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Attention students

When it comes to the final four, KSC has it all and more

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Equinox photo by Ken Howe
Arthur Balzotti swingin' for the fences during spring break.

Red hot in Fl.

BEN COLE
The Equinox

The Keene State College baseball team improved to an 8-3 record with a win last Saturday against Amherst College. During spring break, the Owls, finished a week in Florida with a 7-3 record, which showed how promising the team looks this year.

The Owls opened their season with a tough 1-0 loss to Western Maryland College. Keith Kraft gave up only three hits and struck out 10 in five innings, but allowed a run in the first that proved to be the difference.

The Owls had a chance to score in the fifth when Marc Dube singled and moved to third on a base-hit by Justin Jenkins. However, the next two Keene State batters fanned to end the inning and the treat. The Owls played Gettysburg

“ I was really pleased with the trip. ”

• Ken Howe ”

College for their second game of the trip, but it was suspended due to thunderstorms but finished later on in the week. Keene State trailed 4-0 when the game was called. When the contest resumed, the Owls staged a rally in the seventh inning to pull within a run, but ended up losing 4-3.

Keene State swept a doubleheader against SUNY-Brockport on March 15 behind the strong pitching of Matt Lavortori and freshman Nick Wirkkala, who each pitched

complete games.

Lavortori, a transfer student from Sacred Heart University, threw a one-hitter and struck out six batters as the Owls won 7-1. Kevin Dorgan was three for three at the plate in the game.

In his first collegiate start, Wirkkala only gave up four hits and allowed only one hitter to move past first base as the Owls won 1-0.

Keene State's only run came in the fifth after Dorgan was driven home on an RBI single by Derek Bell.

The Owls picked up two more wins on March 17, including one against Division II California University of Pennsylvania in 10 innings.

Adam Lawrence opened the 10th with a double, followed by a Ryan Lawrence single and a walk to Jared Seavey. With the bases loaded, freshman Mike Dube delivered the game winning RBI. Brad Cooke got the win for Keene State.

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Owls gain respect

CHRIS WENDRYCHOWICZ
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The Keene State College women's softball team made its annual trip down to Florida during spring break, playing 11 games in Fort Myers, and posting a 5-6 record.

"5-6 is not a good win/loss record," said head coach Charlie Beach. "Those four of six losses were within one run or were ahead of those teams."

The team was led by Carrah Fisk pitching 33 innings, with a 2-3 record, and a 1.68 ERA overall. When she wasn't pitching she had 13 hits, three of which were home runs,

seven RBIs, and ended up with a .371 batting average.

Fisk was one of three people to get honored by the Little East Conference. Fisk was awarded player of the week.

Erin Akerman was given rookie of the week honors, due to her .476 batting average.

"We got a surprise performance from freshman Erin Akerman," said Beach.

Nikki Rees was given the pitcher of the week award because of her 3-0 record and throwing a no-hitter.

On March 14 the team opened their season with a doubleheader.

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Equinox photo by Charlie Beach
Owls celebrating a victory during a game in Fort Meyers, Fl. during the week of spring break.

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Campus Safety Log

March 29 - April 5

Monday, March 29

7:09 a.m. Patrick Eggleston reported furniture and equipment in his office had been tampered with.

4:43 p.m. A boy was fishing on Brickyard Pond. He agreed to move on.

5:21 p.m. Four juveniles about 16 years old were standing outside Hale Building. Two claimed they were assaulted by two males. The first was 5'10" blond wearing a soccer jersey with a red #10 shirt. The second was 6' brown hair with a white shirt and tan baseball cap. They didn't want to speak with the Keene Police Department.

6:20 p.m. Someone who has lived at the yellow house on the corner of the College Camp for 51 years reported that he saw 3 juvenile males looking around the camp after dark on March 28. He shined a light on them and they ran. He stated he looks out every time he hears something.

11:33 p.m. There was a report of loud yelling, possibly fireworks near Owls Nest 5. There were five calls on this. KPD responded after UConn won the basketball game over

Duke. There were two alcohol-related arrests.

11:50 p.m. Two males were reported running around Randall Hall in their underwear.

11:55 p.m. Campus safety responded to the KPD who were dealing with two open container violations and one intoxication violation in the parking lots.

Tuesday, March 30

11:27 a.m. There was a report of a vehicle broken into sometime the previous night in the Winchester Street parking lot.

6:13 p.m. There was a disorderly person in Monadnock Hall, and a report of a physical altercation in a students' room.

6:15 p.m. A student came to Grafton House to report the antenna of her car was snapped off while it was parked in the Holloway Parking Lot. This is one of a series of acts of vandalism on her car.

11:04 p.m. There was a report of a fire in a dumpster on the AB side of Carle Hall. The Keene Fire Department was called.

11:46 p.m. Campus safety heard a radio transmission over the maintenance channel saying a 'break in at Monadnock

Hall.' They called the front desk and the night attendant stated her radio had been taken from the front desk.

Wednesday, March 31

1:30 a.m. There was a non-resident of Randall Hall entering through a propped door.

2:04 p.m. There was a report of stolen hub caps in the parking lots.

5:50 p.m. There were fireworks heard in the bullpen area by Carle Hall.

Thursday, April 1

3:30 a.m. A WFF employee reported a lock and security cable that had apparently been torn off a piece of equipment somewhere on campus. It was found on the front lawn of the student center.

3:13 p.m. The Bookstore reported a male drinking something and then smashing the bottle on the walkway. He was described as wearing light jeans and a white Adidas T-shirt.

3:20 p.m. There was a male matching the above description found in the first floor men's bathroom of the student center. He was escorted out by friends.

6:20 p.m. A student reported

her laundry stolen from the laundry room of Huntress Hall.

6:44 p.m. A student reported drug paraphernalia in the areas of two second floor rooms and the walkway.

7:18 p.m. A resident of Fiske Hall reported receiving harassing telephone calls. The caller said she is the RA and was hearing a portable radio over the line. The resident with a caller ID found that the call came from a first floor in Monadnock Hall. The resident admitted to making the call and was in possession of the night attendant's radio that was stolen on March 30.

8:15 p.m. All the laundry was recovered from the earlier laundry incident except a sheet and pillow case.

Friday, April 2

1:09 a.m. KPD responded to Blake and Davis Street to make an arrest.

2:42 a.m. There were false transmissions over the maintenance frequency, and false reports of criminal activity and profanity at Monadnock Hall. The night attendant's radio had been stolen. The RA on duty responded.

7:28 p.m. The Monadnock Hall RA reported drug paraphernalia found in the second floor bathroom. Campus safety found a plastic bottle with dryer sheets on it.

Monday, April 5

1:55 p.m. There was a report of a possible fight outside Randall Hall involving two males.

5:03 p.m. Two males were reportedly hitting golf balls into Brickyard Pond.

8:10 p.m. There was a report of marijuana on the first floor. A side of Randall Hall. KPD responded.



The Bread and Puppet Theater performed Tuesday, April 6 on the student center lawn.

Equinox photo by Cindy Haller

Ecstasy being felt around Keene State

ANTHONY B. VOGL
The Equinox

The room is fairly dark, with loud modern techno thumping out of a nearby stereo system. Bright lights flash on and off, spinning and reflecting a purplish shade off every bit of white cloth in the room.

A group of people sit on a pair of beige couches in the corner, eagerly waiting as one reaches into his pocket and draws from it a tiny plastic bag with several white, yellow and pink pills inside.

Several dollar bills are exchanged and a tiny pill, no bigger than a fingernail rests in the palm of your hands.

Waiting for the others, they sit and contemplate the sense of tranquility that's about to come from this illegal, yet highly popular, designer drug.

You're on a high and nothing can stop it. It's a feeling of complete ecstasy.

Ecstasy, E, Adam, ETC, whatever it's been called, has been on the rise at college campuses nationwide, and Keene State College is no exception. According to a recent survey, nine percent of Keene State students have used the drug at least once in the last year.

While this may seem insignificant to the average student, a number of college administrators are concerned about it.

Jim Matthews, special assistant to the vice president for alcohol and other drug programs, said while Ecstasy is used much less than other drugs, it is a problem.

"The name and feeling you get from the drug can be deceiving," Matthews said.

Ecstasy can provoke an intense and energetic high, can connect people freely and openly, and promote deep thinking.

However, like all drugs, it's not perfect and does have harmful attributes which con-

“When you're on E, you don't care what people think and get really emotional.”
— Jordan

cern Matthews.

"The risks are very high," he said, including heart problems and emotional disturbances. "It's risky because you don't know what you're getting into."

The number of students using ecstasy seems relatively low to two Keene State students who have been using the drug for at least a year, and use it on a regular basis.

Jordan and Drew, whose last names will remain anonymous to protect their identities, both discussed the effects of ecstasy

on their minds and their lives. Ecstasy is mostly used at clubs and raves, usually in nearby Boston. Jordan said 95 percent of the time he does it, he's in Boston.

"When you're on E, it's called rollin'. You don't care what people think and get really emotional," Jordan said.

Both agreed that E changes your mental state more than your physical state.

For example according to Jordan, you can still be in control of your mind while your body is feeling really good.

"I could be sitting right here on an E trip and you probably wouldn't know it," he said. "It brings you up and out. You still have a lot of control in your mind."

As for risks, both said if you know who you are getting the drug from, there really isn't much risk.

They said the drugs are common enough that people know what they want. For example, you would purchase a Playboy

E pill for one feeling and an Adidas for another.

"You can get a bad pill, but you can't get a bad trip," Drew said. "You can still never be absolutely sure when you're doing drugs."

Even the after effects aren't that deterring, according to Jordan.

"You may experience an E-hangover. Your body feels good, but you're tired," he said.

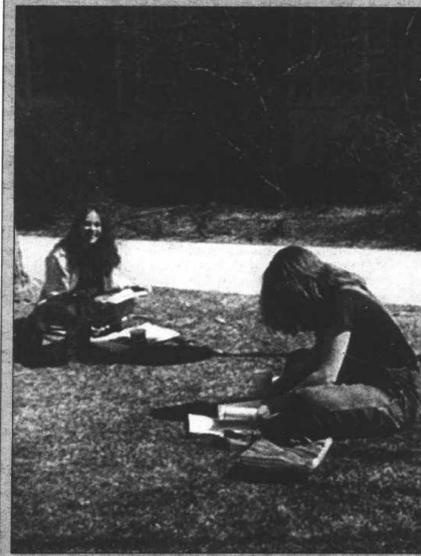
On Nov. 9, 1998, Time Magazine published a brief citing that doctors have said that heavy use of the recreational drug, about 70-400 hits, may cause long lasting brain damage.

"Ecstasy appears to attack the brain cells that produce serotonin — the master chemical of mood, appetite and memory," the article said.

Ecstasy is developed in people's basements where it's hard to ascertain the exact contents.

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Studying in the sun



Two of Keene State's 'most studious' students, Rachel Stroh (left) and Mya Coon are hard at work on the quad.

Equinox photo by Cindy Haller

World Events

Students, faculty split over Kosovo

ANTHONY B. VOGL
The Equinox

In light of recent events surrounding the crisis in the former-Yugoslav Republic, Keene State College's students and faculty are split on their opinions of NATO intervention in this Eastern-European hotbed.

The conflict stems from long lasting tensions between the Serbians and the ethnic-Albanians in Kosovo who are seeking an independent state. In February 1998, Serbian forces launched a crackdown on the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Since then, hundreds of people have been killed and hundreds of thousands displaced.

Joan Roelofs, a political science professor at Keene State and member of the Green party, is against NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) intervention, saying it's a direct violation of the UN charter which prohibits the use of military aggression as foreign policy.

"It requires a declaration of war, which we haven't done," Roelofs said. "It's quite illegal."

Charles Weed, professor of political science and a socialist, agreed NATO's intervention is illegal.

"It increases the likelihood of use of violence to solve difficult issues between and within states. It makes the international system more unstable, not less," Weed said.

Paul Vincent, history professor and director of the Holocaust Resource Center, is afraid that non-intervention could lead to even more problems.

"We made a mistake in not being involved in Europe's problems in the 20s and 30s," Vincent said.

One of the reasons for involvement, he said, is to prevent the situation from growing into something of a larger scope.

Weed questioned whether another reason for the US presence was to justify "outrageous increases" in defense spending and the growth of NATO.

However, Vincent said it's too soon to second guess NATO, saying it's the US's job to act with our allies.

Some have questioned whether or not the bombing has

been effective. But when you take the weather into account, Vincent said "you have to believe that if this goes on long enough, Milosovic will have to back off."

Jason Hindle, senior class representative, said that although the evidence of genocide is quite clear, President Bill Clinton should not be risking American lives.

"Clinton is only using this to boost his foreign policy legacy — he's trying to help his image which will forever be tarnished with impeachment," Hindle said.

Hindle said the crisis in Kosovo shows how weak NATO and the UN really are, saying "there is no UN. The United States is the UN."

He also questioned whether or not it is our job to be the peace keepers of the world. Hindle feels it is not the United State's job to patrol the globe.

"This war has been going on for centuries. Do you really think that by putting American lives at stake we will truly end it?" he said.

Therese Seibert, a sociology

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Q&A One on one with student government candidates

Jason Fraser, 22

Class Standing: Senior
Major: Psychology/Alcohol Dependency/El. Ed. Major

Leadership Experience: Present Student Body President, College Senate

Why are you running for this position?

I am running for re-election because I feel I have served the students of this college on many issues this past year. I also feel this experience and ability to work for the interest and the rights of the student body would be beneficial for another year.

Why are you qualified for this position?

It's because of the qualifications I had last year when I ran for this position and the experience I would bring back to the office that makes me believe I am a qualified candidate for the position of student body president.

What do you have that others don't?

All I know is what I have and that is confidence, patience, communication skills, motivation, and a smile. I think everybody has that but not everybody decides to focus in on those qualities. I also do not have a problem asking for help or guidance when I do not understand something completely. By asking questions, you can only gain more knowledge on whatever is at hand.

How do you feel on the following issues:

Rec Center: ...an issue I am discussing with the administration and the trustees
Greek Life: I fully support all student organizations and work with them to better themselves
Parking: There's not enough. There's going to be less after the bypass expansion. Where we can get more room for parking?
Social Activities: Not my responsibility.
Rising Tuition Costs: The government of New Hampshire, in relation to support for education, sucks.
Textbook prices: This is an issue beyond the control of one campus. It's an industry problem that needs attention.

What is the most important issue facing Keene State College?
Apathy.

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The government of New Hampshire, in relation to support for education, sucks.
”

• Jason Fraser

Chad Derosier, 23

Class Standing: Junior
Major: Environmental Science Policy

Leadership Experience: Campus Ecology President, Secretary, Student Leader of the Month, Alternative Spring Break Trip Leader

Why are you running for this position?

I see it as a chance to gain experience. I am an environmental policy major and doing student government would be working directly with policies. I can see things through from the beginning to the end and all of the phases in between.

Why are you qualified for this position?

I know how to work within groups as well as lead them. I always try to hear what everyone has to say ... I am a confident person and I like to work hard. As long as I can see a few results here and there, then I am happy working hard.

What do you have that the others don't?

All I know is what I have and that is confidence, patience, communication skills, motivation, and a smile. I think everybody has that but not everybody decides to focus in on those qualities. I also do not have a problem asking for help or guidance when I do not understand something completely. By asking questions, you can only gain more knowledge on whatever is at hand.

How do you feel on the following issues:

Rec Center: I am in favor of a better facility.
Greek Life: I see the Greek Life on campus as being a positive thing to many people here, and I can't find anything wrong with that.
Parking: My suggestion is to push for public transportation or expansion of the KSC shuttle service to serve off campus students at a further range and a more convenient schedule.
Social Activities: The only way to get what you want is to get involved.
Rising Tuition Costs: I don't want to see any more increases. The past year's increase was enough for at least the next 10 years.
Textbook prices: They cost way too much. I don't understand where they come up with these prices.

What is the most important issue facing Keene State College?
Apathy. Get off your ass and do something.

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By asking questions, you can only gain more knowledge on whatever is at hand.
”

• Chad Derosier

Heather Orion, 21

Class Standing: Junior
Major: Social Sciences w/teacher's certification.

Leadership Experience: Captain of High School Golf Team, Asst. swim coach for Special Olympics, Committee Director for a National Non Profit Organization.

Why are you running for this position?

The reps I always complain to are graduating so I decided to put my money where my mouth is.

Why are you qualified for this position?

Working with the Teddy Bear Project has helped me to meet the needs of many diverse people. I don't feel student government is far from that. It's simply applying what I do off-campus to the KSC community.

What do you have that the others don't?

Experience working with many people and view points.

How do you feel on the following issues:

Rec Center: It doesn't really affect me, but if the student body wants it, I'd support it.
Greek Life: Not for me, but if you want to be Greek, go for it. I don't see anything wrong there.
Parking: Security can spot a car without a decal from a mile away, but if your car is being vandalized and/or broken into, they are nowhere to be found.
Social Activities: I'm all for more activities on campus.
Rising Tuition Costs: If they raise it for a good reason, I'm alright with it, but if it's for something ridiculous and nothing at KSC is improved, then I'd have to fight against it.
Textbook prices: Textbook prices are out of control. What's worse is when professors require 9 books for a class and you use 2 pages in each. We really need to come to some sort of an arrangement with these prices.

What is the most important issue facing Keene State College?

Class Scheduling. Some of us work to pay for our education. Some classes are at absurd times and often it's difficult to work during the week and carry a full course load unless you have a really understanding boss which isn't likely.

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Working with the Teddy Bear Project has helped me meet the needs of many diverse people.
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• Heather Orion

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Campus Health

Hair net and glove policy to be implemented at DC

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Students who believe that dining on campus requires metal detectors and magnifying glasses no longer need to worry.

Phil Hardy, director of food services, said beside the policy requiring all workers to wear gloves while handling ready to eat food, a new hair net and hair restraint policy was implemented March 3.

Although there are still occasional problems, Hardy said some are not the workers' fault.

"There is nothing we can do to safeguard against it [when students' own hair gets in the food]," Hardy said.

If caught without gloves or hair nets, the employees will be terminated after a third warning, with counseling sessions after each warning.

It has not gotten that far yet, he said.

At the food court in the Young Student Center, manager Derek Walsh said their safety program and hair net policy will not be

“
Finding a hair in your food is the biggest turn off.
”

• Carter Roane

implemented until next semester.

Carter Roane, a senior and a worker at the food court, said the hair net policy isn't really even needed.

All the workers wear hats and the people with longer hair tie it back.

"Finding a hair in your food is the biggest turn off," he said.

Wearing hair nets makes the workers and the kitchen area only look cleaner, Roane said.

It doesn't matter what precautions are taken, things such as hair and other objects being found in food is going to happen everywhere, he said.

Walsh said if someone

notices an employee preparing food without sanitary gloves or with dirty hands, they should bring it to the supervisor's attention.

The kitchen and preparation areas of the food court are inspected once a month along with semi-annual health inspections by the state.

Nicole Willette, a junior, said the people who work at the dining commons are nice and considerate.

"They try to cater to students," Willette said.

Students, however, have mixed comments on the food quality.

Angela Seymour, a senior, said sometimes the food is alright and on other days it just goes downhill.

"On weekends it can get pretty bad," Seymour said.

Hardy said even though most of the comments are surprisingly positive, he would like to invite anyone to take a tour of the kitchen any day of the week if they are having concerns over the quality of the cuisine offered at the dining commons.



Equinox photo by Cindy Halter
Students are going bananas over the new glove and hair net policy.

Storytelling

KSC to host annual storytelling conference

ANTHONY B. VOGL
The Equinox

Chances are, you probably didn't even know Keene State College has an annual storytelling conference. No, not the Children's Literature Festival in the fall, but a sister conference in the Spring.

Whatever the case, if you aren't planning on attending the eighth annual New England Conference on Story Telling for Children on April 24, you're going to miss something big.

The conference, being held in the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College is not about the written word but about telling the story, says conference coordinator Mary Mayshark-Staveley.

This year's key note speaker will be Julius Lester, a well known author and

story teller. Lester, the author of "Storytelling as a Way of Knowing Ourselves" will explore ways in which storytelling is important in our daily lives and what people can learn about themselves from telling stories.

Mayshark-Staveley, a professor in the ESEC department where she teaches both college students and preschool students at the same time, says she planned the conference to encourage teachers to use storytelling in the classroom.

However, it's not only for teachers. Anyone with a slight interest in the conference can attend.

"There is a real need for story telling in our lives. We all have story telling ability. This conference will hopefully support that ability," Mayshark-Staveley says.

Computers and other forms of technology have brought about a rise in the written word, thus making story telling more and more precious.

"This is a wonderful way to pass on a culture from one generation to the next."

The conference consists of five different workshops in the morning and four in the afternoon where the guest speakers actually tell stories to those in attendance.

The fee for attending is \$25 for College students, \$50 for general public, \$10 students grades 6-12.

An optional lunch is available for \$5 at the Zorn Dining Commons. Any students who wish to attend but cannot afford the whole cost are encouraged to contact Mayshark-Staveley at x-2311 to work something out.

Alumni Appreciation

Memorial to Keene State veterans to be constructed

RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Keene State College may soon be dedicating a memorial to alumni veterans of war.

Mike Maher, director of Alumni Relations, said "we are in the very beginning stages in the possibility of establishing a veterans memorial in some part of the campus."

Maher said he is going to contact as many alumni he can find who are veterans and ask them to help him form a committee.

Finding the veterans may be hard since the alumni databases do not specify if the alumnus is a veteran or not.

As for what the memorial might look like is still up in the air.

"It could be a small monu-

ment, a quiet courtyard, or a room in the library," Maher said.

Once the proper committees are formed and the alumni begin to formulate a solid idea they will look into a fundraising effort to raise money for the project.

Maher stressed that there will be no institutional costs going into this monument. Most of the money for the monument will come from donations, mainly from alumni of Keene State.

The point of dedicating this memorial is not to glorify war, Maher said.

"It's to recognize people who served our country to keep us free," Maher said.

The importance is to get the project and planning underway soon while WWII veterans are still with us, he said.

Opinion

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Fraser for student body president

Our View

It's that time again, folks. Nearing the end of the semester when we must choose those student leaders who are going to bring us into the next millennium with all the dignity Keene State College can muster.

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When we elect our student body president and vice president, they must be willing to give their all for the good of the student body. We want someone who is reliable and always looking after the greater good of the students. We need someone of strong academic standing, a role model for others to look up to.

The three candidates who have announced their intent to run for the positions of president and vice president have these qualities and more. Fortunately for college students, new ideas and thoughts are brought in every year, keeping what could be a stagnant mindset constantly moving.

Jason Fraser, current student body president, is seeking re-election. Fraser has served the students, advocating issues of importance to the campus. He's been instrumental in

bringing more blue lights to campus, making crossing Winchester Street more safe, as well as representing the student body at dedications and on the Faculty Senate.

As for the other two, Heather Orion, a candidate for student body vice president, has helped meet the needs of many diverse people, and wants to apply her experience to the Keene State community.

Chad Derosier, the other candidate

for student body vice president, has been very active in campus ecology as well as coordinating the campus recycling program.

The Equinox strongly endorse Jason Fraser for student body president. As for the other two, the election has truly brought out the best. We won't choose. We're leaving it up to you.

Use your Constitutional right. Vote on April 15.



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Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Lee Katzman

"What do you think about U.S./NATO attacks on Yugoslavia?"



"Milosevic is a terrorist. How else do you deal with a terrorist? Bomb his ass."

• Jed George
sophomore
communications



"I think we need to send troops in to get our captured soldiers back."

• Joe Rushlow
junior
computer science



"I don't think we should expend American lives on problems in other countries."

• Lorin Reed
sophomore
physical education



"As the quote goes 'fight war not wars,' but our next step is to get our soldiers to safety."

• Tim Lutz
sophomore
sociology



"The main concern of ours should be to get our captured soldiers to safety."

• Melissa Bode
sophomore
graphic design

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Children's Literacy

It's up to us to meet the challenge

Guest Commentary

There is a trend sweeping college campuses, which, admittedly, is getting less attention than The Tom Greene Show or the trendy coffee shops that are popping on campuses. Nonetheless, students are getting involved in community service. Many of us are doing so to improve the communities that provide the stomping ground for some pretty wild college students and, of course, the well-behaved ones. Keene has provided us with a place to hang our hats and call home during some of the most confusing, frustrating, and fabulous times of our lives.

As much as us college students complain about classwork and money, we need to see that we are very lucky to be getting an education. We need to give back to the communities and members of it who do not have the same opportu-

nities we have. One program Keene State offers for students is the America Reads Challenge.

The America Reads Challenge, the largest reading initiative program, was a challenge proposed by President Clinton in his 1997 State of the Union Address. He called for college students, senior citizens, teachers, etc., to help children learn to read and enjoy it in the process. The challenge began with Clinton saying, "In America, every eight-year-old child should be able to read a book." He then called on people to make it possible. Keene State, along with 1,000 other colleges, signed on to meet the president's challenge.

Keene State students are placed at eight local agencies to read with chil-

dren from all different backgrounds and at all different age levels. Students hold a small child in their laps and show the child a picture book. They help the children turn the pages in the right direction, after all, knowing how to hold a book is a great start.

At higher levels we read interactively with kids. We do activities such as making puppets or making pop-up stories to integrate arts into literacy. It's a fun thing to do: read a book, make puppets, draw pictures, play Memory, or write the alphabet. As I said, it's fun, but it is also a serious responsibility.

The National Center to Improve the Tools of Educators said, "Reading is the gateway to all other knowledge. Students who do not learn efficient

reading skills are blocked from every other subject in their schooling." It all starts with a good book to get children interested and excited about reading. It can last forever.

Whether it was the infamous words of that crazy Dr. Seuss, the eye-catching pictures of so many different illustrators, or the fact that a young woman from Keene State was reading the book and smiling that drew a child to pick up the book again, we will never know. We should, however, be proud of what we have accomplished.

"It is essential that children find time to read aloud every day. This creates appreciation of the written word, helping students to become better readers," said the National Center to Improve the Tools of Educators. Twenty Keene State students have taken on the challenge and the fun of helping to promote

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Becky Stanley
president of campus ecology

Letters to the Editor

Grounds crew clears field

Starting in early February each year the Men's Lacrosse Team puts pressure on the Keene State grounds crew to clear off the Owl Stadium turf field.

We ask them to sweep, snow-blow, or shovel so that we can start practicing. We ask knowing that they are already busy doing work on campus.

This spring the Keene State grounds crew has produced miracles! The 1999 Lacrosse Team started practicing on the turf in late February.

We were the first team in New England to have a field.

The snowstorm of March 3, 1999 dumped over six inches of snow on Owl Stadium.

Through the Herculean efforts of Bud Winsor and his crew we were able to play our first game on March 13.

This is no small feat indeed! Keene State's field was playable because of some very special people who went above and beyond the call of duty.

The 1999 Men's Lacrosse Team salutes the hard work and dedication of the grounds crew.

We cannot thank you enough for your willingness to go to the extra mile for us.

Jim Draper
Ass. Men's Lacrosse coach

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Editor's Notes

Americans have gone crazy over celebrities

I didn't watch the Oscars this year. I went to a concert instead. I didn't buy a T-shirt, but don't worry. I stood there and danced and hollered and put my hands in the air when Method Man told everyone to I thoroughly enjoyed myself, but I had a nagging feeling that I was contributing to the

obsession Americans have over celebrities. And, once again, I was right.

I, along with most Americans, have a love affair with celebrities. Pathetic? Yes, but at least I'm willing to admit it. However, I'm happy to say that my love affair may be ending. I'm sick of celebrities, I'm sick of reading about their new favorite boyfriends/girlfriends, new favorite causes, new favorite trends, new favorite body lotions, new favorite exclusive vacation spots. I'd like to ask who the heck cares, but for some reason, I know most people do.

There are several things that annoy me about America's infatuation with the entertainment industry and its actors.

First, the amount of time Americans spend watching movies, reading magazines, and following celebrity gossip has replaced the amount of time put my hands in the air when Method Man told everyone to I thoroughly enjoyed myself, but I had a nagging feeling that I was contributing to the

obsession Americans have over celebrities. And, once again, I was right.

This obsession with the entertainment industry is also creating a cultural homogenization where Americans are willingly trading in their individuality so they talk, walk, look, dress, and act like their favorite celebs. It's obviously not a conscious decision. But our unconscious move toward homogenization is a mega money-maker for the corporations that design material goods that will assist us in our transformation.

This industry, however, couldn't exist without the high

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Melissa Tchirkow
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They're back...

The sap(s) are running in New Hampshire again

My Two Cents

Run for your lives! Head for the hills! We're being invaded! Is it the Russians? Chinese? Wal-Mart? Nope, it's the dreaded group of New Hampshire presidential primary candidates (bloodcurdling scream!).

It seems like we just got rid of this ragtag collection of assorted politicians, sleazebags, liars, and other forms of vermin. The next New Hampshire primary isn't even for another 10 months. But unfortunately, our period of peace and tranquility is at an end. Once again, presidential hopefuls are flocking to the Granite State, shaking our hands, kissing our babies, and promising us peace and prosperity forevermore.

So who, exactly, is tramping around New Hampshire asking for votes? I went on to the Internet and found a very interesting site:

www.politics1.com/p2000.htm, which listed every single person who has either declared, or thought about declaring, his or her candidacy. Here's a sampling of the goobers running this time:

For Democrats, start by listing Al "Father of the Internet" Gore. A former

senator from Tennessee, Al is currently the vice president of the United States. Gore seems the favorite for the Democrats, despite the fact that he has the personality, physical coordination, and facial expressions as a pine board. He's the only candidate who could be a plank in his own platform.

Gore ran into trouble recently when he claimed to have invented the Internet while a senator. It was invented by the military in the 1960s; Gore became a senator in the 1970s. Gore is also under investigation for allegedly accepting campaign money from the Communist Chinese.

Running second to Gore is Bill Bradley, the former senator from New Jersey. Before he was a senator he was a professional basketball star, playing for the New York Knicks. Bradley has been to New Hampshire several times, and is planning another trip April 10.

Now comes the fun bunch of Democrats, the guys who have a zero

chance of winning.

Lyndon LaRouche is a self-proclaimed "leading economist" who has a giant conspiracy theory involving, at last count, "Jews, Queen Elizabeth, the British bankers, the Pope, Jesuit priests, environmentalists, Jane Fonda, Ted Kennedy, George Bush, and the CIA."

Vincent Hamm of Colorado wants to legalize drugs. Frank Rich of Arizona is a school art teacher.

The most famous Democrat who might run for president is Ted Turner, the billionaire from Georgia who owns CNN and the Atlanta Braves. Ted might run into trouble if he runs, considering he was a known admirer of the Soviet Union. He's also a known admirer of Jane Fonda, considering she's his wife. Jane went to Hanoi during the Vietnam war and had her picture taken with North Vietnamese soldiers next to an anti-aircraft gun that had shot down American aircraft. This dubious family history is not thought of as a political asset.

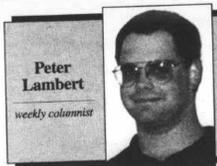
Incredibly, the Republicans running make the Democrats look good. There's Lamar Alexander, the Buddy Epsom of the political world. He claims to be a political outsider, despite having been the governor of Tennessee, the secretary of education, etc. He's dumped his famous plaid shirt in favor of dark blue suits.

Gary Bauer of Virginia is a member of the so-called "religious right" who runs a political action committee (PAC). His PAC ran advertisements in support of several candidates during the last Congressional election, almost all of whom lost.

Pat Buchanan, also from Virginia, is making his third attempt to convince the American people that he really wouldn't launch a nuclear attack immediately after being inaugurated. George Bush, the governor of Texas, is the son of former president George Bush. He seems nice enough, but rumor has it you should never, ever, call him George Junior. He promises to run a completely positive advertising campaign. Surprisingly, he still thinks he can win.

Elizabeth Dole is the wife of Bob Dole,

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Peter Lambert
weekly columnist

KOSOVO

The War On The Horizon

My View

Okay, now we all know what the history is in the Yugoslavia area, thanks to Pete last week. Now I'm gonna talk about it. And I'm not going to be going over the history of the area to try to explain what's going on. That's all good, it does help explain why exactly these atrocities are going on, but I want to talk more about the direct effects that it will have on our lives.

The other day I was walking to class and someone had scrawled out on the ground by Parker Hall the letters NATO, which is as you all know the abbreviation for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But whoever scrawled this out must not have known it, because this person seemed to be suffering under the mistake that the letters stood for the Nazi American Terrorist Organization. Apparently, our friend out there with a piece of chalk seems not to approve of military intervention in Kosovo.

Words carry a lot of weight. Sound bytes, though, carry even more these days. The reason this is true is because you can allude to things in a sound byte that would bore an audience to explain, especially in this age of short attention spans. But the problem with a sound

byte is that it also does not justify its stand. With a sound byte you can allude to anything, and there is no amount of examination of what is said that will prove the stand is strong or inconsistent. That's why a lot of people who take stands with no real understanding of issues use them so effectively.

Comparing NATO to Nazis is a perfect example. Not liking the stands made by NATO, that's one thing. Comparing NATO and the NATO countries to Nazis, well, that notion is so lacking in intelligence it barely rates a response. Not to mention that other NATO countries might take exception to the ethnocentric notion that NATO is some kind of racist American puppet.

This whole war in Kosovo is so sick with politics that it depresses me. On one side, you have people who are so anti anything in American policy that they reduce themselves into nothing more than knee jerk critics.

On the other, you have a government run by a president who worships polls, and rarely thinks, so he's too chicken to really solve the problem. All he's will-

ing to do is let American pilots risk their lives for air strikes that mean nothing without a real military strategy. The honest truth, the unavoidable truth, is that airstrikes, by themselves, just will not cut it. Troops are going to have to go in at some point. I don't like the idea much either, but if we're going to be there at all, we have to be serious about it.

I've heard people say that going to Kosovo is not worth it, because what's going on there is nothing different than what goes on elsewhere in the world. Kurds are killed by Turks. Israel has been abusing Palestinians for decades. Nigeria hangs writers. And man, don't even get me started about the lovely human rights track record in China. And America supports all of these countries. Israel has always had our support. Nigeria is a trading partner. China has most favored nation status with America. And Turkey's actually a member of NATO. So why is it that we decide that what goes on in Kosovo is wrong when we ally ourselves with these other countries with a nasty recent history?

Let me ask you something. Let's

admit that a lot of these "friends" are not always behaving in ways we approve. But we get ourselves into economic ties with them that make it fairly hard to do much about it. And all of you who are against action in Kosovo would probably be just as much against military action against any of these countries if we ever thought about doing something.

So, by this logic, would it make you feel any better if we simply let Milosevic slaughter whoever he chose, Croats, Muslims, Kosovar Albanians, etc., and did not do anything about it? Is it okay to let genocide go on - and do not delude yourself, that is what is going on there - as long as they aren't Americans? Hey, maybe we could actually let Yugoslavia into NATO, and make them a trading partner. And then we can take the revenues generated by trading with a psychotic mass murderer like Milosevic and use it to plant flower gardens in memory of those who were exterminated in the "ethnic cleansing."

Look, people are being killed off because of nothing more than being Albanian. And Milosevic is a sick man. If NATO does not go in there and stop him, he will have in the end pulled off

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Storytelling as a Way of Knowing Ourselves

NEWS of the WEIRD

from the wire

Not your typical priest

Catholic officials in Brazil attribute the recent 250 percent increase in church attendance to the popularity of priest Marcelo Rossi, 31, a singer and former aerobics instructor described by his young female parishioners as a "hunk" and whose high-energy stadium masses regularly draw 20,000 worshipers. According to a March Chicago Tribune story, Father Rossi's services use a "Byzantine rosary," which reduces time spent in prayer, and buckets of holy water doused by assistants over the screaming, rock-concert-like fans. Wrote a leading Brazilian magazine, "You can't deny that to be Catholic is cool now."

New relief aid: artichoke hearts

In March stories by Knight-Ridder news service (in Honduras) and The Wall Street Journal (in Russia), the latest U.S. disaster relief efforts were revealed to be rife with ill-conceived aid. Honduran hurricane victims still need cooking utensils and medicine but are receiving old clothes, cans of largely unappreciated foods like artichoke hearts, and items like microwave popcorn, dog food and dental floss. Food commodities donated for starving Russians tend to lower the

prices of similar Russian food, angering farmers, and, even so, the American food usually winds up being sold on the street rather than given to the poor.

Man vs. God

In March, a federal judge in Syracuse, N.Y., rejected the latest lawsuit by Donald Drusky of East McKeesport, Pa., in his 30-year battle against USX Corp. for ruining his life by firing him in 1968. Drusky had sued "God... the sovereign ruler of the universe" for taking "no corrective action" against Drusky's enemies and demanded that God compensate him with professional guitar-playing skills and the resurrection of his mother. Drusky argued that under the federal rules of civil procedure, he would win a default judgment if God failed to show up in court.

Leading economic indicators

In March, Cairo, Egypt, school superintendent Maryann Maurice, 57, was jailed for illegal street begging; she said she earned about \$150 a day, the same amount the school paid her monthly. Also in March, retired Russian army Col. Dmitry Setrakov, 69, was arrested after a brief standoff at a downtown Moscow bank; he had pulled a shotgun in an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw about \$22,000 from his own account, which, like nearly everyone else's, is frozen. And the London Daily Telegraph reported in March that Russian soldiers in Chechnya had sold off at least 100 of their colleagues to the other side for as little as \$17 each; the Chechens ransom the Russian soldiers back to their families.

After all, he's an olympic athlete

According to records released in January by the world track and field organization IAAF, U.S. medal-winning sprinter Dennis Mitchell denied he had taken performance-enhancing drugs, despite a positive test result. Mitchell said his testosterone was high only because he had had sex four times the night before.

Learning lessons from the pros

Bruce Charles Davis, 36, explaining in November to an employee of a U.S. Bank branch in Sacramento, Calif., why he had just robbed the place: "I only wanted to teach you a lesson. I want a job in bank security." Davis would have been more plausible had he not already had five bank robbery convictions and another one pending.

Wrong place, wrong time

In February, David Ibrahim filed a lawsuit in San Diego against several law enforcement agencies for \$125,000 to cover the inconvenience and humiliation he suffered when jailed for seven days when police discovered methamphetamines in the gas tank of his truck. Eventually, authorities came to realize that the meth had been placed in the truck by a drug dealer before the DEA seized it in a raid, but that DEA failed to find the stash before Ibrahim bought the truck at auction. (On the other hand, police got a search warrant for Ibrahim's home, based on their 93 grams of methamphetamine that did not come from the truck.)

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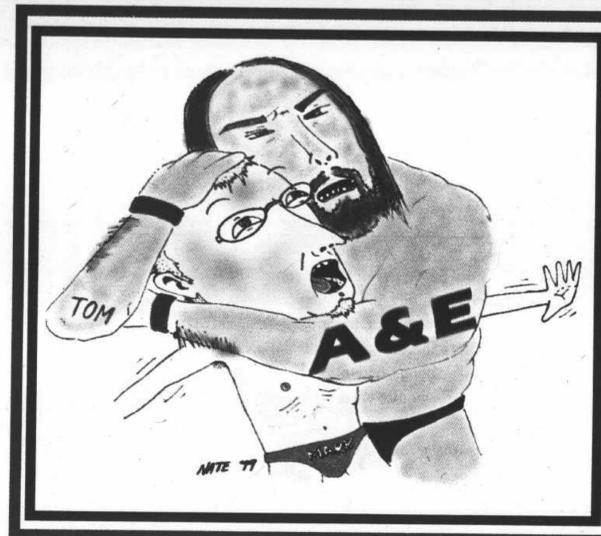
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FOX'S ANIMATED-SITCOM MONOPOLY

TOM D'ERRICO
The Equinox

It seems like Fox Networks is out to prove that you really can have too much of a good thing.

They recently revealed their new Tuesday night line-up which includes "King of the Hill," brainchild of Mike Judge from "Beavis and Butthead" fame, "The PJs," courtesy of Eddie Murphy, and "Futurama," Matt Groening's latest trip into the wacky world of animation.

Fox's first big hit in animation was "The Simpsons," a show that has been riding the wave of success for over 10 years.

While many networks have tried, few have succeeded in following up with an animated sitcom that appealed to audiences from all age-groups.

Critics were quick to dismiss "King of the Hill," yet it surprisingly proved itself well in the ratings, and was moved to its own night (it first starting after "The Simpsons" on Sunday nights).

Critics did the same with "The PJs," yet it is still too early to say if the show will become a hit.

"The PJs" has been drawing a lot of heat for being racially degrading. (The show takes place in a housing project and many of the characters, such as the drug dealer and drunken wino, depict African Americans in a negative light.)

Putting all of these shows on one night does stand to cause some problems. For one, Fox has spent many years proving itself to be a strong network, through the extreme success of shows like "90210," "Party of Five," "Married:

with Children," and "The X-Files."

They have had success in the animation field as well, but Fox is a network station, which needs to fulfill the needs of a vast array of viewers' tastes.

Basic cable already has 3 cartoon channels that are available, and, as of yet, Fox is not one of them.

Another problem is that this leads to an hour and a half block of animated television on Tuesdays, thus lessening the impact of the individual shows and forcing them to be viewed as a complete package.

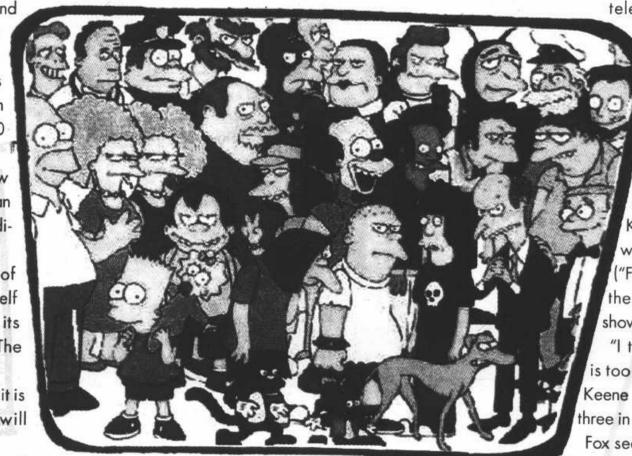
"I know I lose interest after an hour of TV," said Sarah Pack, a sophomore at Keene State. "I probably wouldn't watch either "Futurama" or "The PJs" in the end just because three shows is just too long."

"I think two (animated) shows is too many," said Kim Giguere, a Keene State junior. "Nevermind three in a row."

Fox seems to have a lot of faith in these shows.

While some may view it as excessive, we'll just have to wait and see how the new Tuesday night pans out. In the end, viewers will be the judge.

Tom D'Errico is a junior majoring in writing for publication, and the assistant editor for The Equinox.



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RADIO THEATRE IS ALIVE, IT'S ALIVE!

LORA FLEMING
The Equinox



On a cool Sunday evening at Keene State College; the sun is setting, the birds are flying, the dining commons is half filled with students just getting back from another weekend at home, and the Keene State radio station, WKNH, 91.3, is buzzing with clangs, bangs, and lots of laughter as the members of the radio theatre crew for WKNH are preparing for another lively show.

On Sunday nights at 6 p.m. on WKNH presents a group of both students and community members coming together to create a fun, entertaining, and always interesting performance of radio theatre.

Radio theatre includes a group of radio personalities coming together and telling a story so that listeners can fully understand what is going on by using only their sense of hearing.

Many of the shows that they produce are done live on the air. The remainder of the shows are pre-recorded in Possum studios, a professional recording studio just outside of Keene, but are still done in the live fashion.

The sound effects are also done both live and pre-recorded.

Many of the live sound effects are done in the same manner that

they were done in the 1930s.

For example, to create the sound of a horse's gallop two hollow coconut shells and a box full of sand would be used.

All of the shows require an enormous amount of planning and preparation. The people involved write many of the scripts that are used, rehearse at least once a week, create many of their own sound effects, cast scripts, set up the studio for their performances, use microphones that best complement the person's voice, and many other difficult tasks.

WKNH radio theatre has come quite a long way since it began approximately a year ago by Janine Marr, and the current program Director of WKNH, Rich Halliday. The amount of people involved with the project has drastically risen in the past year as well as the quality of the shows.

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One-Hit Wonderings

TOM D'ERRICO
The Equinox

People aren't into following bands' careers these days. They don't feel like getting into the music and collecting bands' releases. That's the word from Kevin Martin, the lead singer of Candlebox, during an interview with Rockdaily.com the other day. He was talking about this recently when addressing how his band's latest effort, "Happy Pills," hadn't lived up to expectations set by the band's first album.

I went to see a Korn and Rob Zombie concert recently. Zombie had a blossoming career with his first band. They had a couple of hits, but his solo album has been his commercial breakthrough.

In a way, the same can be said of Korn. They hit the scene in the early 90s, but it wasn't until their release last year, "Follow The Leader," that they too reached the pinnacle of their commercial success.

The venue sold out, and the crowd sang all the new songs along with the bands. Yet every time an older (and amazing) song was played, more than half the crowd stood in amazement. No, it wasn't a new song, all these new, younger fans just haven't heard it before.

It's amazing someone would shell out the 30 bucks for a ticket when you've only heard a third of the bands music. But at the same time I am happy to see the bands doing so well now.



Thrashers from England: Napalm Death have been cranking out metal for well over ten years.

Courtesy photo

TOP FOUR SONGS ABOUT NECROPHILIA

1. *Necrophilia*: Caroline Spine
2. *Stripped, Raped, and Strangled*: Cannibal Corpse
3. *Rock n' Roll Never Felt so Good*: Gwar
4. *Mama's Gatta Die Tonight*: Body Count

People are always talking about how great the old days were; how "back in the day" the music was real and these days the metal scene sucks; how the "old school" bands that were making album after album full of hits is just a thing of the past. That's just something you can't be blaming on the bands.

While there are new bands out there making great music, everyone seems to be latching onto the latest one-hit wonder and forgetting the veterans.

Newcomers like Godsmack, Lit, and Second Coming are eating up the radio airwaves and making money off their debut albums.

These are great bands, but the same thing has been happening over the past five years. Bands like Coward, Outhouse, and Summercamp burst onto the scene, made their presence felt, and seemed to disappear off the musical spectrum.

Meanwhile, bands that have been making multiple (great) albums are suffering from low record sales. Seven Mary Three, Motley Crue, Slayer, Napalm Death; some of these guys have been around since the 1980s, yet new fans have turned their back on the music, while the die-hard fans eat it up.

Once you turn your back on a band, even for an album, their career gets thrown into turmoil.

Music Notes

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Arts & Entertainment



Courtesy photo by Jim Wood
The Olivia Tremor Control showed the almost sold-out Middle East club in Cambridge, Mass. that music is more than just drums, guitar, and vocals last Friday.

Tremor activity in Boston

PAUL VITTMUM
The Equinox

On the heels of the release of the band's second full length album, "Black Foliage, Animation Music Volume 1," the Olivia Tremor Control (OTC) rode into the Middle East Club in Cambridge, Mass. last Friday to a nearly sold-out crowd.

For those unfamiliar with live OTC, the band makes music for the senses with the aid of enough odd-ball instruments to fill an entire stage, and some random artsy projected visuals to boot.

Combining guitars, percussion, keyboards, clarinets, violins, backward tape loops, and much more, OTC balanced their menagerie of psychedelic Middle Eastern marching band quality with the band's 1960s inspired sound that left many fans standing in awe at the sights and sounds of such an eclectic group.

Along for the ride, Super Furry Animals (SFA) from Wales, United Kingdom co-headlined the show adding a bit more rock to a perhaps overall humble lineup.

Opening up the night was Athens, Georgia's won Elf Power, hometown friends of OTC, who write truly whimsical pop songs.

So, in the growing success of these bands, one ask to ask, are they reaching their pinnacle point as classic bands amongst underground music lovers, or will they eventually find their place amongst the mainstream's tastes?

Paul Vitnum is a sophomore majoring in journalism, and a reviewer for The Equinox.

Review

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3:20 & 9:00

"Never Been Kissed" (PG-13)
1:00, 3:30, 6:40 & 9:20

"Matrix" (R)
12:50, 3:30, 6:30 & 9:10

"Analyze This" (R)
1:20, 4:00, 7:00 & 9:30

"Out of Towners" (PG-13)
1:30, 4:10, 7:10 & 9:40

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"Central Station" (R)
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Arts & Entertainment

JAMAICA INVADES KEENE STATE

TOM D'ERRICO
The Equinox

The sun wasn't shining, it wasn't hot, and we weren't sweating, but Jamaica was still at Keene State.

Renowned writer, Jamaica Kinkaid, read select passages from her new book, "My Brother," in the Mabel Brown Room on March 30th.

Peggy Partello, the assistant director of the Mason Library, introduced Kinkaid as "one of my favorite authors," to the almost full room.

"This is not a lecture," Kinkaid told the crowd, much to the humorous delight of the crowd. "After my last lecture, I spent the entire next day in bed. I'm sure I'll be up and about tomorrow."

After sharing with the crowd, how she feels no one will read what she writes, Kinkaid explained the concept of her new book.

"It's about my brother who died of AIDS." She divided the book into two sections; the first part leads up to his death, something she would "never publish while he was alive." The 2nd half detailed the events after he died.

Following a half hour of reading, Kinkaid fielded questions from the audience. Apart from the mundane questions ranging from "Are you a gardener?" (Yes.) to "Will you read your article from the New Yorker?" (No.) the most insightful question of the night was met by a few reflective moments of silence.

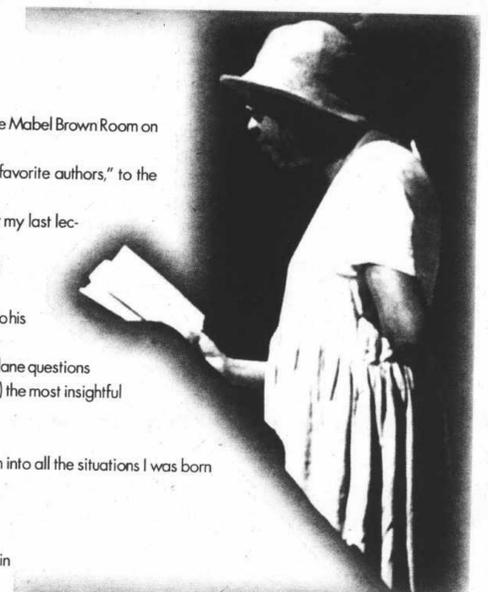
"Out of all the events in your life... in terms of changing you... could you pick just one?"

"No," Kinkaid replied pensively. "There's not enough bitterness in my life. I'm very glad I was born into all the situations I was born into. I'm not happy to be black and a woman, but I wouldn't change it."

"I found her very captivating," said one Keene State student.

"It's so much better when you can hear a book straight from the author," said one Keene resident.

Apart from the poor sound quality of the Mabel Brown Room's PA system, Kinkaid gave those in attendance an intimate view of her writing, and an enjoyable evening overall.



Equinox Photo by Ryan Miner
Jamaica Kinkaid captivates the Mabel Brown room audience as she reads from "My Brother," her new book.

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Radio

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Equinox photo by Ryan Miner
Denise Drago having theatrical fun.

WKNH radio theatre performs many different types of shows ranging from comedies, westerns, and horror shows to specialty shows and historic programs.

Radio theatre consists of different people doing numerous jobs such as studio engineer (Janine Marr and Keene State senior Heather Mason), technical director (Lora Fleming), historian (Al "Reece" Scott), writers, sound effect specialist, and of course, the voices for the performances.

Of course there are many other people behind the scenes such as Rich "Ringo" Halliday, Kat Hutchins, Peter Stevenson, Adam Weinreich, Scott Bergeran, Denise Drago, Lindsay Bartlet, Ken Arnold, Seth Thompson, Vesta Hornbeck, Steve Parker,

Jen Simons, Molly Symons, Carrie Price, Amanda Fox, Tom Clark, Mike Callahan, and Paige Lussier.

The schedule of shows for the remainder of the semester is as follows: the 11th of April sees the showing of "The Secret of the Rosewood Box" as well as an undecided taped show, the 18th of April will bring in a live performance of "Dorm Radio II," the 25th can look forward to both "Radio Killed the Video Star" and "23-7," the 2nd of May will welcome an untitled live show, and the 9th of May will be the home of "Dorm Radio III."

WKNH radio theatre is always looking for new members. For those interested in any aspect of radio theatre, not just voice parts, call Lora Fleming at 358-7821 and she will answer any questions that one may have.



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WKNH radio actress Lora Fleming.

A little Jazz and dance at KSC

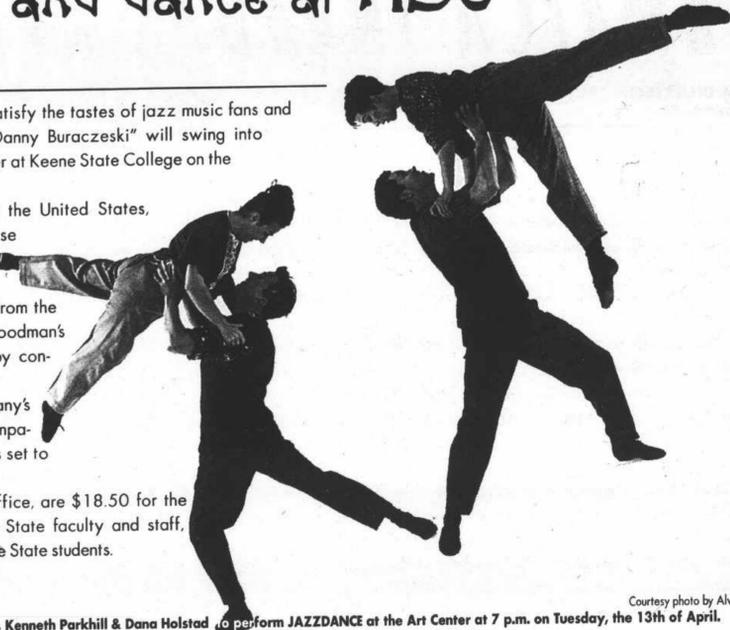
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Featuring a repertory that promises to satisfy the tastes of jazz music fans and dance-goers alike, "JAZZDANCE by Danny Buraczkeski" will swing into Keene with a concert at the Redfern Arts center at Keene State College on the Tuesday, the 13th of April.

A 15-year veteran of touring throughout the United States, Buraczkeski is a classic jazz dance stylist, whose works explore the widest range of musical scores from gospel renderings of Mahalia Jackson to the Latin sounds of Tito Puente, from the hard bop of Ornette Coleman to Benny Goodman's swing and specially commissioned scores by contemporary jazz makers.

Like all concerts by JAZZDANCE, the company's program at the Art Center will include the company's trademark mix of new and existing works set to the widest range of jazz scores.

Tickets, available at the Art Center box office, are \$18.50 for the general public, \$17 for seniors and Keene State faculty and staff, \$9.50 for youth 17 and under, and \$5 for Keene State students.



Courtesy photo by Alvis Lipitis

From left to right: Maria Lynn Vignone & Les Johnson, Kenneth Parkhill & Dana Holstad to perform JAZZDANCE at the Art Center at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 13th of April.

ONE-HIT

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Low sales equals low monetary income, and labels would be hesitant to keep such bands in contract. Without backing, the music making comes to a halt, and fans are left wondering "what ever happened to...?" The bands could be out there making the music, but with this halt the lack of quality music leads people to go elsewhere for their musical needs (usually in vain).

Then there are those new fans closing their eyes to the past.

I recently heard a DJ on a local station talk about the new Fear Factory: "A great debut from these hard-core masters." Well, let's just forget those first two albums that were too "extreme" for radio air-play.

"Demanufacture" was one of the best albums to come out in 1995, yet the new album has more "acceptable" material, and they are suddenly a new band on a mission.

Here's the way I see things. Between 1990 and 1995 the music world drastically changed.

Before this time there were bands like Guns 'N Roses, Warrant, Nirvana, and Soundgarden out there making great music and having careers that spanned a number of years. Not only were the careers long, but it seemed that each album was a hit.

Then in the span of five years G'N'R all but broke up, Chris Cornell left to pursue a solo career, and Kurt Cobain died at the peak of his popularity.

Warrant eventually got dropped from their major label and now record on CMC International, which seems to have become the home to every hair-band from the early 90's (Slaughter, Tesla, and so on).

Even those who seem to have lost a taste for these great "oldies" there are bands that have been around for a while, yet haven't gotten enough exposure yet.

One underrated band at the moment is Silverchair.

In '92 they were written off as punk-kids ripping off Nirvana. Since then, they've graduated from high school, and their third album just hit stores.

It has to be some of the best music out there today. End to end, the album is one continuous

musical experience complete with full orchestra, great lyrics, and amazing guitar riffs. There isn't one weak point in the entire album, and Silverchair have more than proved they're a band to be reckoned with.

In the end, the demise of the career band, and low quality in the music industry today can be blamed on the fans.

It's plain to see that your loyalty would lead to the quality that so many long for today. Bands that have staying power will make music, one way or another. It just makes it harder when fans are not looking into these bands, because not only are they missing out on great music, but they make it harder for these bands to do what they do best, make good music. It easy for people to complain about something, but it not as feasible when they should be pointing the finger at themselves.

Until next week, remember these words from Life of Agony: "Smiles come from fake ones, they'll pretend to be your friends. They'll cut you down just have fun, then kiss your ass to make amends."

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Crisis

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professor, is concerned about what may happen if enough humanitarian effort doesn't arrive. Seibert said she talked about the issue with her class and the majority of the students felt NATO and the US should be involved, but also felt that the only reason is not the genocide that's taking place. She is in favor of intervention but doesn't want to see any American lives lost.

Most of the students felt that if it is a NATO effort, all NATO member-nations should be involved, she said. "We should be active participants, motivated by humanitarianism," she said.

Random telephone interviews of students conducted Monday afternoon found that most are split as to their opinion. Those in favor generally felt that there are enough issues to deal with in the US that we

shouldn't be involved.

"If they want to have a civil war, let them fight it out. It's stupid," freshman Chris Dayton, a business management major, said. "We have our own issues to deal with."

Patrick Boyd, an undecided sophomore, disagreed, saying it's a worthwhile cause.

"I don't feel it's our job (to police the world), but its a much more worth while cause than what we usually get involved in," he said. "If we don't, who will?"

Some people have claimed that the US is the police force of the world. While Boyd doesn't think it's our job, he feels the US has made it our job.

Heather Anderson, a freshman graphic design major, said the US has the right to step in to help.

"A lot of other countries will be on our side. We should be more dominant over the other people," she said.

Lindy Coggeshall, director of the international exchange

office, deals with foreign exchange students coming to Keene State as well as Keene State students going abroad. She said even her office has felt the Kosovo crisis striking home.

"Students going to Russia were pulled out of the program," she said. "Russia is very hostile to the US right now."

Coggeshall said they are doing everything to help students deal with the issue by talking and reaching out to them.

"When things get exciting in the world, we like to have all the problems solved," she said.

Jason Fraser, student body president, said he was undecided in his opinion of NATO intervention, but felt if it was the consensus of the world, that NATO should be there. However, he warned that it's just this type of situation which precipitated World War I.

"There really is no short term solution to the problem," Fraser said. "But we shouldn't necessarily force our help on people who need it."

Many, including Fraser, are wondering what happens at the end if NATO does accomplish their mission.

"If we get rid of Milosevic, it

will definitely be a long process of healing," Fraser said. Whatever the healing process may be, the main question is whether or not we should be there in the first place.

"As we are the only great power with ability to project power thousands of miles, we have decided it is our job," Weed said. "It defines our rhetoric which decries lawlessness, which upholds the right of national sovereignty, when we want to, and shows we have double or triple standards regarding where and when we use power."

“There really is no short term solution to the problem.”

• Jason Fraser

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April is sexual assault awareness month

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Sexual violence on college campuses is the focus of programs and events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Laura Luciano will present "Warrior Mark: One Woman's Story" in the Mabel Brown Room of the Young Student Center.

"Warrior Mark" is the personal account of Luciano, a 1998 graduate of Rutgers University in New Jersey. Luciano was raped by an acquaintance during her first semester at Rutgers.

She reported the assault and pressed charges against her assailant.

During the ensuing court case, Luciano became her own advocate and continues to speak about her own experience to provide encouragement for others who have endured similar tragedies.

Luciano spoke at Dartmouth College last year.

Susan Marine, coordinator of the sexual abuse awareness program at Dartmouth said,

"Laura is a compelling, moving speaker. The students who heard her amazing story were deeply touched and affected in ways that few other speakers manage to elicit."

Following the presentation a candlelight vigil will be held at 8:30 p.m. on the Fiske Quad.

The Second Annual Speak Out on Sexual Violence will take place at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15, on the Student Center lawn.

The Speak Out will include a welcome by Delina Hickey, vice president for student affairs, and poetry readings by students, personal stories, and a purple ribbon campaign honoring sexual violence survivors.

Other events marking Sexual Assault Awareness Week include:

- a talk by Deborah Lucius, a registered nurse at Cheshire Medical Center who is a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

Lucius will discuss helping people through the process after a sexual assault, collecting evidence, and use of a rape

kit. She will make her presentation at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15 in Holloway Hall.

- the purple ribbon campaign honoring sexual violence survivors will be on-going throughout the week.

- Information on sexual violence issues will be available, including materials from the Women's Crisis Services.

An information table will be set up in the Young Student Center all week long.

The presentations and candlelight vigil are sponsored by the Keene State Counseling Center/Sexual Assault and Harassment Education and Prevention Program and Keene State Student Government.

The events are free and open to the public.

For more information on the Keene State Sexual Assault Awareness Week events contact Mona Anderson, coordinator of the Sexual Assault and Harassment Education and Prevention Program at Keene State at 358-2435.

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- Come hear **Warrior Mark: One Woman's Story**, Wednesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room. Laura Luciano was raped during her freshman year at Rutgers university. She went public with her tragedy and fought back, against the odds, to win. She will tell her incredible story of seeking justice, claiming survival, and finding hope in the future. Followed by a **Candlelight Vigil** on Fiske Quad.

- Come to the **Second Annual Speak Out on Sexual Violence**, Thursday, April 15th, at 2:30 p.m. on the Student Center Lawn. Speakers, music by Antara, and refreshments.

- Learn about a **Rape Kit and how a S.A.N.E. (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) helps victims after an assault**, Thursday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall in Holloway Hall. Deborah Lucius, a Registered Nurse, Clinical Leader of the-nurses, and specially trained as a S.A.N.E. at Cheshire Medical Center, will be the speaker.

- Take a **Self-Defense** course Tuesday, April 13th and Thursday, April 15th, from 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd floor in the Student Center. Learn personal protection skills. This four hour class will include awareness techniques and avoidance strategies. Free. Call x2437 to register.

- Get informed! Pick up **information** every day from 11-3 in the Student Center.

- Wear a **purple ribbon** all week, available at the information table in the Student Center.

- Place your handprints on the **"These hands are for helping not hurting"** banner.

These activities are sponsored by the Counseling Center, Sexual Assault/Harassment Education and Prevention Program, Student Government, Psi Chi, and the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

Where can you find help if you or a friend have been violated?

If you are the survivor of a rape, including acquaintance rape, you are NOT to blame. The person who committed the assault is responsible. No one deserves to be sexually assaulted under any circumstances. Get support and help to begin the healing process. Call the Counseling Center, x2437, or Mona Anderson, x2435, Coordinator of the Sexual Assault/Harassment Education and Prevention Program.

A Message from the President's Commission on the Status of Women

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Student Lifestyles

Taking the stage by storm

SARAH HARDIMAN
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rom Nevada to New Hampshire, Kyla Deonne Longe has been making her mark on the stage.

Longe transferred to Keene State College from Reno, Nev. when her family moved to New Hampshire.

In Nevada, she attended Truckee Meadows Community College where she studied arts and theatre.

Here, at Keene State, Longe, sophomore, is majoring in theatre arts.

Longe said she found Keene State through a college search she conducted and loved that it was a liberal arts school.

The University of Nevada, is unsupportive of the arts, Longe said.

"I thought if I came to a liberal arts college I'd get that support with out having to go to an actual theatre school," Longe said.

Her objection to a theatre school is that she would pay too much money for a certificate as opposed to a degree, she said.

Longe became involved with theatre arts her junior year in high school.

She said she saw audition posters for a play called "Night of January 16th".

"That's my birthday! So, I thought 'how cool would it be to try out for a play with my birthday in it,'" Longe said.

"I'd never been in a play before. I went to an audition workshop and memorized a monologue with a New York accent," Longe said.

She was cast as an exotic dancer, Ruby O'Toole, 'married to the mob' testifying in a courtroom for her husband's murder, she said.

"I looked like Peg Bundy with big red hair, long nails, and an accent," Longe said.

Longe considered her first performance a success, she said.

"After that, I became involved. I

did make-up and tech pool (technical crew)," Longe said.

She ran the lighting for her high school's production of "The Nutcracker" and was stage manager for "Bye Bye Birdie" the spring of her senior year, she said.

Being stage manager is what made Longe

decide to get into



Photo courtesy of Kyla Longe for the Colonial Theatre.
Kyla Longe, sophomore, smiles and poses in a program booklet for "Bye Bye Birdie"

theatre arts, she said.

"That's what made me decide. It was hard, stressful, and sometimes...I felt like screaming. But, it was happy at the end. I actually did so much. It was my show," Longe said.

"It's phenomenal, to me, that I played such a big role without stepping foot on stage," Longe said.

However, she had little time throughout high school to be overly involved with theatre.

"I was also in the marching band and the jazz band, I worked at Sears, babysat, and didn't have much time for anything else," Longe said.

"A friend of mine in high school did acting stuff outside the high school with the community college," Longe said.

This same friend recommended a class to take at the community college. So Longe went to the college and took an acting class. She also took a karate class and a fencing class, she said.

After these classes at the community college, Longe was supposed to move to New York to work as a nanny, she said. However, that never worked out and that is how she wound up at Keene State. Longe got a job in the theatre department office as the assistant to the administrator's assistant.

"I got to meet all the professors and make friends with everybody," Longe said.

She is currently taking an introduction to theatre arts class.

During her first semester, she was in the theatre department and saw posters for auditions for two fall shows.

"I ended up going to Don Patterson's office and interviewed for stage manager for "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Later, I decided I didn't want to be full blown manager until I got to know the department better. I was the assistant stage manager," Longe said.

She then auditioned for "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Colonial Theatre, she said.

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Equinox Website of the Week

<http://www.pollstar.com>

Check this site out to find out where your favorite band or artist is performing this upcoming season.

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Longe

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"I knew the play from high school and I was cast as Ursula Merkle and I accepted the role," Longe said.

There was one conflict, however - the college production of "A Doll's House" was holding auditions not long after she was cast at the Colonial Theatre.

"I didn't know what to think. I wasn't ready at the time to be in 'A Doll's House,'" Longe said.

"It had been almost three years since I was in a show. So, I didn't want to go all out with that production and miss out on a good role I already had," Longe said.

She has recently auditioned for the student-directed one acts and was cast in Katie Gerst's piece "Sorry."

"I play Pat. The shows are

this Thursday and Friday at the Wright Theatre at 8 p.m. with free admission," Longe said.

For the rest of her college years, Longe plans on going to France for her French minor, she said.

She also would like to study abroad in England and study theatre, she said.

"I don't really know where I'm going with things yet. I take them as they come. I want to get my degree and have fun," Longe said.

She also said she would like to possibly teach theatre.

"My professors at TMCC had great ideas and I want to do the same at maybe high schools," Longe said.

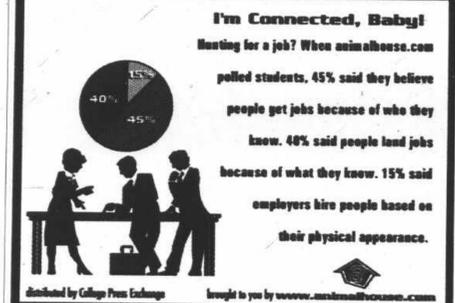
She does take theatre seriously and has high hopes for the future. She has a small suggestion for anyone who wishes to get into theatre:

"Take it seriously and be professional about things. But, make it a good time for everyone," Longe said.



This skateboarder on a study break performs some tough techniques at the Emerald Street skate park. Photo by Ryan Mizer

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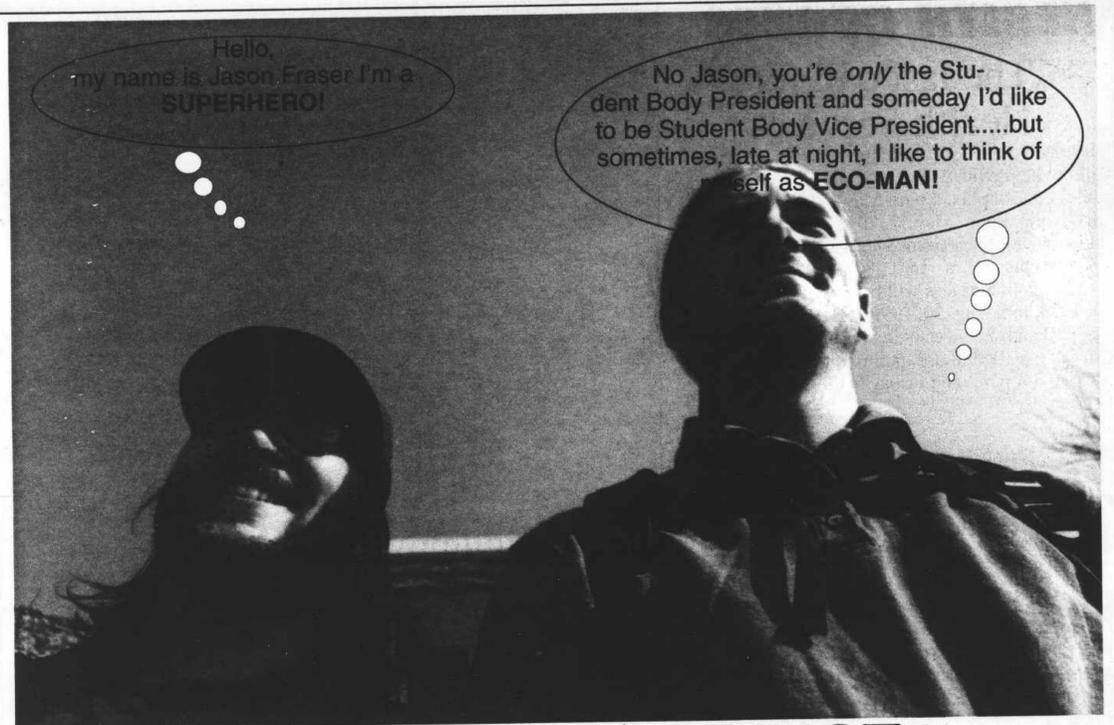


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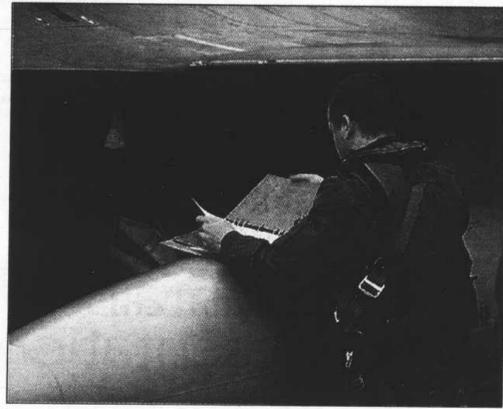


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As NATO took advantage of clearing skies Monday to escalate its bombing of Yugoslavia, President Clinton warned that there will be no end to the warfare until his terms are met.

"We are prepared to sustain this effort for the long haul. Our plan is to persist until we prevail," Clinton said at the White House.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic "could end it today by stopping the killing," withdrawing from Kosovo and permitting refugees to return home under



An F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot from the 22nd Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, checks his planes maintenance records before his mission on March 25, 1999. The pilot will be flying an air strike mission against targets in Yugoslavia as part of NATO Operation Allied Force.

Photo courtesy of US Air Force

the protection of an international security force, Clinton said, but he stressed that nothing less will do.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Macedonia, more than 100,000 Kosovar refugees are trapped

at border crossings, blocking the likely route that NATO troops would use to enter Kosovo, a province of Serbia, itself one of two states comprising Yugoslavia.

Macedonian authorities are moving people away from the border at a rate of only 5,000 a day. Unless the situation improves it will take more than a month to clear Macedonia's border enough to open Kosovo's southern roads.

NATO officials in Brussels, Belgium, said they have "established a number of centers with tented villages, and these are now beginning to fill."

The United States began making plans to house some 20,000 Kosovar refugees temporarily - likely at a U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Nations of the European Union have agreed to accept some 80,000 refugees, although many say they are unwilling to leave the region for safe havens. Eventually all refugees are to be returned to Kosovo under NATO plans.



As ethnic Albanians approaching an estimated 400,000 in the past two weeks alone - kept flooding out of Kosovo, Clinton and NATO officials in Belgium outlined plans to cope with what the president called "a humanitarian disaster."

The first shipment of 500,000 daily food rations for the refugees arrived in Tirana, Albania, on Monday, Clinton said. U.S. forces will ferry such missions daily to Italy on C-130 transport planes, then ship the supplies to border refugee camps by helicopter.

In addition, the first of four shipments of tents is to leave Travis Air Force Base in California soon, Clinton said.

As refugee relief efforts expanded, NATO's round-the-clock bombing intensified.

NATO warplanes attacked early Tuesday morning (approximately 7 p.m. EDT) from northwestern Serbia to the border with Kosovo.

Allied aircraft attacked targets in Sombor, near the Hungarian border, in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia's second largest city and around Nis, near the border with Kosovo, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Libya

Two Pan Am bombing suspects handed over

DRUSILLA MENAKER Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CAIRO, Egypt — More than a decade after a suitcase packed with explosives blew up a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270, the Libyan government handed over two men Monday for trial in the Netherlands.

The move unlocked a legal and diplomatic stalemate and brought the immediate easing of U.N. sanctions against Libya, ending its international isolation.

The Clinton administration hailed the hand over as a victory against terrorism. "Now, at last, the road to justice has begun," President Clinton said in a prepared statement.

"There will now be a criminal trial for that act of mass murder," said British Foreign Minister Robin Cook. "The relatives of all those who died that day will have their first opportunity to hear all the evidence we hold."

The Libyans, Abdel Basset Ali Al-Megrahi, 46, and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, 42, made V-for-victory signs as they boarded a U.N. plane in Tripoli, the Libyan capital, en route to the Netherlands, where they are to be tried under Scottish law.

Both suspects have rejected charges that they are Libyan intelligence officers who built and planted the bomb.

"The days will prove what we are saying is true," Al-Megrahi said on a Libyan TV broadcast monitored by The Associated Press.

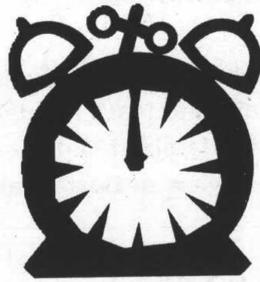
Four days before Christmas 1988, New York-bound Pan Am Flight 103, 42 minutes out of London's Heathrow Airport, exploded at 31,000 feet.

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Ecstasy

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Some ecstasy pills may be laced with other substances to provide additional feelings, which can be dangerous. There really is no control over the content.

"You could probably even get the ingredients off the Internet," Matthews said. Jordan gets the imported variety from Amsterdam.

On the emotional side, ecstasies can lead to emotional breakdowns, similar to having a bad trip on LSD, Matthews said.

Both Drew and Jordan agreed that it can have some longterm mental effects, but they said only if it's taken in large quantities all the time.

Another risk involved with taking ecstasy is that it masks discomfort and pain, so you would feel alright about doing something you normally would feel awful about, according to "The Leah Betts Story" on the Internet about a woman who died as a result of ecstasy.

According to the article, most ecstasy related deaths result from heatstroke and dehydration from dancing. All the studies recommend if you

do use the drug, make sure to drink plenty of water before. "You can't die directly from ecstasy," Jordan said. The only way to really die, he said, is through dehydration, and this can be prevented.

Most people who have taken ecstasy will not bring themselves in for treatment, because of the feeling, according to Beth Mundahl, substance abuse counselor at Keene State. She said the people she sees dealing with ecstasy are the relatives, friends and loved ones of users who want to know how to deal with it.

What she tries to do is help users see the impact it has on their lives, but treatments are on a case by case basis.

"I've heard from studies that there is more of it," Mundahl said. "The problem with it is you really don't know what you're getting." It can lead to family and personal problems as well.

Disagreements over the use of the drug can cause family arguments and affect relationships, according to the Australian Drug Federation. Use can also lead to problems at work.

Treatment can include going to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting, or being involved in

other drug counseling sessions. Matthews said the alternative names, such as the "hug drug," "love drug" and being referred to as an aphrodisiac are wrong. For one thing, it inhibits reaching orgasm and erectile function, he said.

Ecstasy is technically classified as a methamphetamine. The technical form, "methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)" does not occur in nature and must be created through a complex laboratory process. It was first designed in 1914 by the Merck Company of Germany.

In the mid-1980s, it exploded onto the nightclub scene and fearing possible health risks, all scientific, therapeutic, and recreational use was banned by the US and British governments according to a web site on ecstasy.

It is illegal in all countries in the world under a United Nations agreement, and even non-member nations such as Switzerland have made it illegal.

In the United States, any new drug which has been designed to avoid the law is automatically prohibited, according to ecstasy.org, a website dealing with the drug and surrounding issues.

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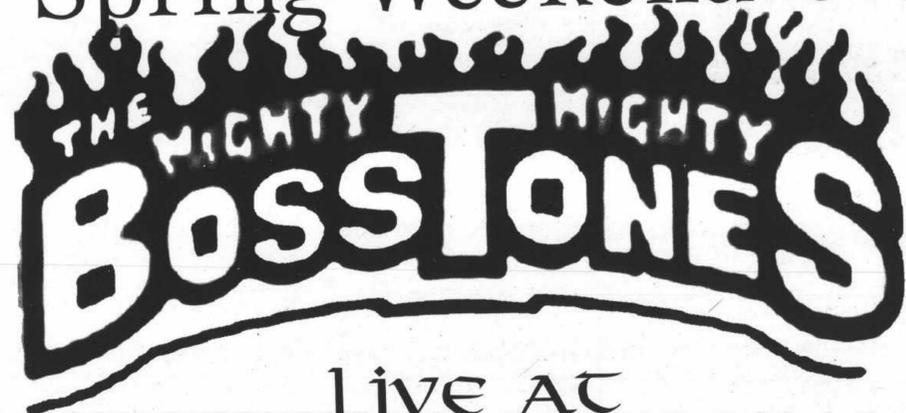
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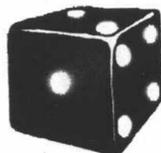
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who ran for president last year. She is very popular, is a former chairman of the American Red Cross, and was also the secretary of transportation and of labor.

The only problem she might have is that she has a very Southern accent, which makes her sound like a hayseed to non-southerners.

Another reject from the last presidential campaign is Steve Forbes, the millionaire from New Jersey.

He advocates a "flat tax," meaning we should get rid of tax brackets and just pay a flat 17% of our income to the government. He says it's a much more fair system, but neglects to mention that his own taxes would be probably be cut in half.

Add to the list New Hampshire's own senator, Bob Smith. Smith has been named "most conservative senator in the United States."

Despite being from New Hampshire, he has no chance of winning the New Hampshire primary. In that election, which he narrowly won, he broke Federal campaign spending regulations and was fined \$95,000.

John McCain, the senator

from Arizona and former Vietnam war hero who was a prisoner of war for years in Asia and is known for his impeccable integrity, is also running. He has no chance of winning, because he alone among the candidates here listed actually deserves to win.

Of course, no listing of Republican candidates would be complete with Dan Quayle(e). He is trying his best to be taken seriously as a candidate, but Americans know too many Dan Quayle jokes to ever elect the guy.

Finally, the Republican ranks include Angel Rocker, a Florida high school guidance counselor, and Bobby Gawthorp, a Maryland Generation X-er who won't even be old enough to become president in 2000.

Now it's time to send in the clowns. The Reform Party potential candidates include David Boren of Oklahoma, who had a press conference in 1978 to swear on the Bible that he wasn't gay; Pat Choate of Virginia, who no one has ever heard of; and Ross Perot, the big-eared Texan who is actually an extraterrestrial from the planet Mylanta 4.

Green Party potential candidates include Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate/dweeb who ran in the last election promising to only spend \$5,000. He

received 700,000 votes. He says he'll run next year, only this time he wants \$2 million.

Another Green Party candidate is Angela Davis, a militant black activist who was fired from UCLA for being too radical even for California. She was once a Black Panther, and was once on the FBI ten most wanted list. She has run for vice president several times before with Gus Hall, the Communist Party leader who admires the late Joseph Stalin.

The Libertarian candidates include Larry Hines, who proclaims himself the "openly gay candidate for U.S. president" who wants to legalize drugs and prostitution; and Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, who should be elected because of his name alone.

Then we have the true comedic relief of the election, the average Joe Six-Packs who run for president just because they can. These include: Joe Bellis of Kansas, who drives a 1979 Chrysler LeBaron and who buys his clothes at garage sales; and Joe Neuman of Arizona who claims to have invented gravity.

Bruce Muckian of Washington doesn't want to really win but wants to raise enough money to take a trip to Ireland with his family on the Concorde.

Michael Mannichewitz of New York is, according to my web "a West Point grad with a law degree from the 'University of the Vatican City' and holds four more college degrees. He claims to be a practicing lawyer, judge, 'Biblical Agent,' a British Secret Service agent, an FBI agent, the Commandant of the US Marine Corps,

Admiral of the Navies, a security guard, the owner the P.T. Barnum & Bailey Circus, the 'former King of England, France, Germany, Austria &

Italy,' former two-term US President and the father of 149 children."

Last but by no means least, we have Alan Caruba of New Jersey. His sole reason for running is because he wants "to drive members of Congress nuts."

If that's not a good enough reason, I don't know what is.

-Peter Lambert is a Keene State junior majoring in history and a weekly columnist for the Equinox.

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FREE HORS D'OEUVRES COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

The Leadership Steering Committee is proud to recognize the faculty leaders, Liz Wuorinen and Sandy DiNatale and students leaders, the ASB'99 Leadership Team, of the month of March.



"Both Liz and Sandy go up and beyond to help their students and to make the Health Fitness major and Body Works a great place to be. They are both very enthusiastic and knowledgeable," said an anonymous nominator.

Liz is an Adjunct Faculty member in Health Fitness and the manager of Body Works. She currently teaches three courses in the fall and two courses in the spring. Liz was recently certified as a member of the National Health Objective Committee for American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). Her certifications are especially applicable and helpful for KSC students who hope to become certified by ACSM and NSCA.

Sandy, an Exercise Physiologist, is an instructor in Health Fitness and director of Body Works. She is currently working on her Ph. D. for Health Science. Sandy is the founder of a non-profit organization, The Vermont Wellness Institute, which is supportive for community wide wellness efforts. She is also Chairperson for College Relations for the Association of Work City Health Promotion. This organization provides job fairs for students in the New England Region.

Liz and Sandy are involved in the Wellness Promotion Council, a newly formed group on this campus promoting wellness and health lifestyles. They have their first annual Wellness Promotion Fair on Tuesday April 13th from 12pm-3pm. They both encourage faculty, staff, and students to attend the event.

The Leadership Steering committee is proud to congratulate the ASB'99 Leadership Team Sara Olsen, Christina Thompson, Christopher Jackson, Jeffrey McCall, Thomas Crow, Ryan Morin, Micheal Paone, Jessie DiMatteo, Beth McGinn, Chad Derosier, Laura Holway, Kelly Reynolds, and Michelle Scott for their outstanding student leadership.

The ASB'99 Leadership Team is a group of thirteen students selected from applicants applied from a pool of applicants. This group began leadership training in October and met weekly from that date through Alternative Spring Break. They committed to over 40 hours of training in addition to the week with their group of between 18-33 participants. The Leadership Team was responsible for orientating their group to ASB and its purposes and goals. They were responsible for coordinating fundraising efforts to make the trips possible. In addition to participation fees, the group raised more than \$12,000 from campus organizations to make the trips possible. An overall participation of 120 students participated this year.



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Thursday, April 8

Films in the Loew:
"The Emperor Jones"
7 p.m. @ Arthur M. Loew Auditorium
Hood Museum of Art, Hanover
646-2422

Kim Richey
7 p.m. @ Iron Horse
20 Center St., Northampton, Mass.
(413) 584-0610

Legends and Legacy Tour:
"The Nylons and Five O'Clock Shadow"
8:30 p.m. @ Ballroom
Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, Mass.
(413) 586-8686

Equinox General Staff Meeting
9:30 p.m. @ room 309
Student Center
All Are Welcome To Attend!

Friday, April 9

Celtic Roots
8 p.m. @ Alumni Recital Hall
Arts Center

Everett Dance Theatre:
"The Science Project"
7 p.m. @ The Moore Theater
Hopkins Center, Hanover
646-2422

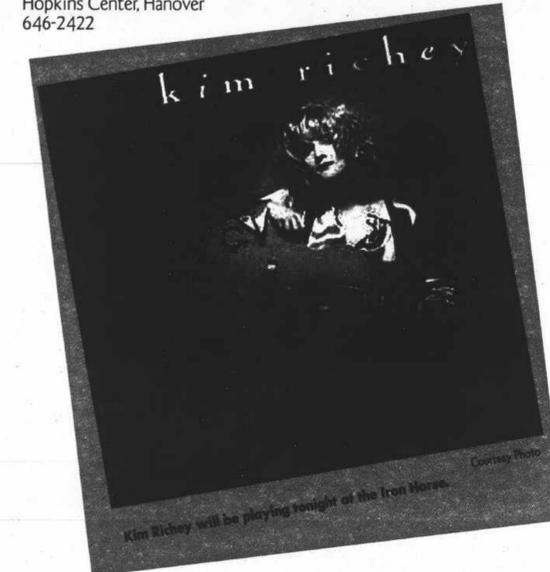
Chris Smither
plus Peter Mulvey
7 p.m. @ Iron Horse
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Saturday, April 10

Everett Dance Theatre:
"The Science Project"
7 p.m. @ The Moore Theater
Hopkins Center, Hanover
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Films in the Loew:
"Velvet Goldmine"
7 & 9:30 p.m. @ Arthur M. Loew Auditorium
Hood Museum of Art, Hanover
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Hopkins Center Film Special:
"Little Voice"
8 p.m. @ Spaulding Auditorium
Hopkins Center, Hanover
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8 p.m. @ Jorgensen Auditorium
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Rockapella
plus The Amherst College Zumbayes
7 & 10 p.m. @ Iron Horse
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The Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Co.
8 p.m. @ Calvin Theatre
Northampton, Mass.
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Sunday, April 11

Chamberworks:
"Evan Hirsch and Friends"
4 p.m. @ Rollins Chapel
Hanover
646-2422
Dartmouth Film Society:
Double Feature:

"Casablanca" & "Cabaret"
6:45 & 8:45 p.m. @ Spaulding Auditorium

Films in the Loew:
"Where Is Stephanie?"
7 p.m. @ Arthur M. Loew Auditorium
Hood Museum of Art, Hanover
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Cassandra Wilson: "Traveling Miles"
8 p.m. @ Spaulding Auditorium
Hopkins Center, Hanover
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Ferron
7 p.m. @ Iron Horse
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Fishbone
8:30 p.m. @ Clubroom
Pearl Street Nightclub
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Robin Trower
8:30 p.m. @ Ballroom
Pearl Street Nightclub
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Wednesday, April 14

Dartmouth Film Society:
"Gods and Monsters"
6:45 & 9:15 p.m. @ Spaulding Auditorium
Hopkins Center, Hanover
646-2422

Corey Harris
7 p.m. @ Iron Horse
20 Center St., Northampton, Mass.
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String Cheese Incident
8:30 p.m. @ Ballroom
Pearl Street Nightclub
10 Pearl St., Northampton, Mass.
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Monday, April 12

History Club
9:30 p.m. @ room 308
Student Center

Tuesday, April 13

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Circumstances that seem beyond your control could force you to take action. That's what it feels like, anyway. Actually, you're the one who got yourself into this position, and you're the only one who can get yourself out. You won't do that by locking horns with another stubborn person. Learn what he's trying to teach you, and use it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
If you're traveling today, take care. There will be delays, and they're not all your fault. Somebody else's impatience could cause you to get off schedule. If you absolutely have to get there on time, you'd better start early.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
The important thing to remember today is that you need to be practical. It'll be a lot more fun to be wildly impetuous, but that's not going to work out anywhere near as well for you. It'll be a lot more fun for a little while, but you could end up flat broke.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
There's almost too much opportunity to suit you today. You might feel overwhelmed. Don't try to man-

age it all by yourself. You need a good partner with skills complementing your own. Nurture one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Ignore a friend who's trying to talk you into playing hooky. Today it's really not a good idea. The workload is pretty intense, and you sure are looking for a break, but look ahead just a little further. This weekend will be much better for travel and for being with friends. Right now, concentrate on the job at hand.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Somebody else's emergency could get in the way of your plans for today. If it weren't for that, everything would be tranquil, easy and maybe even a little boring. Not much chance of that happening, though. You'll be on your toes most of the day. Plan your date for tomorrow, instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Two very enthusiastic people could clash mightily today, but you're not afraid. You go right into the middle of the battle armed only with your wit and charming smile. You might charm them both into seeing things differently, too, but it might take a little longer than you expected. Better pack a lunch.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You're learning quickly today, and that's a good thing, because you need to learn as fast as you can to keep up with a demanding schedule. There's also a demanding person who's about to drive you crazy.

While you're practicing your talents, also practice controlling of your temper. I'll give you the edge that could make all the difference.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
If you run into the same old criticism today, relax. Instead of fighting back, look to see what you could give up. Not your point of view, of course, but maybe the tension in your body. Your smile is so contagious, the others will forget what they were arguing about.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Looks like good things are coming your way eventually. It may not seem like that right now, however. Instead of resisting a change that seems imminent, see if you can manage it instead. Manage to make it work out in your favor, that is.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're in a bit of a crunch today, most likely. Looks like there's a logjam. Somebody's yapping at you to make more quickly, but that might not be possible, unless you try something different. Go for it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Friends and loved ones may be kind of hard to tell apart today. Several people you know fit into both categories. That's good, because you can have plenty of support to get through a tough assignment. Relax and concentrate, and you'll do fine.

The Dating Game

What's my line?
KELLEY GARRY
College Press Exchange

Picking someone up at a bar is an art form that humans have been practicing since the first hairy, dinosaur-breathed cave-man mumbled, "You gotta light?" And, truth be told, we haven't progressed much farther since. An acquaintance of mine, Brian, is said to approach men he thinks are stunning and ask, "Gotta cigarette?"

Of course Brian doesn't smoke, but the line works. It gets his foot in the door and that's what a good line will do for you — get you talking to the object of your interest.

If it's a good line, they'll be entranced and impressed. But if it's a pathetic line, they may feel sorry for you. Take your pick. At least you're socializing. That's what it's all about and that's what we learned from talking to students this week.

We asked students and a couple of grads if they were in a bar and saw a stranger they were interested in, how would they go about meeting them. Did they have a line? A game plan? Everyone had something to say.

Mark, senior at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, doesn't have a standard line when he approaches a woman he's interested in.

"I would come up with a line," says Mark. "Something charming and funny. If you get them to laugh, you are halfway there."

Mark also says the line should be "bold and brash." He swears this approach works. "It was once at a wedding. I had a handle bar mustache at the time and I asked a woman, 'How do you feel about eccentric men?' It worked," he says.

Steve, senior at University of Kansas, has a different approach. It's wordless. "I start dancing with her," says Steve, "and we make our way onto the dance floor."

There is an obvious flaw in this approach — what if there is no music? Steve has an answer for that. "We'll make our own music," he says.

"And this works?" "All the time," he says. Hmmm.

Chanel, a sophomore at Sweet Briar College, isn't one to hustle men out on to the dance floor. "I just strike up a casual conversation," she says. "I say, 'Hi, what are you doing here — find something in common.'"

Chanel says this method works for her because "they see you are persistent and interested."

James, a Saint John's University grad, agrees the direct approach works best. That is, if the eye contact is in order.

"I won't talk to anyone I haven't had reciprocal eye contact from," says James. "Say

you've had some eye contact, maybe even a smirk, then the best way is to go and say, 'Hi, I'm James,' rather than some clever line. It works."

James also says that even though no one does this anymore, buying someone a drink can be quite charming, plus it's a hell of a conversation starter. "And if they have manners they'll come over and thank you for it," says James.

Jesse, a grad Minneapolis College of Art Design, agrees the eye interplay is key, but don't mention her beautiful eyes to her. She hears it a lot. "Which makes me not want to go out with them — it's too easy," she says.

"You don't approach a person unless you make eye contact with them. Then you go over and say 'Hey, how's it going?' Just like a normal conversation," Jesse says.

Although it's not just a normal conversation because your heart is pounding and your hands are sweating because you're trying to pick this person up. And that's one important thing we've learned — you can not be shy and survive the dating game unless your super cute, super funny, super intelligent or super rich.

You have to get out there and try. And that just might be the hardest thing to do in the dating game. But if you want a partner, you have to ask them to dance. Just make sure you look them in the eye first!

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off the mark by Mark Parisi

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Mark Parisi is at the end of the page.

...WHEN LUCKY CHARMS ONLY HAD 4 SHAPES

...WHEN SESAME ST. WAS ELMO-LESS

...WHEN BASEBALL CARDS WERE PUT IN BIKE SPOKES NOT PROTECTIVE SLEEVES

...WHEN "DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL" ACTUALLY HAD SOME MEANING

adam by Adam Green

IT SAYS HERE THAT THIS ONE ENTOMOLOGIST IS VERY UPSET THAT THE ANTS IN "A BUG'S LIFE" ARE PORTRAYED AS HAVING FOUR LEGS, WHICH SPREADS A GREAT UNTRUTH...

WAS HE UPSET THAT THEY TALKED?

DOESN'T MENTION IT...

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Literacy

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literacy throughout Keene. These students have unselfishly devoted themselves to passing on reading and that is a commendable task.

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Becky Stanley is a senior majoring in sociology and the student volunteer coordinator.

Obsessed

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level of demand. Americans seem to be in a frenzy over celebrities, even right here in Keene.

Just a few months ago Lindsay and Jason from MTV's Real World Seattle and Boston came here. Remember that?

I covered the story for The Equinox and as I sat there, with my pen and notebook in hand, I couldn't help noticing the female audience members who were all gussied up.

Not only that, but I witnessed a few who were so excited and nervous to see Lindsay and Jason that they actually had tears in their eyes.

My God! They aren't even celebrities.

They're two college age kids who let every waking minute of their lives for five months be videotaped and aired on MTV.

Get over it! My point, which may have been lost in my frustration, is that we are spending way too much time, energy, and money focusing on the celebrities and the entertainment industry.

In the process we're losing much more than we're gaining, which isn't much except instant gratification and pleasure.

Melissa Tchirkow is a senior majoring in journalism and the opinion editor for The Equinox.

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Kosovo

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the worst genocide in Europe since Hitler. The really scary part is that I can say that and it isn't that much of an exaggeration. Somebody has to do something. And we, both as the admittedly strong arm of

NATO, and the country with the most powerful military, are the big kids on the block who've gotta step in and stop things like this. Otherwise, don't ever raise a single word of protest when you see pictures of dead people on the news.

A.T. Sayre is a senior majoring in film and a weekly columnist for the Equinox.

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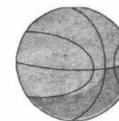
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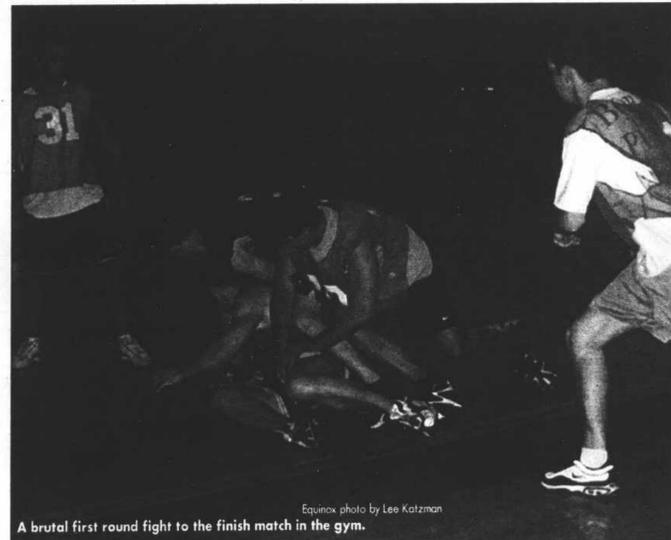
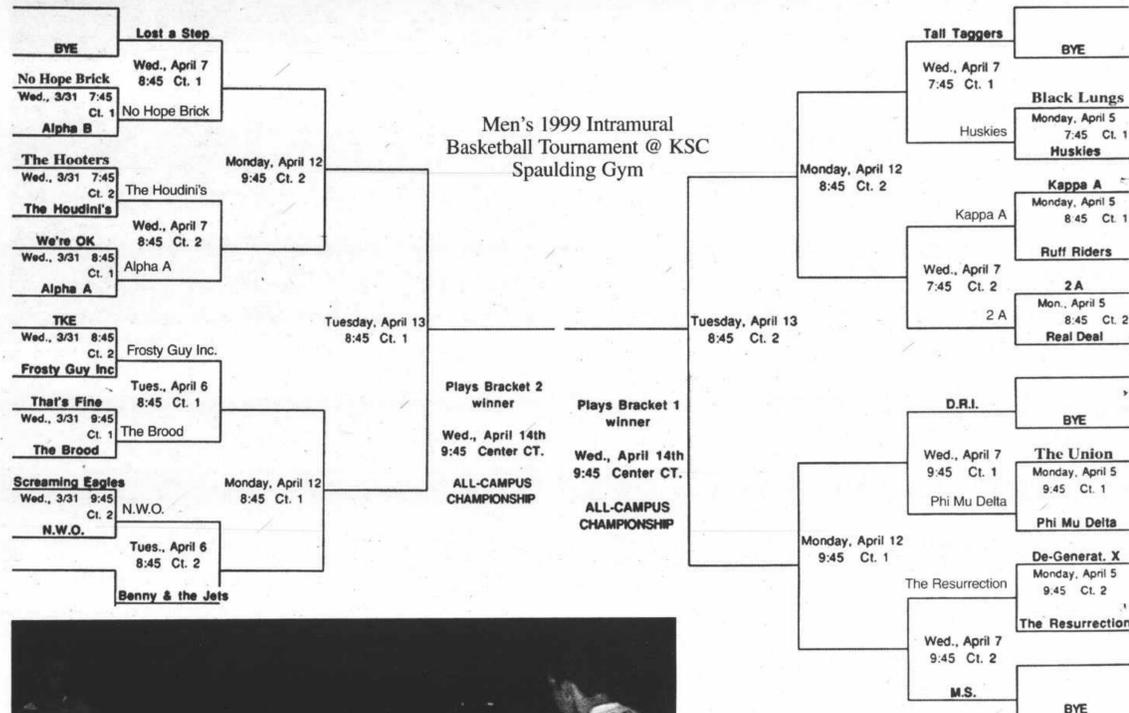


INTRAMURALS

It's March, I mean April Madness at Keene State College, Baby!



After a hard-fought first round, the Keene State intramural league is gearing up for the second round. Will the teams with the first round byes survive, or will Cinderella dance in Spaulding Gymnasium?



A brutal first round fight to the finish match in the gym. Equinox photo by Leo Katzman

Some highlights from last week

- There back! The Resurrection defeated De-Generation X 42-37. Brent Roberts rose from the dead to score 19 points for The Resurrection and Jordan Ronkin was the high scorer for De-Generation X with 10 points.
- AAAAHHHH!!!! The Screaming Eagles flew by their first round opponent with a score of 30-18. Brian "my main man" Pampel scored eight points for the Eagles, while Todd Sorenson threw home 11 points for N.W.O.
- There will be no more Hooters in the playoffs this year, as they were put under the spell of the Houdini's. Evan Breckenridge magically drilled 15 points of the team's 58. Jon Dodge avoided a bad game and busted out for 12 of the Hooters 37 points.
- 2A should have changed names with their first round victim, as they were the Real Deal and beat them 77-46. Hodari "the rainmaker" Bahati hit 18 points for 2A. Kevin Bukowski was the Real Deal with 16.

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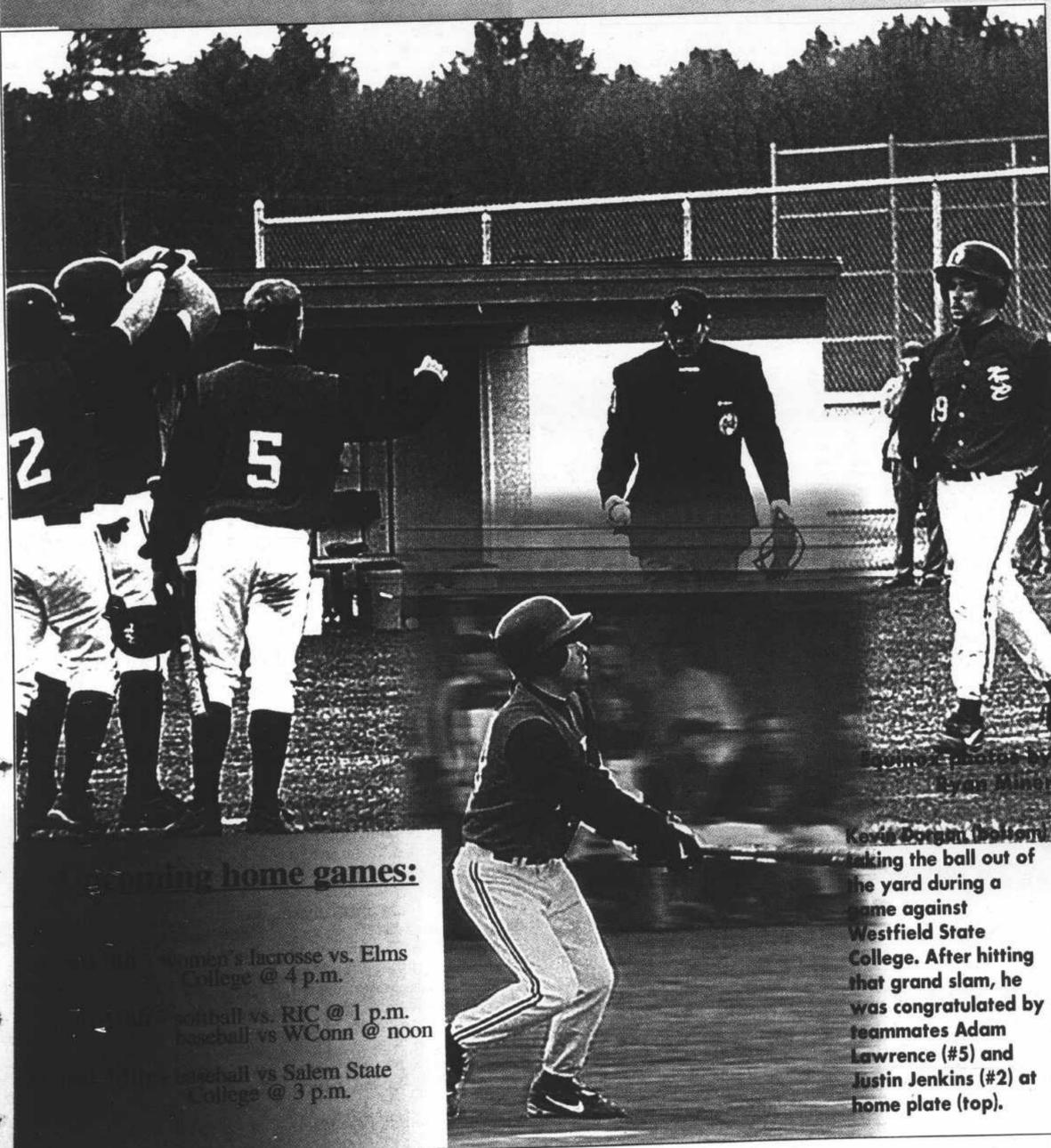
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Owls muscle through March



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The Equinox

What a week it has been for the Keene State College baseball team. First off, they improved their record to 11-3 with a win over Westfield State College last Thursday and swept a doubleheader against Rhode Island College on Saturday.

To top off the week, the Little East Conference announced their awards and Keene State took them all home.

Kevin Dorgan was named player of week, as he went six for 12, had both two doubles and homers and five RBIs.

Keith Kraft was named pitcher of the week, as he pitched eight strong innings. He gave up no runs or walks and struck out nine.

The final award was the rookie of the week and that was given to the same man as last week, Nick Wirkkala. He pitched seven innings during his game against Westfield State and didn't give up a run. In fact, he has not given up a run all season.

With all these people earning honors and the team playing consistently, it is no wonder why the Owls are tearing it up this spring.

In their home opener the Owls blanked Westfield 6-0.

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Upcoming home games:

Women's lacrosse vs. Elms College @ 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. RIC @ 1 p.m.
Baseball vs WConn @ noon

Baseball vs Salem State College @ 3 p.m.

Kevin Dorgan (bottom) taking the ball out of the yard during a game against Westfield State College. After hitting that grand slam, he was congratulated by teammates Adam Lawrence (#5) and Justin Jenkins (#2) at home plate (top).

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