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MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

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Lady Owls drop Williams

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

RICHARD EGAN
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

then took the lead with a runner in the lane by Julie Tardif.

Keene State took over the game dominating the boards and penetrating the tough full-court pressure of Williams in the second half.

The visiting team dressed only 10 players and during the second half they began to fall into foul trouble. Not only were the Ephwomans handing out the fouls, but the ladies of Keene State were converting at the free-throw line.

Fleming was clutch from the line in the second half as she hit 15 of 17 from the line throughout the game. For the game, the girls shot 30-38 from the charity stripe.

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

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

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

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

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

Men's hoop cleans up on the road

JASON CAMPBELL
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Swim team gets 1st LEC championship

Andrew Sylvia
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Everyone swam at their top form this weekend," she said, "The way we were going after this title, we couldn't afford one bad race, and we didn't get one." Pamula stressed the importance of winning this meet since it was the first ever conference meet and she also

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

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

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

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



A KSC swimmer preps to hop in last season

Equinox file photo

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Skating rink and shuttle problems discussed by assembly



Student government members at their meeting on Tuesday

KERRY MILLER
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The assembly members decided to send letters to Keene State according to a bus according to Kowpak.

She added it was very important for students to be able to use this bus system.

"Any KSC student with a valid ID can ride for free on any city express bus," said Kowpak when explaining an incentive for students to ride on the shuttle.

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When the plan fell through, the college reached an agreement with HCS.

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chair, Josh Schroder, is not returning to Keene State this semester.

Vice President, Treasurer, and Representative are the open positions for students from the junior class, Moguilner stated.

Another point of discussion at the meeting was that the Dining Commons wants feedback from the students.

"The Dining Commons will do an on-site review that includes a survey and focus groups," said Paul Strifolino, the student government advisor.

To discuss this plan the Dining Commons student advisory board and dining commons managers will hold a meeting on Feb. 1, according to Strifolino.

"They're going to want to contact students and have a discussion," he said.

The meeting will be held in the west wing of the Dining Commons at 2:30 p.m.

He added that this plan involves food in vending

machines, the Night Owl Café, the student center food court, as well as the Dining Commons.

Another announcement made was that there will be a meeting about the Bypass project on Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room.

Corinne Kowpak said she needs two search committees, and a committee for reviewing the Keene State judicial process.

The search committees are for hiring a director of Campus Safety, and a director for the Counseling Center.

Kowpak said that she couldn't guarantee students would be involved in the judicial process if they didn't bring their voices to the table.

Lastly, the president's task force wants to develop signs for specific events on campus.

They plan to interview different people and have already talked with Athletics Director John Ratliff.

remember just a name," said Parda.

Shurkus said her goals for this year's edition of the Kronicle are to maintain the high standards with the Kronicle, graphic design.

She also said they would be trying to think of more creative ways to get more pictures in so that there are more people in the Kronicle as well, keeping up on captions with pictures. Lastly, Shurkus said they wanted to make sure the general staff are comfortable working with each other and that they have learned to make a strong staff next year.

Kronicle to continue with free yearbooks for seniors

ANGELA WATSON
The Equinox

This year's Kronicle staff looks to maintain the high standards that were set by last year's staff and continue with the free yearbooks to graduating seniors, according to Executive Editor Jenn Shurkus.

This year has been a challenge with the majority of the general staff of the Kronicle being first year students, said Shurkus.

The staff has been working on teaching the new members and also getting them to feel more comfortable working together, said Shurkus.

This year's staff is the biggest the Kronicle has had with the number of general members totaling 12, said Shurkus.

Currently the Kronicle staff is working on the theme for this year's edition and what the cover is to look like, said Shurkus.

There will be another session for senior portraits in February during the week of the 12th, for anybody who missed the first one last semester, said Shurkus.

Also this semester starts work for the Kronicle members on getting funding for the free yearbooks for seniors program started last year, said Shurkus.

"The free yearbooks last year for seniors went well," she said. One of the reasons for pushing for free yearbooks for seniors is to make it into a tradition and to make sure the campus knows about the Kronicle, while in past

years it has been overlooked, said Parda.

The only problems that happened were that some of the Kronicles were sent to the college and not the seniors and the other being that some books are being returned due to address changes, said Shurkus.

The staff had to get a list of seniors that graduated and find whom had not yet received their book and sent it out.

The project was finished in mid-October, when the Kronicles were to be at the graduate's homes, said Shurkus.

There were 1100 Kronicle 2000 yearbooks ordered with 980 of those going to graduating seniors, said Brian Parda, last

year's executive editor and a general member this year.

The rest of the yearbooks were distributed around campus to different offices and in the bookstore for students to purchase their own edition, said Parda.

Last year's edition of the Kronicle seems to have gone over well with everyone, said Shurkus.

On the administrative side of things, there was good feedback about the use of more captions with pictures, said Shurkus.

"The reasoning is that in 20 years you will remember a face though you might not

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CAMPUS SAFETY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

U. Of Michigan student found dead in dorm

MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS Campus

A 20-year-old University of Michigan student was found dead in her dorm room Tuesday, apparently from unnatural causes.

Candy Rong-Rong Wei, of Durham, N.C., was rushed to the University of Michigan emergency room after a fellow student found her unresponsive shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday in her Mosher-Jordan Residence Hall room, said university spokeswoman Diana Brown. Wei was pronounced dead at 3:45 p.m. at the U of M hospital emergency room.

An autopsy was scheduled with the Washtenaw County medical examiner Thursday afternoon, and while the death is apparently from unnatural causes, foul play is not expected, Brown said.

Campus murders drop

BY MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS Campus

The number of murders declined by 54 percent, down from 24 deaths in 1998 to 11 in 1999. This decrease is greater than the national average decline of 8.5 percent in 1999.

The number of sex offenses increased 6 percent from 2,337 in 1998 to 2,469 in 1999. The study states that sex offenses are "the most underreported crime in America. As a result, the increase could reflect improvement in the rate of reporting, rather than an increase in the incidence of sex offenses."

On a national level, incidents involving forcible rape - one component of total sex offenses - declined by 4.3 percent in the same time period.

On-campus robberies also increased on campuses, despite a national downward trend, according to the study. Schools reported a total of 1,997 robberies during 1999, up seven percent from 1998 and nine percent from 1997.

The number of reported aggravated assaults totaled 3,777, down from 3,856 in 1998. While the decrease of two percent on college campuses followed the national trend, it was a smaller figure than the national 6.2 percent decrease.

Burglary is the most frequently reported crime reported to the U.S. Department of Education, and a total of 26,035 burglaries were reported on campuses - an increase of 2 percent from 1998. Nationally, burglaries declined by 10 percent.

Wei was a sophomore

majoring in art and design and was fondly remembered by Matthew Schultz, a senior who worked with Wei on the online art publication "Eat the Monster."

"She is one of the few examples of a true artist. Everything she produced was meaningful and touching," Schultz told the Michigan Daily, the U of M student newspaper. "She is someone who was engaged in the world."

Immediately following the incident, the university dispatched grief counselors to the dorm, the school of art and design and the faculty, Brown said.

Wei's mother flew to Ann Arbor from Durham Wednesday and her father arrived from New Jersey Thursday.

CAMPUS SAFETY

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JANUARY 15TH - JANUARY 22ND

Mon. January 15

8:30 p.m.-Officers made an alcohol stop. All subjects were of age.

10:44 p.m.-Officers responded to a noise complaint of a loud stereo in Carle Hall. No one answered the door. An RA was there to gain access to the room.

Tues. January 16

3:21 a.m.-The rear door of Owl's Nest 4 was found "pennied." Officers secured the door temporarily. An MRO was filed for a locksmith to make more permanent repairs.

9:12 a.m.-A student at the science center reported of a "suspicious" e-mail he received.

9:22 p.m.-A student at Carle Hall was showing early signs of frostbite but decided not to seek medical attention.

Weds. January 17

2:07 a.m.-A student in Holloway reported that they received a harassing phone call.

11:13 p.m.-A small quantity of drug paraphernalia was found by the police in Huntress.

Thurs. January 18

12:43 a.m.-A student called from their room in Owl's Nest 1 to report a disturbing phone call from a male who seemed to know details of the student's life.

1:24 a.m.-An officer spoke with a male student outside of

Huntress after finding him talking to a female inside the building at her window. The officer advised the student to use a phone or go meet the party at the lobby. The student left instead.

8:31 p.m.-Subjects were found by the Bushnell apartments with large quantities of alcoholic beverages. An RA was called to the scene. The excess alcohol was taken off campus by an adult.

Fri. January 19

3:40 a.m.-A subject between Huntress and the science center was seen throwing small pieces of snow at a window trying to get his girlfriend's attention. The officer directed him to a call box.

6:14 p.m.-A Randall RA reported a shower on the 2B floor would not shut off.

7:48 p.m.-During a lock-up of the Redfern Arts Center, an officer reported a professor left his two sons and canine in his office unattended.

Sat. January 20

12:19 a.m.-There was a complaint of a snowball fight near Huntress Hall. The subjects agreed to stop.

1:00 a.m.-There was a group of 6 people on the ground outside Owl's Nest 4 hollering to someone on the second floor picking a fight. The Owl's Nest RA called in the complaint and Campus Safety also received a call from a second party. Upon arrival there was no one around, the crowd had broken up by that time.

1:48 a.m.-A caller reported that a group of students in front of

Monadnock threw a snowball at her car and hit it.

Sun. January 21

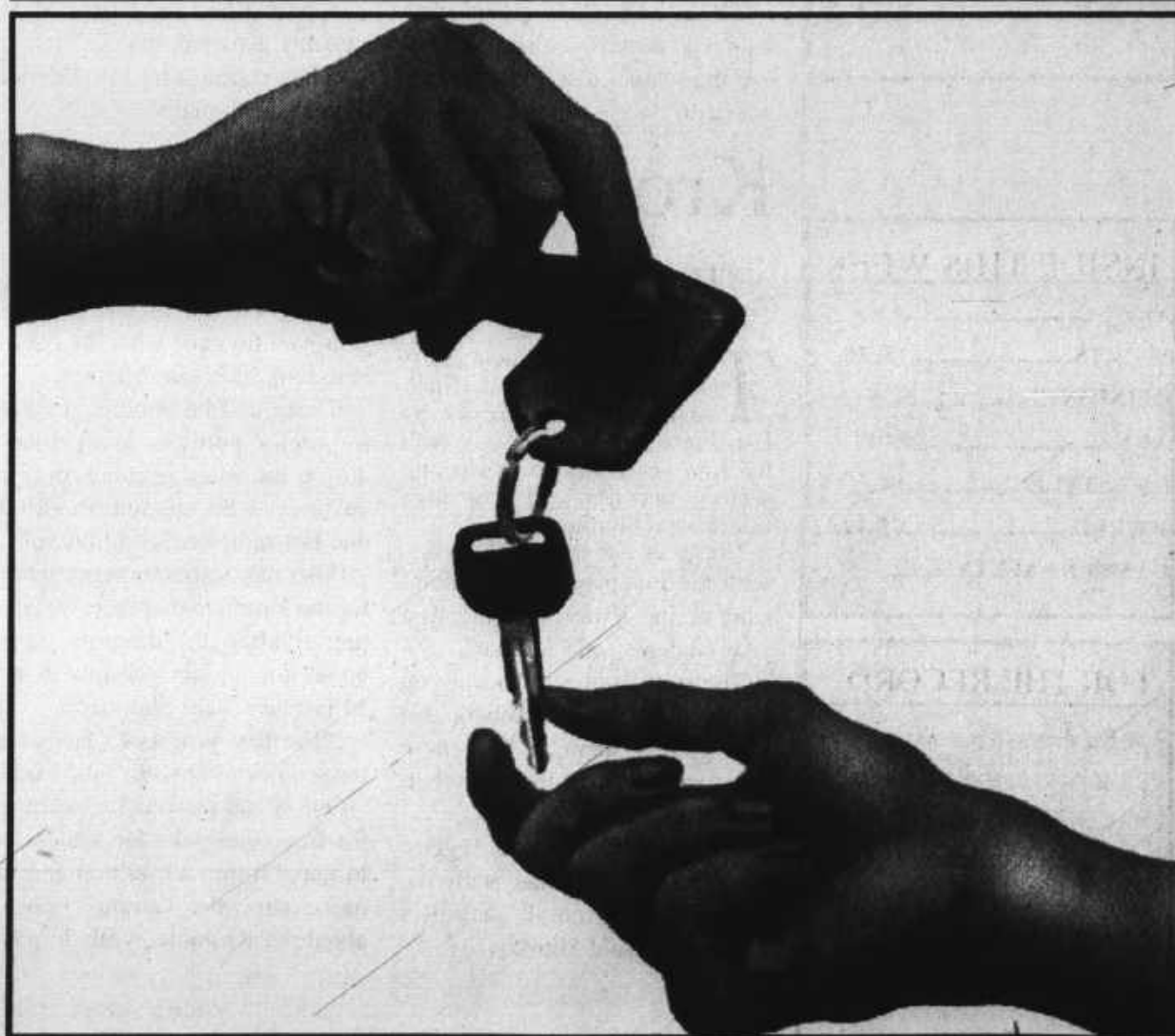
1:52 a.m.-A Jeep Cherokee was parked in the fire lane between Carle and Owl's Nest 1 left running. The vehicle was shut off and the keys were confiscated. When the keys were returned to the owner he was very agitated.

9:10 p.m.-A radio transmission came in from the KPD. A suspicious white male was wearing dark clothing, knocking on house doors. The subject was driving a black pickup truck.

Mon. January 22

6:36 a.m.-A large pane of glass was smashed out on the east side of the dining commons.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!!!!!



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KSC to get \$31 million for projects over next six years

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

While most students, faculty, and staff at Keene State College know about the pending Pondsides 2 and recreation center projects, not many know that more changes have been approved.

According to Jay Kahn, the vice president for finance and planning, the college will receive at least "\$26 million in designated projects," which

would include updates to the science center and a new heating plant.

In an article in last Tuesday's Keene Sentinel, the money would be coming from "a \$185 million - construction package that the University System of New Hampshire is taking to the Legislature."

Kahn said that the money will be "distributed to the three schools [UNH, Plymouth State, and Keene State] in \$31 million chunks."

The designated projects have been promised the \$26 million Kahn spoke about, while "there are other funding categories that we could ask for funding for," to answer for the rest of the money.

The money is all a part of a program called KEEP New Hampshire. In Yesterday's Campus News, Keene State President Stanley Yarosevick wrote that KEEP is "The Knowledge Economy Education Plan for New

Hampshire," and it is "a response to the State's growing need for skilled employees and science teachers in the face of substandard USNH facilities in the engineering and science fields."

Kahn said the program "has dollars in it to support projects that have already been supported," such as the second phase of the Mason Library construction which will cost another \$4.6 million for the budget in 2002-03.

The budgets, according to Kahn, are supposed to go to different years in a six-year plan, starting in 2002 with the library completion.

Another \$2.5 million will go towards a new or renovated central heating plant in 2002-3, Kahn said.

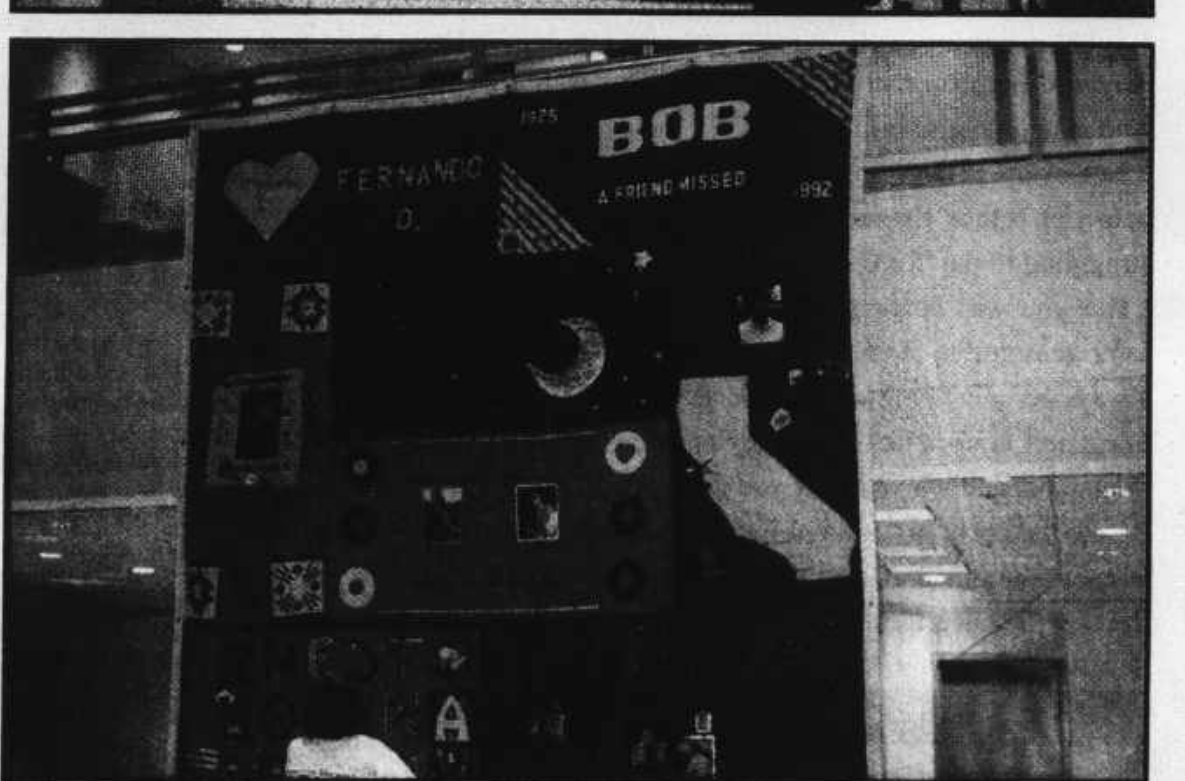
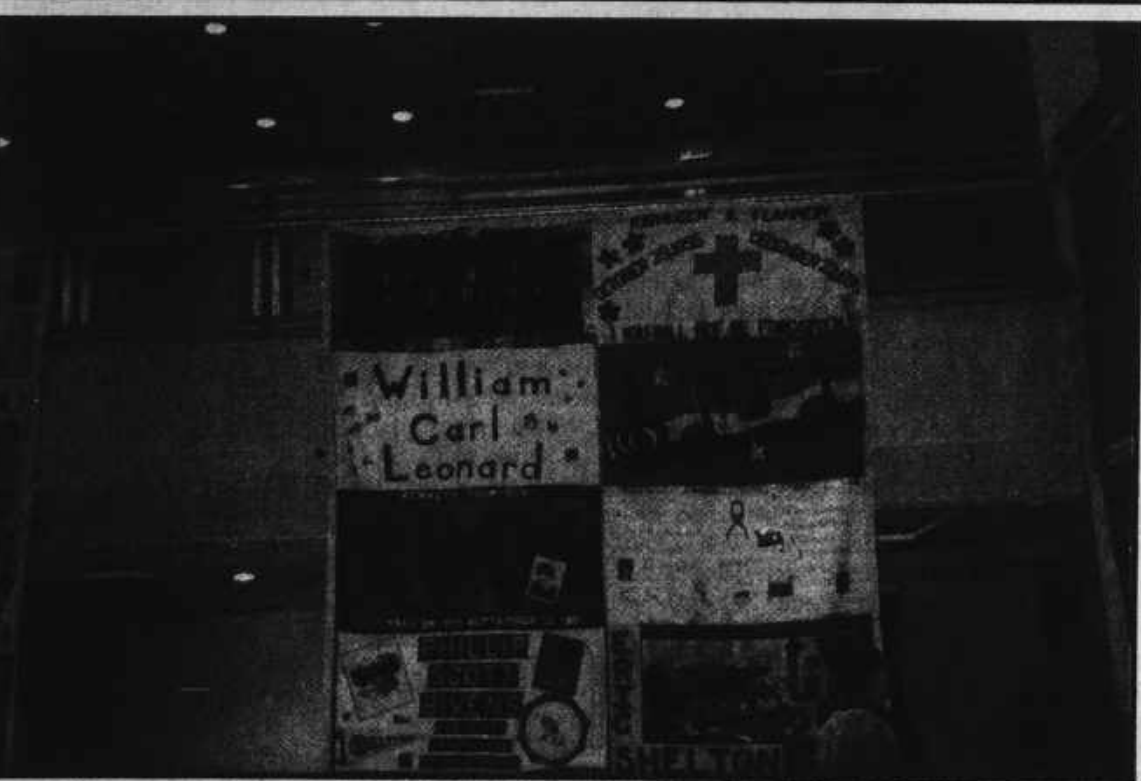
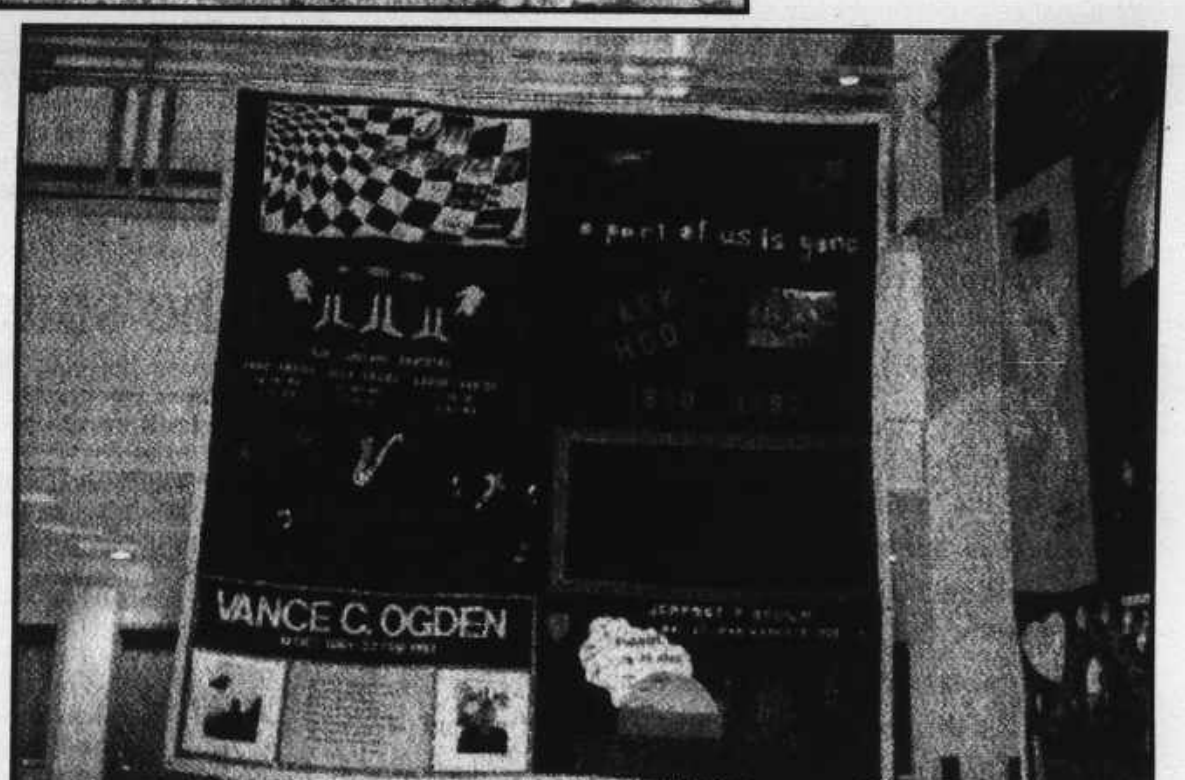
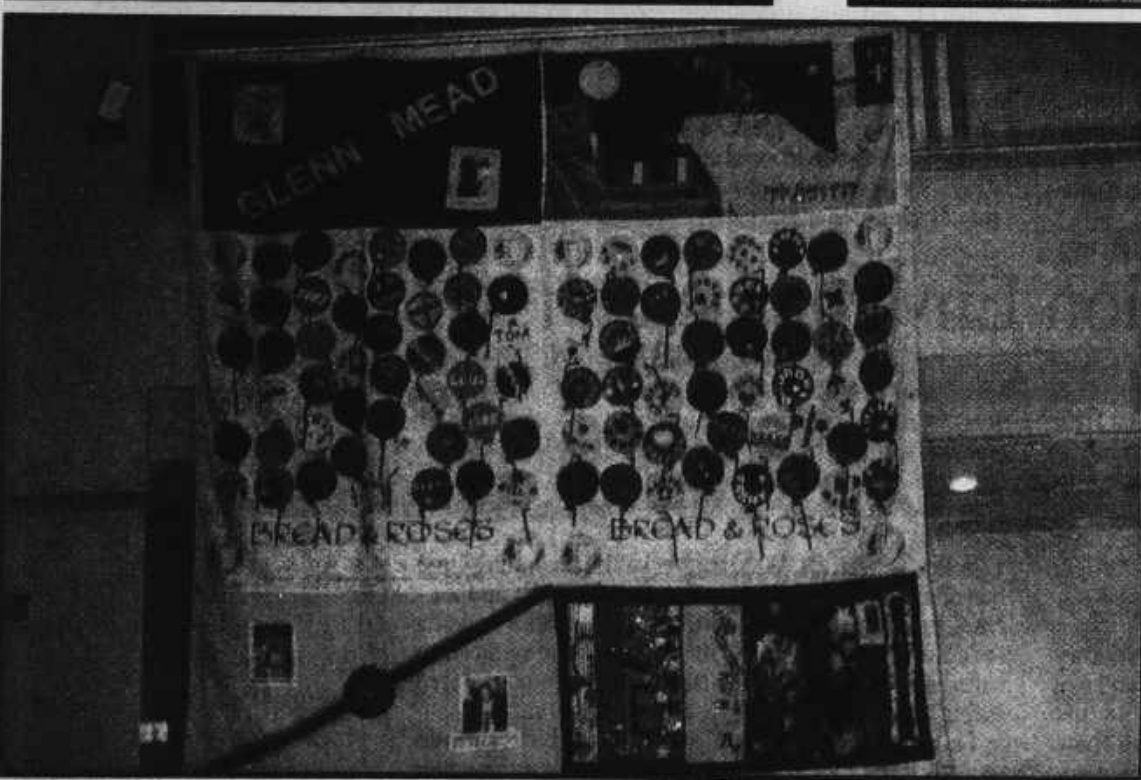
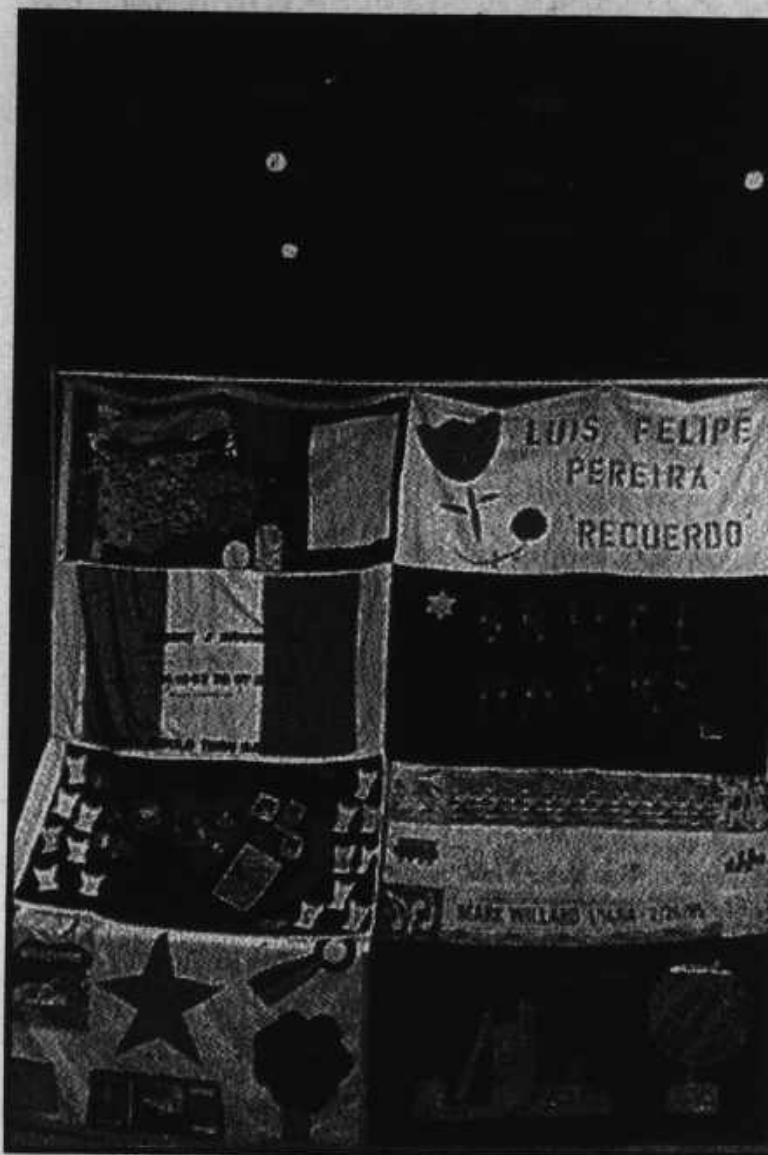
Renovations to the science center, which was built in 1968, if approved, would be getting a possible \$19 million in the years 2004-5, said Kahn.

Because Pondsides 2 and the recreation center are categorized as functions of student life, they are not covered under the KEEP program, but Kahn said, "we raise money beyond state revenues to support these."

Instead, those projects are covered under a bond program, which has just been approved by the University System of New Hampshire.

AIDS Memorial Quilt displayed at KSC

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, the AIDS Quilt was on display in the Mabel Brown Room in conjunction with World AIDS day. All Photos taken by Chris Fabiano



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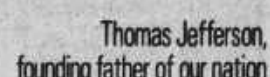
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The official October 1990 report "Sage Grouse Production and Mortality Studies," prepared as the final report of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project W-48-R-21, Study XVII, Job 1, edited by S. J. Stiver and prepared by Don Klenow, Gary Zunino and others, demonstrated (by using chicken eggs to set up mock sage grouse nests near typical raven habitat) that the decline in sage grouse populations can be entirely attributed to raven predation of the nests.

"At the completion of the 15 day period, all 1,400 eggs were destroyed in both study areas," the report concluded. "On the Grassy Meadows Study Area in Surprise Valley, 84 percent of the nests were destroyed in the first three days. Ravens were believed to be the chief nest predator."

This is so the state wildlife bureaucrats can make sure no one presents copies of studies -- even *their own* studies -- which contradict the current myths about hunters and ranchers, Dr. Wilkin says.

I called both Assemblywoman De Braga and Sen. Rhoads -- both of whom are in the ranching business -- to ask about that. Both denied it was their intention to ban any such relevant material.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Clinton the underdog

Conversation soon died down and everyone went to sleep. Several hours later, everyone awoke to find coffee, bagels and various condiments in the corner of

Chancellor Ward's office, knock books and plants and other things over and then stand with their arms

ng the AIDS Quilt Decision :

mistake followed the dissenter, we'd have no problem.
To end all the Clement-turmoil

Am I missing something? Is the turmoil really being perpetuated

article on registrar

Evie Gleckel

decisions.

To end all the Claremont turmoil, must we do anything more than write into law the dictionary definition of the word "cherish" with perhaps explicit amplification that it does NOT mean "financially support"? To remove any remaining doubt, such legislation could be followed by amending the same definition into our Constitution, in year 2002. Alternatively, "cherish" could be replaced by "not discourage", so the Constitution would revert to

secretly want the State to continually pump ever-increasing amounts into the government school system and into that education union? What do YOU think "cherish" means? Without the Court's knowingly? incorrect definition, I see no State obligation beyond what our state legislatures reversibly establish. Our NH Constitution says that the people disagree with what ANY prong of government

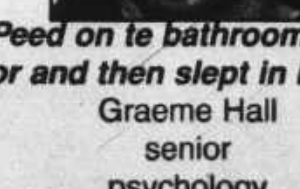
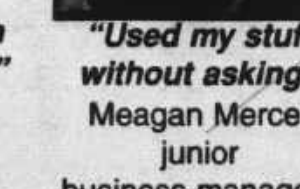
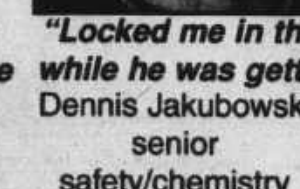
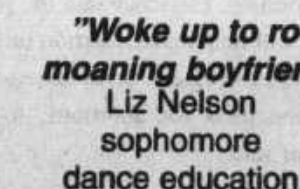
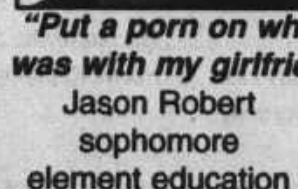
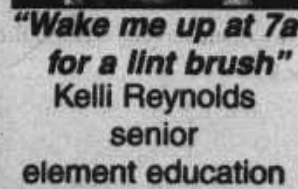
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Although Courtney Henry did a great job with the text of the article on KSC graduation policy being revamped, she incorrectly identified me as the Registrar. I am not the Registrar. I am a staff member of the Registrar's office. The Registrar is Susan M. Sielke.

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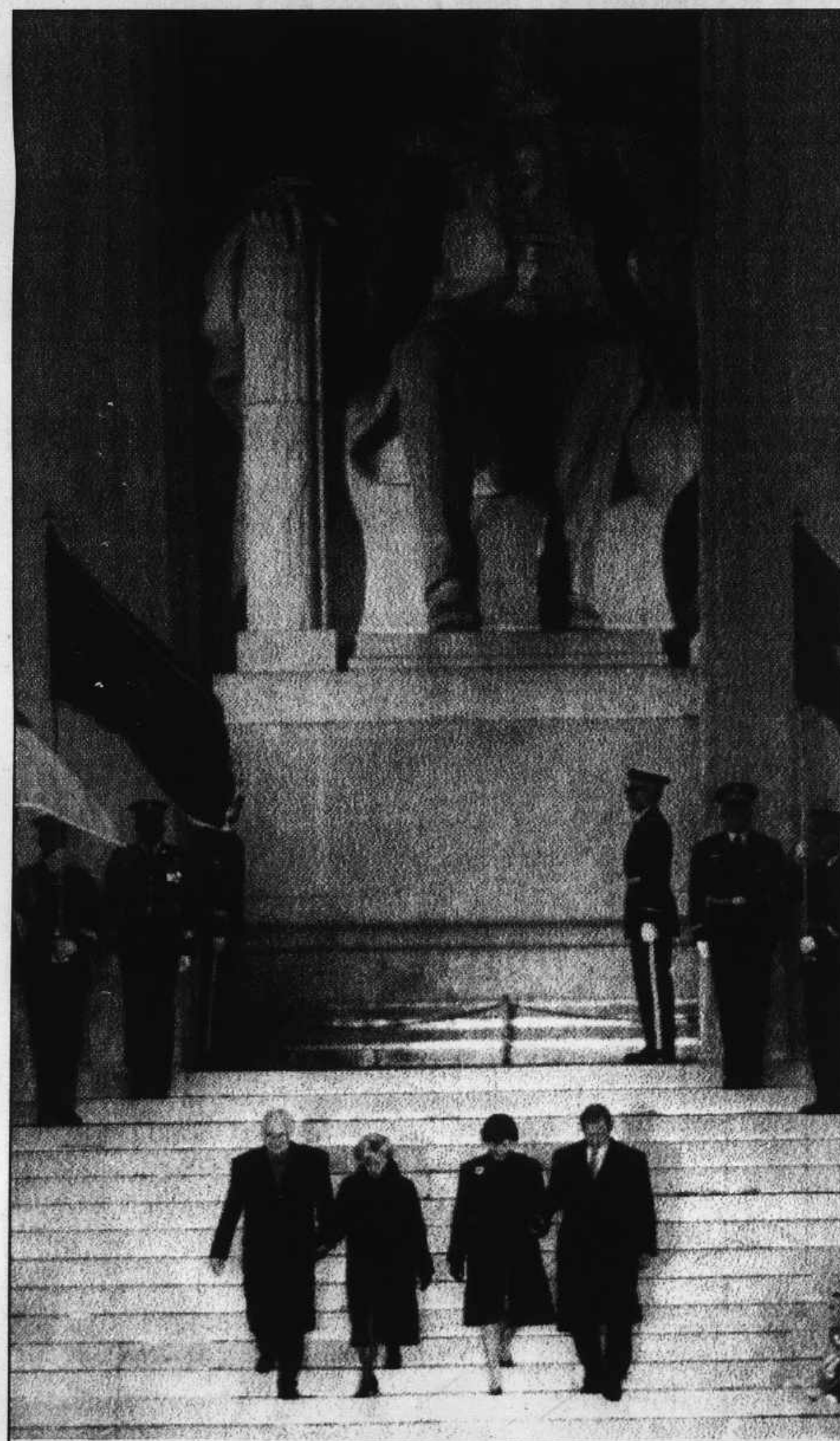


Welcome George W. Bush



Above: The new president of the United States of America George W. Bush

Below: President and Vice President, along with their wives visit the Lincoln Memorial



BY G. ROBERT HILLMAN
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — On his first business day at the White House, President Bush reached out in divergent directions Monday, conferring with Republican congressional leaders, Democratic stalwarts and educators — and reaffirming his opposition to federal funds for organizations that are involved with abortions abroad.

Moving quickly from one briefing to another, from one event to the next, the new president sought to put his personal and political mark on the first week of his administration.

"Today, everything is so promising and new," Bush said at the swearing-in of his staff in an early-morning ceremony in the East Room. "My hope is that the day will never come when any of us take this place for granted, and this honor for granted."

His order to block federal funds to family planning groups involved in abortions overseas came on the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion.

Outside the White House on the National Mall, thousands of abortion opponents gathered to protest the court's decision.

Bush did not address the group, instead sending a statement that was read by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J.

"We share a great goal: to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law," Bush said the statement. "We know this will not come easily, or all at once. But the goal leads us onward: to build a culture of life, affirming that every person, at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

The president did not mention his order in his statement, but his action would overturn the policy of former President Bill Clinton, who overturned a similar ban imposed by Bush's father when he was president and by Ronald Reagan before him.

Bush's opposition is philosophical and long-standing, said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. "He'll be making good on a campaign promise that is very well known."

Bush's action was cheered by abortion opponents and derided by abortion-rights supporters.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to anyone who thought Bush would not be a threat to a woman's right to choose," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights League. "He has clearly decided to ignore the will of the American people — a majority of whom are pro-choice, pro-family planning and voted for a pro-choice candidate in 2000."

Responding, Fleischer said the president believes his action "will help make abortion more rare."

"It is not the wisest use of taxpayer money in any case — to be used for abortions, to promote abortion," Fleischer said.

Bush's order effectively bans federal funds from private organizations that provide abortions or abortion counseling abroad. In all, about \$425 million in federal funds is designated for overseas family planning programs.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortion or advocate or actively promote abortion, either here or abroad," Bush said in his order.

Bush, arriving for work in the Oval Office just before 7:30 a.m., moved quickly from the swearing in of his staff to a meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell to lunch with Republican congressional leaders.

In the afternoon, he met with education leaders on reading issues and Dallas-Washington lawyer Bob Strauss and a handful of other Democratic stalwarts to seek help with his education reforms and his pledge to change the political tone in Washington.

The group included former Sens. Paul Simon of Illinois and John Glenn of Ohio, former Pennsylvania Rep. William Gray, former Carter White House press secretary Jody Powell and Richard Moe, another former Carter administration aide.

"This administration is going to seek the good in everybody," Bush said, "and find that ability to come together for the good of the country as well."

On Tuesday, Bush will send Congress his major education reforms, which he's stressing all week. Next week, he plans to dwell on his faith-based initiatives, followed the next week by his budget proposals, including his plan for \$1.3 trillion in tax relief.

For the Republican congressional leaders invited to lunch Monday in the Cabinet room off the Oval Office, Bush was a welcomed new White House tenant.

"Life is good," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Flower Mound. "I said to my wife this morning ... I'm just going to go to the White House with a whole new attitude and start it over."

Armey said he found Bush determined to enact the cornerstones of his campaign platform but also pragmatic. "He has resolve, but he also understands the legislative process can be cumbersome and is rarely expeditious," Armey said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said it would take at least until the August recess to approve major portions of the president's top priorities — education and Medicare reforms and tax cuts.

And House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, mindful of a nearly evenly divided Congress, made it clear there would be other challenges, including Sen. John McCain's crusade for prompt action on his campaign finance reforms — opposed in large part by Bush and many Republicans.

No fan of the reforms, Delay dismissively wished the Arizona Republican good luck.

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Ashcroft vows to uphold laws despite own beliefs

BY MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

JAN. 17—WASHINGTON—As Senate Democrats lobbed sharp questions at John Ashcroft over his record on civil rights and abortion, the attorney-general designate promised Tuesday to enforce the law without regard to his own views.

"I understand that being attorney general means enforcing the laws as they are written, not enforcing my own personal preference," Mr. Ashcroft told the Senate Judiciary Committee, which opened several days of hearings on the most polarizing of President-elect George W. Bush's Cabinet choices.

Raising his hand, as if taking an oath, he said: "As a man of faith, I take my word and my integrity seriously. So when I swear to uphold the law, I will keep my oath, so help me God."

But some Democrats expressed skepticism, noting that the staunch conservative had compiled a lengthy record while Missouri attorney general, governor and U.S. senator in opposition to abortion, gun control and affirmative action.

"During Senator Ashcroft's quarter-century in public service, he has taken strong positions on a range of important issues in the jurisdiction of the Justice Department. Unfortunately and often, he has used the power of his high office to advance his personal views in spite of the law of the land," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., offering the sharpest criticism of the day.

Mr. Ashcroft, a Missouri senator who was defeated in November, offered his former Judiciary Committee colleagues a defense of his record, quietly insisting for adequate time to answer points raised by Democrats.

"When the machine gun of charges comes out, I want to try and respond to all of the lead," he

said.

The Ashcroft nomination is the first major political battle of the incoming administration, with liberal-interest policy groups mobilizing to convince the Senate not to confirm him. More than 200 organizations, running the gamut from the NAACP and the National Organization for Women to People for the American Way and Planned Parenthood, are part of the "Stop Ashcroft" coalition.

Religious and social conservatives have rallied in a counteroffensive to shore up support for Mr. Ashcroft in the Senate and in the court of public opinion. They contend the ally of religious conservatives is being attacked by liberal organizations on the basis of ideology and his faith.

"The smear goes on," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "I will not let special-interest groups with an agenda far out of the mainstream hijack the Judiciary Committee. John Ashcroft is a man of great character, integrity and trust."

The hearing's chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said questions arising from the criticism are legitimate.

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measures before the Senate. And civil-rights groups fear that his votes against affirmative action and hate-crimes measures signal a reduced role for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

During his 20-minute opening statement, Mr. Ashcroft said he believed the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion was "wrongly decided." But, he added that he accepts Roe as "the settled law of the land."

"No part of the Department of Justice is more important than the Civil Rights Division," he said.

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Tuesday's hearing was briefly interrupted when four demonstrators jumped from their seats and began yelling "Ashcroft kills — dead addicts don't recover" before being removed from the room by Capitol police. Mr. Ashcroft, defeated for re-election by the late Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, was introduced Tuesday by Jean Carnahan, the governor's widow. Mrs. Carnahan, a Democrat, was appointed to the Senate seat her husband won posthumously.

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AN INVITATION TO THE KEENE STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

The KSC President's Commission on the Status of Women requests nominations for the 2001 President's Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Awards.

Each March, as part of the campus celebration of Women's History Month, the College recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the campus, the community and the State of New Hampshire. The awards will be presented on Thursday, March 29, 2001 at the annual Women's History Month Banquet.

Nominations are considered in each of the following categories:

1. Outstanding service or achievement by a female KSC student.
2. Outstanding service or achievement by a female member of the KSC faculty or staff (excluding current Commission members).
3. Outstanding service or achievement by a woman from the Monadnock region.
4. Outstanding service or achievement by a woman from the state of New Hampshire.

This year's theme for the National Women's History Month is "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision." We are looking to honor women of courage and vision from our community, locally, regionally and state-wide. Outstanding service or achievement might include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Volunteer/community work
- Leadership positions
- Support for the goals and interests of women in the community
- Role model/mentor for others
- Organizer of important campus or community events
- Voicing women's concerns on campus or in the community
- Working to expand the vision of equality for women

Nominations are made by submitting a Nomination Information Form along with a Letter of Nomination to Julie Dickson, President's Office, Keene State College, 229 Main Street, Keene NH 03435-1504, telephone 358-2111. The Nomination Information Form can also be found on the web at: <http://www.keene.edu/pcsw/>

All nominations must be postmarked by Monday, February 12, 2001.

Keene State College President's Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Awards 2001 Nomination Guidelines

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Please supply the following information about your nominee, and submit this form with a letter of nomination. The letter should be no more than 2 pages; address the criteria listed above; and answer the following questions:

- 1) Please tell us how you know the individual.
- 2) Please describe why you feel this individual is deserving of this recognition.
- 3) In what ways has this person contributed to the support and advancement of women.

Nomination Information Form

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Category (circle one): 1. KSC Student 2. KSC Faculty/Staff
3. Monadnock Region 4. State of NH

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Send the completed nomination postmarked by Monday, February 12, 2001 to: Julie Dickson, President's Office, Keene State College, 229 Main St., Keene NH 03435-1504. Thank you in advance for your nomination.



Thursday Jan. 25th

ATTN: SR Day - a day devoted to student design, strategy and sampling on the mountain. Please SR Day at Cranmore Club, and the change for Quik-Tip Lessons, Cranmore Resort, North Conway. For more information call 555-5557.

Community Services Fair in the Student Center from 11:30-1:30pm.

at + one in a room #2 - a site-specific dance performance created by Andres Maria Diaz. Art technology, combined dance, sculpture, and video technology. A 555mm/21705mm at MASS MoCA, in North Adams, Mass. Admission \$15. For more information call 413-662-2111.

Wind That Shakes the Barley, Vermont's home-brewed Celtic wizardry at 8:30pm Downtown Bellows Falls, VT. Admission \$7.25. Reservations are accepted (specify that you want to sit in the main room). For more information call 802-463-9336.

That Obscure Object of Desire, This is directed by Luis Bunuel. France and Spain in French with English subtitles. This is about a rich Spaniard who is driven crazy by his girlfriend who catatizes him with her changing nature. She is played by two different actresses with different personalities. At 7:45pm in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$6. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Sunday Jan. 28th



Youth Chorus at KSC, in the Redfern Arts Center at 3:00pm, annual concert at Alumni Festival Hall. Admission \$12. For more information call 352-2169.

Shawnee Peak AAA Member Appreciation Day, show your membership card and receive discounts on lift tickets. For information call 800-677-9444.

Tuesday Jan. 30th

"Bring It On" 9:30pm at the Night Owl Cafe, 41 with KSC HD.

Nine Days and 97-71, two pop groups, 7:30pm at Capital Center for the Arts, 41 South Main St., Concord, NH. Admission \$12. For more information call 223-1111.

Halelu Hula Ka No'Eu, from Hawaii on the minds of 11 dancers and musicians explore the religious roots history and myths of hula. Dance the music and the drums 7:30pm in the Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Reserved seats \$22. For more information call the Hopkins Box Office 603-646-2422. Preceded by an informal discussion with the artists at 6:45pm in the Hopkins Center Faculty Lounge.

Friday Jan. 26th

East in Black, a play by Caryl Churchill. The play is about the lives of African American women in the 1950s and 1960s. It is a powerful and moving work. At 7:30pm in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$6. For more information call 603-646-2422.

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Winter Photo Workshop, with Neil Landy, from the New York City area. He will be showing his work and giving a presentation on his work. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

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Monday Jan. 29th

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Arctic Movie Series, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Jazz by Ken Burns, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Japanese Tea Ceremony, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Wednesday Jan. 31st

Open Mic Night in the Night Owl Cafe, starting time at 8:00pm.

JoJo's Jam with Clement James, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Dartmouth Film Society, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Thursday Feb. 1st

Mark Erlich, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Maura O'Connell, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

Jupiter Symphony, a weekend of winter fun and games. At 10:00am in the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. General Admission \$10. For more information call 603-646-2422.

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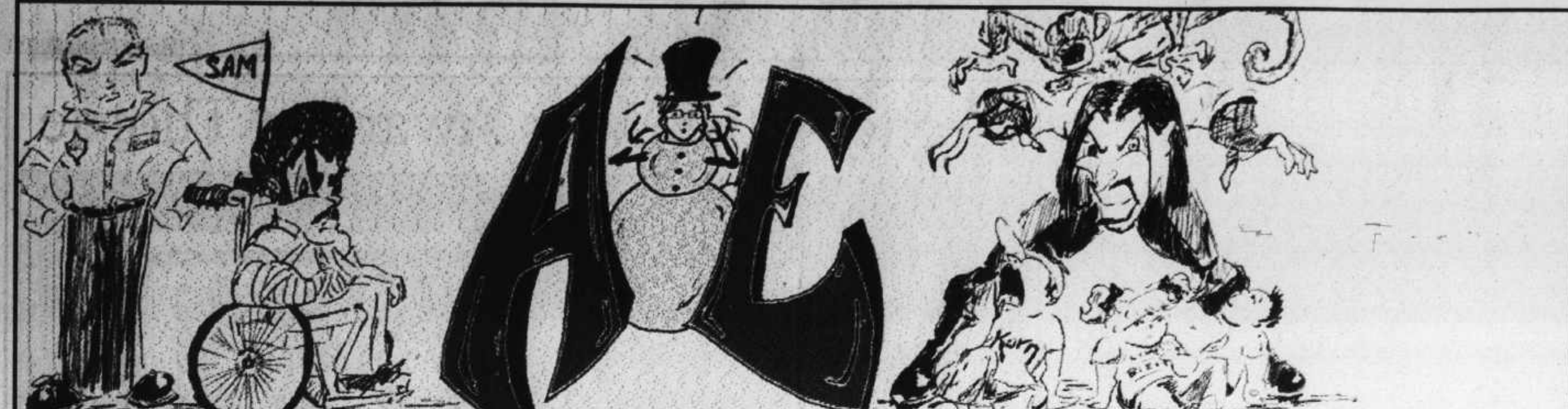
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New York Dancers Entertain Keene

BY DIANE CYR
The Equinox

New York based dancers Sara Pearson and Patrick Widrig shared an evening with Keene community members last Thursday night. They held auditions for their upcoming performance in the form of a workshop.

This type of audition releases tension and discomfort for the dancers and brings in a wider variety of people. The ages at the workshop varied from under 10 to over 50.

Theatre major Sophie Ashton attended last year's workshop, which involved juggling and balancing oranges, and returned this year because she found it to be both "fun and challenging."

Pearson and Widrig have been touring their unique dance company since 1987. They have danced around the world in such places as Switzerland, South Korea, and New Zealand yet they chose to return to Keene for a second year.

The two dancers perform several types of pieces. They perform duets, bring others in their company to dance with them, or hold auditions to find dancers in the local communities. Being multi-lingual has helped Widrig accomplish this feat overseas.

Keene State College's Main Stage was nearly covered by the over 40 people attending the workshop. Pearson began the three-hour meeting by explaining that everyone was there to have fun and not necessarily to audition.

The group formed a large circle and followed Pearson in a warm-up of stretching and shaking their entire bodies. Then they began to dance.

Widrig and Pearson use a lot of improvisation, requiring people to make steps up on the spur of the moment. The first beat moved everyone to salsa, side stepping into the circle to locate a partner, only to be whisked away in a few seconds to dance with someone else.

Once the mood was lightened, the mass was shifted to one side of the stage where they lined up to watch for their next assignment. Pearson shifted wildly across the stage, conveying the feeling that her feet were moving of their own accord.

Embarrassment was high until the crowd realized that they were all in the same predicament so they might as well have fun with it. Feet flew back and forth, sometimes tripping their owners, sometimes not. The dancers eventually made their way across the stage where they could once again hide in the comfort of the

This exercise was followed by several more. Partners were taken on with one being a puppet, the other the master. Children were carried and spun across the stage by older, and much bigger, partners.

They laughed at each other and at the adults who were apparently supposed to be more sensible than this.

As Dancers flipped, rolled, hopped, and twirled their way from one side of the stage to the next, the embarrassment disappeared and they began to look forward to the next assignment with anticipation.

The exercises were followed by story telling and follow the leader. People watched or listened with interest, and most often with laughter. This was an extremely entertaining evening even for those involved that were not auditioning for the performance.

Dance student Amanda Hersh felt that the workshop was very "intense" and that it was definitely a "good experience" for all who participated. She said that Pearson and Widrig "were looking for someone able to move freely" and for those in the crowd who were "uninhibited."

Senior Jill O'Brien complimented Pearson and Widrig's "natural approach to dance" and their ability to make it "fun." She has seen one of the company's previous performances and said that it was "an all around extremely powerful" piece, with the "dancers sharing themselves on stage and relating well with the audience."

When asked what type of dancer she believed the company was looking for, O'Brien had "absolutely no idea" but "wouldn't be surprised to see children in the performance." She said "they have used children before as well as using dancers with varying levels of experience."

The workshop was an enjoyment to all involved and with luck, Pearson, Widrig and Co. will return and engage our attention again next year. If you can not wait that long then you can watch them perform here at Keen State College or on Wave Hill in New York.

Pearson, Widrig, and Co. will be performing If Wishes Were Horses, Beggars Would Ride, at the Redfern Arts Center on February 9th at 8pm. Take advantage of your \$5 student rate to enjoy what will surely be an entertaining evening.

Diane Cyr is a student at Keene State College. She covers theater news and reviews for The Equinox.

Images for Eternity



Thorne Gallery Exhibits

Mexican Tomb Figures

This seated warrior is among the ancient tomb figures from West Mexico on exhibit from Saturday, January 20, through Sunday,

February 25, at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College. The "Images for Eternity" exhibit will include a short video about understanding sculpture through movement and an installation about the Day of the Dead, a Mexican celebration of the lives of deceased friends and relatives.

For information, call 603-358-2720.

Photo by Melville McLean, courtesy of the William P. Palmer III Collection, Hudson Museum, University of

Main, Orono.

Charlie's Angels: Fluff, but Fun

BY ANDREW SYLVIA
The Equinox

REVIEW

It's hard to believe that this is 2001. Where are the insane killer computers? Where are the Pan Am Spaceliners? Where are those futuristic yet contemporary pink barcaloungers? And if you even start to talk about monkeys and big black stones, I am gonna pop you.

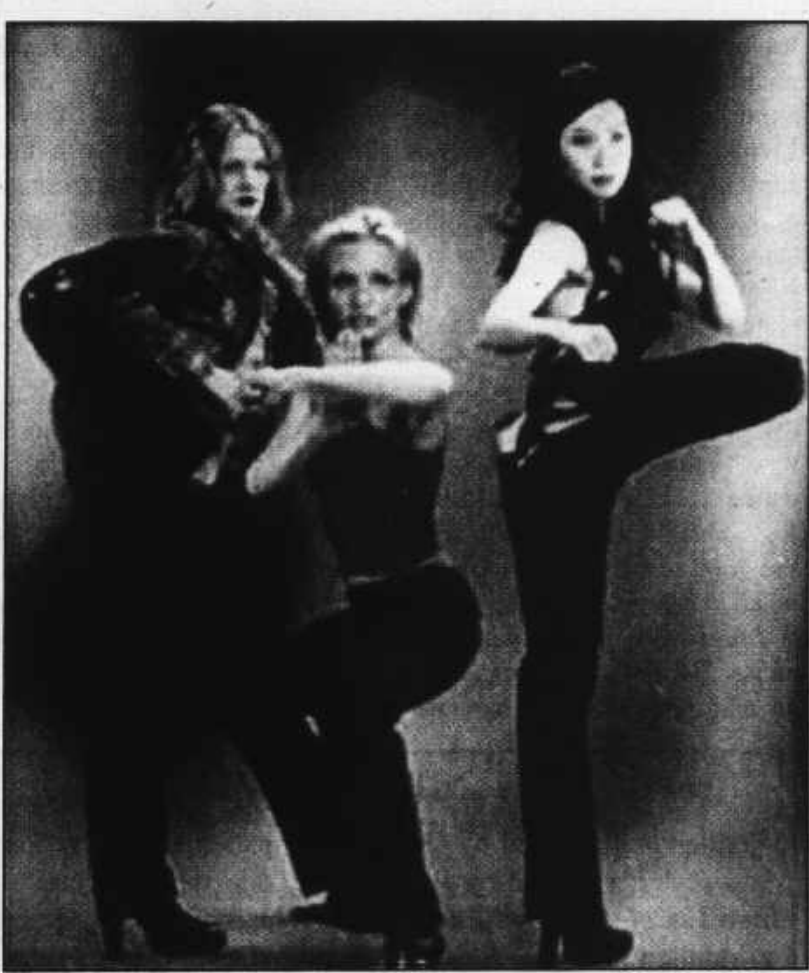
Ok, so maybe Stanley Kubrick was off by a bit, but 2001 is still a nice place to be. We've got the Internet, Those Electric Cars coming soon, umm...beer, and of course, Charlie's Angels playing over at the Putnam.

I still wonder to myself why I didn't see this flick when it first came out, the cause probably having to do with the fact that I am a lazy bastard or that I heard that this movie was just so-so. The Lazy bastard theory is more credible because I loved Charlie's Angels.

It's just like the show in the 70's, 3 supermodel caliber girls kicking some ass and looking hot at the same time. Oscar-Smoschar, it doesn't get any better than that in Hollywood.

With this star-studded cast performing at top form, it's hard to pick which angel exactly kicked the most ass.

Was it Alex (Lucy Liu) with her Chinese Fighting Muffins, Lethal Backrubs, and keen mechanical



You Know You Want Them to Beat You Up: Drew, Cameron and Lucy fight evil and give girls "positive" role models in the new campy film version of the hit television classic, Charlie's Angels.

And oh yeah, what was up with the guy with the toupee? Was it a toupee or just an incredibly bad hair cut? And I suppose the set of "The Avengers" had a yardsale when you got that cane with a sword in it, huh guy?

But alas, license plates and stalkers with scalp problems are minor flaws in what was an excellent movie. We may not be living a Space Odyssey, but at least KSC's Film Society knows how to put on a good show. Happy 2001 everybody!

Andrew Sylvia is a film reviewer for The Equinox.

"Pulp Fiction" retold in Guy Ritchie's "Snatch"

By Mark Caro
Chicago Tribune

You know those movies where a guy (usually an inventor) wakes up and slaps his alarm clock, which is attached to a string that flips a lever that turns on the shower, and the draining water triggers a switch that yanks a cord that drops bread into the toaster and turns on the coffee maker and activates metallic hands that crack eggs into a frying pan?

Well, Guy Ritchie's two British crime comedies are like that if you had, say, eight guys waking up simultaneously with all of their strings and levers attached to the same kitchen.

"Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1999) was a frenetic caper movie in which multiple gangs are whipped through a Rube Goldberg device of a plot as they leapfrog over one another to get their hands on a bundle of cash without getting obliterated by the other guys.

"Snatch" is a close cousin, like a Roadrunner-Wile E. Coyote cartoon following a Bugs Bunny episode.

As in "Lock, Stock," the characters are divided into clusters of shady guys, bad guys, worse guys and really nefarious guys. Both movies also involve bets gone sour and debts owed to the really nefarious guys.

The difference between these two films, at least on the surface, is that "Snatch" boasts some stars in the cast: Brad Pitt and the suddenly hot (thanks to "Traffic") Benicio Del Toro. ("Lock, Stock" reserved a small role for Sting, but that doesn't really count.)

Yet instead of shining the spotlight more brightly on these two, Ritchie seamlessly blends them in with the rest of the cast, several of whom have returned from "Lock, Stock."

Pitt turns in a spy performance as an Irish vagabond bare-knuckles boxer, Mickey O'Neil, who mumbles unintelligibly in what's a fairly amusing running joke. Living in a trailer park with his similarly incomprehensible family and mates, Mickey enters the story by knocking out the boxer who was about to fight a big match for a pair of aspiring shady boxing promoters, Turkish (Jason Statham) and Tommy (Stephen Graham). Needing a new fighter in a jiffy, the two entice Mickey to take the fallen lug's place and hope he'll have the good sense to hit the canvas when he's supposed to.

Meanwhile, thieves disguised as Hasidic Jews have ripped off an enormous diamond, and the

thief called Franky Four Fingers (Del Toro, in a performance that doesn't draw particular attention to itself) has the job of delivering it to boss Avi (Dennis Farina) in New York. But Franky is a compulsive gambler, and a series of double-crosses involving a nasty Russian named Boris The Blade (Rade Sherbedgia) and some scheming pawn-shop owners ensures that the diamond won't reach its intended destination.

Soon Avi is in London with a thug-for-hire named Bullet Tooth Tony (hulking soccer star Vinnie Jones), and everyone — including a dog that swallows a squeaky toy — is sucked into this vortex of diamond thievery, kidnapping, cash rip-offs and mob-fixed boxing matches.

The joys of "Snatch" are the snappy, salty dialogue — low-life Brits have a livelier way of cussing each other out than American movie hoods — and the clever intricacy of Ritchie's plot construction. You see the filmmaker setting up all of the flips and switches, yet he still surprises you with how he triggers them and what mayhem they cause.

The bravura centerpiece is a series of collisions and mishaps during a car chase that Ritchie shows out of sequence. The punch lines aren't what happens as much as who turns out to be involved and how they got there. (Doug Liman pulled off a similar trick with the Sarah Polley car crash in "Go.")

Just don't expect much more than the thrill ride.

The violence in "Snatch" is cartoonish, yet some of the consequences are incongruously tragic. Your only coherent option is to not make any emotional investment in what you're seeing.

What you're left with is the spectacle of a group of colorful nogoodniks trying to outmaneuver one another without getting thumped from behind.

The multi-ethnic, multi-racial cast is as comfortable with Ritchie's rhythms as David Mamet's regulars are with his; only Farina, playing a caricature similar to his "Get Shorty" hood, seems out of step.

The "Pulp Fiction" ripple effect has pretty much dissipated, and that's not a bad thing.

But Ritchie's pulpy tales are more appealing than most because they're driven by a Tarantino-style energy and playfulness rather than sadism. The abundance of visual and verbal wit here ensures that the pleasure of watching "Snatch" need not be guilty.

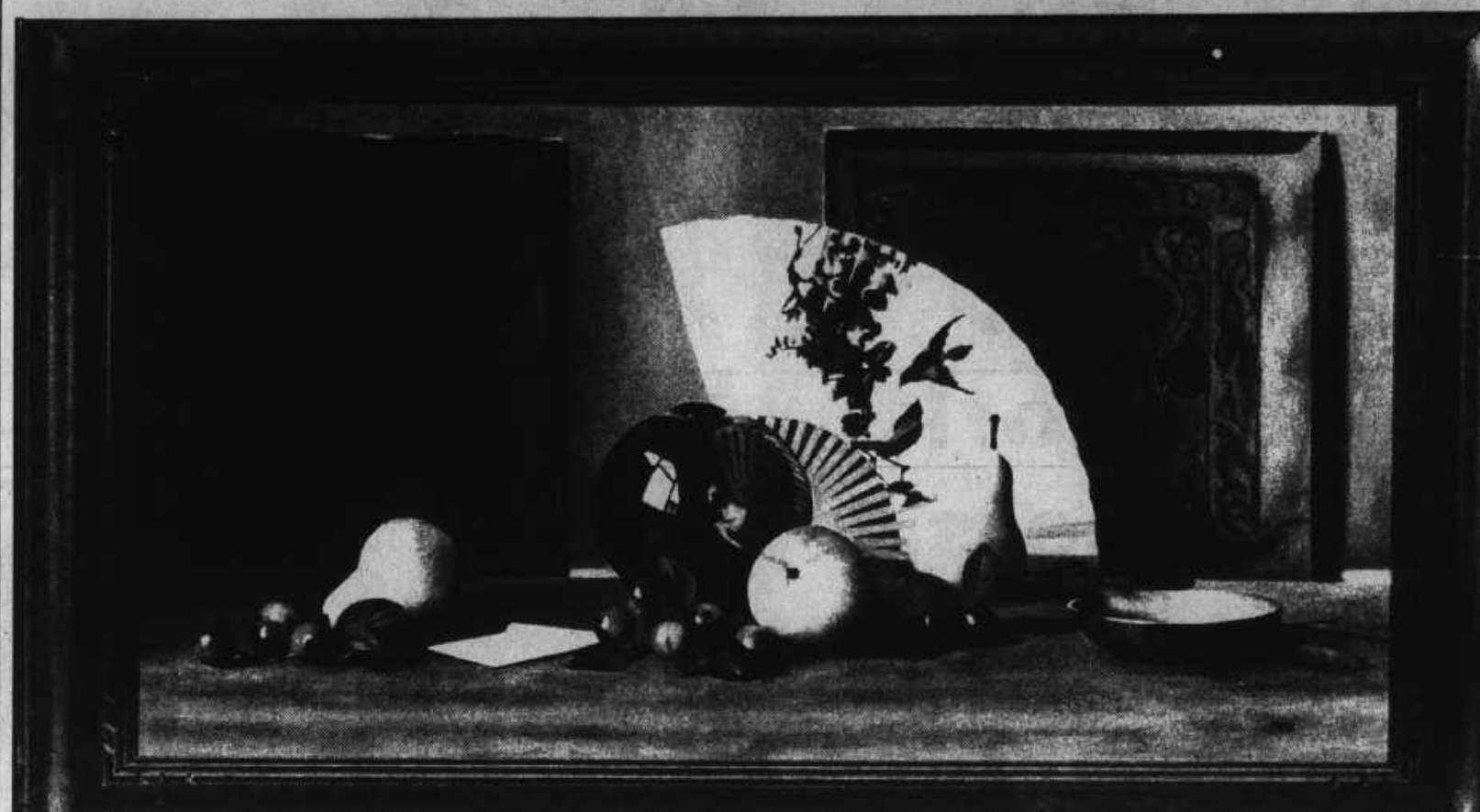
Written and directed by Guy Ritchie; photographed by Tim

"Snatch"
Written and directed by Guy Ritchie; photographed by Tim Maurice-Jones; edited by Jon Harris; production designed by Hugo Luczyc-Wyehowski; music by John Murphy; produced by Matthew Vaughn. A Screen Gems release; opens Friday, Jan. 19. Running time: 1:43. MPAA rating: R (strong violence, language, some nudity).

THE CAST

Franky Four Fingers — Benicio Del Toro,
Avi — Dennis Farina,
Darren — Jason Flemyng,
Bullet Tooth Tony — Vinnie Jones,
Mickey O'Neil — Brad Pitt, Boris The Blade — Rade Sherbedgia,
Turkish — Jason Statham

Keene Artist Wins Award at Thorne



Patricia B. Wright of Keene was chosen the winner of the People's Choice Award for this oil painting "Three Pears" in the 2000 Biennial Regional Juror's Choice Exhibition at Keene State College's Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery. During the exhibit, visitors were invited to vote for their favorite work of art. Out of 147 votes cast, Wright's painting received the most ballots.

Bruce Greenwood is Performing as, Not Impersonating, JFK in New Film

By Robert W. Butler
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Bruce Greenwood was 7 years old in 1962, when for 13 days in October the Cuban missile crisis threatened to plunge the world into nuclear war.

"We lived in Bethesda, Md., just outside Washington," the 44-year-old actor recalled during a recent telephone interview. "I remember air raid drills at school, running down stairs and ducking under desks. But I don't recall being afraid. In fact, I remember feeling completely secure because I had a whole bag of new crayons."

Now Greenwood is getting rave reviews for his portrayal of President John F. Kennedy in the new film "Thirteen Days," a recreation of the missile crisis. Most critics share the opinion of The Dallas Morning News' Philip Wuntch, who writes that Greenwood "captures the chief executive's physical mannerisms and vocal cadences to a perfect extent and offers a touching study of an authoritative leader of conscience and conviction."

Greenwood became a familiar face when he joined the cast of TV's "St. Elsewhere" for two years in the late '80s, then went on to star in mainstream American films ("Rules of Engagement," "Double Jeopardy") as well as the work of Canadian art-house director Atom Egoyan ("The Sweet Hereafter," "Exotica").

The problem with playing a well-known historic figure — especially one whose face, features, gestures and voice have been captured on film — is that audiences will always compare an actor's performance to the real thing.

The other obstacle, Greenwood said, is finding a way to deliver a genuine performance instead of just an impersonation.

"What did it for me was voluminous reading," said the actor, who spent his teen years in Canada and now resides in Los Angeles with his wife. "I mean, horse choking stacks of literature. Watching untold hours of file footage. And when I was too tired to do that, I'd just lie in bed listening to tapes of JFK's speeches."

"And when I became so completely saturated with all this archival information that I thought I could hardly absorb one more bit, I figured it was time to just turn it all over to instinct."

While he's happy with the praise his performance has garnered, Greenwood admitted that "I never felt I nailed him. JFK's just too big, too difficult to be realized by any actor. At the end of shooting I didn't want it to be over: I felt like I'd just begun to explore him. I wish it could have been a six-hour movie, and we had two years to work on it."

"I really admire the guy, and his refusal to give in when, during the missile crisis, the generals said we had to invade Cuba. Within that 13-day period it almost defies belief how many times we came to the Kevin Costner (Kenny O'Donnell) in New Line's "Thirteen Days".

Steven Culp (Robert F. Kennedy), Bruce Greenwood (John F. Kennedy) and Kevin Costner (Kenny O'Donnell) in New Line's "Thirteen Days".



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Winter 2001: A tale of 2 regions



While it may be shocking to students in Arkansas and Texas, the snow is nothing new for Kong Thao, left, and Acha Yang, shown here helping their St. Paul, Minn., neighbors by shoveling snow out of an alley.

by Billy O'Keefe
TMS Campus

As if there weren't enough reasons for students to love winter break.

With an inventory rollout that would put any department store to shame, this equal opportunity winter season has provided Americans with lavish amounts of snow, ice and colder than cold temperatures. After enjoying a string of winters with sparse snowfall and mild temperatures, some part of the country have seen their cold-weather immunity disappear like the mercury in their thermometers.

For most students, however, winter break came just in time. Instead of shoveling a path from the dorm to the lecture hall or cheating death on icy highways, students could stay inside, sleep late, and kick back while Mother Nature cleaned up the mess she made.

That is, if she doesn't knock out your power in the process.

"We were fortunate in that the storms came just as students were finishing finals," says Roger Williams, vice chancellor for university relations at the University of Arkansas, which kicks off its second semester this week. "Still, some students actually came back toward the end of last week, because the campus had electricity, and a lot of places, including much of Little Rock, did not."

While the southern United States may not be known for its chilling winds and buckets of snow, a good chunk of the region felt the wrath of winter through a pair of crippling ice storms, which left dozens of people homeless and scores more with property damage and no power.

Williams says that the storms, and the bitterly cold weather that accompanied them, punished

less-prepared areas like Fayetteville that much more.

"This is not Chicago," he said. "We're not accustomed to this, and there is not nearly as good an infrastructure to remedy the situation."

A few degrees up north, in Mankato, Minn., the snow and the cold are just settling in for the long winter ahead. But that, according to Karen Wright, director of media relations at Minnesota State University, is just fine.

"The snow, for us to close, would have to be absolutely catastrophic," she says.

Students up north aren't invincible, and even they are no match for icy roads or blistering wind-chill temperatures, which can sink as low as 90 degrees below zero.

Cold winters, however, are a way of life at MSU. And according to Wright, students attending school up north know that snow, and lots of it, comes with the territory.

"We expect it, and we have such a huge system of snow-plows and salting that we're constantly on top of it," she says. "We might have to cancel events here and there, but even that is very, very rare."

Case in point: MSU's winter-time commencement ceremony, which honors students who graduated following the summer or fall 2000 semesters. As temperatures took a nosedive, calls poured in from parents and would-be graduates, some of whom most likely wanted to know how long, not if, the ceremony would be postponed.

But the show, like the snow, must go on.

"We have a lot of parents and family who travel from far away to attend the ceremony, and we can't just call it off," Wright says. "So we went on as normal. And

while we lost a few people because of the weather, we had an extremely respectable turnout."

Asked how her counterparts to the south might handle Minnesota's annual freeze, Wright laughs.

"That's funny," she says. "If some schools in the south get an so much as an inch of snow, they close down."

Unfortunately for a large chunk of the south, it wasn't snow, but ice, that slowed things to a crawl. "It's been very tough in this part of the country," says Williams, who adds that parts of Oklahoma, Texas and southern Missouri were equally taken by surprise. "It's been brutal by comparison. Unusually cold."

But with the exception of one final exam day that had to be rescheduled for the Sunday before break, UA has gotten through the storms with little damage. Schools everywhere benefited from the good timing of winter break, which ends just as temperatures return to normal and sizeable portions of the snow and mice melt away.

"Our finals were complete the day before the first storm," says Straley Snipes, coordinator of university communications at Arkansas State University. "Offices were closed down for a day and a half, but other than that, we've been lucky. Students should have no trouble returning to campus."

Of course, all the good timing in the world can't save schools from that other weather-related problem: the gas bill.

"We're paying twice as much, about \$2 million, for heat this year," says Wright. "That hurts. But that's a whole other story."

North Dakota professor sues student

Graphic article is slanderous

BY BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS Campus

A professor at the University of North Dakota has filed a \$50,000 libel suit against a female former student, six months after he successfully sued the same student for slander and nearly two years after she was found to be stalking him.

Physics professor John Wagner claims that an article written by 44-year-old Glenda Miskin, in addition to being libelous, is emotionally distressing and exists with the intention of dragging his name and career through the mud.

The article, entitled "Kinky Torrid Romance by Randy Physics Professor: UND ruins the Career of Religion Student with Two Children," describes in graphic detail a courtship of Miskin by Wagner. Among the

accusations Miskin makes are that Wagner is a sex offender and a pedophile.

Miskin's article, which appears on her site, undnews.com, and is linked at a separate site, und-fraud.com, accuses the university and Wagner of conspiring to cover up the accusations and drive her out of the university.

"I have learned that it is not safe to make reports to UND Officials," Miskin wrote. "They will blow your confidentiality and will consider you the problem. Looking at a degree on my wall that came from an institution like UND would make me want to throw up. The question that still remains is, is this the reputation that the State of North Dakota and the University of North Dakota wish to project to the public who pay their salaries?"

In addition to seeking punitive damages and compensation for lawyers' fees, Wagner wants both Web sites, which he claims have had hundreds of thousands of visitors, to remove the article.

Miskin, who has two children, has operated undnews.com since October. Its purpose, as described on the front page of the site, is to serve those "who are

appalled by what goes on at UND, a fourth-rate institution that is desperately pretending to be halfway respectable."

In addition to Miskin's account, the site includes stories about censorship, discrimination. Most recent is an alleged interview with Playboy college playmate Veronica Folz, who in the interview refers to Wagner by name and is quoted as saying that UND has "a bad reputation for rape."

Miskin also works for UND-fraud.com as an editor. Wagner has also filed suit against the site's operator, Vivian Nelson, who said that she does not vouch for Miskin's story.

Wagner successfully sued Miskin in July for slander, in a case that involved similar accusations that appear in Miskin's article.

Miskin was suspended from the university after a disciplinary panel in 1999 determined that she was stalking Wagner via a bombardment of phone and e-mail messages. By her own design, she did not and will not return to the university.

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U. of Texas tight lipped about presidential student

BY JOANNA TOM
TMS Campus Correspondent

President-elect George W. Bush's 19-year-old daughter's name is not among the records of students enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin even though she's beginning her fourth semester at the university.

Not only is Jenna Bush's name omitted from registrar records but it's also not listed in the university's electronic directory, which lists the name, major, address, phone number and e-mail address of most UT students. However, students may request not to be listed in the directory.

As the presidential inauguration nears, officials and students alike are cautious about what they say about president-elect Bush's twin daughters Jenna and Barbara.

Even the Austin-based presidential transition press office would not answer any questions about either of the president-elect's daughters.

"We aren't taking any questions regarding the girls. We just don't talk about them," said a press office employee who refused to give her name.

Whitney Miller, a UT journalism student, said she did not want to talk about Bush's daughter Jenna, who is a member of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta.

The university has been working with president-elect Bush to ensure that Jenna remains safe while in school and is happy to have Jenna as one of its students, said James Vick, vice president

for student affairs.

"We're delighted to have her among our students, and we hope she'll have a very positive experience as a student here," he said.

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Jenna Bush is gathered with her family to prepare for the opening of her grandfather's presidential library, the George Bush Library on the campus of Texas A&M in College Station, Texas March 1999. From left to right are George W. Bush, daughter Barbara, daughter Jenna, and wife Laura.

a president's daughter attend the University, but Archer said he doesn't think it's a big deal.

"She's just a normal person," he said. "Just because her father is the president doesn't mean much."

The security alone probably makes it hard for her to live a normal life, so the media should leave her alone like they did with Chelsea Clinton, Archer said.

"That would really interfere with her personal life," he said.

Bush's daughter will be safe from coverage in UT's student newspaper, The Daily Texan, unless she draws attention to herself with her actions, said Cecily Sailer, the paper's editor.

"We're not going to make news out of her just because she's the president's daughter," she said. "She's a student like anybody else. We don't want to give her special attention, and it may not be what she wants."

Purdue adds gays to non-discrimination policy

BY MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS Campus

Purdue University changed its non-discrimination policy last week to include gay members of the campus community, the last Big Ten school to make such a change.

"Purdue consistently has prohibited discrimination toward any group, but this clarification is designed to make it absolutely clear that these categories are covered," said Purdue President Martin C. Jischke. "Some people have suggested erroneously that failing to include these groups in

our policy statement means sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran."

The move was heralded by several campus groups including the Purdue Equality Alliance, which worked to change the anti-discrimination policy.

"Policy has the ability to create an atmosphere on campus," said Ethan Romero-Severson, secretary of Purdue Equality Alliance. "Purdue's nondiscrimination policy now sends a clear message of inclusion and affirms the value of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community."

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Get Me Out of The Cold

JOHN MAGUIRE
The Equinox

Chances are pretty good that, since you are holding this paper in your hands, you live in New England and between the months of November and March, it can get a wee bit cold, to put it mildly. Or, for the less subtle type, New England winters are pure hell.

The onset of cold weather can be a dangerous thing for many, especially those who suffer from "seasonal depression," or SAD, seasonal affective disorder.

SAD has many symptoms: irritability, lack of motivation, feelings of helplessness and hopelessness, sleep problems, general depression, and lack of energy. With SAD, all of these symptoms are brought on by the cold and the fact that you are staying inside most of the time.

There are things you can do to stay in an upbeat and more "normal" mood during the winter months.

A very important thing to do is get as much sunlight as you can. Even having bright lights on while inside helps too.

This is known to raise the spirits and the energy level, kind of making the brain wake up.

Exercise is an important factor as well.

Go skiing, snowboarding, running; anything that get the blood pumping and improving not only your health, but your mood, too.

I feel very relaxed and content, no matter what I am doing, after I have spent the day at the mountain snowboarding. It takes away the feeling of wanting to sleep all of the time," says Chris Grosky, a Keene State senior and Okemo/Stratton season pass holder.

Eating well is very important, too. Persons suffering from SAD tend to overeat and crave foods very rich in carbohydrates. Watch what you eat; bring some fruit or nuts with you to a day on

campus, drink plenty of water, and watch your intake of caffeine and alcohol.

Another thing that happens to SAD sufferers is a change in sleep patterns.

Humans have evolved biologically to sleep when it is dark and cold outside and to be awake when it is bright outside. The fact that winter brings much shorter days, your brain is telling your body to go to sleep when it gets darker outside.

This leads to oversleeping and still feeling tired all of the time. Turn on some bright lights in the room to stay alert.

"I definitely suffer from seasonal affective disorder," state Kerry Kinney, a Keene resident. "I feel sluggish and tired all of the time."

Getting motivated is tough, but I make myself get out and do something active to feel rejuvenated."

This condition has been known to lead to more serious results, including more serious cases of depression, recurring trips to a psychiatric ward every winter, child abuse, and even, in extreme cases, suicide.

Next time you are feeling down, look at your surroundings and see what you can do to make it brighter.



The winter hits Keene State

Bright light and colors have been known to increase alertness and make the world a much more welcome place.

If you can't get to those tropical island getaways for the cold season then try doing the same thing on a smaller scale, and get outside when the sun does make an appearance.

Movie Quote of the Week

"Striker, listen, and you know I'm not flying a plane. I'm not a pilot. I'm just a lot harder to put basketball in the spokes."

Rex Kramer
Airplane

McDonald's Re-Tools Menu

JIM KIRK
Chicago Tribune

Looking to substantially beef up its offerings in an era of growing alternatives, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based fast-food giant is embarking on perhaps its most ambitious menu expansion ever.

On Sunday, McDonald's will debut a permanent "New Tastes Menu" in all its U.S. restaurants, offering up to 40 new food items, including new sandwiches, drinks and breakfast items, that will rotate four at a time for several weeks in different parts of the country.

The idea behind the new strategy, backed by estimated \$30 million to \$40 million national advertising campaign from DDB Chicago over the next few months, is to try to win back customers who opt for competitors offering everything from tacos to chicken sandwiches in a brutally competitive fast-food arena.

"New Tastes" is the result of an ambitious plan, ordered up by McDonald's Chief Executive Jack Greenberg, to dramatically improve the menu. For years, McDonald's has been criticized for both the quality of its food and the size of its menu, limited mainly by the company's long reliance on a system to premake sandwiches. That changed last year, when the company equipped all its nearly 15,000 U.S. restaurants with the expensive "Made For You" kitchen systems that allow customers to customize sandwiches more conveniently.

Other fast-food chains, notably No. 2 Burger King and No. 3 Wendy's, have made inroads by offering customers choices of condiments on their burgers or by introducing new sandwich products for weeks at a time.

When McDonald's has for years rotated new sandwiches in and out locally, it never had a permanent spot on the menu to offer several choices at a time.

But pressure is mounting in Oak Brook for a home run to re-energize U.S. sales, meaning executives are placing great emphasis on the success of the "Tastes" menu.

For the past two years, the chain, under Tom Ryan, senior vice president of McDonald's U.S. menu management, has been aggressively working on new product development.

McDonald's track record over the last several years in launching new products has been mixed, at best. Although breakfast and Happy Meals, introduced several

years ago, have been major successes, more recent offerings, including the Arch Deluxe and Big Xtra, have flopped.

Company executives believe that adding a wide variety of items, from Mighty Wings to Arctic Orange milkshakes, periodically on a permanent menu board will keep a lock on customers who may be tempted to go elsewhere.

Menu items will be selected by groups of local franchisees around the country, depending on local tastes and ethnic makeup of a given region. Individual outlets, however, will not be able to select their own offerings.

"Even before we got our 'Made For You' system in place, customers were saying 'We want more choices,'" said Larry Zwaan, senior vice president of U.S. marketing for McDonald's, and the chief architect of the marketing plan.

"This is a physical place on the menu that will constantly offer something different," said Don Hoffman, executive vice president/executive account director at DDB.

Zwaan gave credit to the "Made For You" system, which has been criticized in some pockets of the country for slowing the ordering process, for allowing the new menu plan to debut.

The new plan is expected to receive a healthy dose of national advertising support over the next several weeks. The campaign will continue to feature the "We love to see you smile" tagline introduced by DDB last summer.

It is believed that McDonald's has bought time either right before or right after the Super Bowl on Jan. 28 to help promote the new menu.

Although McDonald's shares were little changed on the news, climbing 56 cents, to \$34.69, the ripple effect was felt at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where pork belly futures soared on belief that the new pork products on the menu would boost demand for nonbeef products.

Fast-food observers and analysts on Wednesday said that the move made sense, given the pressures McDonald's faces.

"What they've done is taken the limited-time offers and made it permanent," said Dennis Lombardi, an executive with restaurant consultant Technomic Inc. "That creates interest and increases traffic."

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A Place to Play Ball

KEVIN NORRIS
Commentary

The campus of Keene State College does not have a full-size, outdoor basketball court, where students can go get away from the pressure of school and just have a game. It has a single hoop.

Picture this: It's a beautiful, sunny spring day and all students want to do is be outside. For the last five months it has been freezing cold, with snow and wind, and finally, it is sunny and warm. What better thing to do if you're a guy than get together with friends and play pick-up basketball?

There is one major problem at Keene State College. The problem is there is only one hoop and 100 students trying to play on it. Not only is it just a single basket, it is usually bent so far down that anyone over 4'2" can dunk on it like they were Vince Carter.

There is also a beautiful tree that hangs directly into the court, which makes the right side of the game almost non-existent. It is the only place in America that you can play beach basketball because there is so much sand on the ground it seems like you're playing at Hampton Beach.

Who needs the Boston Garden? Behind Carle Hall, we have Hampton Beach to play basketball on.

Keene State College needs to think about building an outdoor basketball court so students can relief stress by going and playing some full court basketball games.

It will allow students to get outside in the fresh air and run a little, while having fun. The school allows students to go play pick up basketball in the gym when it is as hot as an oven in there. It's great, you go play basketball in a place where it is 110 degrees and then when it is game point, someone comes in and says, "game over, the gym is reserved for another sport or someone else."

If you want to play basketball you have to wait until the gym is reserved for pick-up games. Keene State needs to do something for people who would like to be outside on a nice spring day. With no basketball court to play on, the most popular sport in Keene on a nice sunny day is "Beer Die."

Go by any college students' off-campus driveway and you can see enough students to field four basketball teams, out there throwing die into the other teams' beers. It's great, instead of running around letting off some steam, you're sitting on a milk crate drinking beer.

Keene State needs to put in an outdoor court or at least make the hoop they have regulation, get someone to sweep up the sand, and maybe cut back some branches from the tree that hangs over the court.

This will allow some students to be able to play basketball.

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Track opens strong after break

MARK MILLER
The Equinox

Last Saturday the Keene State College men's and women's track teams traveled to Brandeis University to compete in the Brandeis Invitational.

The men raced and threw to a strong third place finish while the women came home fifth.

Senior Joe Dunham, who won both the 600-meter and 1,000-meter runs, paced the men.

Dunham's time of 1:22.77 in the 600-meter broke the school's record, formerly of teammate Mark Miller, by over a second.

"I am so excited that I was able to come to a school with such a great tradition like Keene State and be a success," said Dunham.

He would return later in the meet to join Jeff Leavitt, Miller, and Josh Ferenc to place fourth in the 4x400 relay in a time of 3:34.02.

Senior Wilson Perez had a strong day for the Owls placing second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:42.12. Perez then came back to place a strong fourth in the 1,500-meter with a time of 4:09.43. "I am just starting to really get going again," said Perez.

On the women's side, sophomore All-American Mary Proulx once again led the Owls.

Proulx started the day placing second in the 1,500-meter, running a personal best of 4:45.32. Proulx came back at the end of the meet to win the 3,000-meter in a time of 10:32.19 with a dramatic come

back from behind performance.

"I really didn't think that I was running as fast as I was in the 1,500," she said.

Lindsey Monroe turned in, perhaps, the gutsiest performance on the day for the Owls. In the final of the women's 55-meter hurdles, Monroe was running a strong race in third place until a disaster struck on the next to last hurdle.

Monroe caught her trail leg on the hurdle and fell instantly to the track. She still managed to tough it out and finish the race with a respectable time of 10.42 seconds for sixth place.

Keene State will travel to Boston University this weekend to compete in the famous Terrier Classic. The Owls are expected to bring back several qualifying times for the Division III National Championships to be held in March.

Mark Miller is a member of the Keene State College track team and also a writer for the Equinox



Get ready for the X-Games this weekend

Don't miss the X-Games this weekend in Vermont

NBA mid-season report: look out for the Nuggets

SAM SMITH
Chicago Tribune

After their threat to boycott practice, the constantly underachieving Denver Nuggets won 14 of 18 for their best record in 15 years at this point, and it has caught some notice.

"If that's what's working for them, maybe we should try boycotting a practice," Vancouver's Shaheed Abdur-Rahim said.

Grizzlies coach Sidney Lowe had a different take. "Denver is tough, athletic. I think they're on a mission and I predict they're going to go deep, deep into the playoffs, very deep," he said.

"When they're going, these guys are as good as anyone. They've got a great post-up guy, Antonio McDyess, who gets points in the post or off offensive rebounds. He can face up and shoot it. Then they have great perimeter shooting — not good, great."

The test for the Nuggets comes now, with eight of 11 games on the road before the All-Star break. If they play well maybe Denver will start to notice.

The Nuggets are on pace to draw fewer fans than last season and are averaging 14,170 with one sellout. The kid can play: The Pacers are making noises about getting in the play-off race again and Jermaine O'Neal has been a big part of it.

The 22-year-old power forward/center, who skipped college, is averaging 13.6 points, 9.6 rebounds and 2.7 blocked shots over 33.1 minutes. A year ago O'Neal had "The Year of the Resurrection" tattooed on his right arm along with a drawing of a superhero character designed by his cousin.

It never happened in Portland, but O'Neal has blossomed after a trade for Dale Davis that Portland figures to regret for years.

"He hasn't even really played yet," Pacers veteran Sam Perkins said. "When this man realizes what he has and looks at it long-term, he can be the best player in the NBA one day. If he works at it, nobody can stop him in my mind." And in O'Neal's mind as well. "If I make the jump shot, nobody in the league will be able to guard me," he said.

"Even now I can get to the 1/8 basket 3/8 whenever I want without being able to shoot it consistently."

Family feuds: Lakers coach Phil Jackson, watching Jeff Van Gundy get pummeled stepping between Marcus Camby and Danny Ferry, recalled the famous Doug Collins fight with the Pistons' Rick Mahorn in which assistant John Bach tried to protect then-Bulls coach Collins and wound up with torn tendons in his hand.

Jackson said he goes by the adage: "Don't grab anybody who's going to tear your arms off." Jackson shouldn't joke. That Kobe Bryant-Shaqille O'Neal feud may be worse than reported.

After scoring 41 points Friday against Houston, O'Neal broke his weeklong silence to take another jab at Bryant: "All nights — not most nights, all nights — I can score. And I've always been an unselfish player. If I get doubled, I set up my teammates."

Bryant, meanwhile, got the first triple-double of his career last week after Magic Johnson challenged him to try for one in hopes of defusing his feud with O'Neal.

But Bryant was having teammates shout out how many assists or rebounds he needed during the game as Michael Jordan did in the late 1980s when he got 10 straight triple-doubles to prove he could do anything

Magic could do.

Two time: Antoine Walker has been getting a lot of the blame for Rick Pitino's failure in Boston, even from broadcaster Howard David.

"Walker is part of the problem," David said. "He cares about winning the scoring championship, not the team championship. He has one thing in mind — scoring — and there's an epidemic of this around the NBA."

Added ex-Celtic Danny Ainge: "Walker is a nice player, but if he's expected to take you to the Promised Land, you're in a lot of trouble. I'd explore what I could get for him."

Obviously stung, Walker ran up 47 points against the Kings. Around the league: The Rockets are saying they won't trade Hakeem Olajuwon, who is saying he wouldn't mind being dealt, presumably to a contender.

Richardson leads Spartans to victory

JEMELE HILL
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Missing its second-most experienced player, Michigan State absorbed the loss by deferring to the player threatening to become the best weapon on the team.

A group of players filled in for pneumonia-stricken senior forward Andre Hutson, and sophomore Jason Richardson's 24 points absorbed the rest Sunday in MSU's 71-56 win over Ohio State at the Breslin Center.

The win was MSU's 40th straight victory at home. Richardson, last week's Big Ten player of the week, continued his hot shooting with four three-pointers and a 9-of-13 performance from the field.

The amazingly athletic Richardson leads the team with 19 dunks — he added a breakaway, two-handed jump against Ohio State — but his job jump shot that has crushed teams lately.

"He's gone from a guy that a year ago we wouldn't guard on the perimeter, to a guy you absolutely have to guard," Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said. "He has the ability not only to shoot three, but when he comes

off his screens and is close to the basket, unless you have someone who's every bit as athletic or as big guarding him, he has the ability to get his shot over people. And, he's all over the rim, too."

Richardson, who was a point shy of tying his career high for the second time in a week, had an eight-point spurt in the second half that delivered the game to the third-ranked Spartans (15-1, 4-1 Big Ten).

He nailed a jumper from the foul line at 14:43, giving the Spartans a 39-35 lead. Proof that the game belonged to Richardson came on the Spartans' next possession. MSU nearly lost the possession on a turnover.

Richardson dove for the loose ball and the off-side ruled that it bounced off an Ohio State player.

Televised replays showed Richardson might have gotten away with something, and he took advantage by nailing a three to put MSU ahead, 42-37.

He broke through the Spartans' defense and scored the winning basket.

time down the floor for another triple, which cushioned MSU's lead to 45-37.

From there, MSU maintained a comfortable edge. "The coaches wanted me to work on my total game," said Richardson, who padded his statistics with three assists, three steals, four rebounds and a blocked shot.

"And not just be a guy who can jump." With Richardson dominating on the perimeter, it took the pressure off MSU's interior.

Mious Hutson, who has started 113 games for the Spartans, sophomore Adam Ballinger received the first start of his career. Among Ballinger, freshmen Jason Andrews and Adam Wolfe and sophomore Aloysius Anagonye, the Spartans tried to make up for Hutson's 13.2 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

They got it done, even though Anagonye was sick with flu. Ballinger had 10, Andrews had four points off the bench, Wolfe and Andrews didn't score.

They held All-Big Ten center

Ken Johnson (Detroit Henry Ford) in check as well as could be hoped. Johnson had 12 points and six blocks before fouling out late in the game, but the Spartans attacked him with freshman Zach Randolph.

Randolph notched the second double-double of his career, with 14 points and 10 rebounds — though Randolph did get a few of his shots swatted. "I thought (Ballinger) did as good of a job that you can do," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

"Ken's shots were earned. He's just a good player. I'm really impressed with him. I give him credit and their staff credit because he was not that kind of player coming out. He's worked and he's earned it. I think he's made himself into a player."

Johnson's play and point guard Brian Brown's 14-point effort also were marred by the Spartans' dominance on the offensive glass. MSU had a 20-12 edge over Ohio State (12-6, 3-3) in offensive rebounds and 26-17 advantage in second-chance points.

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University of Wisconsin caught for not playing by the NCAA rules

MATTHEW MACGUIRE
TMS Campus

Not only did University of Wisconsin athletes receive discounts from a local shoe store but recruits also appear to have violated NCAA rules, the Wisconsin State Journal reported last week.

Several unidentified recruits who had signed letters of intent and were living on campus during the summer of 2000 received discounts, in addition to veteran players, the article stated.

An internal investigation revealed that 121 players received discounts totaling more than \$23,000 after the Wisconsin State Journal broke the story last July.

The school later confirmed that student athletes had received unadvertised shoe discounts from the Shoe Box, a shoe store located in the Madison suburb of Black Earth.

The store is owned by University of Wisconsin athletic

booster Steve Schmitt, who also extended athletes no-interest lines of credit on store merchandise up to \$1,000. NCAA rules forbid athletes from receiving discounts not available to the general public.

The university required athletes to close any open accounts at the store and repay the discounts to charity.

Some students were also suspended and required to perform community service. Among the players suspended were three basketball players, including two from Wisconsin's Final Four team, 26 football players and a women's soccer player.

The Wisconsin State Journal obtained the 160-page report of the internal investigation through a public-record lawsuit.

John Dowling, senior university legal counsel, told the State Journal that the university hasn't been able to confirm that any recruit has been taken to The Shoe Box as part of an official [recruiting] visit."

Was it Worth It??

KSC Students Discuss the Renovation of the Library

KEVIN NORRIS
The Equinox

Nearly 58 percent of Keene State College students feel that the college spent money wisely to renovate the Mason Library, according to an unscientific random poll conducted last week.

To gather information for this survey, 50 Keene State students were polled, while they were studying in the library, out of a total population of 5,000.

The students were asked, if they thought Keene State College spent money wisely in renovating the Mason Library, according to an unscientific random poll conducted last week.

Most of the students who felt the money could have been spent in better ways, felt that they should have bought or updated the resources in the library, instead of just making it look good.

The renovation of the library

was all cosmetic," said senior, Todd Pinsonneault. "The school just wanted it to look nice so they could bring their tours into a new library. They (the school officials) said they were going to increase capacity and it doesn't look like they did it to me."

Most of the students, who felt that the school spent the money wisely, felt that the library looks better now and it also has more space for studying. They felt that having space to study is an important thing.

If you need a quiet place to study there is now more space and you have a better chance of finding that ideal area.

"The library has more space for students to study in and it looks better and more professional from the outside," said senior Suzie Agriolo. "Even though there isn't any more books, there is more space, which makes it more comfortable for us students."

Out of the 50 students who were surveyed, no one felt that the money should have been

spent elsewhere. They just felt that the money should have been used for other things rather than making the library look good.

They said that they need more space to study but they also need resources to study with. If you do not have the resources then it is hard to study.

"The library is now bigger and there is a lot more room for students to study," said junior Amber Kirkbride.

Some students felt that having a nice new library would bring in more students to the college.

Students and also parents of possible students who would attend KSC on a tour or a visit would see the new library and it would help make their decision on where to go to college.

In the end most students feel the new library was needed and it looks great, but they could have gotten rid of some of the fancy additions and purchased new up-to-date technology.

McDonald's track record over the last several years in launching new products has been mixed, at best. Although breakfast and Happy Meals, introduced several



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Near upset at Spaulding

After forcing the basketball game into O.T. on a clutch three by Julie Tardif the women's basketball team fell just short

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

The Keene State College women's basketball team missed knocking off the top team in the Little East Conference by inches Tuesday night on a last second inbounds play.

Trailing the Warriors of Eastern Connecticut by three points with less than 20 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Julie Tardif stepped back and drilled a three point shot, leaving the scored tied as the final moments ran off the clock.

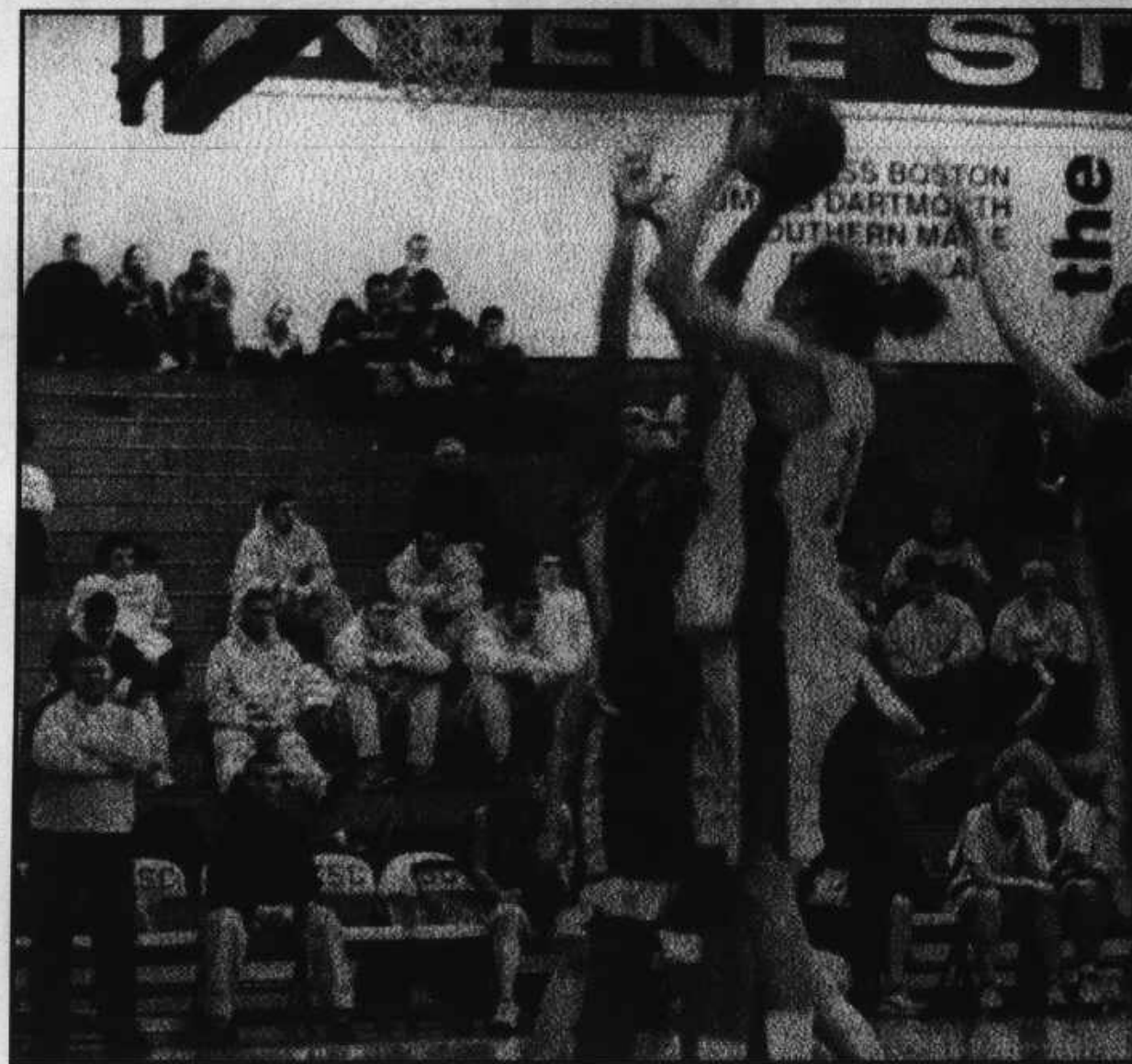
Tardif, who has struggled this season with her shooting, seemed to find her old stroke Tuesday night, hitting five shots from behind the arc and scoring 19 points.

Hayley Alaimo was equally impressive hitting four of eight from three point land. Alaimo ended up with 16 points and five assists in the loss, which dropped the Owls' record to 11-6 overall and 4-4 in the LEC.

The Warrior's Allison Coleman was a dagger all night long as she passed, shot, and drove her way to a game-high 35-point, nine rebound, six assist performance.

The win improves the record of the Warriors to 15-1 overall and 7-1 in the LEC.

It was a tough loss for the women of Keene State after



Margot Fleming scores two of her seven points in a 75-51 LEC loss to Southern Maine last Saturday at Spaulding Gymnasium.

leading for most of the game.

In the first half, Aly Araque helped to keep the home team in the game as she played solid defense and added a scoring kick to the well-balanced attack.

Keene State had four players in double figures and two others that tallied 8 points.

Sarah Linn played a solid game at the point scoring eight points, grabbing seven rebounds, dishing out eight assists, and even getting two steals.

The turning point in the game may have come with eight minutes remaining in the second half, when the Owls picked up their seventh foul which put the Warriors into the bonus.

At that point the score was 52-47, but after that the Warriors didn't have to score hoops, they simply had to draw fouls, which they did quite well.

The last minutes of regulation were very exciting as the two teams went back and forth. One team would take the lead by two, then the next team would come right back.

Despite blowing the lead, Keene State seemed to have the advantage going into the overtime period after the dramatic Tardif three, which brought the crowd to its feet.

In the overtime period, Coleman showed her talent. She hit a turn-around jumper, drove the baseline for a reverse lay-up, and on numerous occasions

drove to the hole only to dish out an assist as the Owls collapsed, unable to stop her.

With 3.6 seconds remaining in the overtime period, the Owls had a chance to run an inbounds play from half court to either tie or win the game.

The play worked well, but by the time Erika Forsberg got the pass and her momentum carried her under the backboard, she was left with a very tough shot that she couldn't convert.

The women played their hearts out in the 79-77 loss and deserve a lot of credit. They will try to get things back on track when they travel to Rhode Island College this Saturday to play at 1 p.m.

Super Sunday at KSC: The Owls on tv and Super Bowl 35

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

Few want to hear anyone complaining that there isn't anything to do this weekend on the campus of Keene State College.

The basketball game scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. is going to be followed by Channel Nine and by the way it's time for Super Bowl 35.

Korgan Rick, Kanan, he will give the night off to watch it. Bill Kanan and Adam to keep looking for their remote because even the commercials are all worth watching (sometimes better than the game even).

The first game in the Sunday night football season is a great game. Two teams with good defense. It is well known that the best Super Bowl of the year have to be the highest of scores.

Before we all come back to school, I saw something that I couldn't believe. The New York Giants scoring 41 points in their eighth straight win under the famous quarterback.

Almost equally impressive would have been the Ravens holding the Redskins to only three points and Tony Stewart was doing a good job of running. Rich Coleman was a pretty tough on the high powered offense in the hands of a backup.

So who is going to win? The Giants 16-13. The Ravens have a great defense. They are quick, strong, and they gang tackle. Ray Lewis is probably the best defensive player in the NFL.

Rod Woodson is going to the Hall of Fame someday and Tony Stewart is just plain scary. But the Ravens can't sit back and expect their defense to score enough points for them to win the game.

Jamal Lewis is an excellent running back, but on the other

side of the bench, James Harrison and Michael Jordan have been noticeable as the playoffs.

The Giants are coming off of a game that they held a top offensive team scoreless. They won a game that they couldn't win. Everyone has been telling them what they couldn't do for so long that they simply snapped inside me.

The first quarter of the NFL championship game stunned me and I think that the Giants can come out and do the same thing in the big game. The Giants have shown to run the football this season, they weren't forced to.

Ray Dand and Ansoni Zomer are good receivers. As for Kerry Collins, anyone who saw him at Penn State or in his early years with Carolina knows that he is a talented and is used to dealing with pressure.

Believe me, on the other hand, has been forced to run this season. It hasn't been a great game, but the defense had better start working because the offense can't play.

All things made, I don't want Art Modell to win a championship. It isn't right. After losing a team away from a city that loved it, he is right up there on the list of good people need to be remembered. Give it all the time.

And don't forget to go see the Owls beat on the rival Plymouth State Panthers. Buy tickets, wear red, get a banner. Do what ever it takes to get yourself to the game on Sunday and root for the good guys.

Also this weekend are the X-Games. If you can't make it to Vermont you can always catch them on ESPN. For directions hit up the website.

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Keene State wonders: where's George?

BY ANDREW SYLVIA
The Equinox

He has greeted the students here for the past 11 years; with his quiet smile and friendly personality providing the gateway to our meals at the Zorn Dining Commons.

Time passes and many faces change, yet his remained a constant of Keene State College. Since the semester began, students want to know, "What ever happened to George?"

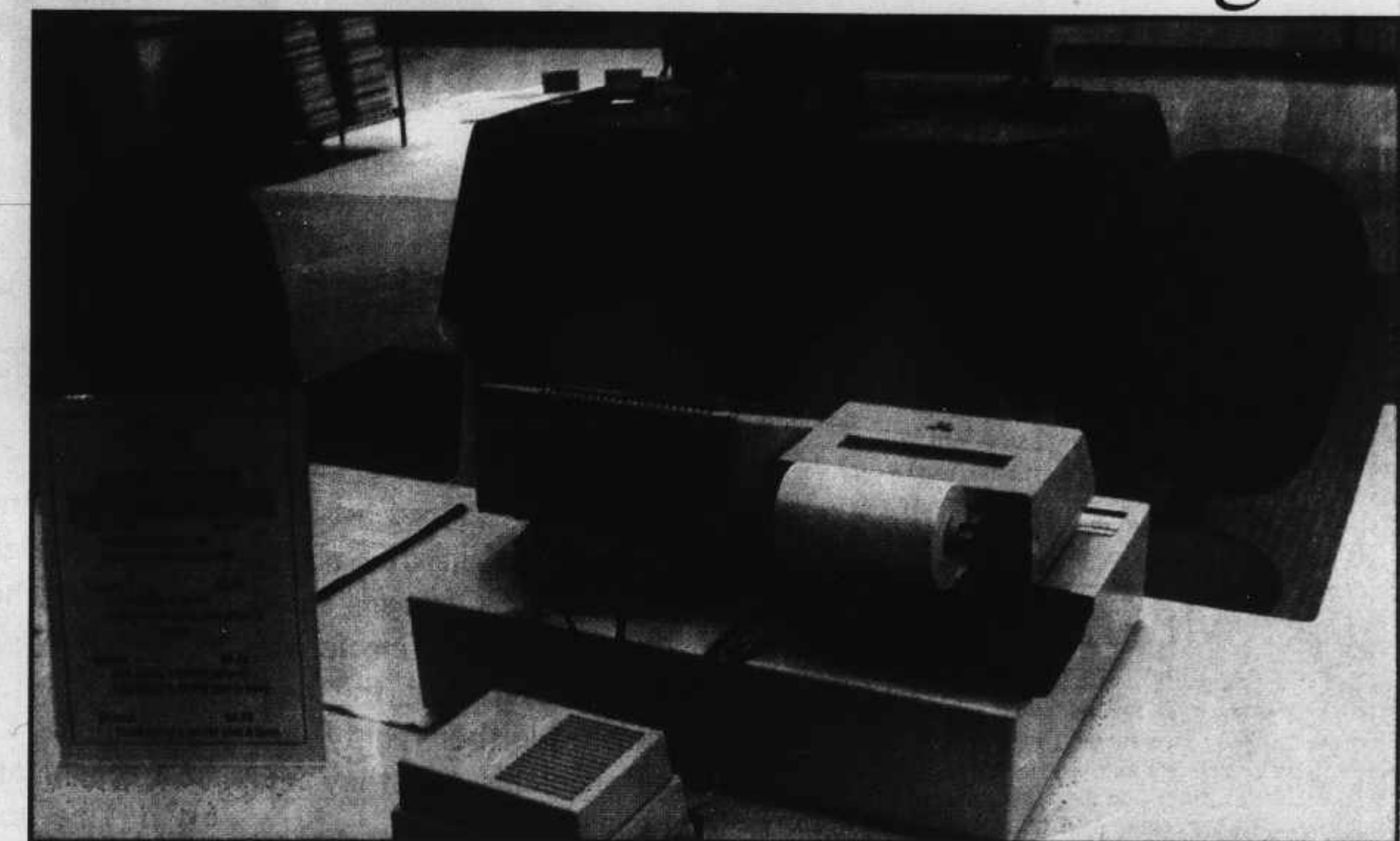
In a complication from a surgery 5 years ago, George has been unable to come back to work as his recuperation continues.

Barbara Blackmer, George's wife and fellow employee, said that he is in good spirits and he'll be coming back within the next few weeks.

"He is a fighter," said Blackmer. "He's a tough little man."

Despite his ailments, Blackmer continues to remain active according to Barbara, taking frequent walks around Keene and watching Keene State comeback to beat Plymouth State last Sunday on WMUR.

Blackmer has been an avid Owls fan for as far back as most students have known him and he's a well known friend with



Equinox Photo by Lauren Mazzotti

Since the semester began, George's seat has been either vacant or filled by temporary replacements.

many people in the Athletic Department.

Students across Keene State have also noticed Blackmer's absence and remember his unique character traits that are now sorely missed.

"I always found him a very easy going, pleasant, hard working respectful man," said Trevor Clarke, president of the Foreign Exchange Student Council.

First year student Sarah Swaysee also thought Blackmer to be a "very cool guy."

According to Kerry Gill, "He's

a dedicated and sincere man." Both Patrick Reardon and Jill Filiano, campus residents here at Keene State agreed that he's "a friendly, familiar face to see."

Despite many concerns from the student body and Sodexo alike, hopes remain high that

he'll be just fine in the end. "He's a fighter, he always has been," said Phil Harty, General Manager of Sodexo-Marriott.

Harty also said, "From what I know of his current condition from Barbara, I hope to see him back here near mid-semester."

Rita Miller: New Dean of Arts and Sciences

BY KAT MORRIS
The Equinox

In the next academic year, Rita Miller, the current chair of the communications, journalism, and philosophy departments, will become the interim Dean of Arts and Humanities.

Besides teaching several courses, Miller oversees the hiring of adjunct faculty, handles transfer evaluations for people and handles course substitution forms, which is, "what I call damage control," she said.

When Miller takes the new position, she will be taking the year off from teaching.

"I like meeting the students, watching them learn things, and learning things myself, it's a very exciting process," she said.

However, there are certain aspects of teaching that Miller said she won't miss.

"Grading, I hate putting a letter on a paper. Grading always seemed punitive to me, it never is just advisory."

"I think that grading is one of the reasons many students do what it is they do, if they don't have much interest in it, grading can be a motivational tool for

us." Miller said she very rarely teaches a course the same way twice, she enjoys change and that is why even though she loves teaching, she will take the year off from it, to take this new job, because she wanted to try something new.

Miller's job as Dean will be exclusively administrative.

She will be assisting the division through the transition between Mike Haines, the previous Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the next permanent dean.

"Arts and Humanities is going through a lot of changes right now," said Miller.

"Next year there will be a modern languages requirement for all students who want to major in Arts and Humanities."

"In addition, they will also be reconsidering what classes students can take to fill their Arts

and Humanities general education requirement."

Miller has been working at the college for 12 years.

Before coming to work in Keene, Miller taught public speaking at the State University of New York at Oneonta for a year.

She then worked at Clarkson University for two years as a professor in the communication department and as a specialist in speech communication.

After coming to Keene State, Miller started as a professor and currently teaches the Theory of Communication and Rhetoric, Persuasion, Advanced Public Speaking classes as well as the senior project.

"The Senior Project is the Capstone course for the communications major," she said.

"Students have to design their own project that makes sense for them."

"Through a process of doing research, explaining a theory, putting all this into practice, they write a paper or do something that demonstrates what they've learned in college."

As of this moment, Miller will not be accepting the permanent



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Rita Miller to switch from teaching to administrating.

role of the dean of Arts and Humanities.

Bob Golden, the vice president of academic affairs has said, "It's really up to her."

Golden also said, "Rita is highly respected here at Keene State and I look forward to working with her next year."

Miller said that she loves teaching too much and does not want to give it up.

However, accepting the job as a permanent role is a possibility.

In her spare time, Miller enjoys outdoor activities, such as

kayaking and hiking.

"One of the reasons I wanted to move to New England in the first place is because of the mountains. I have always enjoyed hiking."

Miller says she is looking forward to seeing the division of Arts and Humanities from a new perspective.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how all the departments all come together more as a division," said Miller.

Men's basketball wins fourth straight

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The Owls came into Tuesday night's game versus Little East opponent, Eastern Connecticut, looking to roll on their four game winning streak. Three of the wins came at the expense of conference rivals: Western Connecticut (83-63), UMass Boston (86-72), and Southern Maine (96-81).

The Owls would begin their game without their leading scorer Chris Coates, who had to serve a team instituted suspension and sit out the first half. In his stead, Pierce Jackson made his first start as a Keene State basketball player.

The Owls came out strong, quickly grabbing an 8 point lead in the first five minutes. Towards the end of the half the Warriors had shaved the lead back to one point, taking a two point lead. Eastern stayed closer than Keene State probably wanted, falling behind the Owls by only 4 at halftime (35-31).

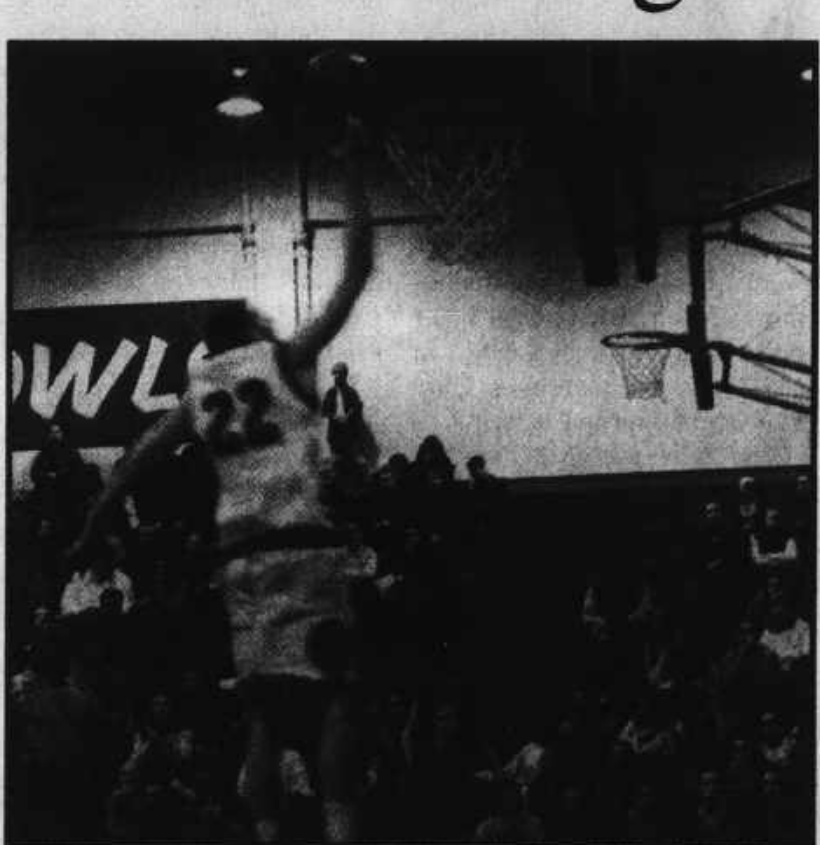
In the second half Coates came

out like a sprinter at the starting blocks. Within four minutes he scored 8 of his total 23 points and helped the Owls to build up a 16 point lead.

Eastern would not fall quietly though as Rich Vega pushed the ball and took it to the Owls, scoring a total 38 points. But in the end, the Warriors proved to be just a one man show and the tenacity of the Owls' offense wore Eastern out. With the clock ticking away Eastern had to resort to intentionally fouling in order to stay in the game and but the Owls pulled away one last time to win 93 to 78.

Dave Stantial led all Keene State scorers by dropping 24 points and Kyle Purinton continued his dominating post play by grabbing a game high of 14 rebounds.

This win propels the Owls into the most exhausting part of their schedule. After facing Notre Dame (NH) on Thursday, Keene State will play back to back games this weekend. First they play Saturday on the road versus Rhode Island College and then



Kyle Purinton taking it to the rack in earlier action this week

Sunday at home versus arch nemesis Plymouth State College on WMUR Channel 9.

All of those who are attending this Sunday's game versus

Plymouth should come early and are requested to wear red or white in support of their team in their first televised home game since 1970.

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News and notes

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men's basketball

Jan.25 vs. Notre Dame (NH) 7:30 p.m.*
Jan.27 @ Rhode Island College 3 p.m.*
Jan.28 vs. Plymouth State (WMUR-TV) 1 p.m.*
Jan.30 vs. Tufts 3 p.m.*

*for the third time this season Chris Coates has been selected to the LEC weekly honor roll

Make sure you get your tickets for the game on Sunday vs. rival Plymouth State. The game will be shown on WMUR-TV and it begins at 1 p.m.

women's basketball

Jan.27 @ Rhode Island College 1 p.m.*
*congratulations to Erika Forsberg for being named the LEC co-player of the Week

indoor track

Jan.26 @ Wesleyan Invitational
Jan.27-28 @ Boston University Invitational

swimming and diving

Jan.27 vs. Bentley College 2 p.m.*

don't forget Super Bowl 35 coming up this Sunday night