with your life. This is the best way to go, and this is the best way to learn how to do it."

This new necessity is what most motivates schools, beyond all the risks, to include personal pages for their students.

Just like schools want the best instructors, this is just another way to get ahead. At John Zimmer, an administrator for Northwestern University's student pages directory, "Pubweb," which encourages students to experiment "on a modest scale," as noted on the site's main page.

Don't underestimate the weight behind that "M" word. Schools voluntarily play the honor game with students because their technical staffs are often too small to monitor every link and every move on every site. But those in charge, via the front page of the server and/or student handbooks and other literature, make their message loud and clear: You may be our student, but that doesn't mean we agree, endorse or allow what you're saying.

They're not kidding either. Just ask former DePaul student Charles Lowell, whose site, sporting obscene swipes at some fellow DePaul students, was removed without so much as a notice.

"One of the students called and complained, and poof, it was gone," said Lowell, a 1999 graduate.

I guess that's fair, but I would've liked some warning. I guess that's the way it works."

Dejected, Lowell did not make a comeback attempt on DePaul's Shrike student pages server, choosing instead to open an account with Yahoo's Geocities, which Lowell felt would give him more freedom to speak his mind.

University of Texas student Julie Chen took a similar route, opting to host her "Texas Students for John McCain" page (<http://tx-students-for-mccain.org>) with an independent company, Hypermart, because the University of Texas doesn't allow its students to run political pages on its servers. Likewise, students at Northwestern aren't allowed to use their pages for commercial use. Moonlighting entrepreneurs will have to go elsewhere, school officials said.

STUDENT ASSISTANTS NEEDED MAY/JUNE SESSION

Infant/Toddler Classroom
Preschool Classroom
Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Classroom

May 15 through June 16

Assist with daily classroom operations
Build caring relationships with children
Help implement daily curriculum
Attend planning meetings



Keene State College
Child Development Center

CALL 358-2233 FOR INFORMATION

things ~~TO DO~~ this week april 6-13

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At the Putnam:
"All About My Mother"
A screwball drama which explores the lives of extreme characters. 7pm
Photo Exhibit:
"Love Makes a Family."
Halls of the Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

Softball vs. Westfield State.
3pm Owl Stadium Complex.
For more information, call sports information at 603-358-2630.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Daniel Webster College. 6pm
Owl Stadium Complex. For more information, call sports information at 603-358-2630.

Lecture, 7pm
Kevin Jennings, executive director of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network), will speak about the importance of raising the awareness of gay/lesbian issues in the K-12 classroom; problems facing children of gay/lesbian parents; and the teaching of gay/lesbian history in high school.
Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

Study of Typographic Style
featuring works from the students of Advanced Typography.
Through May 10,
2nd floor of the L.P. Young Student Center.

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At the Putnam:
"The War Zone" 7pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Carnival and Concert,
12noon-4pm
Lloyd P. Young Student Center lawn.

Habitat for Humanity
4pm
Spring appreciation event.
College Camp, Wilson Pond, Swanzey.

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At the Putnam:
"The War Zone" 7pm/9pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Salem State. 4pm
Owl Stadium Complex. For more information, call sports information at 603-358-2630.

Opening Reception, 5:30-7:30pm
A reception for "Emerging Art," the Annual Keene State College Art Students Exhibition.
Free admission. For more information, call 603-358-2720. Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery.

Room Draw. Lottery number posting.

On campus teacher interviews for Nashua School District.
Elliot Center, Elliot Hall.

Volleyball 8pm-midnight.
Late night volleyball.

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At the Putnam:
"The War Zone"
2pm/7pm/9pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Recital
A KSC Music Faculty Artists' Recital will feature Marcia Cassidy, viola; Maura Glennon, piano; George Loring, piano; Ted Mann, guitar; and Craig Sylvest, saxophone.
For tickets, call the box office at 603-358-2168. 8 p.m. Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond.

Sexual Assault Awareness, 5-8pm
Rape Aggression Defense.
Main Lounge, Randall Hall.

Room Draw
Sign-ups for pre-approved E-House, Keddy Hall, Randall Hall, and Monksnock Hall. Residents choose in current hall.

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At the Putnam: **"The War Zone"**
2pm/7pm/9pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

The Ninth Annual **New England Conference on Storytelling** for Children features "The Telling Heart," a day-long gathering with workshops and discussions. Jane Yolen, author and storyteller, will present the keynote address. Registration is required. 8:30am-5pm Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond.
For more information, call Mary Mayschke-Stavely, teacher at the Child Development Center, at 603-358-2218.

Softball vs. Eastern Connecticut. 1pm
Owl Stadium Complex. For more information, call sports information at 603-358-2630.

Tennis
Singles tournament, 11am-5pm

G Love and Special Sauce, with The Sample. 7:30pm
Spaulding Gymnasium.

"Emerging Art"
the Annual Keene State College Art Students Exhibition 2000, will feature works in a variety of media by senior art and graphic design majors and other students taking art courses at Keene State College.
For more information, call 603-358-2720. Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday through Wednesday, and noon to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery.

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At the Putnam:
"The War Zone" 2pm/7pm/9pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Recital
The KSC Guitar Orchestra & Guitar Ensemble, conducted by José Lezano and Ted Mann, will be joined by the Curtis High School Guitar Orchestra from Staten Island N.Y., one of the finest high school orchestras in the nation. The concert will showcase the versatility of the guitar in presenting different styles of music from classical to contemporary, including works by Haydn, Vivaldi, and Mussorgsky.
For tickets, call the box office at 603-358-2168. 8 p.m. Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond.

Speak out on sexual violence. 12noon
Lloyd P. Young Student Center lawn.

Hemp Information evening. 7-10pm
Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

Whiffleball, 7:30-10:30 pm
Major League whiffleball tournament.
Spaulding Gymnasium

Concert Series, 9pm
Night Owl Cafe, Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

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At the Putnam: **"The War Zone"**
2pm/7pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Carnival and Concert, 12noon-4pm
Lloyd P. Young Student Center lawn.

Habitat for Humanity
4pm
Spring appreciation event.
College Camp, Wilson Pond, Swanzey.

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At the Putnam: **"The War Zone"**
2pm/7pm/9pm
This film uses the humdrum rhythms of everyday life to deflect attention from the effect of incest in a working class British home.

Poetry Reading, 3pm
In celebration of National Poetry month, the English department presents a poetry reading featuring Stratis Haviaras, novelist, poet, and editor of the Harvard Review.
Mountain View Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

The Mason Library Lecture presents Pulitzer Prize-winning nonfiction author Tracy Kidder to talk about his career as a writer, about one of his teachers, and about the art of nonfiction narrative.
8pm Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

On campus teacher interviews with the New England Center for Children.
Elliot Center, Elliot Hall.

Sustain showcase for Earth Day 2000.
Lloyd P. Young Student Center.

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G. Love & Special Sauce headline Spring Weekend

Band spotlight/concert preview
TOM D'ERRICO
The Equinox

Keene State's spring weekend has been confirmed, and the headliners for the biggest concert of the school year has been set: G. Love & Special Sauce. The band will play the Spaulding Gym on April 15th.

G. Love was born in Philadelphia in 1972. He began to play guitar at age eight, wrote his first song in ninth grade. During this time he was heavily influenced by Bob Dylan and John Hammond Jr., and began to play bar-monica in a wire rack.

G. Love was also drawing influences from hip-hop acts of the time like The Beastie Boys and Run-DMC.

While in high school he began to play solo in the streets of his hometown. After a year of college G. Love decided to relocate to Boston and play anywhere he could.

In January, 1992, while playing in Boston bars he met up with drummer Jeffery Clemens, and the two were soon joined by bassist Jim Prescott shortly thereafter, and thus rounded out the lineup for G. Love & Special Sauce.

The group signed to the Epic Records Group through the subsidiary Okeh label. They recorded a self-titled debut album, recorded live at Studio 4. It was released in May of 1994 and featured songs like "Shooting Hoops" and "Blues Music."

G. Love & Special Sauce perform both as support to bigger acts like Blues Traveler and Black Crowes, as well as club headliners. They have toured both nationally and overseas.

Since then the band has released 3 other albums, *Coast to Coast Motel* (in 1995), *Yeah It's That Easy* (in 1997 with four different band lineups), and *Philadelphonic* (in 1999).

Keene State marks one stop on G. Love's 2 month tour that started in March and still has dates to be announced. Opening for G. Love at the Spaulding Gym will be Mo'Natching Drapes and The Samples. In addition to the Spring Concert, there will be late night volleyball on Friday, and a carnival on Sunday including blow-up rides, laser tag, food, and a concert featuring Missing Joe and Mighty Purple.



Photos courtesy of g-love.com
G. Love & Special Sauce will be headlining Keene State's Spring Weekend 2000. The show will take place Saturday, April 15th, from 8pm until midnight.

The Movie Box

The Colonial

"Boys Don't Cry" (R) - 3/26-3/30

Call for screening times 352-2033

Putnam

"All About My Mother" (R) - Thurs and Friday at 7

"The War Zone" (NR) - Friday at 7 & 9, Saturday at 2, 7 & 9, Sunday at 2 & 7, and Monday - Wednesday at 7

Hoyt's

CALL HOYT'S FOR SCREENING INFO.

"Erin Brokovich" (R) - 1, 3:30, 6:50 & 9:40

"Rules of Engagement" (R) - 12:50, 3:40, 7, & 9:50

"Ready to Rumble" (PG-13) - 1:15, 4, 7:15 & 9:35

"Keeping the Faith" (PG-13) - 12:40, 3:30, 6:40 & 9:30

"Road to El Dorado" (PG) - 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 & 9

"Return to Me" (PG) - 1:10, 4:10, 6:45 & 9:25

Matinees only on Saturday and Sunday

Times subject to change

call 357-5260 for details



Movie Reviews

SHAUN NELSON
The Equinox

High Fidelity

Starring: John Cusack, Joan Cusack, Sara Gilbert, Jack Black, then Viggo Mortensen
Director: Stephen Frears

"High Fidelity" is as good a representation of the book that it originated from

as the author could

have hoped. Much of

the dialogue comes

from the text of the

book, bringing the

text to life, even

more than before.

In the film John

Cusack stars as Rob,

who has been

dumped by his girl-

friend Laura (Iben

Viggo).

Rob speaks to the

camera, and tells the

story about his top

five heartbreaks.

Rob spends his

days at Champlonship

Vinyl, which is the record shop that he owns. The grumpy record shop includes two employees, Dick (Jeff Tambor) and Barry (Jack Black), who spend their days in the shop goofing on customers who they feel have poor music taste and creating top five lists.

Rob finds himself attracted to a folk singer named Marla (Lisa Bonet).

When Rob decides to track down his top five heartbreaks to find out what went wrong he ends up finding the once-dumpee (Iben Viggo) and a sophisticated dancer (Catherine Zeta Jones) who dumped him for another guy.

Laura also mentors the picture which ends up making Rob's life even more difficult to make sense of.

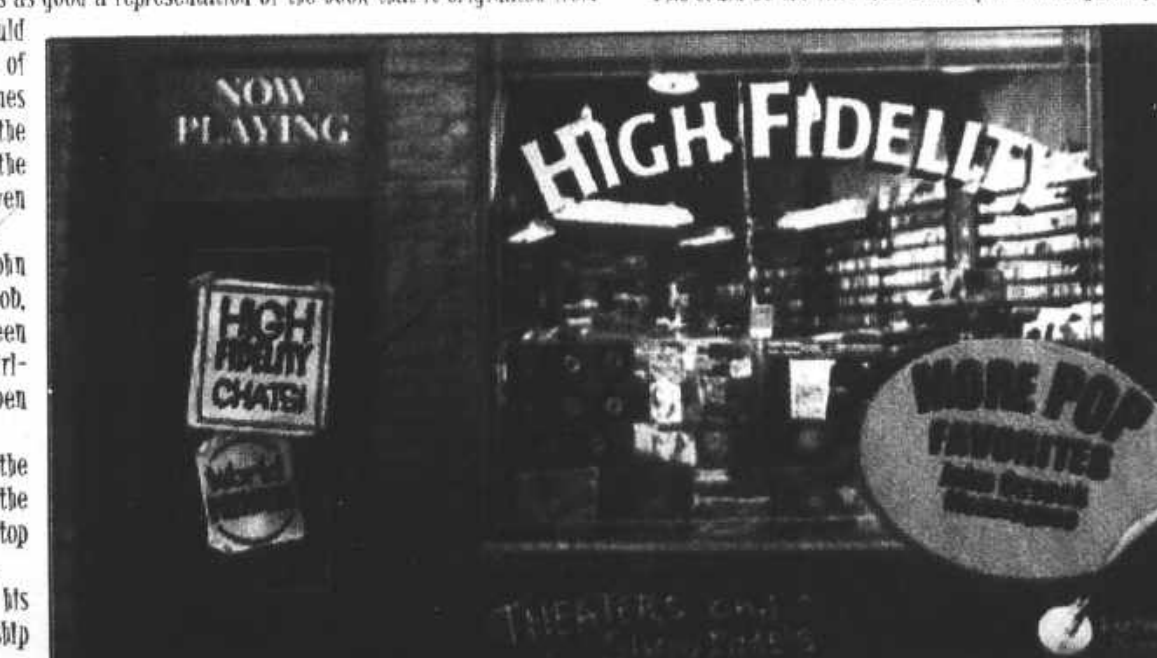
This film stays true to the idea of the Hornby's book by keeping alive the idea that this is the story about a guy who learns to face his problems without ducking into the safety blanket of his record collection.

Cusack, who starred in such sad romantic films as "The Sure Thing," and "Say Anything," played Rob as well. If not better this time around, Cusack shows that he can still pull off the confused, humanistic character that we have learned to see him portray.

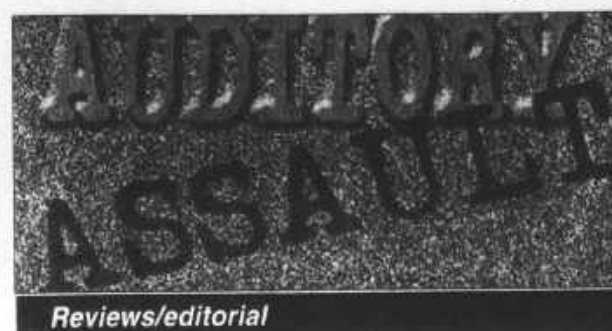
"High Fidelity" could be one of the better films ever made about breaking up and all that goes along with that.

If you are looking to take a trip through the mind of a man as he battles with heartbreakers and himself then this could be the film for you.

This could be the film that makes you second guess yourself before getting too involved with that certain someone. That is, if you don't do that already.



Trio of potential waiting to be tapped



Reviews/editorial

TOM D'ERRICO
The Equinox

There are a lot of hands out there that go by relatively unnoticed. The right of this week's column is to bring to your attention three bands that I've been listening to for a long time, and just get them out there in the public consciousness.

The first band got some attention from WAAF (a radio station out of Boston) with their first single, "Grey Flap." Pist on hit the scene in late '97 when their debut album, **Number One**, was re-released on Atlantic Records. Pist on had a very toned-down sort of sound, with hard hitting bass chords. **Number One** was originally released as an independent record in their local area, but it looked like Pist on was set to hit it big. Maybe not...

Atlantic tried to stifle the band's creativity, even going so far as to have them remove the "P" from the name from Pist on to Piston—a significant difference.

After some time touring, the band returned to their independent roots, leaving Atlantic and going back to Mayhem Records and releasing **Sell out**.

Songs like "Suddenly Sober," "Waiting to Die," and "Need to Know" show a maturity in Pist on's sound that they were lacking in some respects on their previous effort. At any rate, Pist on isn't a band to be buried on the metal scene.

Away from the metal movement for a moment, Saves the Day already has a strong following going for them. But still, it's hard to find people who have heard of the band. Saves the Day has a definite punk edge to their sound. Their first album, **Carnifex**, is a slow, pounding punk-ish album full of untapped emotion.



Two albums from each of the three bands that aren't nearly as big as they could someday be: (from left to right) Caroline's Spine, Saves the Day, and Piston.

As good as their first effort was, in some ways it palls in comparison to their latest release, **Through Being Cool**. This latest release is full of high speed chords and solid bass lines. While Saves the Day sounds slightly more poppy of **Through Being Cool**, they still have one foot planted firmly in the punk world.

The album starts off with "All-Star Me" and continues solid, track after track. In fact, it's one of those rare albums that fails to really have a bad song on it (good end-to-end).

Saves the Day have been playing a lot of sold-out shows lately, so next time they're in town you better rush out and get tickets early. You won't regret it.

Another band that enjoyed success on WAAF is Caroline's Spine. "Sullivan," off 1997's **Monsoon**, was an instant radio hit. The song actually acted as a mini-history lesson, telling the story of the Sullivan brothers who

went off to war, and all died in the line of duty.

The band played a string of successful tour dates... and then suddenly disappeared into obscurity. That is, until WAAF began playing "Attention Please," last summer. Soon after Caroline's second release, **Attention Please**, hit stores...

Monsoon was another one of those end-to-end good albums, and **Attention Please** has few weak points. Maybe it'll just take time for some of the songs to grow on me. Of all the bands out there that deserve to make it big, these guys have to be close to the top of the list. Songs like "You & Me," "Unglued," "So Good Afternoon," "Deep in Your Wake," and "Work Song" all show the band has both song-writing and musical skills, as well as one hell of a vocalist.

So there you have it, three bands that deserve a break, and who's to say they don't have one waiting around the

corner.

Until next time, remember these words from Saves the Day: "And we drive, have steps on the gas the way that's flying by is slick and smooth. Just big waves of light, the radio's playing Queen, and we're rockin' out..." (from "Shoulder to the Wheel").

The Gamers Guide to video games

'Hardcore Revolution' Nothing New

SAM MACHKOVECH
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Maker: Acclaim
System: Nintendo 64, Sony PlayStation, Sega Dreamcast
Suggested price: \$30
Number of players: Up to 4

Remember WWF Attitude? In case you don't, Acclaim decided to re-release the wrestling game, only with ECW characters instead. After six months of development, Acclaim has shipped another wrestling game based on the Attitude engine, but it only changed character features, ring graphics and voices. If you own and enjoy Attitude, don't bother with ECW (or Extreme Championship Wrestling) because it's really the same game.

And if you don't own an Acclaim wrestling game, there's a good reason: The controls are frustrating. To pull off any moves, players must punch in a specific button combo, much

like the Mortal Kombat. However, each situation requires different button combos. Players will spend most of their time checking the move menus to figure out what the heck they're doing, and the slow button response makes these combos even harder to pull off. That's just not fun.

Furthermore, the ECW license is wasted. While most wrestlers in the game can pull off their real-life finishing move, their other moves are just reused from Attitude. Also, the match referees are pretty sorry, and you won't hear any of the wrestlers' voices.

Talk about silly graphics — the wrestlers walk around like robots greased with yogurt. Music is generic, which is sad because ECW has a lot of cool theme songs on the TV show. The announcer and sound effects are lackluster. This hackneyed game is reason enough to banish Acclaim to the seventh level of hell.

Recommended for ages 17 and up due to violence and vulgarity.

Sega Rally 2' Doesn't Disappoint

JIM BUU
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Maker: Sega
System: Sega Dreamcast
Suggested price: \$30
Number of players: Up to 2

If driving on public roads and rough terrain in various weather conditions is your bag, Sega Rally 2 won't disappoint. As far as rally driving games go, this one ranks among the best. But typical of most racing games, it may not have enough diversity to make it a must-buy.

For this arcade to home conversion, Sega has cranked enough play modes, customizable cars, new courses and driving techniques to attract both new and veteran arcade players. Graphics are smooth and fast, and the visual splendor only degrades a bit in two-player mode. The

touchy control requires practice — cars tend to slide and go out of control easily, so mastering driving techniques is a must for winning.

Casual players will probably opt to play the arcade mode, which involves beating the clock and 15 computer-controlled opponents or challenging a friend in the fun split-screen mode. However, to experience all of Rally 2's 17 courses (12 are Dreamcast exclusive), you must play the alternate 10-year Championship mode, in which winning a race will also unlock a new car. You can get up to 10 cars in all that way.

Die-hard racing fans should be pleased with Sega Rally 2. It's even better if you have the proper gear, such as the steering wheel controller and the vibrating Jump Pack for realism and the Visual Memory Unit, or VMU, for saving car settings and time records.

Movie Review madness

They may not be playing around here, but damn, they're still good....

ADAM VINECOMBE
The Equinox

The Skulls

"The Skulls" are a financially secure secret society made of an elite population of Yale University students. Luke McNamara (Joshua Jackson) is a self-made student with no family and no money. He is invited to be a member of the society and accepts with interest in the extreme generosity of "The Skulls." The society offers each member financial security including free college admission and a car.

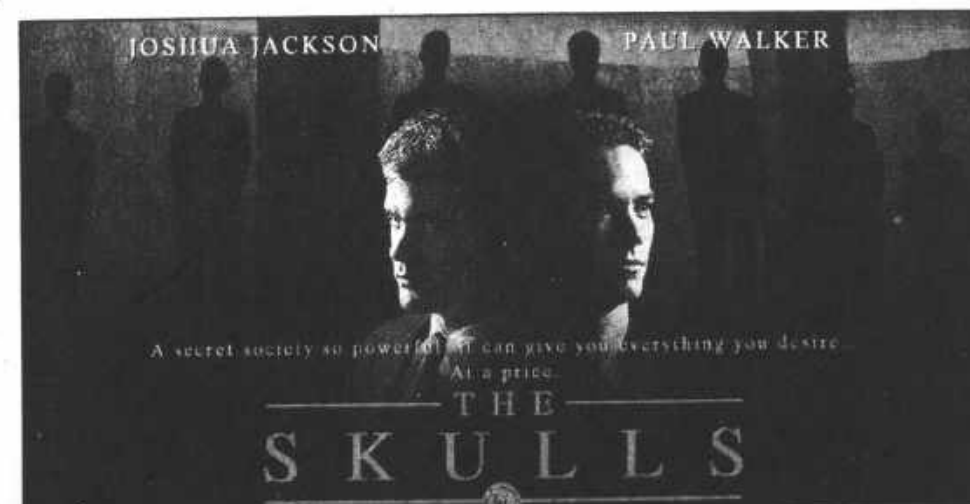
Chloe (Leslie Bibb) and Will (Pitt) Harper are Luke's two best friends and are angry at his decision to join the society. Jealousy grows among the group as the movie progresses. Shortly after Luke was accepted to the society someone is murdered. Luke is forced to rebel against "The Skulls" and prove that it was a member of the society that killed his friend.

Litten Mandrake (Craig T. Nelson) plays an alumni of "The Skulls" and father of Caleb (Paul Walker). "The Skulls" pair Caleb and Luke to be "soul mates," basically close friends who take an oath to look after each other. The two learn what it is to be a "Skull" together. Litten helps make all of the decisions and plays an important role in the society. Senator Ames Levitt (William Peterson) is another alumni of "The Skulls" who took an immediate liking to Luke. He offered Luke his help from the start, yet throughout the movie you can't help but question his real intentions.

This thriller presents many plot twists and surprises. The film exhibits a whole assortment of twisted, back-stabbing characters and makes unsure about trusting anybody. "The Skulls" was based on a true story.

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Numerous pop-culture references help give 'The Sopranos' its punch

BY MIKE ANTONUCCI
Knight-Ridder Tribune

It may have been the ultimate pop culture intersection: "The Sopranos" paying tribute to Pokemon in the show's most recent episode.

'90's violent, profane and acclaimed series about everyday life in the mob ends its second season Sunday night as television's trendiest bloodiest. Some of that flair comes from an upsurge of snappy references about everything from the Beatles to Wal-Mart — rat-a-tat dialogue that rubs out the line between normal people and criminals.

Each little quip sharpens the drama's most provocative questions: Is this a show about them being like us, or us being like them? And when did thuggery become so socially relevant?

"It's not the humanizing touches that are new," said Emily Fox Kales, a Northeastern University psychology professor. "It's the sophistication — the good ear they have for what's going on out there in the culture."

In just the last two episodes: — Crime boss Tony Soprano has worked Brad Pitt, Cwyneth Fairbrother, the "Matt Helm" spy character and old-time movie star George Sanders into his conversation.

— Book references have included "Angela's Ashes," "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and Gail Sheehy's now classic "Passages."

— The History Channel, which has cropped up before, was mentioned twice, with a belligerent Tony telling his shrink that he saw a documentary reminding him of his constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness.

— The famous names rolling off the tongues of mistresses, crooked attorneys, hospital nurses and scheming stillings have ranged from movie prodigy Macaulay Culkin and fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld to media theorist Marshall McLuhan and Bill Gates.

— The best of the week was not a shipment of cigarettes — as it was originally scripted — but a truckload of Pokemon trading cards.

"I didn't realize there were so many," said the show's Mitchell Burgess, who then began musing out loud about what the saturation point might be.

Burgess and Robin Green are writing partners for some of the scripts, including the most recent one, and also are executive producers. They've been working on the series, created by David Chase, since the second episode of the first season.

All the pop-culture or highly contemporary references in "The Sopranos" enhance the sense of realism that gives the series its exquisite punch. Viewers find themselves identifying — even empathizing — with thieves and killers, as well as the wives and relatives who amount to co-conspirators.

So how is it that some people actually love them? Green, a former journalist, isn't volunteering to settle the issue.

"No message, no bugs," Green added with a laugh. "The show doesn't give you answers. It stirs you up and makes you think. We're laughing our heads off as we realize a guy's getting cut up in pieces. That's not funny, but you're laughing. That troubles us, and it probably troubles people who are watching."

"It makes you think about why you're laughing, about liking murderers. Are we all wondering if we've made a pact with the devil? I can handle that, but I'm not sure how I feel about it."

University of Texas professor Horace Newcomb, editor of the Museum of Broadcast Communications' Encyclopedia of Television, says the number of clever allusions in the dialogue is one of the trickiest elements of the show's production.

"I think it's walking a real fine line on that point," he said. "They're playing with that aspect a whole lot. The question of what things true is what they want us to ponder."

The show does not give you answers. It stirs you up and makes you think

—Robin Green



James Gandolfini poses with his award backstage at the 6th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards for "Outstanding Performance in a Drama Series."

The implication for viewers may be that life is inherently sinful, or that we're able to rationalize our time on the dark side. It's that pact with the devil Green mentioned, made coter by the panoramic cultural patter.

Burgess and Green say the quip about Matt Helm, who was defined by Dean Martin in four late 1960s movies, didn't feel right to James Gandolfini, who plays Tony Soprano. But Chase had stubbed it for another reference just because it sounded more humorous.

Despite an occasional misfire, contends Newcomb, "The Sopranos" has become the pre-eminent TV experience. "I think it's the best show on television, without question," he said. "It's the best written, the most provocative and the most significant. The significance is in asking us to consider real moral questions."

And maybe to ponder, if only briefly, why you or someone you know is as obsessed with the History Channel as Tony and his lieutenants.

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Empty stomach, empty heart: An in depth look at eating disorders

VALERIE DANNER
Campus Contributor - Columbia College

CHICAGO (TMS) -- My friend Kim and I were riding down a suburban Chicago street, sipping the coffee we just purchased, when she started talking about how her heart had been skipping beats. She was scared, and so was I. We knew that heart failure is a major complication stemming from eating disorders. But even in fear, she assumed a nurturing role. "Promise me, Val," she said, "that God forbid something happens to me -- God forbid -- you get yourself better."

I think my heart skipped a beat in that moment. I wanted to cry because I had so much to say and no idea how to say it. I wanted to tell her I felt the same. I wanted to tell her that our eating disorders had been controlling us long enough. I had struggled four years, she for 11. I wanted to say there was no way we could let the demons win.

FATE HAS A FUNNY WAY

The day I met Kim, I was scared to death. It was February of 1998, and I had hit rock bottom. She was 25, and I was 19, but we bonded immediately.

I was hospitalized at the Rock Creek Center in Lemont, Ill., and was infuriated at my family and therapist for making me stay there. Yes, I had an eating disorder, but I felt I could manage it as an outpatient. But looking back, staying in the hospital for those nine days was a turning point that rekindled my fight against anorexia -- and I have Kim largely to thank for that.

When she feebly walked past me the first time, sipping coffee through a stirring stick, I instantly knew she heard the same tortured voice I did. It was obvious the voice had been giving her hell longer than it had me. She wore baggy clothes hiding her frail frame, and had dark circles under her eyes that were even more pronounced than the pools beneath mine.

I was jealous of her at first. She was thin. So much thinner than me. I wanted to be that tiny and unnoticeable. I felt like a failure at my illness next to her. But that envious feeling didn't last long.

As I see it, fate brought Kim and me together. We discovered we lived only 15 minutes apart, and to this day we believe we landed in the same hospital at the same time for the same reason: to

find each other. Kim was robbed of innocence before she even had a chance to experience her childhood.

She opened up to me about the extent of the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of two close relatives -- abuse that lasted from the time she was seven until she was 16. Out of fear and shame, she never told anyone -- and she still carries a tremendous amount of guilt because there's still a part of her that believes she caused the abuse.

Experts say sexual abuse plays a major role in the development of an eating disorder. My therapist, Brad Kahle, a psychologist at the New Life Clinic in Wheaton, Ill., estimates that 75 percent of his patients have been sexually abused.

"It is a big control issue, and with sexual abuse there is a loss of control," he said. "When skin is hit or touched inappropriately, it is violating a very primary. They are grasping at something to regain control of -- food they can control."

Dr. Cynthia Power, a licensed clinical counselor, also treats those suffering with eating disorders, and has a special connection to her patients because she's been where they are now. From the age of 12 to 27, she bounced back and forth between anorexia and bulimia. The experience left her unable to have children.

Power treats patients in a practice she shares with her husband, also in Wheaton, and runs a weekly support group at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. Many of her eating-disorder patients also have a history of sexual abuse. She finds such victims are afraid of having a female body.

"When they develop into a mature woman with breasts and wide hips -- it might be too sexual for them then," she said.

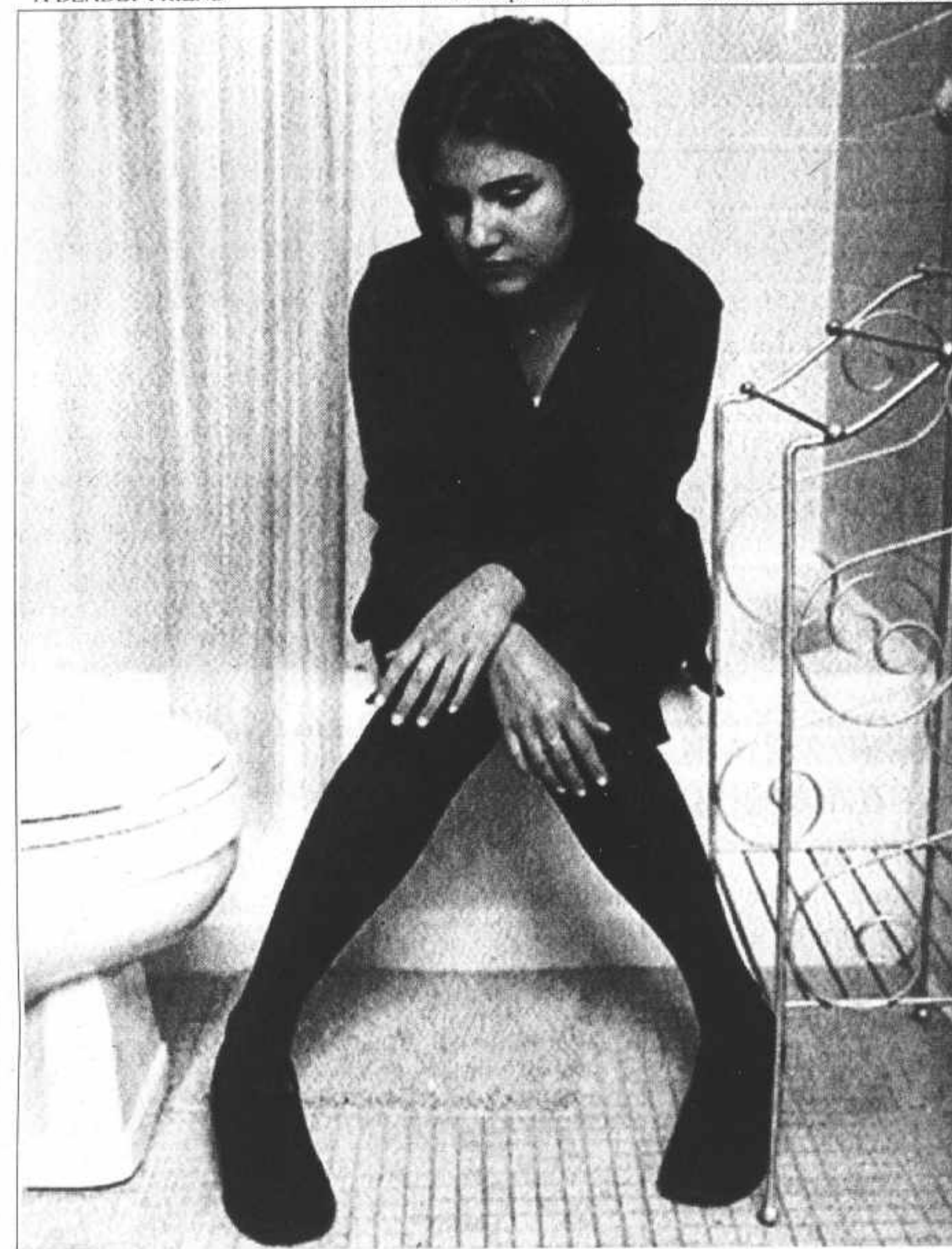
Kim has this problem. She has a hatred of her body -- mainly her breasts. She believes they are what first attracted her abusers to her, so every time her eating improves and her breasts start to develop, she tends to regress again. She even has the urge to cut off her breasts sometimes.

Sexual abuse isn't the only contributing factor to eating disorders, I should know, because I wasn't sexually abused. These disorders are multi-caused by family, society and even chemical imbalances in the brain. In the United States, 8 million people suffer from them. I million of whom are men. It also is estimated that between 10-15 percent of all

Americans suffer from some form of an eating disorder. In fact, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any other psychological illness. Twenty percent of those afflicted will die. However, society is often clueless about the real causes of these problems -- which don't always have something to do with those waif-like models gracing magazine covers.

"All little girls grow up with the media," Kahle said. "But not all become eating disorders."

A DEADLY FRIEND



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Eating disorders are more like a passive suicide than a mission to be model-like. Weight and food issues are much more complex. It is about a severe self-hatred that is accompanied by a belief that you deserve the condition. I wanted to be tiny because I thought I'd be unnoticeable if I could shrink away. Eating prolonged a life that was too painful, and in a chaotic world, anorexia was my control. It never left me. My empty stomach matched my empty heart.

Kahle finds that parents often

play a major role in the development of eating disorders. I can relate to that. I don't completely blame my parents for my self-destruction, but I know they contributed to it.

My grandmother lived with us and, as I grew up, constantly belittled me. She favored my older sister, Becky, and did everything possible to make me feel inadequate. She would introduce Becky as the smart one and me as the "social butterfly." That was the furthest thing from the truth. Becky was definitely smart, but I was encased in shell few could

crack. I never was good enough in my grandmother's eyes, and I remember how she would kick my ankles under the dinner table with her pointy shoes.

My parents never did much to stop it. I remember running up to my room in tears, but my father, in particular, sacrificed me and chose never to say anything to his mother.

He took his frustrations out on the family instead. We were his verbal punching bags. He was a time-bomb ready to explode. Out of fear, my mother allowed it to go on. I would try to protect her from it, but ultimately would fail. As a result, I learned to be a peacekeeper and to hide my feelings.

The only feeling I completely understood was guilt: I felt responsible for everything. But I couldn't communicate it to anyone.

Kim and I also have loving mothers who were very critical. It was always "You'd be prettier if you did this with your hair," or "How come you don't take care of your appearance like this person?" Both of us ended up not only discontent with our looks, but with a severe hatred of our bodies as well.

So by 8 years old, I was reading food labels. I remember sitting on the kitchen floor carefully dissecting the contents of my Cheerios. At 15, my eating disorder really started to take hold. I'd reached a boiling point and needed to release my hurt. In the beginning my eating disorder was a friend. It comforted and distracted me from pain. I could focus on my body and that number on the scale. It didn't hurt as much as thinking about the ache I felt inside. But I know that isn't true anymore.

I also began to self-injure. I took to cutting my forearms and upper thighs as a way to release my pain and frustrations. Kim also would slash her arms and occasionally her stomach.

Some are freaked by the thought of self-injury, but Kim and I learned to take our frustrations out on ourselves. Whether by purging or cutting, it all served the same purpose: to make us feel better temporarily. We knew -- and know now -- that it's a terrible thing; however it is not an uncommon problem. It is estimated that one million people suffer from self-mutilation.

Actions like these are particularly distressing for our families to handle. It's hard to explain what motivates such behavior to some

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Surviving The Citadel: Cadet determined to earn her class ring

MARIA MILLS
Chicago Tribune

CHARLESTON, S.C. -- A horn sounds, and Cadet Peterson snaps to attention. Shoes polished to a gleam, spine ramrod straight, poker face in place, she is ready for the next military maneuver: lunch.

On this warm March afternoon, like all weekday afternoons at the Citadel, that means marching in lock step from barracks to mess hall with 1,600 fellow students.

In this sea of blue-gray uniforms, in her classes, around campus, Sha (pronounced Shay) Peterson has a habit: Quickly, quietly, she steals a glance around her. She is looking for a face that resembles her own.

"I see, am I the only black? Am I the only female? Usually I'm the only something."

At 20 years of age, the soft-spoken Charlestonian is 750 miles and a world away from her gritty Roseland neighborhood.

She is an African-American at a Southern bastion of tradition with proud ties to its Confederate history, a woman at a military college famous for fighting like hell to keep females from marching in its ranks.

Through an odd mix of chance and choice, the young woman from deep in Chicago's South Side is at the heart of a struggle she did not start or even sympathize with at first.

Once here, though, her stubborn streak prevailed. She decided -- muscles aching, heels dug in -- that there was no going back. Women belonged at the Citadel. She belonged at the Citadel.

Four and a half years after Shannon Faulkner became the first female to enroll at the state military college, women make up a small but growing portion of the ranks. Currently, 1,587 of the school's cadets are male; 61 are female.

And so Peterson marches with the guys under a cloudless South Carolina sky, tiny gnats biting the back of her neck. She doesn't swat them away.

That would break the all-important precision.

Peterson is a sophomore. What stands between her and becoming one of the first 50 women to graduate the Citadel is 2 1/2 more years of tests -- academic, physical, mental -- at a college that moves to its own rigid

rhythms and rituals.

Her education began on the blazingly hot first day she arrived on campus.

She learned, as all first year students do, how to respond to that upperclassman yelling in your face about a lapse, however minor. Reply with a crisp, "Sir, yes sir."

Two other possibilities: "Sir, no sir." "Sir, no excuse, sir."

Though only 30 percent of Citadel students now go into the military, the campus retains the flavor of a four-year boot camp. Rules and hierarchies reign, and there are a lot of both.

Peterson's mother had her doubts about how the slender daughter she calls "no bigger than a dish" would adjust to the demands of a military college, especially the Citadel.

"I said, 'Are you sure this is what you want to do?'"

After all, her daughter loved to wear glittery evening dresses and high heels to school dances.

She luxuriated in sleeping late and chafed at her evening curfew. (She also chafed at her hard-to-pronounce given name, Lesjanusar. Everyone calls her by the nickname she prefers, Sha.)

But Rena Sterling, 39, also knew her daughter was bent on achievement.

That's one reason Peterson excelled in the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at Chicago's Whitney Young High School.

She liked the teamwork, the discipline, the ribbons for accomplishment. She wanted a career, and she thought maybe the military would be the place to start.

In that way, Peterson has something in common with the white, Southern young man who traditionally is a cadet at the Citadel.

The school has its share of privileged sons. But it also long has been a place where students outside elite circles went to earn credentials and make connections for either military or civilian life.

"I see, am I the only black? Am I the only female? Usually I'm the only something."

Sha Peterson

Peterson answered her mother's doubts about the Citadel with a characteristic confidence: "Don't worry. I can handle this."

Peterson's optimism wavered when she arrived on campus, a supremely ordered place with palm trees and imposing white buildings that look like Moorish castles.

"I thought it was very pretty," Peterson said. But intimidating too. "Everybody's yelling at you and telling you what to do."

She realized right away her stubborn streak could either get her in trouble or become an asset. She would make it an asset, she said.

For the most part, she followed rules and passed daily inspections. She was spared one punishment called "tours" (extra marching) that many students endure but did get some "cons" (confinement to barracks), once for chewing gum in a forbidden

area. So Peterson memorized the extensive web of rules that govern cadet conduct. She fast-

walked a sweaty 120 steps a minute to class, the hustle required of freshmen. She pumped out push-ups until her arms quivered and collapsed.

She did rebel a bit, silently, when an upperclassman took her to task for improperly chewing her deli meat sandwich in the mess hall. Peterson was supposed to take a bite, chew three times, then swallow. She chewed more than that, and the upperclassman called her on it.

"Three chews," Peterson, he barked. "Three chews."

Instead she pretended to take another bite, which meant she was allowed another three chews. Finally, Peterson swallowed. "I'm thinking. I'm not about to choke for you," she said.

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Sha Peterson walks across campus on her way back to her barracks after working at the campus post office. As a sophomore, she is not allowed to walk across 'the deck', a grassy area at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Only about 80 percent of the students who showed up that first day were still here a year later to begin sophomore year. But Peterson stuck with it.

Critics of the Citadel, and there are plenty, see it as a relic of another era, an insular, abusive place that relentlessly grinds down cadets in order to make them in the Citadel mold.

Revere it or revile it, part of the Citadel's mystique is that it roots out anyone who can't take it, or won't. A grueling freshman year is at the heart of the school's "fourth-class system," which is supposed to foster discipline, obedience and camaraderie.

Peterson returned this year, she said, because she wanted to finish what she started. Pride of perseverance, no matter how rough or even senseless the rules may seem, is a kind of religion here.

That might be why some of the men, including Peterson's boyfriend, senior Lorenzo Champagne, said they admire the

women's fortitude. "To deal with a lot of the guys who have this attitude that (the women) don't really need to be here, they have to be determined," he said. "If they weren't, they wouldn't make it. They have to know how to handle rejection and be alone."

Some male cadets are angry their school is no longer the same-sex one generations of Southern men attended -- survived -- in a macho rite of passage. Besides teaching academics, the military school boasted it turned civilians into soldiers, men into boys, cadets into brothers.

"Ladies" -- and all the unprintable variations of the term -- were what you called the guys who couldn't do push-ups fast enough.

"It's just not the same," said one male junior, whose uncle graduated from the Citadel.

"You have to worry about what you say, what you do, if there's a girl around."

influence over voters cannot be proven, he is likely to claim some credit -- and some influence -- if those candidates win.

Some critics are openly contemptuous of McCain's current behavior. Larry Sabato, a political analyst and an occasional congressional adviser on campaign finance, said: "He just can't help himself. His ego is completely out of control. The bottom line is, he's an angry man. He is proving all his critics right."

But others argue that McCain's situation is far more nuanced, that he is engaged in a delicate balancing act. He and his aides don't want to disappoint the McCainiacs by jumping too quickly onto the Texas governor's bandwagon; at the same time, they don't want to refuse an endorsement and wind up being blamed by the party establishment for a narrow Bush defeat.

The McCain team believes it is smart at the moment to keep Bush at arm's length. Weaver said Monday: "A quick endorsement, with no passion, wouldn't be fair to our voters, and frankly it wouldn't be helpful to Gov. Bush. People would see through it. It would look like politics as usual, a cynical play."

On the other hand, Weaver and his colleagues are quite aware that they have minimal clout in their dealings with Bush. It's true that McCain won 5 million votes, but that pales in comparison to another recent insurgent, Democrat Jesse Jackson, who won seven million in 1988.

"We only won seven states out of 50," conceded Weaver, who said McCain has put "no conditions" on his future endorsement. And McCain, referring to Bush, told the students Monday, "I lost, I won. I would like -- I'm not

demanding it -- that he conduct the kind of campaign that he ran before New Hampshire, as a 'compassionate conservative' who might attract moderate voters."

Norman Ornstein, a nonpartisan expert on campaign finance, argued Monday that since McCain ended his campaign on March 9, "he has actually shown remarkable restraint. He didn't come back to the Senate and demand a brass band. He didn't throw a fit of pique and say 'Screw George W.' And he doesn't attack Bush in his public events. He is giving Bush every opportunity to meet him halfway."

In a sense, McCain has even tried to demonstrate party loyalty at his own expense. Over the weekend, he campaigned on Long Island for a Republican candidate whose opponent, the Democratic incumbent, has been a McCain ally on campaign finance.

And he appeared on Sunday with Giuliani, one of his favorite candidates, even though the New York mayor is the subject of a complaint to federal regulators by those who say he is pumping huge amounts of unregulated "soft money" into his campaign, in violation of election laws. (McCain says, "When you are in this kind of race, you have to raise money.")

Given all this, Ornstein believes it is Bush who should be reaching out to McCain -- perhaps by agreeing to a partial ban on soft money. On the other hand, he said, "there is no sign yet that 'W' and his people have any real interest in making McCain enthusiastic." Ornstein believes Bush "may pay a political price" for this in the fall.

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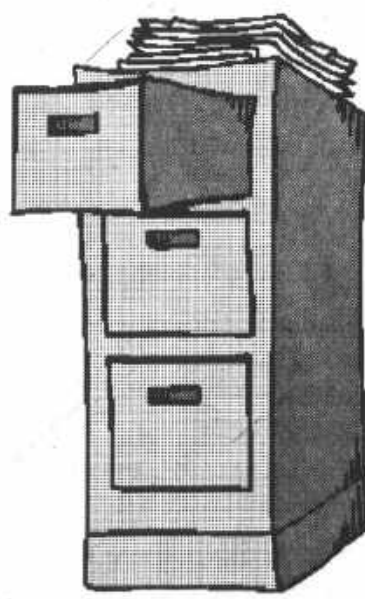
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Florida State universities ready to tap 'Talented 20' High School students

KARLA SCHUSTER
Knight-Ridder Tribune

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Barred by a court challenge from offering top-ranked high school seniors guaranteed admission, state universities instead will target those students with a special recruiting effort to accomplish the same thing: increasing diversity without affirmative action.

In the next few weeks, students who rank in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class and have not applied to a state university will get letters encouraging them to apply, state university officials said.

Herbert said all 10 state universities, even those that already have stopped taking applications, will have room to accept more students if the Legislature decides to pay for 3,925 extra undergraduate seats the Board of Regents wants for next fall's

freshmen class.

"The commitment of the Board of Regents has been stated very clearly," Herbert said. "We want to increase diversity on our campuses and enhance educational opportunities for all students."

The Regents in February approved a new admissions policy that ends affirmative action and replaces it with a guaranteed spot for every student who ranks in the top 20 percent of their graduating class, regardless of test scores or grade point average.

The program, called "Talented 20," is part of Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida Initiative, which seeks to end race and ethnic preferences in state contracting and university admissions.

Also Friday, a spokesman for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said the federal agency will, by a 6-2 phone poll vote this week, approve a draft report condemning the One Florida plan. A formal vote will be taken next week.

The state Department of Education will issue a list of stu-

dents who are in the Talented 20 sometime next week.

But the state can't offer those students guaranteed admission because the NAACP has filed a complaint charging the Regents' plan violates state administrative procedure. A hearing on the complaint begins April 24 and a decision is not expected until June. Instead, the state will launch the recruiting campaign to reach out to minority students in the top 20 percent of their class while the case is pending.

It is not yet known how many students will be sent letters, or how many more students can be admitted to state universities.

"I think what we're going to do is go ahead and abide by what we're trying to do with Talented 20, even without the benefit of the new rule and the guarantee," said Wesley Watson, a Regent from Fort Lauderdale.

The universities all have stopped using race and ethnicity in admissions decisions.

Students targeted by the late recruitment effort can only be admitted through the regular process, which requires at least a

"B" average, or through the alternative process, which no longer includes race as a factor.

And by now, most students have made their decision about college. And schools such as the University of Florida and Florida State University, the only state universities with enrollment caps, already have stopped admitting students.

On Friday, FSU stopped accepting applications. "But that said, if the chancellor says we can take more and is confident we'll get the funding for them, then obviously, I'm not finished," said FSU Admissions Director John Barnhill.

Still, it may be difficult to put together financial-aid packages and find housing for students admitted this late in the process, even though the state Senate and House have included an additional \$20 million in need-based financial aid in their budget plans for next year.

Bush's Talented 20 plan is aimed at helping give more poor, minority students who wouldn't normally qualify for a state university a chance at college.

"They took a liking to Elian because he's such a nice boy, well behaved and well mannered; since he's such a lovable boy, they immediately liked him," Juan Miguel told the INS official in Havana.

Elian

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"Cousin, we are the same blood and I love you all with all my soul, but that is my son and I am never going over there, because the way you think is not my way. I feel happy here ...

"I am never leaving this place. If I wanted to go for money and possibilities, I would have been there long ago."

In spite of the yawning political gulf between the two, though, both sides of the family got along well, so long as they avoided the subject of politics.

In 1998, in fact, Lazaro Gonzalez and members of his family made a 15-day visit to his nephew Juan Miguel, who reminded Marieluisa that he slept in his car or on a sofa so his uncle could have his bed.

That was the only time the Miami relatives saw Elian, until the ill-fated voyage that claimed Rodriguez Garcia, who works at a drug store below Elisabeth's apartment.

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Juan Miguel and Elisabeth met in junior high and were together, by his estimate, a total of 15 years.

They were married in 1985, then divorced in 1991, a decision prompted, according to relatives, by Elisabeth's miscarriages and her resulting depression.

But as Gonzalez told the INS, they decided to try one more time for a child after their divorce. According to Gramma, they went for "genetic counseling services" at a specialized obstetrics hospital in Havana, faithfully following their doctors' complicated instructions. It was then Elian was born.

The two remained friends, visiting each other and effectively sharing custody of Elian, according to neighbors.

Every weekend he was here to take the boy. Days during the week he was here to take the boy. At parties, he was here to see the boy," said A-1-b-a.

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Eating

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one who has never experienced the self-hatred Kim and I have. We understand and have supported each other, unconditionally, which has been critical for recovery.

On my worst days, I ate breakfast, usually skipped lunch, and threw-up my dinner.

I religiously weighed myself every morning, and usually after dinner again to see what damage I had done throughout the day.

I exercised until exhaustion, sometimes purging, doing 300 stomach crunches, and vomiting some more. My lunch was usually an apple, but there were also days that I went for 12 hours with only chewing gum; I wouldn't even allow myself water.

At one time, I was throwing up at least 15 times a week. The dizzy spells and near blackouts didn't deter me; not even the chest pains I sometimes got could stop my need to purge.

Right before my hospitaliza-

tion, my 5-foot-4-inch frame had reached its lowest weight of 106. I could see my ribs in the mirror, by I still had to lose just a little more weight to reach my goal of 95 pounds.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF RECOVERY

Recovery is a long process. The only way to get through it is to have support. Fortunately, Kim has a lot of support from her younger brother, James. Becky has been my biggest cheerleader. I know I can count on her for unconditional encouragement, and most importantly, unconditional love.

But it was Kim who eventually convinced me to stop weighing myself.

"It gets into a number game Val," she said. So I don't. It's easier when you don't have to measure your day by that number on the scale.

I know not to comment on her appearance. I never tell her she's looking healthier; she would interpret it as she's getting fat. Instead, I say we're not getting fat; we're getting better.

We both have heard the incessant banter of "fat pig" or "fat bitch" when we've eaten drinking in are heads. So we remind ourselves that we deserve to eat; we deserve to get better; ultimately, we deserve to live.

The year after our release from the hospital was instrumental. We checked in on each other.

"There were times when I called and Kim immediately sensed pain in my voice. I used to feel lonely in my disorder, but Kim changed that."

I fed off her support, and slowly began to recover. I wish I could say the same for her.

Unfortunately, Kim has chosen to cut me out of her life. I look at her and know that her frail body hasn't gained a pound since I've known her.

My e-mails often go unanswered; phone calls aren't returned; plans to go out for coffee are cancelled at the last minute.

Kim has stopped attending her therapy sessions and has begun to retreat back into her self-destructive ways.

While in the hospital, Kim and I bonded as we helped each

other hide our dinner from the staff, to make it look as if we had eaten. We laughed at how easy it was to throw our graham crackers into the bushes on the way back to our rooms. At that time, it was enough, but I don't want to hurt myself like that anymore.

But just because I'm on the rebound doesn't mean my family life hasn't gotten much easier. My father has all but disowned me and blames me for all the problems in the family.

Though I know my mom loves me, it's clear we aren't going to have the relationship I would have liked. She once told me she missed the "sweet Valerie," or the one who was the always-smiling, people-pleaser — the sick Valerie.

I still struggle with my eating. There are days when I skip meals, or occasionally make myself sick.

But I still see Kahle every other week and continue to plug along. I've had a taste of how good it feels to love myself, and I want to keep the negative thoughts from influencing any direction I take.

Yet that image is at odds with the descriptions of friends and relatives, who say he remained friendly with his ex-wife even after they split up for good, in 1996 or 1997.

EARTH DAY 2000

"WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?"

Mayor Michael E. J. Blastos will present the **Official Earth Day/Earth Week Proclamation** to Keene State College, at an annual **Earth Day Tree Planting Ceremony** 11:30 a.m. - Friday, April 21 Front yard of the President's house.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our country has an estimated 260 million people, each of whom have an impact on our environment, with more than 23,000 of these people living in or around Keene, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, The issues of water, air, and soil pollution; trash and recycling; sewage and water treatment; and the use of fossil fuels all affect the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe, as well as our living planet; and

WHEREAS, The main focus of Earth Week is to remind people of their responsibility for preserving the environment for future generations and, thus, the quality of life for all living creatures; and

WHEREAS, Keene State College students, faculty, and staff will be participating in educational, campus, and community programs throughout the week of April 17 to 22, culminating in a Solar-Fest on Saturday, April 22, with a band powered exclusively by solar panels to raise consciousness and contribute to solutions for an environmentally-sustainable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael E. J. Blastos, Mayor of the City of Keene, do hereby proclaim April 17-22, 2000, as **EARTH WEEK** and Saturday, April 22, 2000, as **EARTH DAY** and ask that all citizens of Keene join me in supporting and joining students, staff, and faculty of Keene State College in their vital effort to create a sustainable environment for the campus, the community and beyond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Keene this 6th day of April 2000.

Michael E. J. Blastos, Mayor

Also!!—Be sure to check out the **Sustain Showcase**, featuring environmentally-themed academic and art works, displays, activities, etc. (Watch for a schedule of events) in the Lantern Room and Atrium area of the Student Center —**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—April 20, 21, & 22—**
—sponsored by the Council for a Sustainable Future and Campus Ecology

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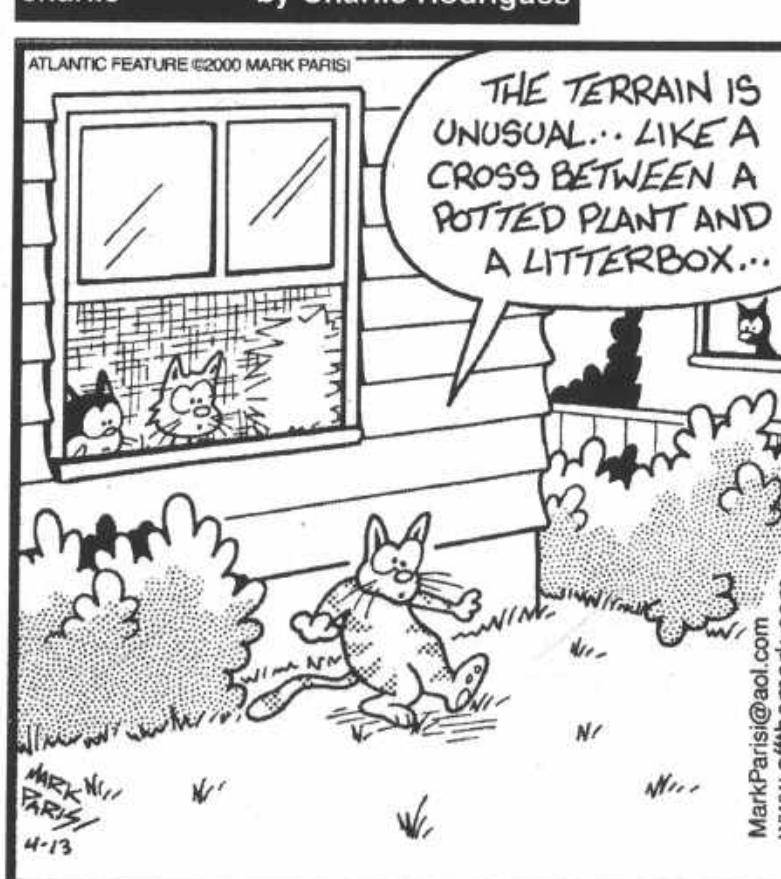
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Horoscopes

week of 04-17-00



bill on Tuesday or Wednesday but save enough to buy food. Definitely go someplace fun this weekend, preferably with an older person you respect and admire.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Take care of old business Monday and Tuesday and clean up everything you possibly can. Around Wednesday the sun will come into your sign and you and a partner can accomplish a lot — if you can keep from squabbling over petty jealousies. Friday and Saturday should be good for shopping. Buy expensive items that have to last a long time. Hang out with relatives on Sunday.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Friends need your support on Monday and Tuesday. Help them figure out what it's all about. Get practical. Wednesday and Thursday and get as much work done as possible. By Friday you'll lose interest in being serious, and you'll only want to play. This condition lasts through most of Saturday. It may be Sunday before you can be trusted to make wise financial decisions.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

You could get slightly frazzled on Monday and Tuesday. You should calm down on Wednesday and Thursday. Look good for romance. You may be in the mood to work on Friday and Saturday, so set it up. On Sunday let your partner make all major decisions, and do the driving, too.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

You may be in a good mood the first part of this week. Getting studying done will be hard — but worthwhile. You could have some good opportunities during the next few weeks, starting about Wednesday. Schedule romantic and sports activities for Friday and Saturday and do household projects on Sunday.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

By now your money matters should be pretty well figured out. Wrap up any loose ends so you can take a vacation after Wednesday. Travel conditions get much better then. Do planning and errands on Thursday. Tidy up your place on Friday and Saturday so you can have company over on Sunday.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

If you have partnerships or legal matters that need attention, do them Monday and Tuesday. Don't wait any longer. Figure out your budget on Wednesday and Thursday and put as much as you possibly can into savings. This is important. Gram the most interesting activities you can think of on Friday and Saturday but keep Sunday quiet.

Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 22

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Pisces

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Lindros

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In Lindros' absence, interim coach Craig Ramsay has emphasized playing four lines and taking short shifts, something Lindros has opposed in the past. Ramsay and Clarke emphasized again yesterday that if he does return to play, Lindros will have to fit into the Flyers' current style.

Head coach Roger Neilson, who had hoped to return to his job yesterday but instead will assist Ramsay through the first round, also endorsed that view, less emphatically.

"Any player's got to fit into what the rest of the team is doing," Neilson said, before adding, "I found Eric fine to coach," and "in the playoffs, your top players have to play more."

Streak

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Chad Tiger, who was named the Northwest Division rookie of the week for the week of March 27th, notched a goal and an assist.

In the first game of the week, Clark University came knocking on the doorstep of Owls Stadium and left feeling like they had been knocked upside the head after a 9-3 loss.

Tiger scored three goals as Keene State bounced out to a 4-0 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Neel Cremin, Aaron Varella, and Bonnes scored two goals each and the defense played impressively, allowing only three goals as Scipione made 14 saves.

The win gave the Owls their first, but it short, look at a .500 record with a mark of 4-4 going into the game against Plymouth State, while Clark fell to 3-2.

The boys will play tonight vs. Daniel Webster College at 6 p.m. out on the turf.

They also will travel to UMass-Dartmouth this Sunday for a conference game at 2 in the afternoon.

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NCAA Hockey

U. of North Dakota goes out on top

GREGG WONG
Knight-Ridder Tribune

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The end of Lee Goren's college hockey career was considerably better than the start. Goren, a senior right wing for the University of North Dakota, had to sit out his freshman year because he played two games of major junior hockey in Canada. The Sioux ended that season, 1996-97, by winning the national championship in Milwaukee — with Goren looking on from the stands.

As a sophomore, illness and injury limited his play to 29 games, in which he scored just three goals. Finally, as a junior, he started to show his talents, scoring 26 goals to help the Sioux win their third consecutive Western Collegiate Hockey Association championship. But the top-seeded Sioux were eliminated in the NCAA quarterfinals, bringing that season to a disappointing end.

His senior year made up for his previous misfortunes. Goren scored the tying goal, set up the game-winner and scored the clinching empty-netter — all in the third period — Saturday night in the Providence Civic

Center to lead the Sioux to a 4-2 victory over Boston College and their seventh NCAA Division I men's hockey championship.

"Now I know how the seniors felt in '97 when they went out by winning their last game, the national championship," said Goren, 22, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. "I watched them do it, and now as a senior I got to do it. It's an amazing feeling. I'm so happy ... for everybody."

The Sioux trailed 2-1 entering the third period when Goren scored at the 2:43 mark, his shot deflecting off the skate of a retreating BC defender and past goalie Scott Clemmensen.

From that point on, the Sioux took over. "That goal energized them. They were strong after that," said Eagles coach Jerry Goren, whose team came up short in a third consecutive Frozen Four.

A turnover at center ice led to the go-ahead goal. Jason Ulmer intercepted a BC pass and fed the puck to Goren breaking in. Clemmensen stopped Goren's shot but had no chance on Ulmer's rebound at 14:22.

Goren's clincher came with 45.2 seconds remaining and Clemmensen pulled for a sixth skater. Goren fired the puck into the empty net from the BC blue line for his

"I knew we had a good shot at winning tonight"

• Lee Goren
U. of North Dakota

tonight. I said, "If we can win the period, we can win the game," he said. "We scored five goals in the second period against BU, and I told the guys I knew we could score four goals against BC."

"We only got three. But that was enough."

The Sioux, who were ranked No. 1 in the nation in the final Pioneer Press poll, finished with a 31-8-5 record, going 13-1-2 in their last 16 games. They have won the national championship the last five times they reached the title game, and have won all three finals played in Providence, also doing so in 1980 and '82.

It was a third consecutive year of heartbreak for second-ranked Boston College (29-12-1). The Eagles lost the 1998 title game to Michigan in overtime and lost in overtime to Maine in last year's semifinals. Their only NCAA title in five trips to the final was in 1949.

Joining Goren on the all-tournament team were three teammates — goalie Karl Goehring, defenseman Mike Commodore and wing Bryan Lundbom — and two Eagles — defenseman Mike Mottau and center Jeff Farkas.

Leggett just missed qualifying for the New England in the 1500m.

NFL Draft

Marshall star top QB rated in NFL draft

L.C. JOHNSON
Knight-Ridder Tribune

ORLANDO — Minnesota Vikings Pro Bowl receiver Randy Moss calls Chad Pennington the best quarterback he has played with. On draft day, the rest of the NFL will get a chance to weigh in with its opinion.

Pennington, from Marshall, is the highest-rated quarterback in what is a down year for that position. This year's group certainly won't match the buzz generated by last year's class, which included Tim Couch, the No. 1 pick overall by the Cleveland Browns.

The 1999 draft also produced three other first-round picks who went on to start at least part time: Akili Smith in Cincinnati, Cade McNown in Chicago and Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia. Shaun King, a second-round pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, emerged as a starter late last season during his team's playoff run. Waiting in the wings for his chance to start this season

is former University of Central Florida quarterback Dante Culpepper, a first-round selection last season by Minnesota.

"No, it's not as good as compared to last year," Carolina Panthers Coach George Seifert said of the 2000 quarterback class. "But I think Pennington fits in with any of those guys (drafted) last year. He's that good. I think he's somebody where teams will be able to say, 'Hey, we've got our guy for the future.'"

Picking a quarterback in the first round can be a tricky proposition. There is a long list of players who were thought to be top prospects but failed to live up to expectations. Heath Shuler, David Klingler and Andre Ware are examples. And for the players who aren't all-out busts, there is the risk of a team developing a quarterback who later leaves via free agency.

"As rule of thumb, most teams are not going to draft a quarterback in the first two rounds unless he's going to play right away," said Mike Detillier, who publishes

the M&D Draft Report. "The consensus is that if it's going to take two or three years to develop a quarterback, that guy is going to get frustrated by not playing. And the first chance he gets to sign with another club (as a free agent), he's gone. So you end up investing an early-round pick in whom you'll end up developing for somebody else."

The Panthers are one of the teams that have identified Pennington as a player they'd like. The San Francisco 49ers, looking for the heir apparent to Steve Young, also are high on Pennington, who threw often to Moss in 1997 at Marshall. Seifert, who had a chance to coach Pennington during the Senior Bowl, compares him to Joe Montana for his presence in the huddle.

"He's obviously a good athlete with movement, and he's an accurate passer," Seifert said. "But beyond that, he's very bright. He has an ability to really react well to other players, and he knows how to lead."

"While we were there coaching him at the Senior Bowl, you could see that when he got in the huddle, he took control of the huddle. He was like Joe Montana was when I coached him in San Francisco in that respect. Now, I'm not saying that he's like Montana as a thrower and everything else. That all remains to be seen. But the way Joe would handle and interact with people, that's what Pennington does."

The only other quarterbacks expected to be drafted in the top three rounds are Louisville's Chris Redman and Hofstra's Giovanni Carmazzi. Redman is a strong pocket passer but lacks mobility and ran slower than some offensive linemen at the NFL scouting combine. Carmazzi has prototype size (6 feet 2, 222 pounds) but can be erratic and inconsistent pitching staff will blow some leads for them.

The Seattle Mariners and Texas Rangers both downgraded their offense yesterday by the acquisition of Carl Everett. His bat will produce runs and his presence in the lineup will give the other players better pitches to hit.

Jeff Fassero could also prove to be a key addition to an unstable pitching staff if he can regain his form of two years ago. The one assurance on this pitching staff is

guy who is at the peak of his career coming out of college. You'd like to take a guy who is starting to play better and has the potential to be a better player at the next level."

Gil Brandt, who was with the Dallas Cowboys for 29 years, is impressed by some of the lesser-known quarterbacks, such as Michigan's Tom Brady and Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, whom he calls "a Doug Flutie look-alike."

The three state teams could look for quarterbacks in the middle to late rounds. Damon Huard and Jay Fiedler are the likely combatants for the Dolphins' starting job, but Miami could pick up someone to give Jim Druckenmiller a go for the No. 3 job. The Jacksonville Jaguars and Tampa Bay Buccaneers also could go for a project.

"I think you're going to see a lot of quarterbacks taken in the middle and lower rounds," Detillier said.

"Everybody who comes into the league has a learning curve," Jacksonville Jaguars Director of Player Personnel Rick Reipsh said. "You don't want to take a

Track

Proulx, Perez qualify for DIII Nationals

SCOTT JENSEN
The Equinox

April 8 was a sunny day with temperatures that would normally be considered ideal for a spring track meet, but then you have to take into account the wind.

With wind gusts that reportedly reached as high as 60mph, the racing conditions were brutal.

Despite these challenges, Keene State College came home with several post-season qualifiers.

Improving upon last week's Open New England qualifying mark in the Steeple Chase, freshman All-American Mark Miller placed third with a new personal record of 9:30.64.

Junior All-American Wilson Perez backed up his young teammate with his season debut in the 5000m event.

Placing first by nearly forty seconds, Perez ran a commanding race to set a Division III New England qualifying mark of 15:09.37.

Freshman Mary Proulx also did a great job overcoming the wind.

She ran in two events, the 800m and 1500m. Showing she has the right stuff, Proulx ran to an impressive second place finish in the 1500m, setting both a personal record and a Division III New England qualifying mark with a time of 4:53.84.

Success for the women's team didn't stop there, as freshman Christine Leggett used the gusty conditions to her advantage in the Hammer Throw.

She improved upon her own school record by almost nine feet, throwing an impressive 119' 0".

Leggett just missed qualifying for the New England in the 1500m.

Championships.

Several Owls continued to show improvement, setting new personal records (PR).

Freshman Steve Callahan set a PR in the 100m by over half a second with his performance in a time of 12.76.

This is all the more impressive knowing that it was run into the wind.

Callahan also competed in the Long Jump and the Javelin.

Freshman Paul Phelps, coming back from injury due to illness, has shown vast improvements as well.

He set a PR in the 800m with a time of 2:09.44, placing 20th out of 40 competitors.

Freshman Jim Edson (yes, he is related to Rob Edson, the 1989 XC National Champion) also ran the 1500m, setting a PR by nearly 8 seconds with a time of 4:27.74.

He placed 38th out of 55 runners.

Freshman Todd Piper shaved nearly 20 seconds off of his previous 5000m PR, running 17:28.23 and placing 14th out of 22.

Freshman Troy Mitterer (school record holder in the indoor 1600m Relay) knocked a few tenths off his 400m IH time, finishing in 63.81.

In the 400m Dash, Freshman Ashley Mazar set a PR by over a second with a time of 69.32.

The outdoor track team will continue its season on Saturday at the Springfield College Invitational.



Mary Proulx qualified for the DIII New England in the 1500m.

Around the world of MLB

DAN SCALESE
The Equinox

It's that time of year again and the boys of summer have laced up their cleats.

I've decided to give a few of my predictions of how things will shape up this season in the world of major league baseball.

There have been a few key acquisitions that could lead to a shift of power around the American League.

The biggest change in power will be in the AL West, where a young Oakland Athletics team is preparing to make a run for the playoffs after having the fifth best record in the American League last year.

Matt Stairs and Jason Giambi have to be the leaders for this team at the plate. Their pitching staff is returning intact from last year, and they are hoping that Appier and Olivares can each produce at least 15 wins to take some pressure off the other starters and a young bullpen.

The Seattle Mariners and Texas Rangers both downgraded their offense yesterday by the acquisition of Carl Everett. His bat will produce runs and his presence in the lineup will give the other players better pitches to hit.

Jeff Fassero could also prove to be a key addition to an unstable pitching staff if he can regain his form of two years ago. The one assurance on this pitching staff is

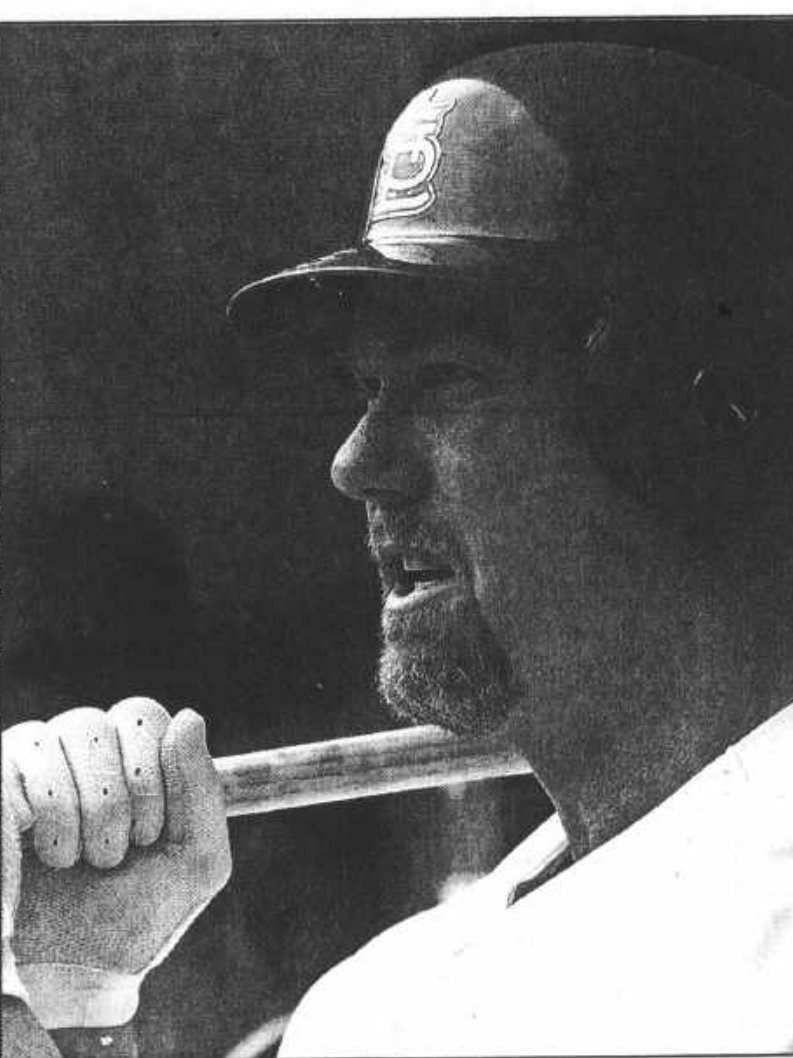
Detroit and Chicago will be battling for second place in the division, but have virtually no chance at a wild-card due to their lack of pitching and star power. However, Detroit could fill the stands with Juan Gonzalez and have enough money to acquire some talent after the all-star break.

The most interesting and competitive division in the American League is the East. While Baltimore and Tampa Bay will compete only for the cellar, the Toronto Blue Jays may be able to turn the corner and play with the Boston Red Sox and the two-time defending champion Yankees.

Toronto has a solid offense, which Raul Mondesi hopes to start his career over in. Carlos Delgado will also have to have a career year for the team to have a chance because their young and inconsistent pitching staff will blow some leads for them.

The Red Sox have upgraded their offense and defense greatly with the acquisition of Carl Everett. His bat will produce runs and his presence in the lineup will give the other players better pitches to hit.

As for the Yankees, they have essentially returned the same team with the exceptions of Darryl Strawberry (suspended for the year), and Chili Davis (retired). Their offense will produce runs when they have



MCQUIRE HOPES TO LEAD THE CARDINALS TO A BETTER RECORD THAN LAST YEAR.

Pedro Martinez, who just doesn't lose.

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They have moved to a hitter friendly ballpark, but they still do not have what it takes to make it to the playoffs. Many people are predicting the Dodgers to improve, but I don't think that they can

to, but they will win games with their pitching.

Roger Clemens is comfortable in New York and could have a strong season alongside Hernandez, Cone, and Pettitte.

They have the best starting rotation in the American League and that could be the deciding factor in their pursuit of another AL east title, unless Jimmy Williams can find a way to make that Boston staff work the way he did a year ago.

Moving to the National League, fans of the St. Louis Cardinals will not have much to cheer for this season. Of the five teams in that division, only the Arizona Diamondbacks have a good enough team to win over 85 games.

Look for them to win this division in a landslide. Randy Johnson is Arizona's only real quality starter, but any team with a number one starter like that could make a run in the playoffs. Their solid offense and bullpen should be able to produce wins when Johnson isn't pitching.

The Giants are probably the second best team in the west, but they do not have much pitching other than Rob Nen, but he only comes in handy if they can carry leads into the ninth inning.

The Mets have a strong ballclub and should win the wild card, but the loss of John Olerud will likely cause a decrease in their productivity at the plate. Expect Atlanta to win this division comfortably.

One team that could surprise some people is the Montreal Expos. They have a good defense with some pitchers who know how to get batters out. I'm not sure that Hideki Irabu will become a star in Canada but he will eat up some innings for them and the Expos could challenge the Mets and Reds for the Wild Card.

standards where we come from. Maybe he'll tell us where he's coming from," Clarke said.

The meeting with Clarke and Snider probably won't happen for at least a few days, Clarke said, because Snider is out of town until Wednesday afternoon.

Lindros blamed Worley and the atmosphere created by Clarke for Lindros playing four games after apparently suffering the concussion, his fourth in two years, when he was hit March 4 by Boston's Hal Gill. In response, Clarke and a committee of team leaders took away Lindros' captaincy and gave it to defenseman Eric Desjardins.

Clarke said Lindros would have to sit down with Clarke and team chairman Ed Snider before Lindros returned to the lineup.

"We want to make sure he under-

Women's Rugby

Owls strut their stuff in first tourney of the young season

SHEILA SMITH
The Equinox

The Keene State College Women's Rugby team had a respectable season opener on April 1st.

The team, made up mostly of rookies, played against Seacoast, a club team from Portsmouth. The women lost the game, but were not discouraged.

The Owls stepped it up a level last weekend when they competed in the Brandeis College round robin tournament. In their first game against Mt. Holyoke College, Keene State came out on top with a 41-0 win.

Megan "cool as a moose" Johnson scored two tries and Chrissy Walker smoked the opposition with three tries of her own.

Scrum half Chrissy Holway and rookie Ryan Toal also scored a try apiece.

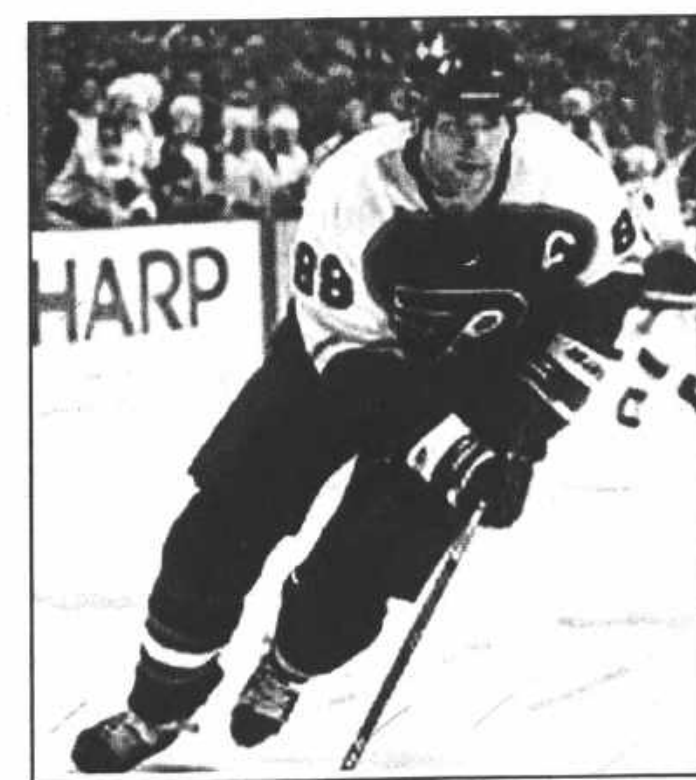
The tired ruggers couldn't keep it up, however, and lost their second game against host Brandeis by a score of 21-5.

Forward Jamie Ingalls scored their sole try in the contest. The women's rugby team will be at home for their next two games. They will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m., and Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m.

Helen...

We hope you make a speedy recovery so we can see your smiling face again!

From all your friends at Keene State College and The Equinox



Eric Lindros will soon return to the Flyer lineup.

National Hockey League

Flyers set stage for Lindros to return

LES BOWEN
Knight-Ridder Tribune

PHILADELPHIA -- Deposed Flyers captain Eric Lindros returned to the Philadelphia area Monday night after getting the OK to begin riding an exercise bike, after an examination yesterday by concussion expert Dr. James Kelly.

Attempts to contact Lindros were not successful. Flyers assistant to the president Barry Hanrahan said he spoke with Lindros after the exam and was told that Lindros could exercise, but not skate or practice, a little less than three weeks after Kelly discerned that Lindros was suffering from the effects of a Grade II concussion.

Yesterday, Kelly relayed his latest

findings to Flyers team physician Dr. Jeff Hartzell. Hartzell said Monday night that any information would have to come from team public relations director Zack Hill, who did not return calls.

Presumably, Lindros is at least a week or two from returning to the ice, and at least two to three weeks away from playing again. There has been speculation around the team that he plans to meet with his teammates today, to try to heal the rift arising from his criticisms of the organization and team athletic trainer John Worley. The Flyers begin preparing today for Thursday's play-off opener against Buffalo.

Meanwhile, Flyers general manager Bob Clarke might have removed one potential barrier to Lindros'

return. Clarke yesterday told reporters that Lindros will be allowed to play if he is healthy, whether or not he goes along with Clarke's demand that he apologize to Worley and the team's medical staff for contending that they disregarded his concussion symptoms.

"It would make it easier if he apologized for what he said, and cleared the air with his teammates," Clarke said. "He's the guy that's got to sit in the locker room with these guys. But you can't force anybody to apologize. It'd be a lot easier on him if he did."

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Softball

Owls defeat Fitchburg 4-2



The Owls pitching staff endured a tough schedule last week.

JAY RUSSO
The Equinox

Playing some tough competition at Owl Stadium, the Keene State College softball team posted a 1-2 record last week.

On Wednesday, the Owls took to the field with Fitchburg State (7-1).

Coming into the game Fitchburg was undefeated, but things were about to change as Keene State beat them 4-2.

In the second inning the Falcons took a 1-0 lead, when a double by Tara Herrick drove in Keri Levesque with no outs.

However, Keene State was lucky to escape the inning with minimal damage.

The Falcons missed an opportunity to blow the game wide open, as they had the bases loaded with one out, but couldn't bring any more runners home.

The Falcons added another run in the fourth inning, making the score 2-0.

Fitchburg's 2-0 lead would be short lived though, as the Owls came back and tied the game in their half of the fourth.

Jan Rissacher's lead-off double would start the comeback.

Her double was followed by Beth Ponté's third home run of the season that knotted the game at two.

In the fifth, Keene State took the lead and never looked back.

An RBI single by Kristy Symonds drove in Kerry Marsh, who had doubled, putting the Owls in front 3-2.

KSC tucked on one more run in the sixth when Liane Blad drove in Nicole Castor.

"We never relaxed and we had no errors. We were determined to win," said Rissacher. "We weren't going to give up."

With the win, Katie Thompson improved her record to 2-5. Thompson pitched a complete game while striking out six.

On Saturday, the Owls hosted league

favorite Western Connecticut State University (14-4, 4-0 LEC).

The Colonials returned all of their players from last year's team that was second place in the Little East.

The experience showed, as Western would rally late in both games of the double header to defeat Keene State 7-2 and 5-4.

In game one, KSC took a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning on Erin Ackerman's RBI single.

That lead didn't last long, as the Colonials evened the score at two in the top half of the fifth.

Western's tying run would be the last scored until the top of the eighth, when the Colonial's brought in five runs giving them a 7-2 lead.

The loss went to Missy Zimmerman who is now 4-1 this season.

In game two, it looked as if the Owls were going to bounce back.

They jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the second inning, with clutch hits coming from Liane Blad and Kristy Symonds.

Western came back quickly, however, tying the game at four apiece.

With the score still tied in the top of the seventh, a home run put the enemy in front

5-4. The loss went to Katie Thompson (2-6) who came in relief of Nicole Rees.

Even though the Owls dropped both games, Erin Ackerman was pleased with the team effort.

"Saturday we held our own, but it happened to be that their bats came alive at the right time," said Ackerman. "I was proud of how we played. We did really well."

Beating Western was a goal of the team, according to Rissacher.

She said that the team will use the losses as motivation to play Western in the tournament because the team feels that they can beat the Colonials.

The Owls are now 8-11, and 1-3 in the LEC.

Men's Rugby

Ruggers return to action with style vs. PSC

GARY MASER
The Equinox

After having a disappointing season in the fall, the Keene State College men's rugby team tried to rebuild its confidence and winning tradition Saturday afternoon as they kicked off their spring '00 season at Plymouth State College.

With size and experience working against them, Keene used its speed and physical toughness to blow away Plymouth 37-12 and avenge a 27-19 loss last season.

Keene, which only started two seniors and three veterans, was anchored by the solid play of their forwards as they beat Plymouth to the ball again and again while continuously stuffing them on defense.

"We're a very young team that has a bright future, and if they keep working hard and listening in practice we're going to be awesome," said Josh English, a veteran on the team.

Keene came into the game faster and more aggressive than their opponents.

The Owls quickly realized Plymouth's weak spot as Paulie Fiaccone kicked the ball over the defense and watched rookie Shane Elder chase the ball down for his first score of the season.

After Jeff "Mago" Nelsen converted the extra kick to make it 7-0, de la va occurred as Paulie again caught the defense cheating up and kicked the ball back in Elder's direction as he chased it down for his second score of the contest.

In the second quarter, Keene found themselves defending mainly in their own territory as Plymouth's offense continued to fizzle.

Calderon went wide off the scrum and sent the ball down the line and into the hands of the weak side wing, rookie Jay Tyner.

Tyner ran the ball between the posts for his first try of the season, and Mago made the extra kick to put Keene up 17-5.

"The rookies are coming along and making things happen and that's what this team needs to survive," said Owl's Coach Dean Guatieri.

After Plymouth scored another try to make it 17-12 going into the second half, Keene put things into high gear as they came out with more intensity and drive than their competitors.

Led by some great tackling from Mike "Apu" Camal, Malikai, Nick Taylor, and English, Keene was able to control the tempo of the game and let their back line increase the score.

With sharp, heads up passing from the back line, Keene managed to put two more tries under the posts and after Mago converted the extra kicks Keene had a commanding 31-12 lead.

That wasn't all the Owls had going for them, as Keene's forwards pushed the ball deep into Plymouth's territory and forced them into some silly mistakes.

These miscues resulted two penalty kicks that Mago converted to bring the score to 37-12.

"We needed this win to boost our confidence going into the rest of the season," said Guatieri. "We have a lot of talent and we're starting to put it all together."

Next up for the Owl's is the Beast of the East tournament, which is held in Providence on the 15th and 16th of April.

Turn to page 19 to read about the KSC students who qualified for the division III Nationals

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E-mail stays secure according to administration

DANIELLE RAMPINO
The Equinox

While e-mail monitoring has become increasingly frequent, managers trying to assess where their network traffic is coming from or those trying to evaluate harassment issues are using software tools such as xVault or SuperScout made by

According to an article in the

Harassing e-mails hit KSC

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Over the weekend, two disturbing e-mail messages were randomly sent out to students through the Keene State College e-mail system.

The first message, titled "Bitch Alert," was full of derogatory comments about a student and urged email recipients to harass this student.

"An apology" was similar to the first message, although seemingly more demeaning to this person, and demanding more action taken against the person.

Both messages were signed, "KSC News Staff," and sent from a Hotmail account. They were reportedly sent early Sunday morning.

Delina Hickey, Vice President for Student Affairs, said "I'm pretty appalled by [the incidents], and we don't tolerate that kind of thing on campus."

There is an investigation underway, involving Campus Safety,

New York Times, e-mail monitoring has become increasingly frequent.

Managers trying to assess where their network traffic is coming from or those trying to evaluate harassment issues are using software tools such as xVault or SuperScout made by

the Keene Police Department, and Campus Technology.

However, according to Hickey, "with emails, it's pretty complicated" to find a guilty party.

Vern Baisden, Director of Campus Safety, said that there are some suspects in the case.

Freshman Stacy Bell said that when she first received the email, she did not think the person described was real. "I think it's terrible," she said.

Danielle Goulet, another freshman, said, "if that happened to me, I'd feel humiliated."

Other students noted their disapproval of the messages, saying they were immature and not appropriate.

Freshman Meg Cattabriga said "that's not the right way to say something if you don't like a person."

In a campus-wide voicemail sent out Sunday night, it was said that the origins of the message are currently being traced, and if students know more information about the messages to report them to Campus Safety.

The voicemail also instructed students to delete the emails if received, and if a third was sent, to report that to Campus Safety.

SurfControl.

These allow managers to view all incoming and outgoing mail through the company network.

According to Indra Singh at the campus technology center, Keene State administrators do not use this type of monitoring.

The Keene State College line provides e-mail access to all the buildings and dorm rooms on the campus.

"No one is allowed to read anyone else's e-mail," Singh said.

She said no policy exists to this effect because the mail system is not set up to allow any individuals to read anything but e-mail addressed to or from themselves.

However, some student hackers are making campus e-mail security nonexistent.

A student choosing to remain anonymous, showed the Equinox how he had collected over two hundred passwords of on-campus students.

"It's not an easy thing to do. Only about four students on campus have the ability and the software to do it," he said.

The student said that the college could make the hacking useless by encrypting all the e-mail messages.

Many students expect that their mail is unsafe.

"I believe my mail can be read by hackers," said film major, Nate Bundy.

"I don't trust the campus mail," said junior Cassie Dwyer. "There



While campus administration assures e-mail security, more than a few KSC students have access to innumerable student passwords.

may be too many prying eyes." Some Keene State students feel the college should have encrypted Mail Spinner, the web-based e-mail program.

"If this campus spent as much time and money on the college network that they spent on the campus security vehicles, we'd have a network to rival MIT's," senior Michael Daly said.

Many other students however, think that even the most sophisticated electronic mail can be read.

"No e-mail is really safe," Stephanie O'Neil, a computer science major, believes.

"If you have to say something really personal or really secretive it shouldn't be written down at all," said Ann Doremus, another computer science major.

"Safety isn't an issue; nobody should expect their e-mail is safe," said sophomore Charles Bryden. "I wouldn't feel safe standing in front of a loaded gun either."

Electronic mail has aided students in terms of communication, however, most realize that certain content should never appear in electronic mail.

"You shouldn't put anything in an e-mail that you wouldn't write on a post card," Dwyer said.

Mickey Sileto, a sophomore, takes a more passive perspective. "I don't figure many people want to read my e-mail, so I'm not very concerned with security," he said.

Keene State 'Samples' a good time



The Samples provided their good time groove for the Spaulding Gymnasium crowd Saturday night.

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Unionization of KSC adjuncts in hands of state Labor Board

Election three years in the making to take place Wed., April 26

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Keene State College's adjunct professors will soon know if they will get the chance to be heard by college officials.

On Wednesday, April 26, according to the Keene State Adjunct Association's newsletter, "the state Labor Board will arrive on campus to conduct an election" that will decide whether or not Keene State's adjuncts will be represented by The Adjunct Association of KSC/NEA-New Hampshire.

Ellen Moynihan, president of Keene State's Adjunct Association, said "it's something we've been working on for three years so that we can have a voice."

She stated the facts that adjuncts "teach one third of the

classes here," but still don't get treated as well as full-time faculty.

"We're cheaper than regular faculty," Moynihan said.

She said that the problems that would be addressed in negotiations with officials if the vote is positive, have to do with things such as office space, telephone access, and the ability to become advisors for their students.

On an opposing viewpoint, Robert Golden, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, said "We don't feel unionization is in the best interests to the adjuncts."

He also said that the decision "could have a financial impact on the school."

Golden said there are other ways to work on improvements to the adjunct system that do not require such a vote, and "we feel they are making progress" even before the vote happens.

While a positive vote would force college officials to talk to adjuncts, Golden said "one of the things about negotiation is that it's a two sided event," and that the arguments for gaining certain objectives still might not happen.

He said that everything involved with the situation is

"We don't feel unionization is in the best interest to the adjuncts."

Robert Golden

unpredictable.

One of the full-time faculty members that is enthusiastic about the adjuncts' vote is Jerry Joyce, the former president of the Keene State College Education Association.

"I think it's terrific," he said, "it's time for them to either unionize or not."

He said that he was "just glad they're going to vote" and finally making a choice.

Michael French, the Adjunct Association Vice President, said "I cannot see why the regular faculty can have the same responsibilities as the adjuncts."

"We're expected to perform as much as the regular faculty," he said, and "that's basically not fair."

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Men's Lacrosse

Owl win streak stopped at four

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

The Keene State College men's lacrosse team had its winning streak stopped at four games last week at the hands of Plymouth State, but they also proved their worth by hanging tough in the 13-8 loss.

The stage for Saturday's matchup had been set by the Owls on Wednesday afternoon in the aftermath of a 9-3 win over Clark University.

Keene State was then 4-4 overall and ready for a progress report. The report came at the hands of the rival Panthers, who went into the matchup with a record of 4-2.

The decisive factor in the game turned out to be a dominating second quarter performance by Plymouth, during which they outscored the Owls by a score of 6-1.

The Panthers took a 10-5 advantage into the break.

Keene State came out fired up in the third quarter, and by the end of the period they trailed by only four goals, 11-7.

Plymouth then proved that they were just too much for the young Owl program.

The Panthers put two up in the fourth and final frame to secure the victory.

"We tried to stay with them, but they have a little more depth and experience than we do at this stage of our program," said Keene State head coach Mark Terault.

"Plymouth made some adjustments and had a strong inside game all day," he added.

That "strong inside game" would be in reference to Panther Jim Martocchio and his seven goals, one assist performance.

JP Saltese also showed off some skills for Plymouth, with five assists on the day.

As for the good guys, Bob Bonnes continued his offensive onslaught, tacking another four goals onto his season total, while Ryan Scipione played tough between the pipes with 20 saves.

Scipione is second in the conference with a goals against average of 7.16 and first in save percentage with a mark of .698%.

Bonnes is second in the conference in goals per game with 3.33.

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Keene State won their fourth in a row against Clark University.

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