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'Washington Post' recognizes KSC in national rankings



Two students walk beneath the Keene State College arch located on the end of Appian Way near Main Street.

By Katie Dominello
Staff Reporter

Many Keene State College community members are sharing feelings of excitement over the college's rank of number 38 on a list of colleges that deserve bigger reputations.

The list, published in the Washington Post, was made up of 100 colleges that deserve more attention than they receive.

Jay Matthews, who wrote the story and put together the list, said KSC has "developed an intellectual reputation."

Many KSC community members share Matthews' thoughts about the strong academic programs that the school has to offer.

"I think Keene State deserves a lot more recognition than what we get. We have a lot of good teachers who have a lot of experience and have worked at a lot of other great colleges and universities," said Jen Roy, a junior.

"Having smaller classes also lets us learn more and get more experience because we are able to work hands-on,"

RANKING, A2

Young Student Center offers students ways to get involved

By Nicole Smith
Photo Editor

From the Campus Crusade for Christ office to the Feminist Collective headquarters, the Young Student Center has multiple organizations for all Keene State College students within arm's reach.

One of the major associations located in the Student Center is the Student Government organization.

"The Student Government is one of the more powerful organizations on campus," said Ben Wheeler, a current sophomore representative, who will be the Vice President in fall 2003.

Chris Marchand, the current vice president of Student Government agreed, saying that Student Government serves to represent all students at KSC.

"Our first primary mission is to represent the student body and to represent the best interest of the students," said

Marchand.

"The best way to get involved with Student Government is pick up a petition and get it signed then we'd have elections. The elections for freshman are in the Fall," Marchand said.

Wheeler said that it is important for students to find out what Student Government is, and to get involved.

"We have 10 office hours, so what I'd like to see happen is have as many of these incoming freshman and current students who have any questions about student government and have a one on one with them to let them know what they can do," said Wheeler.

Marchand said "The whole freshman

class for the student body is available because all the current freshmen now are going to be sophomores."

"The Student Government is one of the more powerful organizations on campus."

Ben Wheeler
Sophomore Class Representative

Wheeler said that while there is a great deal of positive things that come out of Student Government, one of the most

important is working with other students.

"Our most positive effect on the students is directly with them when we put on events for them," said Wheeler.

Marchand said that he encourages students to get involved and take an active part in their school.

"I've recently compared Student Government to a team sport because you meet tons of people not only people on Student Government but everybody that you work with and get involved with," said Marchand.

One of Student Government's important functions on campus is to help various organizations that need funding or sponsorship for trips they want to go on throughout the year.

The Student Government Assembly provided Habitat for Humanity, another organization located in the Student

CENTER, A2

First renovations of Science Center in 30 years to begin in May

By Mike Kalil
Staff Reporter

In the year 1968, the United States was at war in Vietnam, Richard Nixon was elected president, Martin Luther King Jr.

fought to rid the nation of racial injustice, Valerie Solanis shot Andy Warhol, and Keene State College's Science Center opened at a time when student enrollment was only about 1,600.

In August of 2004, the first major renovations to the Science Center will commence for the first time in over 30 years.

Though this may seem like a long time, Gordon Leversee, dean of sciences, said it really isn't.

"Buildings have about a 30-year lifetime...so it is about on schedule for a complete renovation," he said.

What some see as a deteriorating

and increasingly dank building, he said, will soon enough create "a presence for the sciences... that promotes a sense of community among students and faculty in the sciences and across campus, and that provides opportunity for students and faculty to 'do science' together in facilities designed for projects using our many excellent instruments and resources."

"Buildings have about a 30-year life time, so it is about on schedule for a complete renovation."

Gordon Leversee
Dean of Science

and environmental sciences."

Also, he said he awaits a new prominence of sciences at KSC. This includes more space with better utilities, better air conditioning, more suitable housing for expensive instruments, space for students to just hang

SCIENCE, A2



Photo by Kerry Robarge

Current classrooms in the Science Center will be replaced by more suitable spaces for students and faculty to work and learn.

Student Government elected officers for the Fall of 2003

Student Body President Ben Spaulding	Senior Class Representative Sarah Wehner	Sophomore Class Vice President Melissa Wenderoth
Student Body Vice President Ben Wheeler	Senior Class Representative Rebeckah Lamb	Sophomore Class Treasurer Heather Diluciano
Student Trustee Jennifer Hall	Senior Class Representative Aimee Demers	Sophomore Class Secretary Emily Kuhl
Senior Class President Alison Thompson	Junior Class President Candice Brown	Sophomore Class Representative Kristen Iodice
Senior Class Vice President James Price	Junior Class Vice President Valerie Nettleton	Sophomore Class Representative Katie Noonkester
Senior Class Treasurer Melissa Mikutel	Junior Class Secretary Amber Connary	Sophomore Class Representative Andrew Pappas
Senior Class Secretary Danielle Ziclie	Junior Class Representative Cassie Wolff	Sophomore Class Representative Megan Finnegan
Senior Class Representative Jason Wolesko	Junior Class Representative Jolene Iverson	
Senior Class Representative Don Detoro	Sophomore Class President Meaghan Dooley	

'Washington Post' calls Keene State a college to take a closer look at

RANKING (cont. from A1)

said Roy. Matthews created the list from recommendations of high school guidance counselors throughout the country. The recommendations of the various colleges were based on former students of the guidance counselors who enjoyed their time at a number of colleges and universities. Matthews ranked the colleges on the list based on the amount of votes guidance counselors gave them. Those colleges that made the list were referred to as "the hidden gems, the lesser known jewels."

SCIENCE (cont. from A1)

out, getting the geology department's rock-sample-preparation lab out of the steam room in Huntress, the development of the enclosed courtyard, having groundwater monitoring wells on campus, and ultimately being able to "better engage students in the practice of science."

"I'm also looking forward to an infusion of technology into our classrooms and labs, and I'm looking forward to having some additional teaching spaces, especially seminar rooms," he said.

The renovation, of course, does not come without a price tag. The estimated cost is about \$19 million, which will largely be funded through the Knowledge Economy Education Plan for New Hampshire (KEEP NH).

KEEP NH was a creation of the University System of New Hampshire that works to obtain funding from the State Legislature to improve the UNH, PSC, and KSC campuses.

Almost \$20 million will hopefully

says in the article that students find Keene State. "a great campus in a small town".

The 38th rank on the list has created a buzz around campus and many campus community members are pleased KSC is on the list.

"I was thrilled to find out that Keene State made the list about deserving a bigger reputation. Keene State was among a lot of very good schools across the country," said administrator Susan Theberge.

After viewing the list of the top 100 colleges that deserve bigger reputations, some students were impressed with the schools that KSC was listed among

"I think it's great. We have an incredible faculty, an incredible staff, great students, and a good graduate program. It is nice that we are finally being recognized."

Susan Theberge
Education Professor

Adams. Other members of the college community feel the recognition is long overdue.

"I think it's great, we have an incredible faculty, great students, and a good graduate program. It is nice that we are finally being recognized," said education professor Susan Theberge.

Besides the article in the Washington Post, the survey will be used in the appendix of Matthews' book, "Harvard

Schmard: Getting Beyond The Ivy League to the College That is Best for You."

The book will also contain a greater description of each college that placed on the list.

Matthews said that the reputations of colleges change frequently.

"Schools that might have been on such a list a generation ago are now recognized to be first-class institutions that have nowhere enough room for all the students who want to get in," he said.

"It's nice to see a New Hampshire school get some recognition."

Angela King
Senior

resented by facilities, you fall behind competing institutions for the better science students, faculty, grants, and other opportunities," he said.

Though the completion date is in the somewhat near future, there is still a lot of work to do before construction begins, according to Jay Kahn, vice president for finance and planning.

The science centers of UNH and PSC are also being renovated, said Levesee.

"I won't pretend to be objective about this, given all the hard work that KSC science faculty and others have put into this building, but I think our science center will be recognized as a very special building across New Hampshire and New England," he said.

This marks the first time the Science Center has ever been totally revamped, but these will not be the first improvements ever made to the facility.

In 1986, a smaller wing was added, a few biology labs were modernized and additional classrooms added.



Photo by Kerry Robarge

Students exit one wing of the Science Center, which is scheduled to undergo renovations beginning in May after school finishes. The renovation project will cost an estimated \$19 million.

Sound Off

What are you looking forward to most about summer?

Compiled by Nicole Smith



"Working, making money, hanging out with my friends, and not worrying about school."

Greg Mamczak
Freshman
Undecided



"The paychecks."

Katy Lookhart
Junior
Undecided



"Getting tan and no school work."

Kristen Hauge
Junior
Sociology



"No more classes."

Kathy Souza
Senior
Math/Elementary Ed.



"The freedom to explore in my own leisure."

David Maher
Junior
Environmental Studies

CENTER

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Center with \$8,500 for their Alternative Spring Break and their International trip to Dominican Republic that took place during the winter break this year.

Heather St. Pierre, a sophomore at KSC, is currently the publicity chair on the executive committee for Habitat for Humanity and will be the vice president of the committee in the fall of 2003.

"Habitat for Humanity is a community service organization so it provides students a way to volunteer and get involved with Keene State College activities," said St. Pierre.

Jen Page, a freshman at Keene State who will be the on the fund raising chair for Habitat in Fall of 2003, said Habitat for Humanity provides students with a way of giving back to the community.

St. Pierre said "Habitat for Humanity builds houses which are then sold at no profit to families in need of adequate housing."

Habitat for Humanity has gone to many different places within the last 10 years since Alternative Spring Break was organized here at KSC.

"Alternative Spring Break is a way for students to do community

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Heather St. Pierre
Publicity Chair for Habitat for Humanity

"We use this to get the word out about Habitat to anyone who's interested in joining," said St. Pierre.

Habitat for Humanity also recently put on a concert featuring Zox, in conjunction with the other community service organization, Circle K, which also has an office located in the Student Center.

Other associations in the Student Center include WKNH Radio system, the Chronicle (year book office), the Multicultural/Diversity office and many others.

Illegal aliens face uphill battle to enter college's around the nation

By Elizabeth Llorente and Eman Varoqua
The Record

At Morristown High School, Carol Mendez was the kind of student teachers strive to cultivate: a hard worker who scored As and Bs and an active member of social service clubs.

But as she visited colleges and noticed that applications ask for Social Security numbers, she felt hopeless. She had no Social Security number because she was an illegal immigrant.

"I thought I should just drop out of school," said Mendez, who is 18.

"I thought, 'Why work so hard to get the best grades if there's nothing to work for?'" Mendez, who was eventually able to pay tuition to Rutgers thanks to help from a private foundation, was one of thousands of high school students around the nation confronting a similar situation: Most scholarships, grants, and loans are off-limits to them, and many public higher-education institutions charge them as out-of-state or international students.

Now, immigration advocates, as well as some educators and legislators, are renewing a push for laws to allow these students to pay in-state tuition.

Last week, supporters held rallies around the country to kick off the National Week of Action. In Morristown, N.J., 40 gathered at the town green urging people to write to legislators. They broke into song and dipped their hands in paint to mark a banner that read, "We have dreams, too."

Several students spoke of their struggles. David, a native of Venezuela who declined to give his last name, told the crowd he thought he would be attending a state college on an athletic scholarship, but that the offer was pulled because he is an illegal immigrant.

David said he attended a community college for a semester at international student rates.

"I had to drop out. We couldn't afford it," he said.

A 17-year-old Rutherford, N.J., student said in an interview that she left war-torn Albania with her family seven years ago and is seeking legal status.

"I'm scared that I'm going to be working at the Burger King instead of going to college," she said.

"I just want the fees that everyone else is charged."

The Student Adjustment Act was recently reintroduced in the House of Representatives. A similar bill, known as the Dream Act, is expected to be reintroduced in the U.S. Senate.

"Children don't make decisions about how they come to this country," said Rep. Robert Menendez, D-Union City, in a telephone interview.

"When good students who want to continue their education and contribute to this country are prevented from reaching their full potential, we're all deprived."

But many others, such as Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll, R-Morristown, say helping undocumented students pursue their college goals is tantamount to condoning illegal immigration.

"I favor immigration," Carroll said. "We're all sons and daughters of immigrants at some juncture. That having been said, we can't say we made these rules to control immigration and our borders, and now we'll help people get around those rules. I think schools that get information that a student is here illegally should turn around and report them to immigration officials."

Through high school, public education is free to all children in America, regardless of immigration status.

And while most colleges will accept illegal immigrants, these students often cannot attend without financial aid.

Legislators and organizations working on the issue say roughly 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools each year.

Federal laws passed in the mid-1990s said colleges that declare immigration status irrelevant in tuition decisions must offer in-state discounts to all Americans, regardless of what state they come from.

But in the last year or so, New York, California, Texas, and Utah have passed measures permitting students who are not here legally to attend college at in-state tuition rates.

Typically, the states have used careful wording to avoid contradicting federal laws. The states stress the number of years a student has attended high school in the state, instead of focusing on residency status.

Some students, like David, try community colleges, which are more affordable, hoping to legalize their status and transfer to a four-year institution.

A lucky few make it to college by working, and securing donations from private organizations. Some are fortunate enough to have parents who can afford full tuition, but this is rare.

With the help of school counselors and immigration advocacy groups, Mendez found a private organization that is paying her full tuition at Rutgers University, where she is a pre-med sophomore.

Mendez passed out fliers at last week's rally and described college aid for illegal immigrants as a wise investment.

"You've already invested in their education till now. These are people that want to be doctors and police officers," she said. "You'll have an educated group of people instead of an untrained one."

Mendez said she arrived in the United States when she was 10 on a tourist visa and was recently approved for a green card, which establishes legal permanent residency.

"My relatives here sent for me because my father left the family when I was a child and my mother was killed in a carjacking in Colombia. I did not know that I was not here legally. When you find out, you feel ashamed. I tried my best in school, and I now want to give back to this country."

The movement to allow in-state tuition for undocumented students gained momentum in 2001, when the general mood of the country was turning favorable for immigrants.

But after the Sept. 11 attacks, illegal immigration became synonymous to many with national security lapses. And efforts to aid undocumented people became unpopular.

Campus Safety Log

Monday, April 28th	Tuesday, April 29th	Thursday, May 1st
8:50 a.m. - Owl's Nest 3: Custodial staff reported to Carle RD that a non-student had been sleeping in building all weekend.	12:42 a.m. - Merrimack House: Report from door of the building ripped out of its frame.	3:00 a.m. - Winchester St: Theft from a vehicle.
1:29 p.m. - Art Center Lot: Report of cars illegally parked	11:41 p.m. - Carle Hall: Reported from RA that four males were banging on the front door, yelling and screaming. The individuals were being rude and vulgar.	Friday, May 2nd
7:27 p.m. - Elliot Hall: Lap top and data projector reported missing.	2:13 a.m. - Wyman Way - Report of a rock being thrown through a window.	
11:37 p.m. - Pondsides 1: Student reported that they had received an inappropriate voicemail.	Wednesday, April 30th	7:33 a.m. - Owl's Athletic Complex: Someone threw a steel fence post through the windshield of a tractor, and a baseball through windows at the ticket booth and baseball press box.
	1:08 a.m. - Wyman Way: Property damage reported with injuries.	

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Group fights for students right to free speech at colleges and universities

By James M. O'Neill
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A Philadelphia-based free-speech group has launched the first phase of a national attack on controversial campus speech codes by filing a complaint in federal court against Shippensburg University, calling its restrictions on campus speech unconstitutional.

The group, cofounded three years ago by a University of Pennsylvania professor, says it plans to file similar complaints against other public universities across the country in coming months.

It also is launching a Web site in May to list the speech codes of every university in the country and to give each code a grade based on how restrictive it is.

"We're seeking to end the absolute scandal" against free speech that speech codes have become, said Alan Charles Kors, a Penn history professor and cofounder of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

The nonprofit group previously published a series of guides for students that outline their religious, legal, speech and other rights.

The guides were edited by a politically diverse group that included a former Reagan administration attorney general and the head of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In the brief filed last week in U.S. District Court in Harrisburg, Pa., Kors' group argues that the language governing speech in Shippensburg's student code of conduct is so vague and sweeping that it creates "a chilling effect" on students' rights "to freely and openly engage in appropriate discussions of their theories, ideas and political and/or religious beliefs."

The group's chief executive officer, Thor L. Halvorsen, a Penn graduate, said that because the Shippensburg code prohibits students from expressing their views in a way that could "demean" or that "annoys" or "alarms" others, it would preclude a student from holding up any number of signs on campus that carry phrases commonly used in debates over contentious issues in America.

Halvorsen said the Shippensburg code is overreaching because the terms it uses are so vague. "What is 'demeaning' to you might not be demeaning to me," he said by way of example.

"Universities should be places with unfettered debate, but instead they have adopted speech codes that limit the flowering of the mind," he said.

Shippensburg, one of Pennsylvania's 14 state-run universities, responded with a formal statement. It argued that the school "strongly and vigorously defends the right of free speech" but is also committed to the principle that "this discussion be conducted appropriately."

"We do have expectations that our students conduct themselves in a civil

manner that allows them to express their opinions without interfering with the rights of others."

The university has 20 days to file its legal response.

Penn's Kors has been fighting speech codes since the 1980s. He calls them the "infantilizing of students." He said the irony is that college administrators who enjoyed the free-speech movement of the 1960s during their own college years have turned around and imposed restrictions on today's students.

"It's the generational swindle of all time," he said.

A decade ago, Kors was involved in a speech code case at Penn that became known as the "water buffalo" incident, cited by critics nationally as a prime example of political correctness run amok.

Kors defended the student, who was charged under Penn's speech code because he yelled a phrase that includ-



Photo courtesy of Student Government

Students exercise their right to free speech at the annual 'Chalk Talk' that took place as part of the Spring Weekend activities recently at Keene State.

ed the term "water buffalo" at black female students.

Kors and a colleague later thought Penn had unfairly been singled out for national ridicule over its speech code, since the code was actually symbolic of a trend at colleges across the country. He and a colleague wrote a book about that trend, called "The Shadow University."

After the "water buffalo" incident, Penn trustees scrapped the speech

code. And last spring, when a graduate student posted a message on a Penn Internet news group calling for the death of Palestinians, the issue was handled very differently. Instead of sanctioning the student, Penn encouraged more campus discussion of the incident. Kors applauds the approach, noting that the student was subject to intense public criticism. The answer to offensive speech, he said, "is more speech."

OPINION

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Equinox Editorial

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

Ah summer. A time to indulge and relieve some stress. A three month break of warm weather and no classes after a long, hard school year filled with non-stop homework and frigid snowy days.

So while you leave Keene State for the summer break, take full advantage of the time you have to yourself and just...relax. You worked so hard this year, like every year, so take our advice and do something you wouldn't normally have time to do.

Spend an entire day at the beach and get a nice tan, but wear sunscreen of course.

Drink ice-cold, homemade ice tea and lemonade.

Spend some time to yourself, just doing nothing, because you know come fall, you won't have much time to do that.

Take up a new summer sport, like wakeboarding for example (and check out the story on wakeboarding in the features section!).

Grow your own vegetables and when they are ready, make a fresh salad with them.

Go fishing.

Sit on the edge of a pool and just dip your feet in.

Have fresh flowers in your house or apartment every week to brighten your mood.

Open the windows and let some fresh air in. Breathe it in deeply, nice and slow.

Work all summer and save some of the money instead of spending it all, because you know you are going to need some next year.

Clean out your room, organize, and take clothes you don't wear anymore to the Salvation Army or any other local shelter.

Any way you do it, just make sure you enjoy yourself this summer. Have fun and just relax. It goes by faster than you think, so don't let it pass you by.

Good luck graduates and welcome to incoming freshmen! From the Equinox staff, have a safe and wonderful summer!

"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."
-Allan K. Chalmers

Just because it's summer doesn't mean you can't have an opinion! Keep in mind ideas and things you might want to send for next semester's Equinox. When it comes time, send your letters and commentaries to Shaina: sharlow1@ksc.mailcruiser.com

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Letters to the Editor

My big fat greek family: a positive look at greek life

When people think of Greeks in a college setting, there is often a stereotype that all they do together is drink, haze, and cause trouble.

People don't realize that being in a Greek organization makes this not only a false assumption, but also an understatement about what sisterhood and brotherhood are all about.

When a person joins a sorority or fraternity, they are pledging and proving their loyalty, unity, and trust to that particular organization. Sororities and fraternities have built their foundation on respect and dignity. Each person has put in his or her own individual time and dedication to work for something that they were determined to achieve.

Many people think that paying dues to a Greek organization means that a person is "buying" his/her friends. That is a lame accusation that a person makes out of jealousy and

information.

Sororities and fraternities have extremely unique and special bonds with one another that no one can truly explain. Being Greek gives you the opportunity to always have a shoulder to lean on, and a friend to call.

Being Greek places a person into an exceptional setting that allows him or her to interact with diverse personalities and/or backgrounds. Your brothers and sisters encourage your strengths and accept your weaknesses. They watch you shine in good times and help pick you up in bad.

Greek life also gives a sorority or fraternity member the opportunity to meet so many other people through the organizations as well as in the community. Working close with faculty members as well as vol-

unteer work provides a tremendous amount of interpersonal communication within the campus community that helps develop people skills as well as one's own reputation.

Many people who are affiliated with the Greek system also have a significant opportunity to receive jobs from employers who know that they were dedicated and committed to something in college. Many famous stars and role models were also Greek. For example, Bette Midler participated in the same organization that I have throughout my college career.

So, next time you think about a sorority or fraternity and the stereotypes that they face, think about all of the positive opportunities that each individual organization has. Each individual personality in the organization is a piece to the puzzle that truly completes the exceptionally diverse bonds that each organization upholds.

Taste buddy: Additive could sweeten attitudes toward greens

Some vegetables seemed to have been put on Earth to torture small children. "No dessert until you finish your (insert Mom's choice of bitter-tasting green roughage)!"

For many, part of the passage to adulthood is swearing off brussels sprouts and their ilk forever. And so silent cheers lingered behind the public outcry when President George H.W. Bush declared: "I'm the president of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

But just when adults thought they were free from cruciferous nemesis came news that this crunchy class of veggies contains remarkable powers to combat cancer, build bones and strengthen hearts. Dietitians everywhere prescribed kale and cabbage, cauliflower and collard greens.

Muttering a collective "yuck!" health-conscious Americans grimaced and munched. They'd been there

before, when they were advised to eat the equally inedible oat bran.

Others took a logical step: If you don't like something, alter the taste. Just as they pour cream and sugar into coffee, they serve vegetables smothered in butter, doused in salt, drenched in cheese sauce, or breaded and fried.

Delicious, but unwise. These fatty accompaniments can offset the vegetables' health benefits.

So hail the news that researchers are making progress developing "bitter blockers," additives that could fool your taste buds into ignoring bitter elements in food, beverages and medicine.

Best of all, the bitter blockers discovered so far are natural substances already found in such foods as meat, fish and milk. They have no calories and no sodium. One, developed by Linguagen Corp. in Cranbury,

N.J., is just a month away from Food and Drug Administration approval. Samplers say it eliminated the bitter aftertaste of coffee and made grapefruit juice seem sweeter.

Unfortunately, there's no easy answer for every food. Humans have two dozen kinds of bitter receptors in their taste buds, each sensitive to slightly different substances. Scientists believe this complicated system evolved to guard against poisons.

The first uses of bitter blockers likely be in processed foods and foul-tasting medicines. Food manufacturers will be able to reduce vast amounts of sugar, salt and fat additives, which contribute to high blood pressure and strokes.

Mary Poppins had the right idea: Some foods need a spoonful of something to help them go down. Of course, other foods need a heckuva lot more than that.

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No shower shoes: hooray for living off campus!

Before I moved off campus it seemed like everyone I talked to had a different opinion on whether it was better to live off or on campus. Some people said I would love living off campus and others said I would hate it.

I decided to take my chances and move off campus. Now, eight months later, I realized moving off campus was one of the best decisions I could have made.

The best thing about living off campus is the issue of space.

Now, I'm not saying my apartment is a mansion, but it does give me a lot more space than I had in my cramped dorm room.

I'm the type of person that doesn't like to throw anything away, so as you can imagine I have accumulated a lot of stuff over the years.

When I lived on campus I was given a dresser, a desk, and half of a closet to store all of my belongings. These three pieces of furniture just didn't cut it for me. My room was constantly cluttered and a mess. In my

apartment, I finally have the space for all of my stuff and it's not crammed into one section of a room.

Having more space in my apartment has helped me to keep my schoolwork more organized, and for me to be organized has always been quite a challenge.

Another good thing about living off campus is the freedom it gives you.

I'm not necessarily talking about the freedom to have parties, which I do enjoy, but the freedom to do things how you want.

When I lived in the dorms, I felt like it was a race to take a shower. I would hustle into the bathroom in the morning with my eyes half shut and either have to wait in line for an open shower or have to take a quick shower because there was a line waiting to get one.

Now, living with only two other girls, there never seems to be a race for the shower in the morning.

I have the freedom to take as long of a shower as I want. I

know this only seems like a small luxury, but the list can go on. I like that I can cook a meal and not have to eat it on the floor, I like that I don't have to wear shower shoes, and I like that I don't have quiet hours.

Believe it or not, living off campus actually taught me a lot about responsibility. Having to pay bills and my rent taught me that if you don't send it on the due date they really do take action by making you pay even more in late fees.

And having a poor college student like me pay extra money taught me a lesson about paying bills on time. Also, having to search for an apartment gave me a little taste of what house hunting will be like in the future.

Living off campus may not necessarily be for everyone, but don't knock it till you try it.

And, if you're thinking about moving off campus, go for it. Not only is it fun, but hey, you might even learn a little something out of the experience.

World Wildlife Fund deserves a smackdown

It doesn't take an inveterate nature lover or a died-in-the-wool professional wrestling fan to tell the difference between an endangered panda and The Rock.

The panda, an endangered species residing in China and a handful of zoos, is cute, cuddly and entirely non-threatening, unless you happen to be a stalk of bamboo.

The Rock, a.k.a. Duane Johnson, is a 6-5, 275-pound former World Wrestling Federation champion and former Miami Hurricane lineman.

And once he enters the ring, his threat level pretty much approximates that of Godzilla marching on Tokyo.

So, it makes you wonder why the WWF, formerly the World Wildlife Fund, is demanding \$90 million in damages from World Wrestling Entertainment, and seriously claiming its former initials of WWF confused the public into thinking it was affiliated with passive pandas rather than wrestlers on the warpath.

Until last year, the only thing the WWF and World Wrestling Entertainment had in common were the initials WWF because World Wrestling Entertainment used to be called the World Wrestling Federation.

As the popularity of professional wrestling sky-rocketed in the United States and Europe, the officials at the U.S. affiliate of the wildlife fund began to worry.

What if animal lovers ran across the letters "WWF" on correspondence sent out by the wrestling federation?

Might not their tender sensibilities be perplexed or, worse, horrified? What if they mistakenly started sending their donations to the wrestling organization rather than the wildlife people?

So in 1989 the wildlife fund

extracted from the federation a promise to no longer use the initials "WWF" in Times Roman font, the typeface often used in business letters. That accommodation satisfied the U.S. branch of the wildlife fund, but not its parent organization based in Switzerland.

In 1991, WWF International challenged the wrestling federation's application for a Canadian trademark that included the initials WWF.

Then it used the Swiss-based who is neither cute nor cuddly, European distributor of the wrestling federation's magazine over the same issue and began filing trademark challenges against the federation around the world.

In 1993, both sides met and eventually forged an agreement on the use of the WWF initials that was mutually acceptable. WWF International dropped its lawsuits and agreed to let the wrestling federation have unrestricted use of "WWF" in the United States.

That agreement held until 1999, when WWF International sued again, this time in a British court, claiming the agreement barred the use of a new WWF wrestling logo introduced the year before.

The new wrestling logo featured the WWF initials in a way that looked like they had been carved by a mad slasher, in stark contrast to the environmentalist group's family-friendly logo that shows a panda above its WWF initials.

However, something more dramatic than the WWF wrestling logo had changed by that time.

The wrestling federation literally was rolling in money, with net profits soaring from \$3.2 million in 1996 to \$58.9 million in 1999. Its new wealth made it clearly ripe for a smackdown.

The wildlife fund's lawyers quickly returned to court with new demands that the wrestling federation stop using the WWF initials altogether.

The presiding British judge agreed that the allegations were trivial, but nevertheless issued an injunction barring the federation from using its 1998 logo because of the remote possibility it might foster an "injurious association" with the environmental group.

At that point, the World Wrestling Federation rather than have different initials and logos in use for the United States than for the rest of the world simply changed its name to World Wrestling Entertainment and its logo to "WWE" so it could maintain a consistent global brand.

In a less litigious world, that might have been the final curtain. Well, not quite; now wildlife attorney Michael Rogers has issued a new demand for yet another pound of the federation's flesh.

Rogers calculates that the wrestling group's use of the "WWF" logo has cost the wildlife fund \$360 million, but says he'll generously settle the claim for a mere \$90 million.

World Wrestling Entertainment's firm, but polite response can be summed up in two words: "No way."

Rogers' bizarre demand, unfortunately, is not an isolated one.

World Wrestling Entertainment has taken the same approach with other companies, some of whom simply acquiesced to the pressure rather than fight like WWE.

Most Americans associate the WWF's lovable panda with a benign "do-good" organization devoted to saving the world's endangered species rather than a group that reaps millions with tactics that strong-arm their targets.



Staff Commentaries

To buy or not to buy, that is the question

I am not sure how I feel about selling back books. Can you put a price on knowledge? Did you even open that book? If you answered "yes" to the former and "no" to the latter of these questions, you probably aren't ready for college, so sell away!

Textbooks are real expensive. The most expensive ones, at least in my opinion, are the least used. I remember paying \$80 for a few books my freshman year and I never even took the plastic wrap off of them.

I know freshman year when you arrive, you already have your books in a huge box waiting for you.

Mine cost \$400 dollars that fall.

Out of all of my books, I remember only using my English essay writing book.

When it came time to sell those books back, I was thinking "all right, time to make some serious bank so I can party in style the last week of school," instead of drinking "Bull Ice," again. (This happened all too often freshman year)

When I brought all of those books back and received probably around \$80 in total, it felt like a swift kick in the nuts.

That was the wake up call. The bookstore really gives it to students. They sell the books at extremely inflated prices, buy them back for third-world country, black market prices, and then inflate them again.

In selling back your books, you always lose. But the desperation of a college student is something that has to be taken into account as well.

Some may think that in order to have good a time, money is needed. This is a lie.

I have had \$92 for the past week and a half now, and am getting along just fine. That isn't even a dollar folks.

So to say that you need money desperately makes me shake my head. More than that book I suppose.

The best way to "make money" on the whole book issue is to not buy the books at all.

Don't buy the books you won't need, as most second and third year students already know.

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for the tests will be discussed in class. It always amazed me when half the class would show up next time with the text book.

That is \$80 wasted. \$80 that in sixteen weeks will only be worth \$35, and I have no sympathy for those who can't get the professors' subtle hints to not buy the book in the first place.

I suppose I don't agree with selling your books back. I always feel insulted when I do it. The person waiting on me is always very nice, but in some way feels belittling. The way they say, "Oh, a new edition is coming out, so we can't accept this." Or, "I am sorry. The CD-ROM is missing, we can't accept this."

What CD-ROM? I say, take back my book and give me my \$10!

Sell them if you need to. In the fall remember, if you know you are not going to use it, don't buy it. You will be disappointed when it is time to sell them back.

If you buy them and don't use them, drop out. I am sick of all the damn free-loaders on this campus.

It's the Gen Ed. that says everything you need to know

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

School's in for summer: taking summer classes isn't a bust, but a plus

On May 12 the city of Keene experience.

Second, the class sizes are small, so the attention that students need is always available. The atmosphere is much more relaxed than during the academic year.

Working with the students in your summer classes also gives you the opportunity to meet more people here on campus. I've had professors in the summer that I got to know well, and when I took more of their classes later on.

The third reason to take summer courses is intensive classes. One week courses are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and there you go, 3 credits. Thank you very much. It doesn't need any other explanation.

The last academic reason I have for enrolling in summer courses is the workload. It is by far easier than during the year. The papers, the projects and expectations are casual. The professors are much more understanding and are not as anal, because this is their vacation as well.

Seeing as how a lot of the excitement is gone after the

majority of students leave, you are brought into almost a completely different town come mid-May. This is not a bad thing.

Keene has a lot more to offer when it's nice out than during the winter. People are in much better moods, and the residents of Keene take a much better liking to you.

Surrounding the Keene area, there are several swimming holes and quarries to visit. Spofford Lake is five minutes away and has a public beach to enjoy, and Hampton Beach isn't that far away.

The Fourth of July fireworks at Alumni Field are much better than the ones I ever saw back home, and you'll see how Keene goes crazy for the Swamp Bats.

After my sophomore year, when I found out I had to come back here for summer classes, I thought it was the end of the world. Now I know differently. I made some of the best friends I've made at Keene, some of them who don't even go to this school, from living here in the summer.

By all means, take advantage of what this school has to offer. I would recommend doing it at least once.

*"Draw a crazy picture,
Write a nutty poem,
Sing a mumble-gumble song,
Whistle through your comb.
Do a loony-goony dance
'Cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world
That ain't been there before."
-Shel Silverstein*

Go your own way with Roadtrip Nation

By Bryna Zumer
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The story of Roadtrip Nation, a movement to get college students to learn from the stories of real-life leaders, goes something like this: Mike Marriner and Nathan Gebhard, two friends at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., were sitting around wondering what they were going to do with their lives after college.

Gebhard's parents were entrepreneurs, so he decided to major in business, figuring he'd become a consultant.

Marriner's parents were in the medical field, so he thought he'd major in biology and become a doctor.

But the summer of their junior year was approaching, and it was time to find an internship that would define their careers.

Suddenly the guys realized those reliable, worn paths of doctor and consultant just weren't for them.

Now what were they going to do? Forget the summer internship and hit the road, of course.

Gebhard and Marriner rented an RV and spent the summer racing across the country, interviewing more than 100 national leaders about their journeys to success.

And thus was born the book "Roadtrip Nation" ... and the Web site, www.roadtripnation.com ... and the documentary of their trips, available on DVD, for sale on the Web site.

Because, as Gebhard and Marriner explain, it's not just about the book. They want Roadtrip Nation to become a movement of college students interviewing successful people in order to discover their own paths in life.

"It was never about us," Marriner said. "It was about making it where other people... said 'Wow, we can do it, too.'"

"As a generation, we need to get back to focusing on individuality," Gebhard and Marriner write in the Roadtrip Nation Manifesto. "Self-construction rather than mass production. Define your own road in life instead of traveling down someone else's... Find

the Open Road."

The guys want to give college students the message that it's not so bad to feel lost. "Being lost is being open and exploring," Gebhard said.

Their new book, "Roadtrip Nation," contains 30 interviews the friends conducted as they toured the country.

The Web site features the rest of their 140 interviews. Interviewees include the chairman of Starbucks, the director of "Saturday Night Live," the head stylist for Madonna, the conductor of the Boston Philharmonic and the CEO of Dell Computers.

The book also includes a detailed chapter on how to contact people in high places and what questions to ask.

While the book attempts to show the diversity of available careers, it falls short of showing the diversity of the leaders who hold those positions.

Out of the 30 leaders profiled in the book, only six are women and two are non-white.

Joanne Gordon, writer for Forbes magazine and co-writer of "Roadtrip Nation," said she wanted them to focus more on occupational and geographic diversity in the book.

"I said, choose the best content, what's most interesting to you," Gordon said. "We did look for diversity (but) ... diversity by interest was more important than racial."

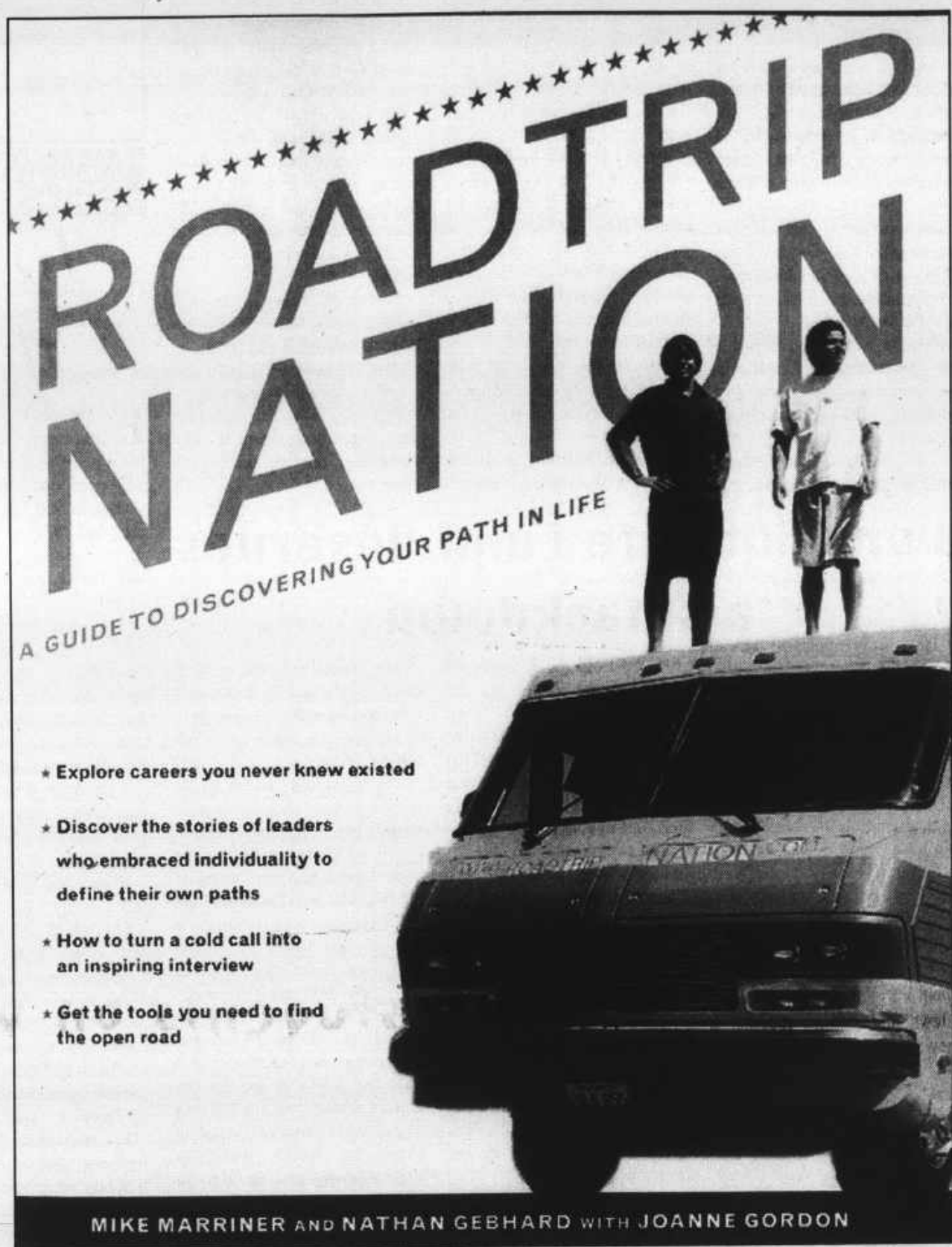
After their eye-opening road trip, Marriner and Gebhard nevertheless received diplomas in their respective majors.

They then took a second road trip in which they visited college campuses and brought students along with them to talk to more leaders.

One of the students who were sold on the Roadtrip Nation message was Erin Fox, a senior English and creative writing major at George Washington University in Washington.

"I thought it was great because someone was saying something that I felt," Fox said. She sat with Marriner and Gebhard for an interview with Sandra Day O'Connor and has since done some interviews of her own with leaders in the world of book publishing.

Marriner and Gebhard said their



Mike Marriner and Nathan Gebhard, students at Pepperdine University, traveled the country in a rented RV, interviewing world leaders and finding their own road, rather than taking a traditional summer internship.

- Explore careers you never knew existed
- Discover the stories of leaders who embraced individuality to define their own paths
- How to turn a cold call into an inspiring interview
- Get the tools you need to find the open road

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Stanford to crack down on underage drinking



Stanford University is cracking down on campus drinking, so those who are of legal age will have to travel off campus to drink, like these University of Villanova students.

By Kim Vo
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

It's an open secret that Stanford University is lax about underage drinking.

If you're under 21, you can't drink on campus — except at parties, in lounges, while standing on a sunny patio or sipping a beer in your room with the door wide open so the dormitory staff can see you.

But this fall, in an attempt to curb that drinking culture, Stanford will ban drinking in the lounges, hallways and patios of its 10 all-freshmen dorms.

More than 2,200 students and alumni have signed an online petition protesting the change. "There are a lot of double standards," said Jeff Cooper, an alumnus who posted the online petition.

The policy doesn't include freshmen dorm rooms, which the university considers students' private domain. It also side-steps dorms with all four classes — freshmen through seniors — even though most of the students who live there are underage.

Stanford officials won't say specifically what sparked the new policy, other than that it came up during an annual poli-

cy review. The new dean of freshmen, Julie Lythcott-Haims, said freshmen dorms were targeted because there have been more problems there. "There is a great deal more alcohol abuse in all-freshmen dorms than in dorms with upperclassmen," she said.

Historically, Stanford has staked out a unique position on underage drinking. While technically banning the practice, it has been loose on enforcement. The attitude stems from Stanford's belief that students are responsible for their own behavior.

"We'll continue to afford students the freedom to make responsible choices," said Gene Awakuni, vice provost for student affairs. "This is what has set Stanford apart from its peers, our trust in students' ability to do the right thing."

But Stanford hasn't been immune from the troubles of college drinking, a national problem that causes half a million injuries and 1,400 deaths annually, according to a study published last year. In the 1980s, a drunk fraternity member drowned in Stanford's Lake Lagunita; in 1998, a Stanford senior fell from a two-story balcony in an alcohol-related accident.

Stanford has also started cracking down on groups that

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Egg inspector guards against the 'dirty dozen'

By Gabriel Baird
Capital News Service

The man who protects consumers from bad eggs knows that they are out there — cracked, dirty, rotten, diseased. "I'm Ron Rogers with the Department of Agriculture," he says to a convenience store cashier on a recent stop. "I'm here to inspect some eggs."

Rogers will check 100 eggs during his inspection. They will determine the fate of all the eggs of that variety at the store in College Park, near the University of Maryland. In this case, 142 dozen are on the line. He leans into the cooler and puts eight cartons under one arm. Holding a ninth in his other hand, he heads for the store's break room where he turns out the lights and begins holding the eggs up to a "candle light" that illuminates their insides.

After 35 years on the job, his mustache and hair are turning as white as the egg shells he inspects. To his expert eyes, the glowing eggs reveal all their secrets.

The air cell, almost always attached to the top of the egg, indicates freshness: The smaller it is, the fresher the egg. Rogers has a special gauge for measuring these air cells, but with his experience he can tell an egg's quality at a glance.

He can even tell the age of the bird that laid it. Young hens push out pweepees; the older ones drop jumbos.

With a flick of his wrist, Rogers spins each egg in front of the light, making the yolk swirl nearer the shell. Since the albumen, or white of the egg, thins as it ages, seeing less yolk also indicates fresher eggs.

Each examination is quick.

Rogers grabs two eggs at a time with each hand, testing all four in less than five seconds. He reaches for two more fistfuls and then another two. Everything looks in order. Then he pauses.

"A crack!" he says. With just 2.5 inspectors, the Maryland Department of Agriculture manages to pass judgment on just one in 200 of the almost 860 million eggs sold in the state every year.

"It is bad. I wish we could look at a lot more of them," said Deanna L. Baldwin, the administrator of the inspection program.

But of those eggs that they do see, the inspectors turn up enough problems to reject about 20 percent.

"We're not catching everything that is bad," Baldwin concedes. "But without us out there, they (eggs) would continue to get worse because they (egg processors) would know no one is watching them."

The number of egg inspectors in Maryland puts it about in the middle of the pack when compared to other states, Baldwin said. Pennsylvania has more inspectors, while New Jersey has none.

When Rogers first began inspecting eggs back in the 1960s, it was legal to sell cracked eggs. It was also OK then for stores to keep eggs at room temperature. Not coincidentally, it was not uncommon for a cook to crack a rotten egg into a hot skillet.

These cracks, which are invisible to the naked eye, allow bacteria to enter the egg more rapidly and cause the egg to lose its freshness faster.

Once an inspector finds enough bad eggs, the whole batch is ordered off the shelf.



Ron Rogers has been inspecting eggs for 35 years for the Maryland Department of Agriculture and can tell within seconds whether eggs are fresh or not.

That extends the inspectors' reach, they can pass judgment on 4 million or 5 million eggs a year, even though they may actually have touched only a fraction of that number.

These days, no more than 7 percent of the eggs in a batch can be cracked.

Another egg goes in front of the candle lamp, then another. "A crack," he says. "That's

two." Then another crack, and another.

Out of the 100-egg sample, 12 are cracked. Technically, the batch has failed, but to Rogers it

Meteorology professor takes students on wild ride every spring

By Judy Hevrdjes
Chicago Tribune

For more than a decade, meteorology professor Paul Sirvatka has been teaching classes in weather forecasting and severe weather at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill. He also teaches storm chasing.

That means three times during the April-through-June high season for storms and tornadoes, Sirvatka and 14 students plus an assistant and two drivers pack themselves, maps, cell phones, radios, a laptop, a GPS mapping device and some map software into two vans.

The vans have so many radios and antennas, "we look like a porcupine," he said.

They then travel to the central part of the United States in search of severe storms and tornadoes.

"The ultimate prize is the tornado," he said. "The storms that produce them are called super cells. So if we don't always get a tornado, we can still get a decent super cell and that's pretty exciting."

Each morning, they track their quarry. "We print out a whole bunch of maps ... and figure out what's going on," said Sirvatka, who works with his students to pull the information together and come up with an area where they think a storm is going to be.

Before he headed off on a chase, Sirvatka, 39, who lives with his wife, Cathy, in Glen Ellyn, talked about how he is weathering the season.

You have a class storm chase slated for May 3. Do you know where you're going?

"I will know (that day). We go anywhere from Texas to the Dakotas. We may even go into Canada. We have the entire central U.S. as our chase lands. And that's where the movies differ from reality. There's a lot of driving."

So that 1996 movie "Twister" wasn't exactly on target?

"Not even close." Because Helen Hunt doesn't go on your storm chases or what?

"The big things that are different? No. 1, it's harder to get to the tornado. In the movie 'Twister,' every time they went out, they saw a tornado. Well, it doesn't work like that. It's hard to catch a tornado. No. 2? Dust flying at your eyes at 130 miles an hour probably isn't going to let you open them, which is one of the pet peeves of that movie.

"No. 3? We don't travel across cornfields. You can get some serious problems with that. No. 4? There are not good guys and bad guys usually.

"And No. 5? I don't need Pepsi cans to know that a tornado spins around."

What about the movie's flying cows?

"Cows tend not to fly. And certainly if they flew, they wouldn't be cute. They'd be shredded apart."

Do you have a favorite tornado scene in a movie?

It's got to be "The Wizard of Oz." ... If you think about it, how much have special effects increased? Yet the quality of the tornadoes isn't a whole lot better than it was (in that 1939 film). I think it was kind of a fun, scary tornado.

Storm chasing must be nerve racking. How do you relax?

"How do I relax? ... how do I relax? ... I watch TV with my wife or movies with my wife. That's relaxed. But come spring, I'm always on the computer, always checking what's going on with the weather. I live for the spring. April through June."

How does your team stay fit?

"When we're on the trip, it's really tough. We try to swim in the hotels as much as possible, which is just a good release. We play a lot of softball. That's our outdoor activity. It's vital."

And you?



Paul Sirvatka takes students on trips to chase tornadoes like the one above.

"I've taken up basketball recently, and I work out at the gym here several times a week just to stay cardio, something other than sitting at a computer."

Speaking of computers, what's the most high-tech item you have at home?

"My stereo. I've got a Denon. I've got a CD changer, tape deck, VCR-DVD combo, and I've got a couple video cameras. I do some video editing."

Are there any special clothes you wear for storm chasing?

"Cool ones, with a sweatshirt tied around the backs of the seats because when you're in the middle of the outflow of a thunderstorm, temperatures can drop 20, 30 degrees real quick. It can get cold real fast."

And snacks? "It changes year to year. Last year, it was Skittles. Sometimes it's gumballs. Sometimes it's Hostess Cupcakes ... and Sweetarts. I get really nervous. I get kind of excited, so it's like I need busy food."

What's the most important thing to take with you when

is important to be fair. Just to be sure, he heads out for the storage cooler, where more cartons are stacked in crates.

He picks another nine dozen and finds seven cracks in the second batch before the store manager walks into the darkened room to ask how it is going.

"You'll have to send them back," Rogers says. "You can't sell them."

The manager is defensive, but Rogers firmly explains the law. He says he is not accusing the manager of anything. The eggs were cracked before they reached the store, probably at the processor's plant.

The manager says he will call the supplier and complain. Rogers nods. That is what usually happens.

As they talk, the inspector examines another egg, and another. Then, suddenly, he stops. A grimace contorts his face.

"That's a dirty egg," he says. The words come out as if they have a nasty taste.

The manager looks at the egg. "That's ... poop," the manager says.

"That, I get upset about," Rogers says.

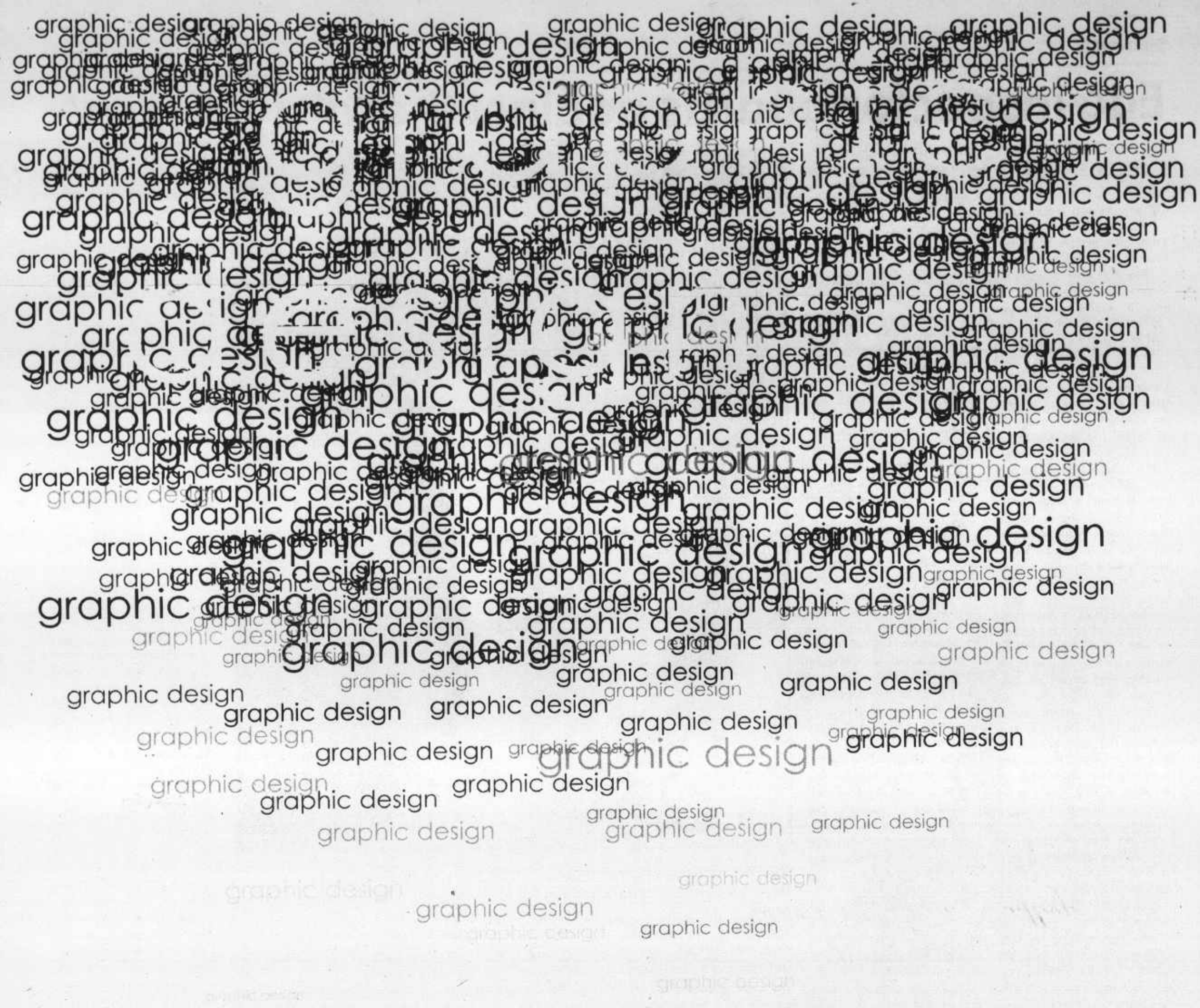
He sets the foul egg back in its carton with the offending material facing up, where no one can miss it. He plasters the 18 cartons he has just inspected and the crates of other eggs in the storage cooler with red stickers. Each reads, "Stop sale."

In the front of the store, customers are shopping, unaware of the service Rogers has just provided. He walks past the display case, now empty of eggs, puts his candle lamp back in the trunk of his car and drives away.

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Arts and Entertainment



(Left) Bernice Mac with those summer "angels" Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore. (Right) Rowan Atkinson as a secret agent in "Johnny English."

Beat the summer heat with a movie treat

THE A&E EDITOR'S PICKS FOR THE SUMMER MOVIES TO SEE

By Alec Kerr
A&E Editor

Movie Preview

Summertime is upon us and with it comes days at the beach and fun in the sun. But when the sun becomes too hot, you can always take shelter in your local movie theater.

The summer movie season is upon us, and with 135 new films being released, it's understandably difficult to distinguish the cool from the crap. That's where I come in. I've picked five movies I have deemed as potentially worthy for each of the summer months. Please keep in mind this is one man's opinion and I have yet to

er, the new one looks like more of the same, but kicked up a couple notches. Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu all return. Bill Murray's Bosley doesn't. Bernice Mac takes his place as Bosley's brother. Apparently Murray was adopted; lame excuse yes, but hey it is the Mac.

The bad guy, or should I say girl, this time around is the "fallen angel" Demi Moore. Crispin Glover's Creepy Thin Man and Luke Wilson and Matt LaBlanc's boyfriend characters are all back. Throw in cameos from Pink, John Cleese, the Olson Twins and Robert Patrick ("Terminator 2") and the movie is sure to please. (6/27)

2. "The Hulk." Yet another comic book movie and although I have misgivings about it, at least for now I'll give it the benefit of the doubt. The unknown Eric Bana (he had a small role in "Black Hawk Down") is Bruce Banner, who through a gamma ray accident turns into a big green, muscular dude when he gets mad.

In this case Bana turns into a big, green CGI dude, which quite frankly looks cheesy as hell. To the films credit, it has director Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") at the helm and features the wonderful Jennifer Connelly ("A Beautiful Mind") as the love interest. Nick Nolte also appears as Banner's father. Let's just hope the movie doesn't make the comic book fans mad, you wouldn't like them when they're mad. (6/20)

3. "28 Years Later." A horror film import from England and the buzz is that it's some scary shit. The premise is a virus that turns those infected into a permanent state of killing rage, is accidentally released from a British research facility. The survivors are left in a desperate struggle to protect themselves from the infected.

The cast is full of newcomers or unknowns, but so was "Blair Witch," and look what happened there. Danny Boyle ("Trainspotting") directs the movie from an original script by Alex Garland, the author of "The Beach," which Boyle

side detectives, who moonlight in other fields, Ford as a real estate agent and Hartnett as a yoga instructor and wannabe actor. They've got some kind of crime to solve together. It is just another buddy-cop movie, but at least this one has a slight twist.

Ford doesn't do comedy enough anymore. It'll be nice to see his dry wit in action again.

The film is directed by Ron Shelton who has injected some new flavor into old genres in movies like "White Men Can't Jump" and "Bull Durham." Hartnett is a proven box office draw and he is more than just looks, even if only

marginally. The supporting cast includes Martin Landau, Lou Diamond Phillips, Eric Idle, Robert Wagner and Master P. (6/13)

5. "Alex and Emma." A novelist (Luke Wilson, "Old School"), decides to try to force himself out of writer's block by putting himself in a dangerous situation: he agrees to a thirty day deadline that if he doesn't meet, will mean the publisher will own anything else he writes for the rest of his life.

He hires a beautiful stenographer (Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous") to help him get the book done in time and in the process helps inspire what eventually becomes a love story, as they fall for each other. The movie bounces back and forth between the real story and the fictional story being written. Director Rob Reiner, the man behind such films as "Princess Bride" and "When Harry Met Sally..." is the master of stuff like this and Wilson and Hudson can do this fluff blindfolded. (6/20)

July:
1. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." I can't believe it myself, but a Disney movie about pirates based upon one of their amusement park rides actually looks good. Even when the strong cast of Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush and Orlando Bloom ("Lord of the Rings") was announced I had my doubts, but the trailer impresses. I shouldn't have doubted Depp. He has always had a good crap-o-meter.

When Bloom's girl (Keira Knightley, "Bend it Like Beckham") is kidnapped by cursed, ghost pirates, he recruits a living pirate (Depp) to help him rescue her. The premise is a bit silly, but director Gore Verbinski, who is coming off of the successful "The Ring,"

should keep things interesting. Looks like a lot of fun, even its name is way too long. (7/9)

2. "Bad Boys 2." True the first one came eight years ago and while the first was no masterpiece, it was a tight, fun action movie that starred two TV actors. Will Smith is now a mega star and well, Martin Lawrence has made some movies.

Michael Bay is back as director and after making bloated special effects heavy films like "Armageddon" and "Pearl Harbor" a straightforward action film is a good move. The plot? Who cares? Guns will be fired, quips will be tossed and stuff will blow up. The action

"Let's just hope the movie doesn't make the comic book fans mad, you wouldn't like them when they're mad."

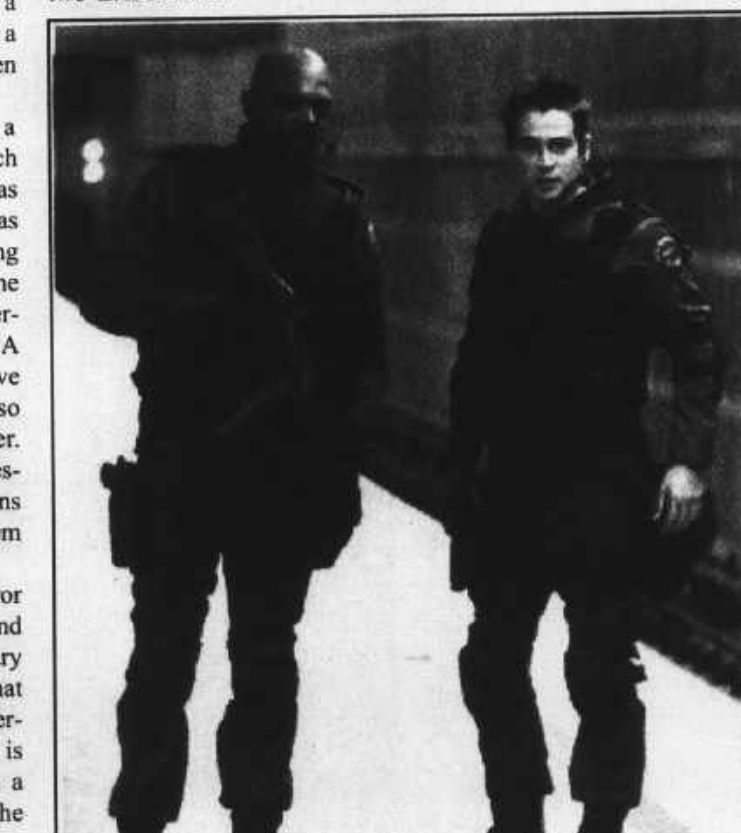
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see these films.

Also like every summer there's a barrage of sequels. This year's bunch includes sequels to "Fast and the Furious," "Bad Boys," "Spy Kids," "Legally Blonde," "Terminator," "Dumb and Dumber," "Charlie's Angels," "American Pie," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" and "Jeepers Creepers." Not all of these films will make my final list, but I thought I'd mention them.

June:
1. "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." Sure, the first one was flawed, but it was slick, mindless fun and from the trail-



(Top) Samuel L. Jackson with Colin Farrell in "S.W.A.T." opening Aug. 8. (Left) Stephen Show, writer, director and star of "Shaolin Soccer" also opening Aug. 8. (Right) Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom get their swashbuckle on in "Pirates of the Caribbean" opening July 9.

Photos courtesy www.imdb.com



Alec Kerr
A&E Editor

looks good and the chemistry between Smith and Lawrence is still present. It'll be a big, dumb action movie, but in the summer sometimes that's all you want. (7/18)

3. "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over." "Terminator 3" also comes out in July and yes, I'm choosing "Spy Kids 3" over it. My reasons? Amiee looks too old to be playing a robot that's supposed to be ageless and James Cameron, the writer and director of the first two, has nothing to do with this one. I have no doubt it'll be a hit, but I can't honestly recommend it. The first two "Spy Kids" MOVIES, 83



(Left) Chris Cornell, lead singer of Audioslave, will be one of the many bands at Lollapalooza. (Right) Ozzy Osbourne takes a break from reality TV and once again headlines the Ozzfest.

Sizzling summer rock fests

By Jack Williams
Sports Editor

Concert Preview

For those of you that cannot stand the predictability and drudgery of a nine to five work schedule in the summertime, you may find it necessary to take time off and break up the summer with at least one of the many outdoor music festivals.

Besides the well-known Ozzfest and Vans Warped Tour, Lollapalooza will tour the country for the first time since the early nineties. Event organizer Perry Farrell (Jane's Addiction) thought the time was right for the second "palooza."

This new festival features A Perfect Circle, The Donnas, Jurassic 5, Queens of the Stone Age, Incubus, Audio Slave, and Farrell's own band of course. Tom Morello of Audio Slave, formerly the guitarist for Rage Against the Machine, had this to say about the tour.

"...I think that's one of the things that separates Lollapalooza from any other tour going on this summer. It's the incredible music the ideas in the concert and the community in that builds among bands and fans it's certainly unlike any other concert this

summer, and we're proud to be apart of it."

Organizer Farrell sounded optimistic about adding more bands to the bill, "We will absolutely have more bands. This is the initial line-up so please stay tuned to Lollapalooza.com, that's going to give people more information as to what's going on. But for now this is for sure going on," Farrell said.

One thing is sure, however you look at Lollapalooza, it's still going to be an outdoor concert in the heat and oppressive humidity of the New England summer.

The tour will stop in Boston, Mass. on July 25 at the Tweeter Center (formerly Great Woods), which is possibly the best outdoor venue in the North East. So all should have a good time.

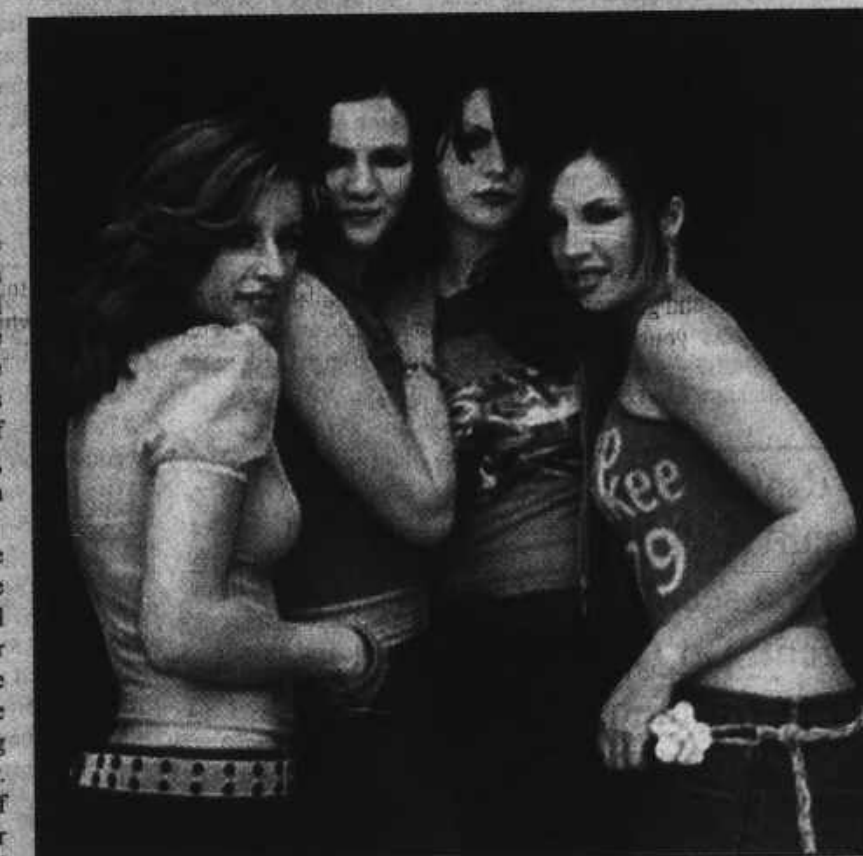
The Tweeter Center will be abused again in August as hordes of strange and often intoxicated people travel from all directions to pay homage to Ozzy Osbourne in the eighth annual Ozzfest. Despite the quantity over quality of previous Ozzfest acts, the tour continues to be successful and will spend two days (August 14 and 15) at the Tweeter Center in Boston, Mass.

Ozzfest will also stop in Hartford, Conn. on August ninth. Marilyn Manson and Ozzy Osbourne on the same bill will sell thousands of tickets and draw a diverse crowd of metal heads that should make for an interesting day to say the least.

For those of you that were at the Community Kitchen aka Hell's Kitchen in Keene last fall, you should certainly remember Shadows Fall. The band formed six years ago and has five full-length albums. Shadows Fall has been working hard for recognition of their musical talent and composition, in a genre of music that is best known for lacking in those areas.

They will play on the second stage of Ozzfest, hopefully working the crowd with their melodic thrash metal as vocalist Brian Fair swings his four foot dreads, and screams into the microphone. Shadows Fall will be the next big metal band after showing North America what they have to offer.

So if you're looking to blow off steam, or simply skip out on another boring day at work, attending an all day music fest will definitely take your mind off the overly anal boss that has breathing down your throat all summer long.



Don't be deceived by The Donnas appearance, they will rock out just as hard as the boys at the Lollapalooza.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE KEENE MUSIC SCENE?

By Patrick Crowley
Staff Reporter

It is no secret that most students enjoy going to concerts. So, is there a music scene in Keene? If you look hard enough in the dark corners of this city, there most certainly is.

Much of the music that comes through Keene comes right to the college campus, either at the Night Owl Cafe or outside on a nice day.

Over the school year students saw a great deal of acts, and to students most of the time it's either free or just a few dollars. This is a great thing for students with little or no cash to spend, but still want to see the concerts in the area.

On campus, there will always be concerts to try to keep students out of trouble, like on Wednesday nights, when there is a weekly Open Mic night, with free soda and drinks. Many talented people come through, and there are many regulars that play in the NOC each week.

The Night Owl also hosts

some talented local bands, and if the concerts aren't free, the proceeds go to campus organizations like Campus Ecology, Habitat for Humanity, and the Student Activities Council. These concerts are always a great place to go dance, get free food and drinks, and just have fun with your friends.

Another venue that sees a lot of acts is the Community Kitchen, located on Mechanic St., behind the large white church on Main Street.

All of the shows there are to benefit the Kitchen itself, which raises money to help feed the area's less fortunate people who often go hungry.

The acts are usually local bands, independent or underground. Various different types of music can be heard at the kitchen like metal, punk, rap, or jam bands.

There is a following of high school students and college students that go to most of these shows, which are usually just about weekly during the school year.

If you are of age, many of the

local bars put on shows or open mics that are usually weekly. Every other Tuesday, Tony Clamatto's hosts the Scott Mullet Quartet, a very talented jazz band.

Tony C's (as most people call it around campus) is a popular place and has a very eclectic selection of music to listen to while you enjoy a drink or eat. Tony C's is located on Court St., near the traffic circle.

There are also some very good music scenes in the area around Keene, such as Northampton, Mass., about an hour or so down the interstate. Northampton has a large selection of clubs such as the Iron Horse, which hosts many popular acts all year round.

Vermont hosts a very good selection of music, such as some good jazz at the Vermont Jazz Center in Brattleboro, which hosts open jams and concerts weekly. A three hour drive north will get you to Burlington, Vt., which always has popular acts swirling through, and a great punk rock scene at the club, 242 Main.



Down the Stretch took part in Battle of the Bands at the Night Owl Cafe, just a sample of the kind of bands you can find in Keene.

If you think that there should be more music around here, it isn't hard to organize it yourself, putting on a show at the community kitchen is quite easy, and getting a show in the

Mabel Brown Room, or the Night Owl Cafe is also a breeze. Sure, Keene isn't a huge city, but like any other college town there is a music scene. New

Hampshire will always be small and humble, but some of the beautiful music and talented local artists around here are really worth checking out.

ANNA PAQUIN JUGGLES AN 'X'-CEPTIONAL CAREER

By Rebecca Louie
New York Daily News

A calm terrier with a striking resemblance to Toto is chewing the wall of a Los Angeles hotel room.

"Dee Dee, stop!" pleads Anna Paquin, who returns to the screen as the mutant Rogue in the "X-Men" sequel "X2: X-Men United," with Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry among the ensemble. "X2" is expected to be one of the summer season's box-office hits.

"I think the traveling is making her really grumpy," Paquin says. The actress could be excused for being grumpy herself. She just arrived from the London premiere and was getting ready for Monday night's spotlight and superstar-filled opening in L.A.

But the 20-year-old actress has her perspective intact. "My life has all been documented in gruesome detail, but it will sure make one killer photo album for my kids," she says. After all, Paquin has spent her adolescence on screen, from her Academy Award-winning performance in "The Piano" at age 11 to Spike Lee's "25th Hour" last year.

Unlike other young stars, Paquin understands what it takes to keep early and consistent success from going to her head.

"I don't really like to think about myself unless I have to," she says. "People get so obsessed with themselves, but I'm, like, 'Why? There are so many more interesting things to think about.'"

She means no disrespect, but she keeps her supporting-actress Oscar in the closet.



Anna Paquin as Rogue with Shawn Ashmore as Iceman in "X2: X-Men United."

"You can't really feel pressure like that or else you drive yourself crazy thinking, 'Ah! Not another non-Oscar-caliber performance!' The accolades are a bonus," she says, "but it's not why you do the work."

Paquin, who lives in Manhattan, plans to major in English at Columbia University, where she has been earning a degree between films.

The New Zealand-raised star reads Hemingway and Fitzgerald ("They're so depressing and glamorous at the same time!") and has returned to ballet, which she danced as a child.

"Anna is strikingly intelligent," says Gregor Jordan, who directed Paquin in the summer war movie "Buffalo Soldiers," co-starring Joaquin Phoenix. "She's so well-read. She can participate in a conversation about anything. Our set was mostly big

strong tough guys and a lot of testosterone, but she was never out of place." She had an advantage.

"On set, we played a lot of cards together," remembers Shawn Ashmore, who plays Iceman and Paquin's boyfriend in "X2." In the movie, Paquin's Rogue drains the life force out of people, even as her romance with Iceman flourishes. The two even lip-lock in a heated-yet-dangerous exchange.

"She taught me how to play hearts," says Ashmore. "I was terrible. I think that's why she always wanted to play."

Paquin admits to having a new man in her life. "We've only been together for a few months," she says, declining to name him. "He is not an actor."

Paquin has plans for her few months of downtime. At the top of her list is a



Paquin at the Hollywood premiere of "X2: X-Men United"

return to the theater.

She made her stage debut in 2001 in Rebecca Gilman's Off-Broadway play "The Glory of Living" (it was directed by Paquin's "25th Hour" co-star Philip Seymour Hoffman), and was in the London hit "This Is Our Youth" last

year.

"I would just love to be in New York for a while working. It would be such a great treat to go home at the end of the day, hang out with my friends, just have a regular life."

of his boss's daughter (Reid), who he has secretly had a crush on.

What he didn't expect was an assortment of other houseguests like Molly Shannon, Andy Richter and Michael Madison ("Reservoir Dogs") to get in his way. The fact the movie is directed by David Zucker the co-director such movies as "Airplane" the "Naked Gun" movies and "Top Secret" is definitely a bonus. It could be light, silly, fun. (8/22)

5. "Shaolin Soccer." This is certainly the weirdest movie on the list. An import from Hong Kong, it was their highest grossing movie last year. The film has a kung-fu master recruiting a group of fellow fighters to form a soccer team. That's the whole premise, but from what I've heard it's a riot. (8/8)

4. "My Boss's Daughter." Not a big fan of Ashton Kutcher or Tara Reid, but this film's premise does seem to have some promise. When his boss asks him to house-sit, a young man (Kutcher) tries to win the heart

Alec Kerr is a film major.

Kerr's Lyrics of the Summer

OK, like one time, I was out in the parking lot
Tryin' to remove my excess earwax with a golf pencil
When I see this guy Marty tryin' to carry a big ol' sofa up the stairs all by himself
So I, I say to him, I say "Hey, you want me to help you with that?"
And Marty, he just rolls his eyes and goes
"No, I want you to cut off my arms and legs with a chainsaw"
So I did
And then he gets all indignant on me He's like "Hey man, I was just being sarcastic"
Well, that's just great
How was I supposed to know that?
I'm not a mind reader for cryin' out loud
Besides, now he's got a really cute nickname - Torso-Boy
So what's he complaining about?

-Albuquerque, "Weird Al" Yankovic

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The group is led by the adventure Allan Quatermain (Sean Connery). The rest of the cast are made up of unknowns are minor stars like Shane West ("A Walk to Remember") and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are getting married this time around. This leads to more awkward moments with Jim's Dad (Eugene Levy) and a bachelor party thrown by Stifler (Seann William Scott).

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ters from the previous films were among which is probably a good idea since they were barely in the second one anyway.

Subplots of this film include Stifler and Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas) fighting over Michelle's sexy "little" sister and Stifler's Mom. As an extra bonus, Tim Allen plays Stifler's Dad. It may be number three, but this still sounds like a good time. (8/1)

August:
1. "American Wedding." The

third movie in the "American Pie" series actually looks pretty good. If they had to make another one this looks like the way to do it. Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are getting married this time around. This leads to more awkward moments with Jim's Dad (Eugene Levy) and a bachelor party thrown by Stifler (Seann William Scott).

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2. "S.W.A.T." So what if it is

Kerr's Movie Quote of the Summer

"Well, I work all the time. So never, never again interrupt me. Okay? I mean, never. Not 30 years from now... not if there's fire. Not even if you hear a thud from inside my home and a week later there's a smell from in there that can only come from a decaying body and you have to hold a hanky against your face because the stench is so thick you think you're going to faint, even then don't come knocking."

-Melvin Udall, (Jack Nicholson) As Good as It Gets

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RAs Elizabeth Vachon, Aimee Demers and Tamra Portalla (left). Portalla and Scott Bawden at a '50s dance (below). RAs helping students with check-in (top).

Resident assistants rule

By Diana Lyn Chandler
Staff Reporter

Individual accomplishment, personal growth, and the fun of living with people are several of the benefits of community living at Keene State College. Many activities and leadership opportunities are available in the halls to complement co-curricular activities. Even though living in a residence hall will offer someone a great deal of freedom in choosing your own lifestyle, he or she will find that it also requires being responsible for themselves. Each person in a residence hall has the responsibility to cooperate, tolerate, and take care of the others. "Being an RA has helped me build community in the dorm

and make friends. It gives me the chance to help others and helps me grow as a person," said junior Liz Thompson. Under the leadership of a Residence Director, the RA works with a building to provide personal contact with students, which can be vital to their success. The Resident Assistant needs to be committed to the idea of student growth, and to creating a sense of community within his/her residential area. The RA's responsibilities center mainly on establishing, and maintaining an atmosphere that is helpful to the residents' overall education and development. "I wouldn't be able to do my job without the RAs. In addition to doing all the tasks I ask, they provide me with personal support and challenge me to

grow. They also make me laugh really hard," said Huntress/Fisk Director Carrie Eldridge. RAs are expected to actively demonstrate positive personal, academic, and job-related behaviors. RAs are expected to be available to discuss students' concerns and problems. The RA is also in a position to initiate referrals to the various specialized services available on campus and in the community. The RA provides leadership and support for educational and social activities in the residence halls. RAs promote an atmosphere where students are able to grow both academically and personally. They should also be able to lead their floors with enthusiasm, pride, and spirit. "Honestly, my first year of college (which I spent at a dif-

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He looks at your lingerie and gawks at your boxer briefs

I always know exactly what I'm talking about. So listen carefully. If conduct myself with the illusion that I have super powers, like X-ray vision, the explanation is very simple; I have X-ray vision. I know it's a hard concept to take hold of, let me explain it.

I'm pretty convinced that I've got X-ray vision, so for me, it is the truth. Sure, for you I'm just some loon with LSD running pure in his veins. But I know what's going on. I can see your underwear.

But seriously, who better to be your judge, your ruler than someone who can see your underwear? With that sort of power, I should be elected to supreme ruler of everything right now.

Don't waste time with other candidates who may be able to fly, or breathe fire, they might even be able to read your mind. But I hold the secrets of your laundry cycle.

Just think about the people who see your underwear. Mothers, wives, husbands, friends and lovers. People you trust to a certain extent, but you'd never think of showing your underwear to me, a complete stranger. But that doesn't matter, because I can see them anyway. That's private stuff, you'd be showing off to the whole world, the embarrass-



Mitch Wyatt is going to be a sophomore in the fall. He's an English major who enjoys long walks on the beach and stargazing. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of the Equinox.

ment is too much to bear.

When your drawers are dwindling, and you throw on those granny panties while the rest of your spicyness unmentionables are in the wash, you'd never want anyone to know that you own those baggy-in-the-back monstrosities, right?

Your boyfriend, probably doesn't know about them either,

shoved far into the back lower left corner of the drawer. Never showing its flowery, oversized visage to the world until absolutely necessary.

It is the outcast of the underwear community. The g-strings and thongs demean and intimidate the granny panties driving them almost to the point of creeping slowly about the wasteline of your pants; in order to get pulled apart in a dangerous, and childish wedgie.

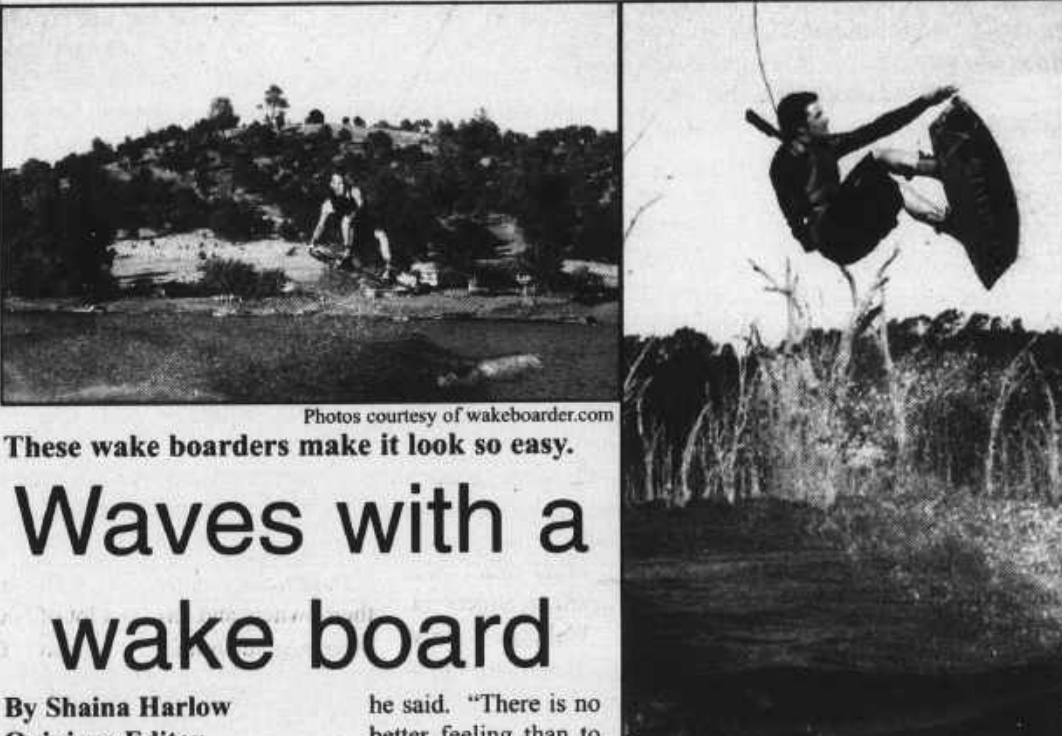
The imagery makes me shudder in...indifference really, but that's not the point.

The point is this terrible fate replays in your head every available minute of your time on laundry day. And I, with my X-ray vision, know exactly what you are going through. Really now, did you forget what I was talking about?

Now do you understand the kind of power I wield? You all must bend to my will. Are you wearing torn up, I-love-my-mommy boxers? Watch your back. With a deft departing operation, I could expose your terrible secrets to the world.

Do as I say. I have more power than you can even imagine. All the world's secrets are mine. Never doubt my power. Don't give me that look; I can see you through the wall.

...I didn't really know too much about it at the time, but as soon as I rode it, I was hooked,"



Photos courtesy of wakeboarder.com

These wake boarders make it look so easy.

Waves with a wake board

By Shaina Harlow
Opinions Editor

It looks somewhat like a snowboard, but you don't ride it on a mountain. It's kind of like a skateboard, but you don't ride it on the street. You can ride it on a lake, but it's not a jet ski or even water skis. It's a wake board, and wake boarding is the hottest new water sport there is.

Wake boarding has been professional since 1992, and can be seen on ESPN and ESPN2. The wake boarding bug has swept across the country, and even the world. It has even attracted many Keene State College students. Junior Josh Burke has been wake boarding since he was 14-years-old.

"I didn't really know too much about it at the time, but as soon as I rode it, I was hooked,"

he said. "There is no better feeling than to be riding in the early evening with the sun setting and the lake totally better."

The wake board was derived from something called a "skurfer," which was developed in 1985 by Tony Finn, a surfer from San Diego, Calif. The skurfer was a combination of a water ski and a surfboard and was pulled by a boat. The rider would use the skurfer to move among the boat's wake in surf-like movements. Then, there were no straps or bindings on the skurfer, so the rider could stand anywhere on the board, similar to a skateboard.

The original design of the skurfer wasn't that great. Herb O'Brien, who owned H.O. Sports, was a businessman in water skiing, took over and

refined the board, making it better. Soon, other companies jumped on the wagon and started making their own wake boards.

Burke rides a board from the O'Brien wake board line. "I ride either one of Darin Shapiro's pro models or an O'Brien Custom 142," said Burke. "I really like Hyperlite bindings and I usually ride the Hyperlite Belmonts."

Most wake boarding is done on lakes. The boat you use for wake boarding is also important. When you wake board, the most important factor is the wake created by the boat. Boats designed specifically for wake boarding have a tower for

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MAKING MONEY, CLASSIFIEDS FOR COLLEGE KIDS

By Jeff Schlauch
Staff Reporter

Finally, everything you've waited for has arrived, schools over. The long haul of the semester followed by the worst part, the homestretch. Tons of hard work and grueling study hours all pay off for a fun and relaxing four month summer break.

That may be the case for some of us but for others the summer is the beginning of more work five or six days a week.

This means, for the most part, probably waking up earlier than at school, but at least getting paid for it instead of paying for it.

Yeah, the money can be good, some of us will spend it as it comes to party on hot summer nights and others will just have to save it up as fall 2003 spending money. Whatever the

case is, along with being a college student also comes "the summer job."

There are endless opportunities including internships and business jobs, but let's stick to some of the classics.

These are the kind of jobs that when you look in the classified section you will see in bold print right above, something like, summer help/college students.

These include: landscaping, construction, pizza delivery, bartending, waiter or waitress, host or hostess, department stores, malls, or a camp counselor.

A recently graduated student,

Thomas McLaughlin, said, "I've worked every single one of those jobs during my four years at school."

He added, "It's hard to say, landscaping is pretty much a standard \$10 an hour off the books and it keeps you tanned and in shape, but the hours can be hard. Sometimes I'd work from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., six days a week."

"Being friendly after a summer hangover is killer."

Thomas McLaughlin, Recent KSC graduate

with easier work and less hours," said McLaughlin. "My least favorite would have to be waiting tables, being friendly after a summer hangover is killer."

Recent graduate Kelsie Knight said, "Working in a mall is the worst to me. Just being in there all the time during those months gets to me. I've waited tables and done some bartending."

She added, "I like bartending the best. It is easy to meet people and the money is good. If you don't mind the hours that it's a great job."

For the most part, if money is the main interest, then forget about the hours. Being picky about what kind of work you do or if the hours are perfect can leave you with nothing.

The summer can blow past pretty fast so there isn't much time to waste. The earlier you start looking, the better chance you have at finding what you want.

McLaughlin said, "A lot of kids get home and figure they'll



Photo by Jim Francis
KSC student Missy Mengual scoops and serves ice cream at The Piazza, located on Main Street.

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Photo by Emily Kearsan
KSC President Stanley Yarosewick kids around.

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the rope, and could also have a flat bottom or a V-shaped hull. Some people turn their ski boats into wake boarding boats by adding things to them to increase or decrease the size of the wake.

"I have wake boarded in New Hampshire at Lake Horace in Weare, N.H. We had a lake home but now we just rent on that lake for two weeks in the summer," said Burke. "After a few summers of only riding for a couple of weeks, I needed and wanted to go more. So we

north don't ride either sliders or kickers very much, so I could ride."

He added, "My dad gets stuck pulling me for hours, but he is way cool about it. Then I got my friends into it so now we go together, which makes it easier to go all the time."

Wake boarding even has its own camps especially devoted to the sport. There is a camp in Orlando, Fla., called Ride The Spot, which Burke went to a few summers ago.

"I moved to Florida last year to wake board full-time while going to community college in Orlando," Burke said.

"I worked at Ride The Spot, the same camp I went to originally a few years ago. They taught me a ton about wake boarding and how to instruct and drive the boat," he said.

Freshman Colin Smith is another KSC student that is an avid wake boarder. He also has

attended wake boarding camps, including camp Ride The Spot. "I have gone to two camps," Smith said. "The first one was The Wake Board Camp down in Clearmont, Fla. It was a lot of fun but pretty crowded. Each day you were with different people and different instructors, so you never really got to know any one very well."

Like any sport, there is a lot of "wake boarding lingo," Smith said that if you hear someone say a "slider," he or she is talking about a floating rail. And if you hear someone say a "kicker," that's a jump: "For the most part, people up

either sliders or kickers very much, so I could ride."

He added, "I had never ridden either," said Burke. "Now I am hooked on sliders, and I am really glad that kickers and sliders have been

Josh Burke added to pro KSC student competitions."

He added, "It makes things more interesting. Hopefully this summer we will get to build our own slider to ride up here since I am no longer in Florida."

As for the competitions, the ultimate titles to achieve for professional riders are the Vans Triple Crown of Wakeboarding, the Wake Board World Cup, and the Pro Wake Board Tour.

"I wake board because it's the greatest sport," said Smith. "You get to be out on the lake with a bunch of your friends, sitting in the sun, listening to music, just chilling out."

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take a week or two week break than go and find a job. The earlier you look the more choices you'll have because you are getting there before all those people who are sitting back.

Another positive is if your school gets an early summer start, then you really get first

'It's a privilege'

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ferent university). I had the worst RA in the world. I wanted to be an RA because I knew I could do a better job than she did."

"Then, I came to Keene, met a ton of awesome RAs, and knew that I could help contribute to the community. I love people, I love living on campus,

So for whatever the reason, get going. Check the classifieds check with friends, do whatever is necessary to land a solid summer job.

After that have fun with the hard earned cash. When you start to hate work, just think, it's only four months until you'll be back in that class room again.

And I felt that I would make a good RA, so I applied," said senior Jenna Shales.

An RA is expected to actively promote and support policies in the KSC Student Handbook. RAs are responsible for establishing goals and objectives their areas, their staffs, and themselves, as well as preparing and maintaining their floors for residents.

So ugly, they're cute

By Shaina Harlow
Opinions Editor

Imagine being woken up every morning by something with a wet nose and wrinkled skin that's breathing hot air into your face and making grunting noises. No, it's not your girl friend or boyfriend. It's your new pet, the lovable pug.

Pugs, who are said to be so ugly that they are cute, have become popular over the years. You may remember more recently the wise-cracking Frank the Pug, the talking, singing dog from "Men in Black II". Or you may even remember the 1980's children's movie "Milo and Otis", the story of Otis the pug and his friend Milo the cat and their adventures. But if you have them, know pugs, or want pugs, then you love them already.

"I love my dogs more than anything in the world," said sophomore Kristin Mance, who has not one but two fawn colored pugs at her house in Connecticut, Bogey and Callie. "They are my life."

If you are thinking about getting a pug, there's some things you should know. Mance's family is a big fan of pugs. But before they got their two, they had to do some research because, regardless of the pug's tiny bodies, they can take a lot of work and there is a lot to learn.

"I am allergic to dogs, so my parents did some research and found that pugs were very good to allergic reactions," said Mance.

However, like most dogs, pugs do shed their fur amount of fur. Yes, they have shorter hair than other dogs, but they have a double coat, which means there is twice as much hair on their bodies to shed.

Pugs mostly enjoy being with their owners and having a lot of other people around. They also don't mind being called your traditional "lap dog".

"When my dogs meet other



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You almost want to feel bad for him...but he's cute!

people, they are so energetic and they don't bite at all," said Mance. "They react to your mood. If I'm energetic, they will play with me, but if I'm calm they will just cuddle with me."

And who can resist those wrinkled faces pugs have? But actually, those wrinkles can cause infection if they aren't cleaned properly of dirt and other things. And because their noses are so stumpy it makes them more sensitive to cold and humid weather, which increases their trouble with breathing.

Jana Goodell, who works at Paul's Pet and Aquarium Center in Keene, N.H. owns Lexie, a six-year-old half-pug half-Labrador. Even when Goodell has to work long hours, Lexie isn't left alone. She hangs out in the store all day with Goodell, greeting customers as they come in. If you travel a lot and work long hours, then a pug might not be the dog for you. They need to play, and if they can't play you are increasing the chance of having one depressed puppy. Lexie is black, small like a pug, and with the same buggy eyes. Goodell said that her mother was a pure bred pug, and her sister looks just like her, but her brother looks more like a pug

and is the fawn color. Because Lexie is half Lab, she doesn't have the squished nose, so Goodell said she hasn't had any breathing problems.

"If she gets in a dusty area, she'll sneeze a lot," said Goodell. "But she lucked out with the longer nose."

But Goodell said Lexie definitely has the temperament of a pug. "Her temperament is just awesome," said Goodell. "Her personality is like Old Faithful. She's right there all the time."

The American Canine Association says that pugs get along well with other dogs, but can become jealous if ignored.

"Bogey, my older dog, sometimes gets jealous of Callie because he doesn't get all of the attention anymore," said Mance. "But they get along very well with each other."

If you are thinking about getting a pug, then think of it as adopting a child because pugs require a lot of attention and time put into their care. The American Kennel Association names pugs as "a companion dog."

Mariette Keefe and her husband Jeffrey own Trafalgar Kennels in Cornish, N.H. and they know a lot about and are in love with pugs. They have five that they breed and show.



Photos by Jim Francis
Jerry Padova (left) has 141 tattoos. Above, Brian Cunningham sports Homer Simpson on his arm.

Tattoos tell stories

By Drew Forbes
Staff Reporter

Some people get them to rebel while others get them to remember.

No matter what, there is a story behind every tattoo. "My mom died and my sister and I both got her favorite Native American symbol so she would always be with us," said Courtney Riley, a second-year student at Keene State College.

Even if it's not a deep and meaningful story, people are still eager to explain why they went under the needle.

"I got this tattoo of a mouse, so when I dance it looks like its tail moves," said Angel, an exotic dancer at Anthony's in South Hadley, Mass. The tattoo was of a tiny mouse right above her pubic area. "It is an attention getter and it gives me something to talk to the men about," she added.

These are just a few of many stories behind tattoos. Over the past decade, countless tattoo fads have consumed college and high school students across the nation. You've probably

seen the most popular ones: Chinese symbols, flowers, butterflies and other designs on lower backs. These tend to usually be found on women. A majority of men usually sport tattoos on biceps, chests or upper back.

Sarah Lak, a fourth-year student at Elms College, in Massachusetts, has two tattoos. The first is a cross on her lower back.

"I designed it myself one day," said Lak. "I didn't want the same tattoo as every one else. I think it looks great and I can tell people I did it myself."

She also has a Chinese character on her upper pubic area. "It is the character for 'luck,' because you have to be very lucky to see it," she said.

Noah Menard, a third-year student at UMass Amherst, is such a huge fan of Star Wars that he got a Star Wars tattoo.

"I had to get the Rebel Alliance symbol (Star Wars) because I have been a fan of the movies since I was a little kid," said Menard.

"I consider myself a Jedi, and believe in many of the ideals that the Jedi follow. And it looks wicked cool."

Kevin Pemberton, a KSC senior, said his tattoo is a reminder to have fun.

Kevin Pemberton "It's a Pearl KSC senior Jam album

cover, a good idea at the time that felt like a cat scratching a sunburn. C'mon, look at him. He's the stickman. He's stoked. A little reminder not to take anything too seriously, I guess."

There are so many symbols one could use for a tattoo. For example, there are Chinese characters. Most of these symbols are supposed to stand for love, trust, or hope, but surprisingly none of them look alike. With so many discrepancies out

there, someone could be walking around with Chinese obscenities tattooed all over his or her body.

Some people, only in their 20's, already regret getting those rebellious tattoos, or the "just-turned-18" tattoos on their birthdays.

Ian Hand, a third-year student at Keene State, has the Ozzy Osborne Angel and Devil on each side of his upper back.

However, before taking the permanent ink plunge, Hand did a practice trial.

"This is a long story. I hung them on my wall for a full year to make sure I really wanted to get them," said Hand. "Everyday, I would take time to look at them and think about where to get them and which one to put on which side, things like that."

People get tattoos for all sorts of reasons. They are proud of who they are and want others to be able to see that. Most people do not regret their tattoos; in fact, a lot of people usually want to get more after their first one.

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Will Owls repeat as LEC Champs?

By Richard Egan
Staff Reporter

The Keene State College women's soccer team is expected to do a lot this upcoming season. Last season, the Owls set the school record for most victories in a season with 20. The women's soccer team also set the school record for the longest winning streak of 11 games. Last but certainly not least the Owls won the Little East Conference championship.

Last season, the Owls finally got over the stubborn hump known as Western Connecticut University. This upcoming season will test the Owls as the reigning champions. The Owls finished ranked 12th in the NSCAA poll and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998.

"Last season was amazing. At times we thought we were unbeatable and we played like a team on a mission for the entire season. The last game against West Conn. was the most exciting game I have ever been in. The last five minutes of the game we played like a team on a mission and finally beat out rival," said Jen Ortisi.

Three athletes from the Owls roster received major post-season LEC awards. Leading the LEC in scoring with 18 goals and 11 assists, Owl Erin Lester



(Above left) The women's soccer team celebrates their LEC Championship.

was named offensive player of the year. Beth Vachon was named defensive player of the year. With this amount of talent, the Owls will have both ends of the field in good hands. Coach Lyons was named the LEC Coach of the Year for the fourth time in the last six years.

Despite losing some key players like Amy Lamson, Suzie Heinkel, and Carolyn

Crawford the Owls should be favored to repeat as regular season and post-season champions.

"We have a lot of experience on this team, we are going to definitely miss the girls that are leaving but that is something that has to happen every year, with the players we have now and the ones coming in we are going to be right in the mix again," said Jen Ortisi.

The Owls have many of their core players returning this season. Lester and Vachon will both be a year older and wiser. Both will hopefully have benefited from the experience of a championship. Jen Ortisi (First-Team LEC), will have an important role as a forward and midfielder. The saying "defense wins games" rings true for the Owls as their greatest strength



Top right photo by Emily Keaman
Left photo courtesy of keene.edu

(Above right) Women's soccer coach Denise Lyons proudly displays the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Award.

lies in the returning goaltender Michelle Mason.

Last year Mason dominated the net, and made the LEC first team as a sophomore. Her defensive efforts kept the Owls within reach of multiple games.

"Michelle helped give us confidence if we were not playing well. Our defense and her goaltending kept us in many games until we got the offence going," said Amber Tetreault

"I think that we have the potential to be as good or better then this year's team. We know that West and East Conn. are going to have very good teams but we did it last year we can do it this year," said Katie Parkinson

There is no reason to think that this team can't repeat as champions of the LEC and maybe compete for a NCAA division three title.



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The men's soccer team will have their work cut out for them this season. The Owls will need leadership on and off the field to help fill the void left by graduating seniors. With Coach Butcher pacing the sidelines, however, KSC soccer fans can count on another successful season. Butcher has a 440-169-50 record overall, including 24 postseason appearances.

Owls enter new season seeking leaders

By Chris Vozzolo
Staff Reporter

The Keene State College men's soccer team is eager to take the field for the upcoming 2003 season. They will be continuing a winning tradition from last season. The Owls finished last year with a 13-5-3 record.

The team made its fifth appearance in the NCAA tournament in the last six years. It also topped rival Western Connecticut to win their third Little East Conference Tournament Championship. They are well equipped to make another run at the Little East Conference championship.

"We finished last season strong. We were happy with

our performance in the tournament. We have a lot of key players returning and our looking for another great season," said Jason Lombardo.

This year's team will look to advance the ball and let their offense do the work. Sophomores Casey Banks and Jason Lombardo will lead the attack. Each has a knack for finding the goal and possesses amazing speed. Banks and Lombardo have a large amount of experience and hope to improve on their already impressive resumes.

The loss of Mike Montiero and Justin Hickman will hurt Owl's midfield. Juniors Jim Hogan and junior John Harke will replace Montiero and Hickman, who were both leaders on and off the field. Hogan

earned a spot on the LEC second team and Harke had some huge goals and assists. Coach Butcher will look for some new faces to fill the other roles.

The defense will also be rebuilding with the loss of some key seniors. Dermot O'Sullivan spent four years defending the KSC goal, and his presence will be missed. His intensity has carried the Owls through many tough situations. Mike Lewis, Kyle Wood, and Niklas Bronsan however do have some good experience defensively. Along with some recruits, they will be upon to shoulder the defensive load.

The position of goaltender is up for grabs. D.J. Nordmark has been a brick wall for the past three years but is graduating.

Three sophomores, Kris Kloetz, Jason Sturgeon, and Matt Caron, must prove they can hold the position. It will be a battle in pre-season to see who will be the starting goaltender.

"This year's team should be exciting. With have good depth and a lot of people battling for positions. We are young, but hopefully we will be able to make another good run," said Banks.

The 2003 team are guaranteed to be fun to watch. Lombardo and Banks are a deadly combination. The team will have plenty of speed and talent. However the Owls will need a leader to emerge on the field. With a class of recruits competing for starting positions the pre-season will have a large effect on the 2003 season.

Sports Commentary

Man cannot live on bread alone

By Jameson Zani
Staff Reporter

Dehydration is a condition that occurs when a person loses more fluids (such as urine or sweat) than one takes in.

Dehydration is nowhere near as serious a problem for teens or adults as it can be for babies or young children, but if you ignore your thirst, dehydration can slow you down.

In recent years, athletes across the country have been falling victim to severe dehydration during summer workouts or while playing sports under intense heat.

It is unfortunate when fatalities occur due to improper hydration of the body, but there are many preventable ways to deal with the situation.

It is difficult to step out of a game, or leave practice early for many athletes, but it is necessary to keep cool and maintain water in the body during summer.

Keeping cool means staying hydrated so that your body can perspire.

The best way is to consume plenty of water.

Water needs vary with body size and activity level, but the average person needs about 8 to 12 cups each day.

As temperatures rise, so does the amount of water you need to stay cool and hydrated.

To counter dehydration, you need to restore the proper balance of water in your body.

First, though, you have to recognize the problem. Thirst is the best, and earliest, indicator of potential dehydration.

Major media attention was given to the death of Korey Stringer, a lineman with the Minnesota Vikings, who died Aug. 1, 2001 as a result of heat stroke suffered during practice.

A high school player in Indiana and a University of Florida player died of heat-related complications following football practices as well.

Although attention has been given to severe dehydration of recent years, there has been plenty of cases to support the problem of staying hydrated while playing sports.

An example can be found in the case of a well-trained female runner in Texas.

In July 1994 a well-conditioned athlete entered a half-Ironman distance race with hopes of putting in her best performance.

She was well trained and had raced in the heat before.

Things were going well until the run. After one mile, she experienced diarrhea and painful quadriceps muscle cramps.

By mile six-and-a-half, she had headaches and stopped sweating.

She managed a slow, painful finish, tried to hydrate, but became delirious, upon which the medical staff was called.

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