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Near upset at Spaulding

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

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

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

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

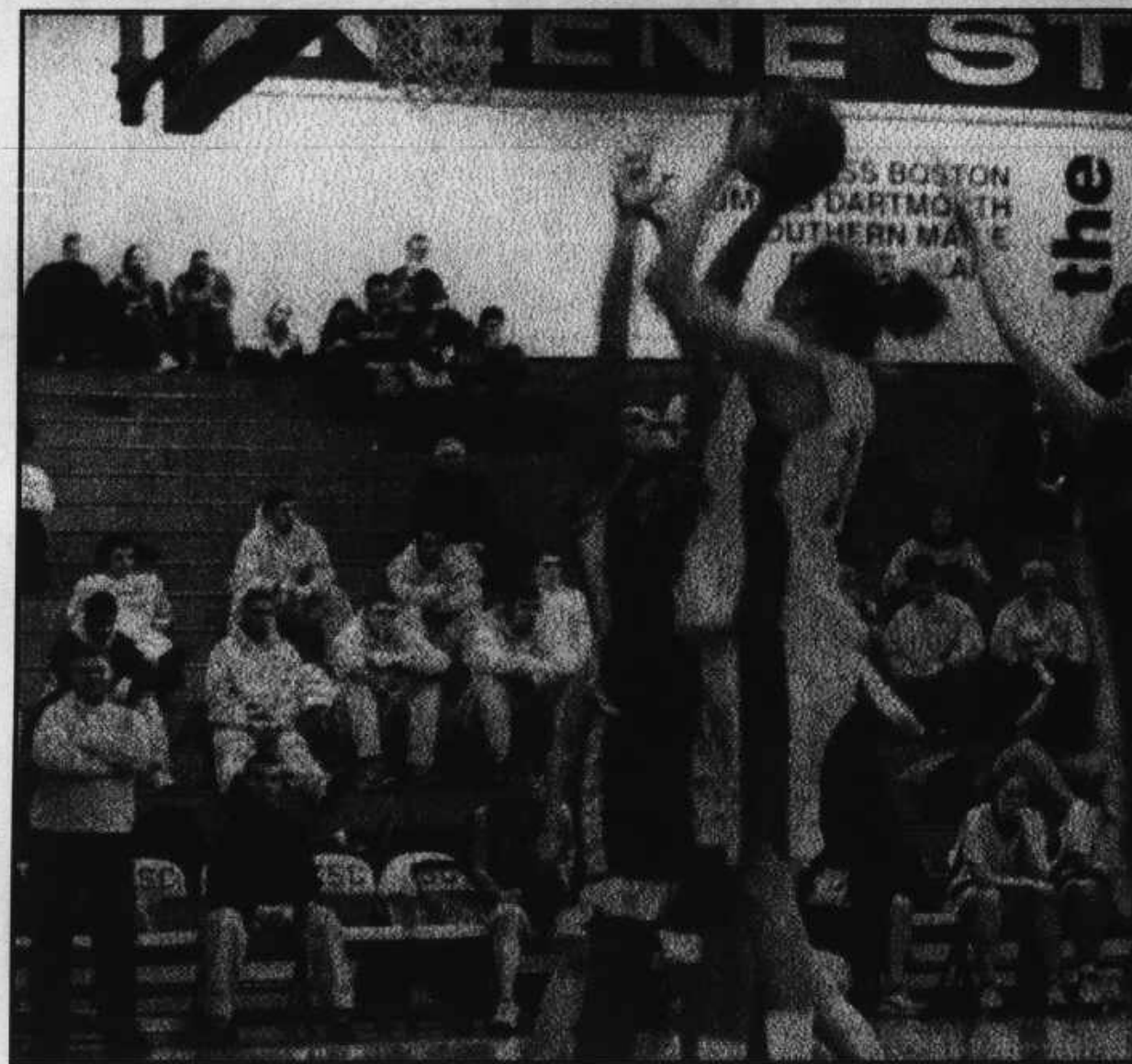
Tardif, who has struggled this season with her shooting, seemed to find her old stroke Tuesday night, hitting five shots from behind the arc and scoring 19 points.

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

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

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

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



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

leading for most of the game.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Believe me, on the other hand, has been forced to run this season. If you know how to run the ball, you know how to win the game.

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

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

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

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The Equinox staff has been hard at work producing a high quality newspaper for over 50 years. We are proud to have been a part of this tradition and we look forward to continuing it for many more years to come.

Keene State wonders: where's George?

BY ANDREW SYLVIA
The Equinox

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

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

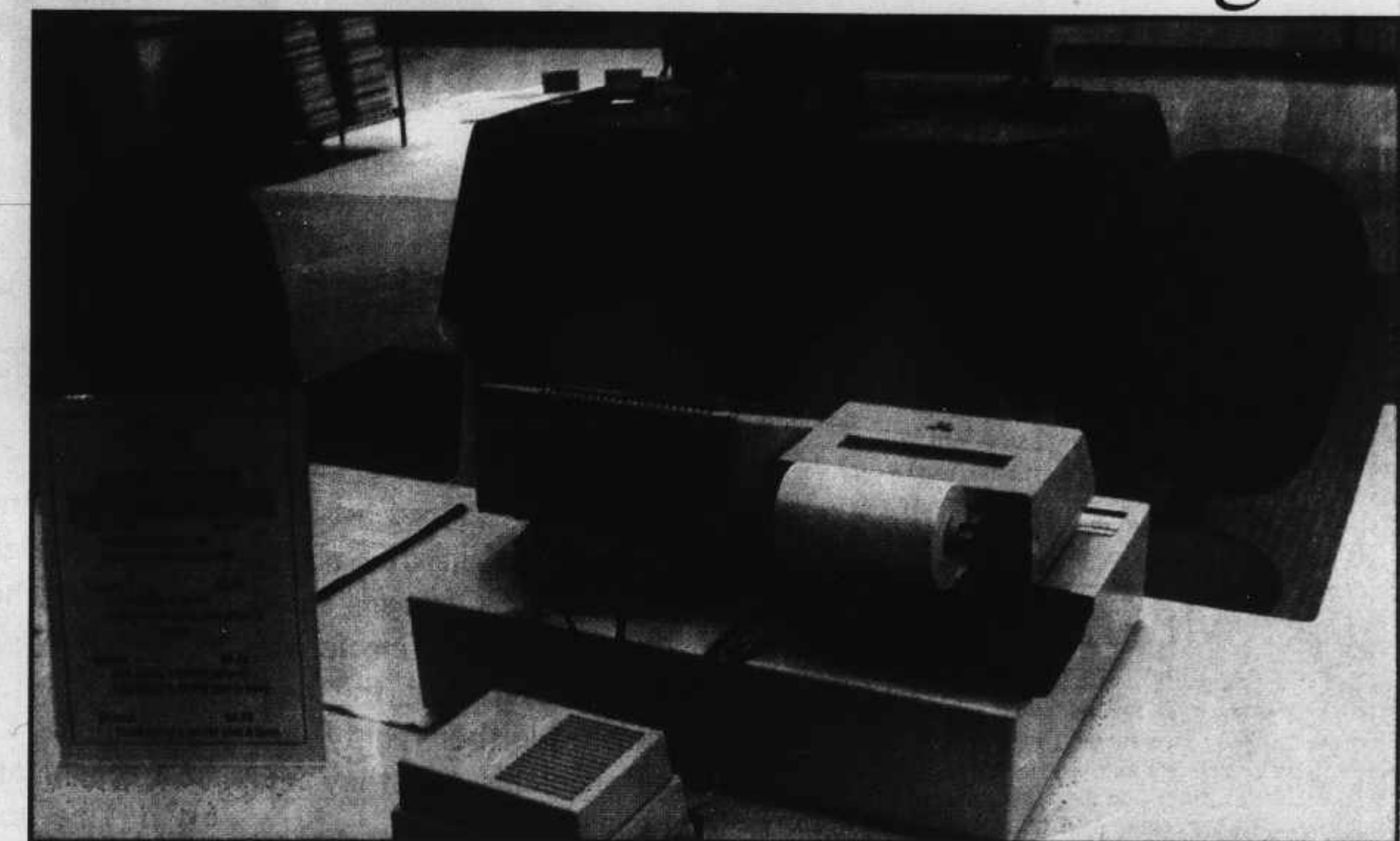
In a complication from a surgery 5 years ago, George has been unable to come back to work as his recuperation continues.

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

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

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

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



Equinox Photo by Lauren Mazzotti

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

many people in the Athletic Department.

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

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

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

According to Kerry Gill, "He's

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

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

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

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

Rita Miller: New Dean of Arts and Sciences

BY KAT MORRIS
The Equinox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

us."

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

Miller's job as Dean will be

exclusively administrative. She will be assisting the division through the transition between

Mike Haines, the previous Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the next permanent dean.

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

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

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

and Humanities general education requirement."

Miller has been working at the college for 12 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Equinox Photo by Lauren Mazzotti

Rita Miller to switch from teaching to administrating.

role of the dean of Arts and Humanities.

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

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

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

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

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

kayaking and hiking.

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

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

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

News and notes

*indicates home game
@indicates away game

men's basketball

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

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

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

women's basketball

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

indoor track

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

swimming and diving

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

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

Men's basketball wins fourth straight

JASON CAMPBELL
The Equinox

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

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

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

In the second half Coates came

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Equinox photo by Lauren Mazzotti

These fans cheered on KSC at Sunday afternoon's rivalry game against Plymouth State College

Equinox Photo by Lauren Mazzotti

Ohio state cop fired for running porno web site

BY WILLIAM LEE
TMS Campus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, the captain of the Ohio State University police department was fired after school officials learned that he operated a pornographic Web site from university property.

David Stezler, 45, was released from his duties as captain Jan. 19 after 22 years on the job. Officials cited that Stezler used university resources in furthering a personal business, he failed to disclose the use of those resources when asked, failing to disclose secondary employment, and that he failed to disclose his relationship with a university vendor from whom he authorized university purchases.

According to Ohio State's student newspaper, the Lantern, an

investigation in late December showed that Stezler ran FantasyWarrior.com, a site depicting sexual domination and bondage. Stezler, according to the Lantern, also was accused of selling law enforcement supplies from a company he owned.

"After a careful assessment, we concluded that Captain Stezler has compromised his ability to serve effectively in his leadership position," Vernon T. Baisden, assistant vice president for public safety, said in a press release.

"In our judgment, we are obligated to serve the student community in our care by holding our police officers to the highest standards and we must have total confidence in their ability to lead," he added.

Sure, why not, shoot it off

During a Christmas Eve celebration at a home in Aurora, Colo., two young men went out into the back yard, and one of them placed a plastic cup on the other's head, the idea being that he would shoot it off, William Tell-style, with a 25-caliber

semiautomatic pistol. Alas, the shot was low. The bullet hit the man in the forehead, killing him instantly. The shooter fled and was being sought. Police Sgt. Dan Mark said, "I have never seen anything like this in my 16-year law enforcement career."

When icebergs fly

A man in Wappapello, Mo., apparently doesn't believe in brushing the snow off the top of his vehicle, preferring instead to let it melt or blow off as he drives along. But, due to prolonged bad weather in the Midwest, a chunk of ice built up and built up on top of his van. When it finally blew off, it weighed about 500

pounds. It crushed the roof and windshield of a passing 1999 Ford Contour being driven by Andy Burnett who saw it coming. "I had about a split-second reaction time and thought, 'This is going to hurt,'" he said. The van driver stopped briefly but left without giving his name.

Hold it right there

A 26-year-old woman was about to board a plane for London at Zimbabwe's international airport when customs officials detained her because she had an unusually large rear end.

Closer inspection revealed that she had stuffed 14 pounds of marijuana into her panties. She was arrested on smuggling charges.

Romance in bedroom closet

A soldier, who romanced a 15-year-old girl on the Internet, went AWOL from his unit at Fort Knox, Ky., and wound up living in her bedroom closet for three weeks, unbeknownst to her mother. The mother worked, so Jeffrey Martin, 26, had the run of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, home when she wasn't there, but stayed

in the closet when she was. Mom found out about it when she went to put some things away and found dishes and a bed in the closet. Martin was out at the time. The girl admitted everything. The cops found the man nearby in his pickup truck and arrested him for corrupting a minor.

Who needs her?

Despondent after being dumped by his girlfriend, a 35-year-old man in Moenchengladbach, Germany, tried to take his own life by turning on all the gas spigots in the cellar of his apartment building and then waiting for the fumes to

do him in. He ultimately changed his mind, however, turned off the gas and headed back upstairs to his apartment. On the way, he lit a cigarette. The explosion ripped off the roof and destroyed two walls, but the man survived.

Education system

Two Las Vegas teens went to Pittsburgh to execute a scam, buying a whole lot of expensive goods with 37 counterfeit credit cards, police said. A clerk became suspicious of Jennifer

Jordan and Melissa Neal when one of them misspelled Los Angeles, where they claimed to be from, as "Los Angles." They were arrested.

Repulsive

An unnamed man in Chieti, Italy, was hauled into divorce court by his 52-year-old third wife after a marriage of only five months. He met her through a variety hearts agency. Testifying

in court, the man admitted that it was his fault that their union had broken down: He was making constant demands for sex. He is 94 years old.

Campus Safety Log

January 23rd - January 29th

Tues. January 23

12:48 a.m.- A caller from Fiske Hall reported two people arguing in the Fiske parking lot. Officers spoke with a male and female who were sitting near the heat plant. Neither party had any problems and they left the area.

Weds. January 24

12:56 a.m.- An RA from Fiske Hall reported that a rock was thrown through a window at the main entrance.

2:43 a.m.- A subject from Holloway Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

1:49 p.m.- A subject reported that items were stolen from her VW Golf parked in the Winchester Street parking lot.

Fri. January 26

1:56 a.m.- Two males outside of Randall Hall were approached with open containers of alcohol. They fled the area when they were approached.

3:15 a.m.- A student called from Fiske Hall reporting he had a severe nose bleed. He didn't want an ambulance because of the expense. His

nose bleeding stopped.

5:09 a.m.- A white tracker was reported with the roof half unzipped and the radio missing.

12:45 p.m.- A female reported damage to her vehicle

parked in the Winchester Street lot.

6:48 p.m.- An officer counseled a student operating a moped on the sidewalk of Appian Way.

10:26 p.m.- KFD responded to a report of malicious use of a fire extinguisher in kitchen 1A of Carle Hall. Unicco responded for clean up.

Sat. January 27

1:37 a.m.- A blue light phone call from Carle Hall was received from a male subject. He sounded in distress and he stated that he was being chased by a large group of people. He said Campus Safety needed to come immediately.

2:50 a.m.- A fight broke out in front of Adams Technology Building in the middle of Winchester Street. KPD broke it up and everyone moved on.

9:50 a.m.- A student reported her vehicle had been broken into in the Science

Center lot. An officer on the scene requested KPD per victim.

Sun. January 28

3:09 a.m.- A female caller reported a group of males seen walking down Blake Street towards Davis Street carrying a table or lounge furniture. KPD was contacted.

4:23 a.m.- A resident of Pondsider reported someone beating on her door trying

to get into her room. An officer arrived on the scene. Two male non-students were asked to leave campus.

4:34 p.m.- A person from the Owl's Roost called stating that there was a suspicious woman following a student around.

6:13 p.m.- Someone from the front desk of the Student Center called and reported that there was a fire in the ashtray outside of the building. The fire was extinguished.

Mon. January 29

8:12 p.m.- An RA from Carle Hall reported that there was a canine in the lobby. An officer was dispatched to the location. The canine was brought to Grafton House. KPD was contacted to take the animal.

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Norton's KSC soccer career ending soon

BY KACY BURBANK
The Equinox

Michael Norton was just a six-year old boy when he became the ball boy for his sister Kelly's soccer team.

"It made the game exciting for me as a kid-I knew soccer would become my favorite sport," Norton said.

Norton, 23, a senior, commonly known as "Norty" to his peers at Keene State College, began his soccer career as a forward in Plymouth, Mass.

Not only has he been a dedicated team player, said Michael Smith, a former Keene State soc-

cer player, but he also finished as one of the top scoring soccer players at the college at the end of his soccer career.

"Norty and LaKota were the two main factors with their one-two scoring punch," said Gerry Boggis, a teammate and friend of Norton.

"We came to Keene our freshman year and started nearly every game together, which made us grow a special bond," Boggis added.

Norton said that "Boggis and I went to NCAA three years in a row, which was a big accomplishment for the two of us."

Jamie Delong, former Keene

State soccer player and friend of Norton said, "as a freshman in 1998, I wasn't sure what to expect on the first day of practice, but

is a sort of tradition in his town. "Many former Plymouth soccer players came to Keene State, including my high school soccer coach, who highly recommended I come here."

During his freshman year, Norton was Rookie of the Year, and the next two years he made First Team All Conference.

Also in his junior year, he made Second Team All New England, and made First Team All Conference again this year.

In previous summers, Norton has played soccer for the Cape Cod Crusaders, a semi-professional soccer team.

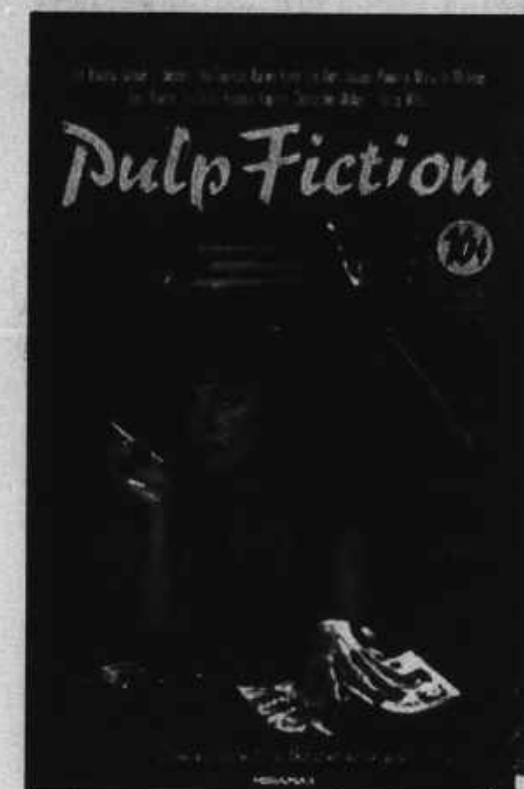
In the fall of 2001, Norton will be graduating with an Occupational Safety Degree and a minor in Chemical Dependency.

He said he hopes to work in the safety field for a small insurance company.

"I'm truly going to miss playing soccer for Keene State. I had a great coach and hard working teammates. I'll never forget this experience," he said.

Correction: In last week's article about the Student Assembly meeting, the event called "Fire and Ice" was incorrectly written as "Fire on Ice."

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Night Owl Café

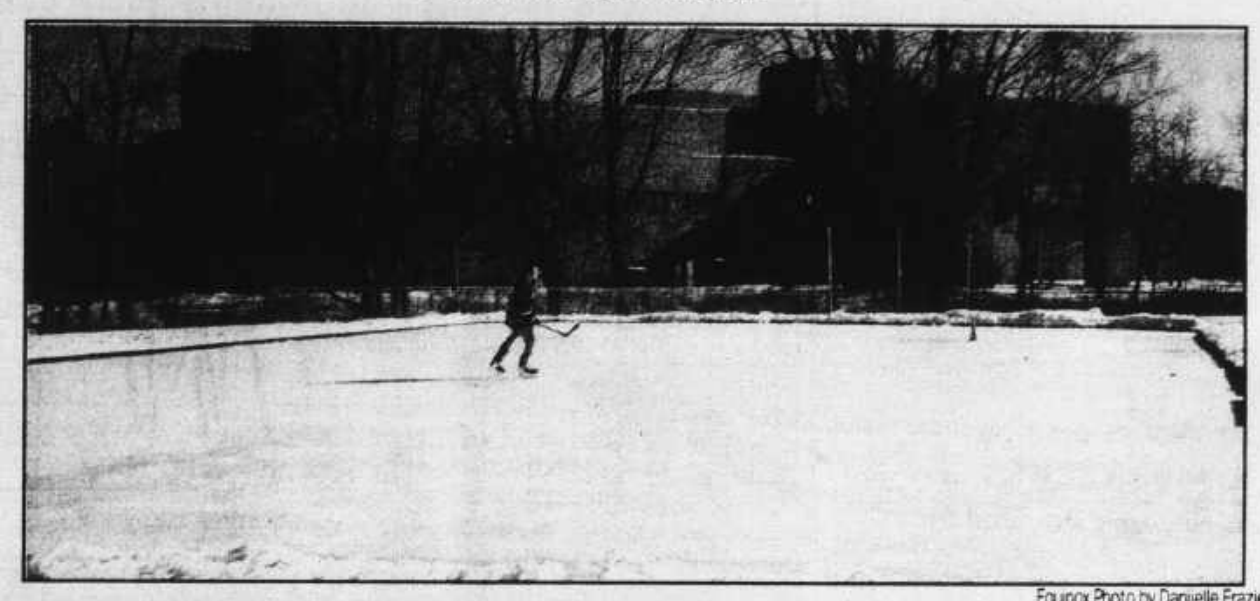
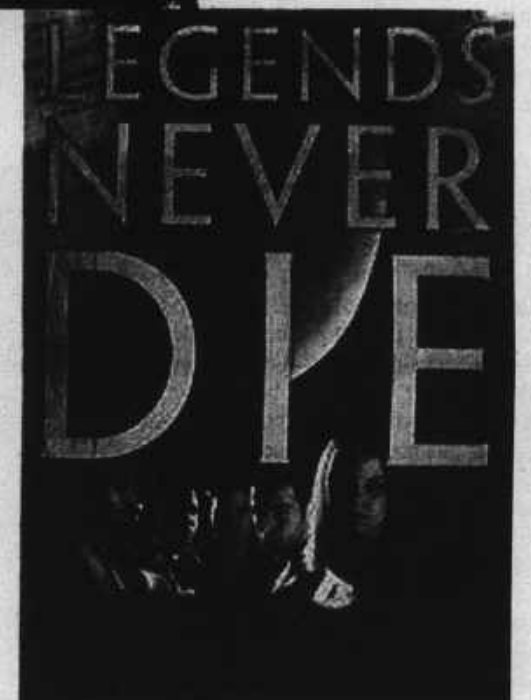
Pulp Fiction
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Cult Classic Monday
8pm showtime
free admission
free soda
& popcorn

Urban Legends Final Cut

02.06.01

Tuesday Night Movie
9:30pm showtime
free admission
free soda
& popcorn



Keene State College's skating is now available for students looking for something fun to do.

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The Night Owl Café

Events for the Month of February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Pulp Fiction	6 9:30pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Urban Legends Final Cut	7 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Malcom X	8 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn <i>Open Mic Night</i>	9
12 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Resevior Dogs	13 9:30pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Resevior Dogs	14	15 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn The Color Purple	16
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26 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Trainspotting	27 9:30pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn Trainspotting	28 8:00pm start Free Admission Free Drinks & Popcorn <i>Open Mic Night</i>		

OPINION

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Celebrate Black History Month

This February, we will celebrate Black History Month. If you are the typical Keene State student, you might think this doesn't affect you, since chances are, you are white.

It's kind of hard to get too excited about a Black History Month when there are only a small handful of black students at your school, and none seems to be too focused on black history here at Keene State College.

Before you disregard black history because you feel that it has no impact on you, consider the fact that all of the lessons of history have something to teach us. Black history has some valuable characters who have struggled for their own freedom in different ways.

Take Frederick Douglass, and his struggle to be recognized as a human being. He realized early on the importance of an education, and it was his learning and intelligence that carried him to the North and freedom.

Then there was the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, who taught that nonviolent resistance could win freedoms and respect, making the best of a bad situation.

Both of these men taught the importance of taking a stand for what they believed in, and fought injustice not just for themselves, but for others as well. Imagine a Malcolm X who only spoke out against injustice against himself personally—he might have served a second term in jail instead of raising awareness of the rising anger of the African-American community.

We would have never heard of Harriet Tubman if she were someone who could be content with attaining her own freedom. It was her willingness to risk for the sake of others that gained her fame.

Think about some of the figures in black history, and the traits that gained them recognition. Practice being more like them, and become a better person for it. You certainly don't have to be black in order to do this.

Besides, how many of us have said that if we were alive during the civil rights movement, we certainly would have done something to end the injustice or help in any way that we could? But who's to say that the struggle for freedom is over?

There are still people who are in the chains of oppression. What makes you most outraged? Is it the millions of nonviolent "drug criminals" wasting away in American jails? Is it the Muslim women who are beaten or killed for not conforming to a dress code? Or how about those who work in slave-like conditions in sweatshops?

Our opportunity to be civil rights heroes is hardly lost. One need only look to earlier examples, and see what it is that they did that was so effective in gaining others' freedoms. What can you do to make things better?

Or, you can let this Black History Month pass you by. You can assume that it has nothing to do with you, and nothing to teach you, and ignore it because you're not black.

Why not learn the lessons of Black History Month this time? Challenge yourself—you can make a difference!

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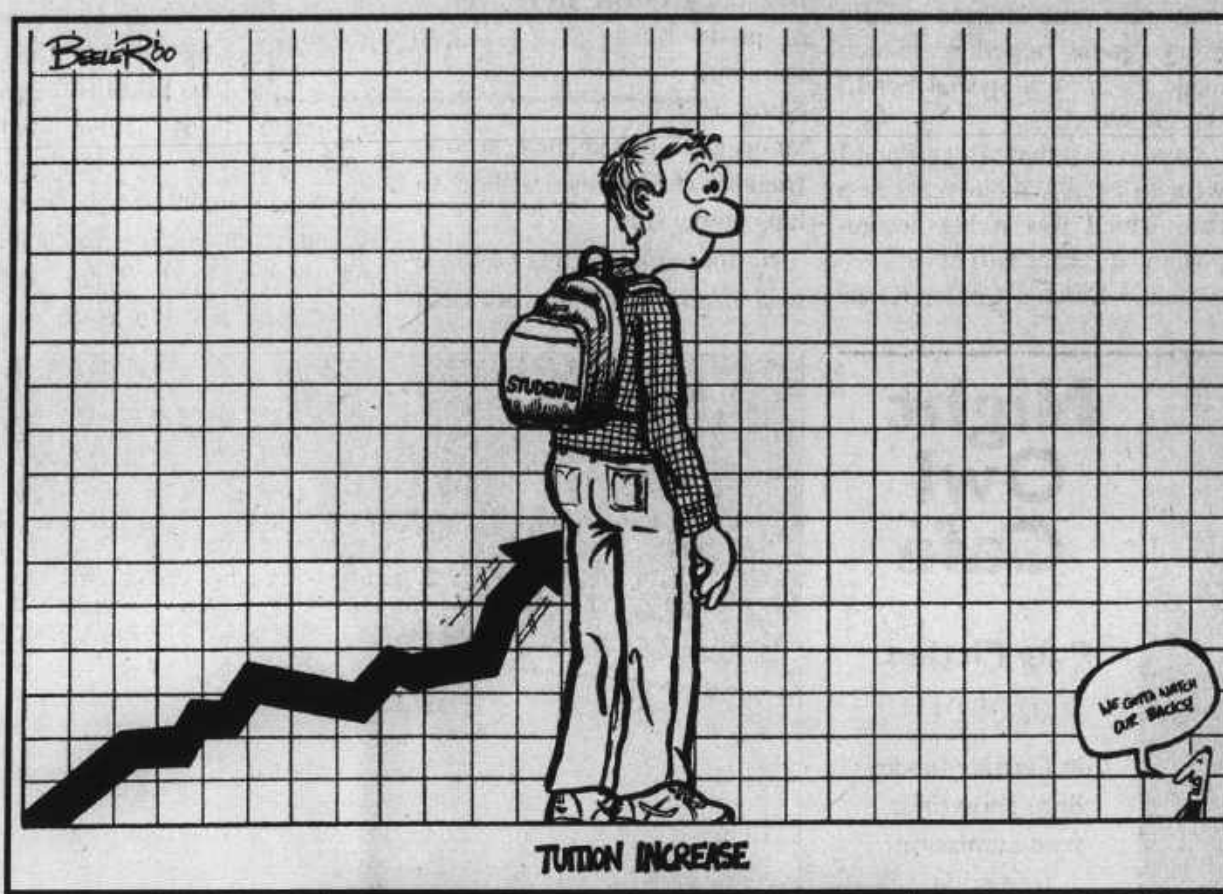
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STAFF COMMENTARY

Flu isn't the end of the world, be thankful

I woke up with the flu last week and after a few lethargic days I eventually felt fine. I'm lucky, because there are plenty of people in this world who get sick and never get better.

I have this friend who felt awful for a few days. She has a big heart; she would do anything for anyone. However, when she was ill, her roommates were more concerned about her touching the silverware than her health. They were afraid that they would catch a simple 24-hour bug. I've got news for them: if the worst thing you do is catch the flu, then consider yourself lucky.

However, some people just don't understand how lucky they are. I have a member of my family who has a bladder disease that has no cure. She has trouble falling asleep every night. She can't eat anything she used to because it inflames her disease. Though she still has her life, it isn't the one she used to have. It is very sad.

People get sick all the time. It's everywhere you go. I've been to the hospital on numerous occasions; I even worked at one. Every time I thought I was in rough shape, I just

looked down the hallway and saw dozens who made my 101-degree temperature seem like nothing.

I learned a lot from those people who were less fortunate than myself. They had a certain passion for life that was unique. Maybe it was because each day could potentially be their last. However, they taught me to enjoy the moment and treat each day as a gift.

When you get older, things get taken from you. You lose people and it seems to happen often. My grandmother seems to get a phone call every week about someone who is sick or has just passed away.

Life isn't like it used to be. When you're young, you can run around for hours and not get tired at all. You're reckless because you can be; it's called enjoying yourself. You never know when something serious is going to happen to you. Getting sick isn't something we choose, but some people have proven that it's not impossible to overcome the odds. Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with cancer and his doctor told him that he might not make it. Not only did Armstrong live, he went out and won the most treacherous biking event in the world, the Tour De France.

I even had a roommate who battled mono and still managed to complete a full season of John Madden football for the Sony Playstation; it was quite the achievement. In all seriousness, we all face things that are beyond our control. Some things can be cured but unfortunately not everything is curable. Enjoy the time you have because tomorrow is never promised to anybody.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson, founding father of our nation

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Forces of bureaucratic tyranny to purge Bush nominees after the elections

Strike one Bush cabinet nominee; if Bill Clinton — one nominee after another having bitten the dust for failure to "withhold wage taxes from their nannies" — it was a foregone conclusion Linda Chavez was going to withstand scrutiny after it turned out she'd allowed an illegal alien to find refuge in her house, occasionally pitching in with the chores.

Score one in the ongoing campaign to deprive Mr. Bush of any advisers or administrators who actively promote even remotely free-market Republican ideals. Next on the intended hit list, obviously, is attorney general nominee John Ashcroft, already subject to prominent "balanced" personality profiles in America's Pravda and Izvestia, the New York Times and The Washington Post, stressing his links to "the Christian Right" in language so thinly veiled one could almost see the red light flashing above the page: "Danger, Will Robinson, Danger: Out-of-Touch Right-Wing Wacko."

When Democrats win the White

House, no one pretends to be "shocked, shocked" to see radical left-wing socialists line up cheek to jowl to be put in charge of each respective bureaucratic chow line. But the general consensus seems to be that it's bad enough Republicans get elected, they surely can't mean to thus pour salt in our wounds by actually governing according to the kind of dangerous, less-government agenda they advanced on the campaign trail.

So, even as the focus now shifts to the purportedly absurd beliefs of Mr. Ashcroft, don't miss the fact that the forces of Political Correctness have also identified a third target of opportunity: Interior Secretary Nominee Gale Norton.

Wedged between its carefully balanced profiles on Ms. Chavez and Mr. Ashcroft, the redoubtable Los Angeles Times on Jan. 9 managed to sandwich in an additional analysis by leftist lawyer Doug Kendall: "Gale Norton is No James Watt: She's Even Worse."

Nominee Norton "promotes a radical interpretation, advanced by University of Chicago law professor Richard A. Epstein, of the U.S. Constitution's 'takings clause,' which bars government confiscation of private property without compensation," attorney Kendall warns.

That "radical interpretation," it turns out, is the straightforward notion that when a government regula-

tion promulgated "for the public good" substantially reduces a property owner's ability to make profitable use of his land, he or she should be compensated... just like it says in the Constitution.

But the Green Extreme squeals like stuck pigs when thus confronted with our Constitution's devout concern for property rights. Obviously, if the federal government had to pay compensation to every land owner who was inconvenienced by being forbidden to manage his or her own property based on some sweeping and baseless theory that this or that obscure weed or bug might be inconvenienced in its "struggle to survive," the bill could quickly grow astronomical.

"If the government must pay compensation when its actions interfere with property rights, then its regulatory actions must be limited," Ms. Norton rightly observes. As in... "limited government." Get it?

The nerve! We should have known! After all, Ms. Norton "began her career litigating on behalf of cattle-men, miners and oil companies," attorney Kendall breathlessly reveals.

Speaking of which, what does Mr. Kendall, founder and director of the Community Rights Counsel (we're pretty sure the Department of Independence once claimed "community rights"—wait a minute, it's got to be here somewhere...) think of the long-established

property rights which form the backbone of multiple use management for public lands in the West?

The nearly 500 million acres now in the "public domain" are now "beset by pollution, eroded by a maintenance backlog and under encroachment from development," he shrills. (That must be quite a view out his Washington window. I drove through almost a thousand miles of that "public domain" on New Year's weekend, north through Nevada to the Ruby Mountains. I spotted 80 deer, a good-sized elk, and a Whole Lot of Empty -- not enough "encroachment" to fill your gas tank.)

They already are encumbered with stale, frivolous or otherwise defective claims of property interests asserted by timber, oil and gas, and grazing lobbyists," attorney Kendall goes on.

Read it again: "Otherwise defective." This, then is the "moderate, reasonable" opposition to the "extreme" notion advanced by former Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, that Americans still retain some kind of "property rights," which protect them from government bureaucrats barging in unannounced at the front door, telling them whether and when they can cut their own grass.

It's going to be an interesting battle.

Russia has more than just MIR problems

Russia's aspiration to be the world's nuclear dumping ground is but one among many pitfalls it has dealt with recently while continually struggling to maintain a sense of power and pride.

Even though their own nuclear plants currently operate at full capacity, Russian officials eagerly await spent nuclear fuel rods from Germany, Spain, Taiwan and Japan, among others. Russians officials have not outlined a plan to treat or store this radioactive refuse, causing the upper lips of many environmentalists to quiver.

The concern of the folks from Russia's Atomic Energy Ministry is not environmental purity: it's money. If all goes as planned, they stand to gain \$21 billion - a modest estimation - from the venture.

As compelling a metaphor as it is a useful one,

early this year.

Russia, with its incessant blunders, is the Shakespearean tragic fool of the international stage: however they may try, they just can't seem to get it right. But, of heavy suffering yet surviving through numerous atrocities, Russians are by no means quitters.

To Russian literary hero Dostoevsky, suffering is the origin of consciousness, so in other words, suffering is an integral facet of being alive and being Russian.

Following this logic, Russians have a lot to be proud of, and indeed they are: In spite of a collapsed economy, the highest male mortality rates in the industrialized world, and a bevy of mail-order bride exports.

In late December, Russian President Vladimir Putin, after receiving letters from indignant footballers, approved of lyrics for the new national anthem whose music stems from the old, Communist-era state song.

After the fall of Communism, Yeltsin instituted a new, wordless national anthem, which at Russian football matches, left players' spirits dampened without a note to sing. According to the players, without an anthem with words honoring their country, their game suffered.

This time around, the anthem sings the praise of "the southern seas to the polar region," instead of exalting the "party of Lenin, the strength of the people," much to the approval of footballers and the greater Russian people.

Meanwhile, like the Little Engine that Could, Russia chugs along, trying its best to clutch onto something worthy of pride, but with each attempt, another mishap follows. The very week Russians polished up their anthem (also coincidentally when contact with the Mir falconer), they also managed to lose six satellites launched into space, skyrocketing Russia's image as fallen space superpower to even greater tragic heights. Sadly, unlike the persistent little locomotive that

Partisan politics prolonged due to Bush's Ashcroft nomination

During his campaign and in his inaugural address, George W. Bush told that he would be a unitar, not a divider. But as usual in politics, actions and words are only distantly related. From John Ashcroft to abortion to executive orders, the new president has created a more divisive situation than any intern scandal could.

Bush's nomination for attorney general was his first mistake. I will never doubt John Ashcroft's honor, ability, integrity, or qualifications. Sen. Joe Biden, the ranking Democrat on

the Judiciary Committee, said he wishes Mr. Ashcroft had been nominated for any other cabinet position. But attorney general he cannot be. The fault is not John Ashcroft's; it falls on President Bush.

John Ashcroft cannot be chastised for his personal beliefs. But the nation's top law-enforcement officer cannot perform effectively if he has serious objections to laws on the books. Ashcroft's nomination divides our country instead of uniting us. Instead of bringing blacks, whites, Democrats, and Republicans together, this nomination pulls them apart.

The president justified his choice by saying that Ashcroft was a great senator and governor. I do not doubt this. But now, instead of making the laws, he is

charged with enforcing them. It is hard to stand up for something in which you do not believe, even for a man of such honor as Ashcroft.

In another divisive move, President Bush has decided to cut off funding for organizations that fund abortions. What Bush has not yet grasped is that there is a difference between being partisan and being divisive, and he is walking a fine line between the two concepts.

Take, for example, his cutting of abortion aid. Abortion is divisive; the environment is not. When Bush reversed many of former President Clinton's last-minute executive orders, especially those having to do with preserving the environment, it was partisan.

Congressional Republicans asked Sen. John McCain

to hold off on raising the issue of McCain-Feingold and campaign-finance reform on the Senate floor until after the new president had time to "settle in." In other words, it is fine for Bush to raise his divisive agenda, but it is rude for two senators to raise an issue that most Americans agree on.

Bush told us during the campaign that he was going to work with Democrats and Republicans to unite and get things done in Washington. He has shown no sign of that so far. By being divisive, instead of simply partisan, he is making his job even tougher. Not only is he alienating Democrats, he is alienating Americans. A president with hopes for a second term should never alienate too many of his bosses.

LETTERS, FAXES & E-MAILS

Science Center funding plan

Live and learn. I did not know until a few years ago that there was a difference between the funding of a Student Center and the funding of an academic building. The Student Center is paid for by bonds that students pay off through student fees. A new or renovated Science Center is paid for through bonds that the tax payers of New Hampshire will pay for.

Therefore, your premise in your Opinion Piece that you do not want to pay for a Science Center in fees from which future students would benefit is no reason to oppose the Science Center. Students fees would not pay for it. Maybe you would not want to pay for education as taxpayers either. In any case, your Opinion requires some to live and learn.

Robert Sherry
Professor of Economics
Keene State College

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial (New Science Center a Rip-Off, January 25, 2001).

Your confusion about the facts and unfortunate conclusion were a disappointment to me and to many faculty and students in the sciences.

Your main point seemed to be that fees charged to current students would pay for Science Center improvements that would benefit only future students. In fact, state tax revenues—not current student fees—pay off the bonds for capital projects like the proposed renovation and expansion of the Science Center.

As graduates, students will contribute to the tax revenues of the state from the enhanced earning power realized by college graduates. This is more of a "win-win" than a "rip-off."

While the editorial did concede that the Science Center is "run down," it did not do justice to the pressing needs. Enrollment at KSC has grown from 1,700 in 1968 when the Science Center was built to about 4,800 students today. As late as

1981, the Division of Sciences had about 45 faculty, compared to about 75 today. Majors like Computer Science did not even exist at KSC in 1968, while today CS has over 150 majors.

This "Old Science Center" supports an outstanding faculty, talented and hardworking students, excellent programs and millions in modern instruments and computers—much of that obtained through grants from the National Science Foundation and other sources that validate the quality of what we offer current students. In addition, we have spent and are spending hundreds of thousands from campus repair and renovation funds to improve facilities for current students (see the new CS lab and Math computer classroom on the first floor, and new Bio labs by fall 2001). But, there are limits to what the campus can do for itself. The sciences are seriously constrained by insufficient space and by facilities that are ill suited to support modern approaches to teaching science by doing science.

The future value of your degree will be enhanced by the growing academic reputation of the college. It is clear to me that strong colleges in

this century will have strength in the sciences. Far from being a rip-off, I think an investment in the Science Center by the State of New Hampshire is an investment in the future, of our students and our state.

Gordon Levesque
Dean of Sciences
Keene State College

Editor's note: Information about the funding of the Science Center was derived from an article in the Keene Sentinel published on January 23.

CORRECTION

Last week, we mistakenly ran an erroneous soundoff. The names and pictures were inaccurate, and the question and answers were not recent. We apologize for the mix-up.

Soundoff

"What is your favorite Superbowl Commercial?"

Interviews and pictures by Danielle Frasier



"Budweiser Lizards"
Jen Smith
sophomore
graphic design



"Monkey guys sitting in garage for e-bay"
Mahamid Ashalef
junior
history/english



"Budbow! Bud bottles playing football"
Michelle Rich
sophomore
elem. ed./commun.



"Budweiser ferret"
Rhyann Toal
sophomore
social psychology



"Miller Light- guys say everything is football"
Shell Ranmal
freshman
computer science



"Dodge vehicles"
Tim Nash
sophomore
occ. safety/psych

1 The Jupiter Symphony

Mexican tomb figures from the William P. Palmer III Collection, Hudson Museum, University of Maine. An exhibit of ceramic figures, dated between 200 B.C. and A.D. 300, from shaft-tombs in West Mexico. Free admission. Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery. For information, call 603-358-2720.

Mambo and Cha Cha lessons

7 p.m., Night Owl Caf, L.P. Young Student Center. Free admission. This is a Black History Month event.

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Images for Eternity

At Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, Mexican tomb figures from the William P. Palmer III Collection, Hudson Museum, University of Maine. An exhibit of ceramic figures, dated between 200 B.C. and A.D. 300, from shaft-tombs in West Mexico. Free admission. For information, call 603-358-2720. Until 2/25

Girl Fight

7 p.m. Putnam Arts Lecture Hall, Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. The story of how a troubled young woman from Brooklyn finds direction in her life through boxing. Rated R.

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Women's Basketball vs. UMass-Dartmouth

1 p.m. Spaulding Gym. 603-358-2630

Men's Basketball vs. UMass-Dartmouth

3 p.m. Spaulding Gym.

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Keene Chamber Orchestra

featuring the works of Tchaikovsky, 4 p.m. Colonial Theater, Main Street, Keene. \$9-\$15.50. Tickets, 352-2033 or www.thecolonial.org

Claring Chamber Players

Brattleboro Music Center Chamber Music Series, 3 p.m., Centre Congregational Church, Brattleboro, Vt. \$5-\$18. 802-257-4523.

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Supporting Students with Asperger's Syndrome

CONFERENCE. For teachers, school counselors, and school administrators. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mountain View Room, L.P. Young Student Center. \$40 registration fee. For additional information, call 603-358-2159.

Malcolm X

Movie, 8 p.m., Night Owl Caf, L.P. Young Student

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The Vagina Monologues

THEATRE, the Obie Award-winning performance piece by Eve Ensler, will be performed by KSC faculty, staff, and students as part of V-Day, celebrating women's sexuality and demanding an end to sexual abuse. The play will be performed at colleges nationwide during the weeks surrounding Valentine's Day. The performance uses explicit sexual language and addresses issues of violence. 7 p.m. Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Women's Crisis Services of the Monadnock Region. For more information, contact Anne-Marie Mallon, professor of English, at 603-358-2689.

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Guns and Talk: not a good combination for film "Way of the Gun" features powerful cast, but goes no where

BY ANDREW SYLVIA
The Equinox

After awhile, even movie critics can get sick of going to the theatre. I don't know what the exact motive was, with theories ranging from not wanting to sludge across a snow covered downtown to just wanting to watch a movie in my underwear. Sure, technically you can go down to the Putnam, Colonial or Hoyt's Key Road and watch a movie in your underwear, but they'd probably throw you out before the end of the coming attractions without a refund. Not that I'd know or anything...

So instead of a cinema, I decided to go over to Video Update and fire up my VCR for Christopher McQuarrie's 2000 crime thriller "The Way of the Gun". ("Surf Nazis Must Die!" was out.) It's amazing how many videos VHQ has; they had like 7 copies of this movie and yet it bombed at the box office. Perhaps Keene was waiting for it to come out on video on something.

Anyway, here's my thirty second synopsis of this movie. Some guys who are totally worthless within society survive by donating blood and/or sperm to people who pay them. Eventually they hear of a rich pregnant woman who frequented the sperm bank so an ambush is prepared since they have nothing to lose. Shots are fired, stuff happens at a gas station, the guys go to Mexico and then nothing happens for a long time until some more shooting happens.

Ok, as with most things, in "The Way of the Gun", you've got your high points and your low points. The high points

include great performances by Benicio Del Toro and James Caan, the ultimate Bagman, as well as an intellectual Neo Noir film that isn't afraid to kill a bunch of people. Unfortunately, the cons outweigh the pros for the most part.

Other than the two aforementioned actors, the cast was mediocre to forgettable; and I'm sorry but a car chase in neutral just doesn't work- maybe someday, but not today. And what the hell was that guy who wanted to kill himself there for? Isn't there a

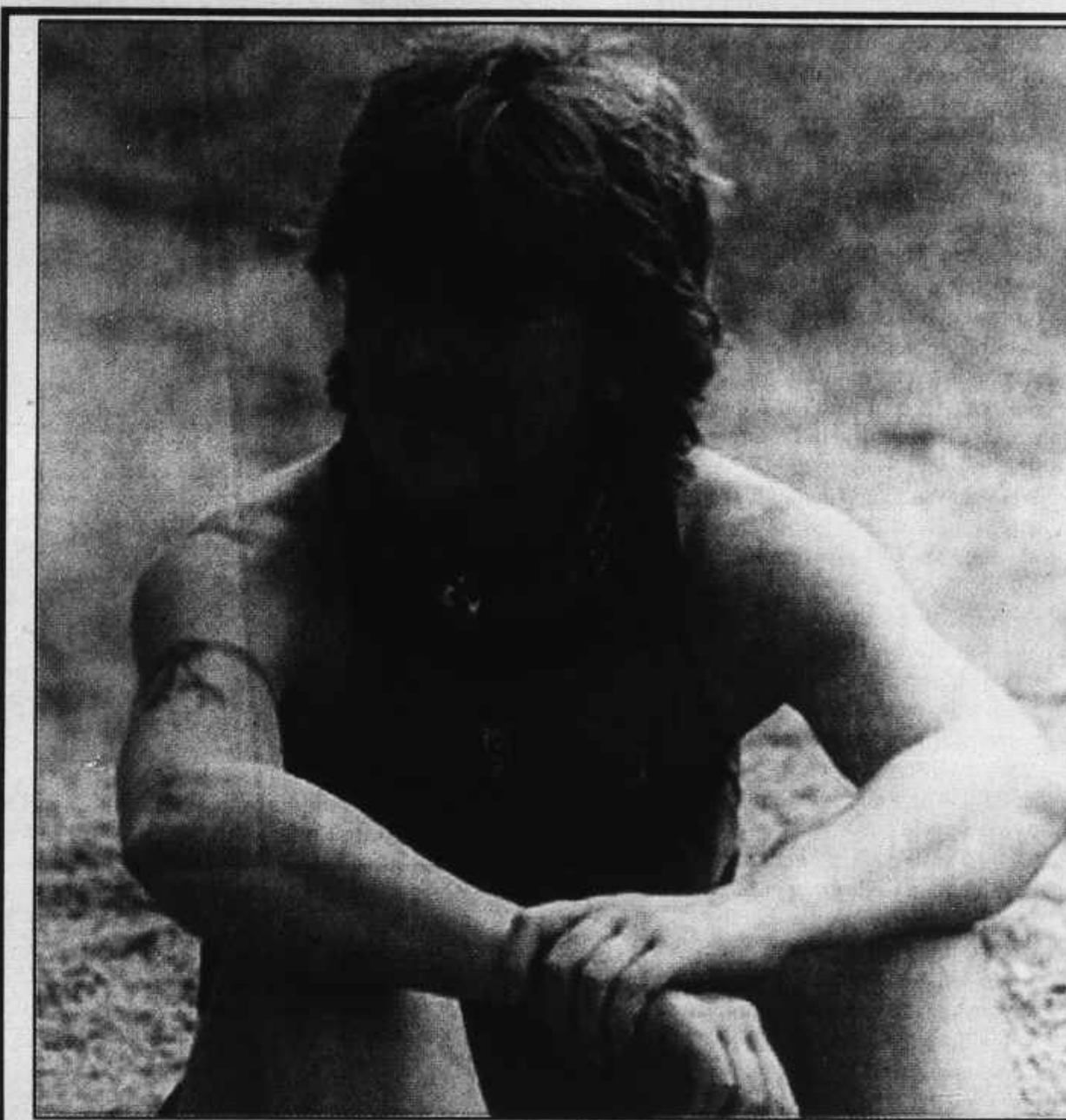
Film Review

rule against people named Abner being in the Mafia? Oh yeah, 30 minutes of meaningless exposition isn't exactly a good thing either. I mean, if I was a Las Vegas Kingpin who just had the woman who was carrying my wife's baby, I wouldn't be talking to my hitmen about it for seven hours. I would just open a can of whoop-ass. Wouldn't you?

Since last weekend was Super Bowl Sunday, I thought it'd be good to use a football analogy to summarize my overview of this film; it keeps on making solid drives down the field just to have the writers fumble again and again. I honestly think this movie could have been the Desperado movie for the turn of the millennium, if it wasn't so clumsy.

Well, I could keep on rambling about this movie, but the Equinox has a finite amount of space for this column. (Everybody else just talks too much.) So in conclusion, if you think James Caan kicks ass (like I do), then this film is for you. Otherwise, you're not missing a whole lot.

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The First to Go:

The image of New Hampshire was dealt another blow Sunday when CBS's "Survivor 2" candidate Debb Eaton from Milan, N.H., was the first to be kicked off the now famous television series. Photo courtesy of www.CBS.com

Are you Anti-Survivor?

BY DIANE CYR
The Equinox

Culture Critique

Does "Survivor II: The Australian Outback" live up to all the hype or will it bring us back to the days of MTV's "Real World"? Sure, the first series was new and exciting but became boring as they introduced another and yet another series to follow.

"Survivor II" premiered directly after the Super Bowl last Sunday, proving that CBS is extremely confident in the show. So confident in fact, that they are going to be airing it directly opposite NBC's Friends.

Thursday nights at 8 p.m. For the one or two people who may not have seen or heard of the show, "Survivor" places 16 people in a remote area, divides them into two tribes and has them compete with one another. The winning tribe gets "immunity" and some trivial prize, such as matches, while the losing tribe votes one of their members off of the show.

Ultimately there can be only one person left, at which point they will receive the prize pouch of one million dollars.

"Survivor II" began the new series by unloading its cast members out of a cargo plane. The group split into the Kucha Tribe, denoted by their blue handkerchiefs, and the Ogakor Tribe, bearing the green. The tribes each received a large

wooden box and a set of instructions on how to find their campsites some five miles away.

As the groups parcel out contents of the boxes, deciding who gets to carry what, you get to know, and immediately dislike,

certain members of the tribe. The drama begins. The tribes find their respective camping areas and set up their makeshift homes, but not before getting lost and managing to get on each others' nerves.

One person is carrying more weight than another while the person with the compass has no idea where they are going and yet another person is feeling ill.

Each cast member was allowed to bring one luxury item on this adventure. Some of them used forethought to choose this item and others did not. One young Texan brought a giant flag that came in handy as a makeshift tent. Another brought a bible of which he tore out a few pages in the failed attempt to make fire.

Jerri, an aspiring actress from Los Angeles, brought a drum with her, which was of absolute no use to her tribe but seemed to amuse her.

The first person to grate on the nerves of both tribe members and viewers alike was Debb

Eaton from Milan, NH. As much as Keene State Students wanted to support their comrade of the same state, Eaton made it hard to do. People cheered when she was voted off the show.

Sophomore Craig Sheil tried to think of a reason for wanting Eaton kicked off the show but it just came down to his "not liking her right from the beginning." Fellow mathematics major Eli Fletcher shared these feeling and commented that she was "extremely annoying."

When asked whom their favorite to win was, both men

said, "it is too early to tell who is likable and who is not." Sheil did say that he "thought the old farmer teacher with the bible was nice" though.

Fletcher said, "he watches Survivor because it is more interesting than normal television programs" and that "it is something he can see himself doing." There are more and more "real TV" shows being produced and that seems to be their biggest draw, that they are real.

How real are these shows though? Graduate student Keith Walter said "all the contestants should get eaten by alligators or suffer from dysentery. The camera men should also suffer

because they have the nerve to be living it up next to these cold and hungry contestants."

Walter feels that the show "is not realistic because if any of the cast members were to hurt themselves there would be a helicopter there to bring them to safety in no time."

Fifth year senior Brian Bergeron said he "would only watch the show if it were more real and involved true survival." He believes "forcing relationships upon the crew with their fellow tribe members is not helpful to anyone." The cast is supposed to group together and bond when they all know it will eventually be brother against brother.

The show may be set up and dramatized but it does involve real people competing for the million-dollar prize.

Perhaps we can look forward to a more realistic version in the future where the contestants are actually in danger and choose to leave the show. Until that happens, we can either mildly entertain ourselves with the Survivor series, or, we can stick to doing homework on Thursday nights.

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"The Wedding Planner" fails as romantic-comedy

BY MARK CARO
Chicago Tribune

"The Wedding Planner" feeds off of the premise that romantic love is nice and weddings are nice, especially when they involve nice people. It's not a comedy made for cynics, so let's take a moment to appreciate what's nice about it.

The stars are Jennifer Lopez's compulsive title character, Mary Fiore, and Matthew McConaughey's charming pediatrician, Steve Edison. And the obstacle to their romantic bliss is Bridgette Wilson-Sampras' beautiful blond heiress, Fran Donolly, to whom McConaughey is engaged to be married. But while Fran easily could have been caricatured, the film treats her with relative dignity — which makes you feel less certain (well, a bit less certain) that Mary is going to pry Steve away from her.

Lopez and McConaughey are appealing performers who bring a pleasing, relaxed energy to their roles. But "The Wedding Planner" is a romantic comedy that fails in both departments: Lopez and McConaughey aren't the kind of pairing that makes you think these two fit, and the unfunny script from first-timers Pamela Falk and Michael Ellis does little to convince you otherwise.

Mary and Steve "meet cute" when he saves her from a runaway garbage Dumpster and lands on top of her. After he treats her minor aches in his children's hospital ward, they wind up seeing an old movie outdoors in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. You know that something's going to throw things off course, and, sure enough, Steve turns out to be the groom in the big ritzy wedding Mary has just begun planning.

Old-fashioned comedies, which "The Wedding Planner" aspires to be, often have their fair share of coincidences, but this coinci-

dence doesn't pave the way for any humorous or emotional pay-offs — it just allows us to share Mary and Steve's discomfort as she plans his wedding.

The movie offers plenty of side characters who work extra hard to show us how colorful they are. Massimo (Justin Chambers) — one of those wacky young Italian romantics — is under the delusion that Mary, who's also Italian, wants to marry him. Alex Rocco as Mary's matchmaking dad, Salvatore — an Old World type who believes in the institution of arranged marriages — seems to be auditioning to replace Al Molinaro in those frozen-dinner ads. Judy Greer (the mopey worker of "What Women Want") apparently had a triple shot of espresso before playing Mary's co-worker/best friend.

First-time director Adam Shankman has been a music-video choreographer, yet as professionally as he shoots an argument/ballroom dance between Mary and Steve, he can't give it any zip. The same is true of the movie in general.

"The Wedding Planner" is begging for a madcap set piece to shake it out of its torpor, but the closest thing to a gag involves Crazy Glue and a statue's penis. Meanwhile, the movie stumbles from cliché to cliché: Like "Miss Congeniality," it opens with a scene of the lead character as a kid exhibiting her dominant personality trait (young Mary is arranging a Barbie-and-Ken wedding).

The biggest laughs are unintentional. When the movie wants to illustrate the everyday tensions between a couple, one character complains, "It drives me nuts the way he hikes up his pant leg after he's eaten too much." And when a character needs to be reassured, she hears this: "Listen to me. You're exquisite, you're timeless and you have the love of a man named Steve."



Mary's (Jennifer Lopez) perfect existence gets thrown out of whack when Dr. Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey) appears out of nowhere and saves her from a near-fatal collision with a runaway dumpster in the Columbia Pictures presentation, *The Wedding Planner* — 2001

"The Wedding Planner"

Directed by Adam Shankman; written by Pamela Falk and Michael Ellis; photographed by Julio Macat; edited by Lisa Zeno Churgin; production designed by Bob Ziemicki; music by Mervyn Warren; produced by Peter Abrams, Robert L. Levy, Jennifer Gibgot, Gigi Pritzker, Deborah Del Prete. A Columbia Pictures release; opens Friday, Jan. 26. Running time: 1:40. MPAA rating: PG-13 (language, some sexual humor).

THE CAST:

Mary Fiore — Jennifer Lopez
Steve Edison — Matthew McConaughey
Fran Donolly — Bridgette Wilson-Sampras
Massimo — Justin Chambers
Penny — Judy Greer
Salvatore — Alex Rocco

Mexican Tomb Figures



Ceramic figures from ancient tombs in West Mexico will be exhibited until Sunday, February 25 at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College. Call 603-358-2173 for more details.

SAC presents:

"Jaws!" Come watch the classic movie in the comfort of the Spaulding Pool, Thursday, 2/8/01 at 9 p.m.

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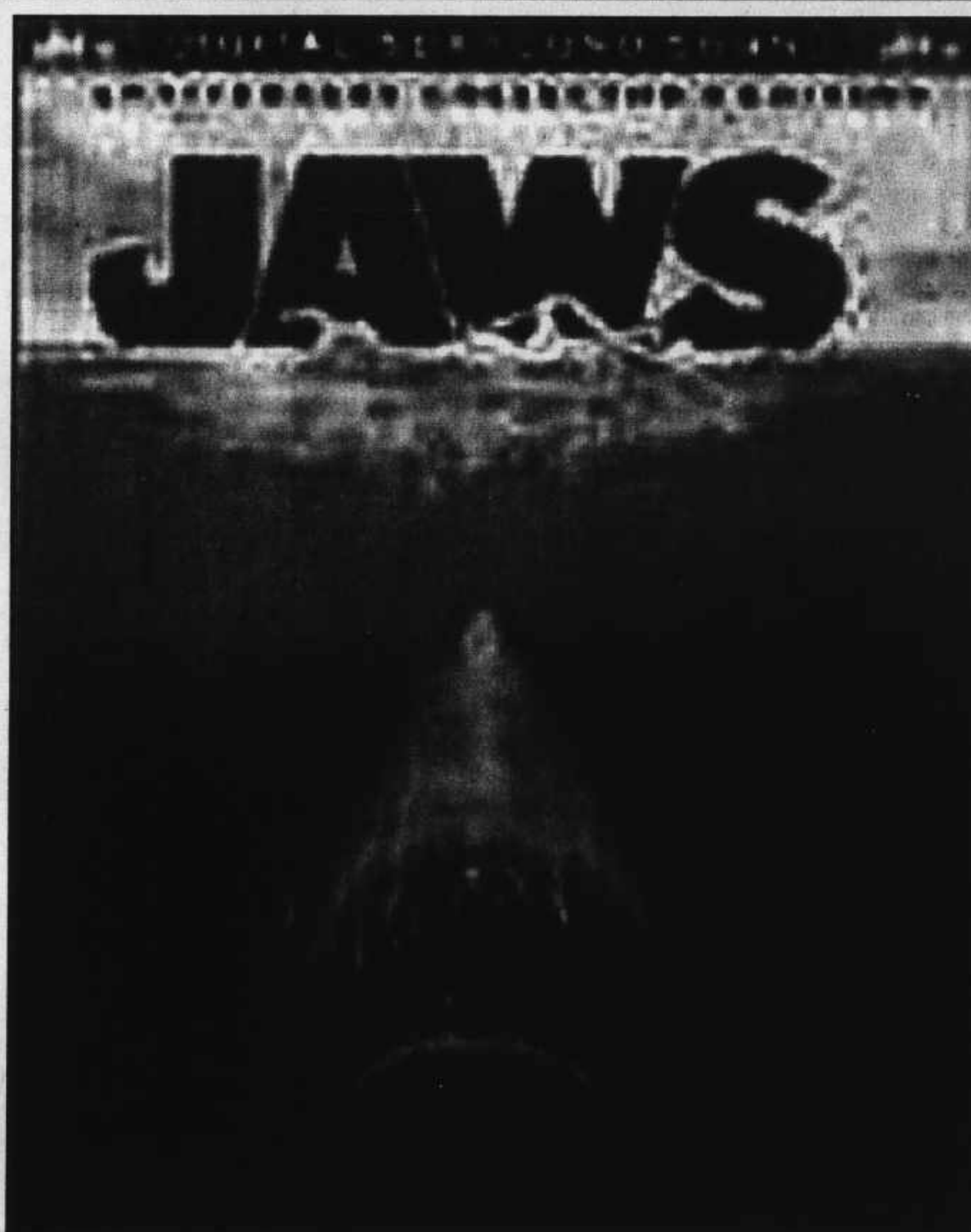
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Thursday, February 1, 2001

Teen gets 70 years for slaying two American students in Costa Rica

BY GLENN GARVIN AND CATALINA CALDERON Knight-Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica _ A young Costa Rican man was sentenced Wednesday to 70 years in prison for the murder of two U.S. college students last year, killings that the presiding judge called "a grave act that not only took the lives of two people, but damaged tourism, too."

Alberto Urbina Cisneros, 19, who never took the witness stand to defend himself and spent most of the weeklong trial

in the Caribbean coastal city of Limon reading the Bible, was convicted of two counts of aggravated murder.

Though he received the maximum 35-year sentence on both convictions, Urbina will serve no more than 50 years, the longest prison term allowed by Costa Rican law.

Urbina is the second man convicted in the murders of a pair of 19-year-old American college students, Emily Eagen of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Emily Howell of Lexington, Ky.

A 16-year-old juvenile was also convicted of the killings in

July and sentenced to 14-1/2 years in prison, six months short of the maximum sentence for a minor.

Police are still seeking a third suspect, a Nicaraguan teenager who they believe has fled Costa Rica.

Both Eagen and Howell were just days short of their 20th birthdays when they were abducted minutes after leaving a bar in the south Caribbean beach resort town of Puerto Viejo. The two were shot to death at close range on a deserted roadside a few miles away.

The young women were classmates at Antioch College in Ohio and had been living in Costa Rica _ where Howell was working on a school project.

Their deaths were a major blow to Costa Rica's booming tourism industry, and the government had to spend millions of dollars rebuilding the country's image as a tranquil tropical paradise.

Prosecutors, who argued that the motive of the crime was the theft of the young women's rented sport utility vehicle, called 17 witnesses over three days last week before the trial recessed to allow a psychiatric examination of Urbina.

Through their witnesses, prosecutors portrayed Urbina and the two teenagers as brutal but dumb killers who ran out of gas and had to call a tow truck as they fled the murder scene in the stolen vehicle. They culprits ordered the tow truck driver to set it afire when he saw blood inside.

Though no one testified about the actual shootings, several witnesses _ including three security guards who said they saw Urbina and the two teenagers disposing of one of the murder weapons _ placed Urbina in the women's vehicle in the hours

after they were killed.

Urbina's attorney, Aisan Herrera, attacked what he called inconsistencies in the testimony of those witnesses during their cross-examination, and in his final argument Wednesday insisted that the evidence against his client was only circumstantial.

But Judge Carlos Porras, in handing down the sentence said that the evidence showed Urbina "had a direct participation" in the murders.

Events

Thursday, Feb. 1
Mambo and Cha Cha Lessons

7 p.m. • Night Owl Cafe • free admission
taught by Vicky Riquelme from Miami, Petricio Chelona

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Film: Malcolm X

8 p.m. • Night Owl Cafe • free admission
sponsored by the Young Student Center and the Diversity Commission
The biography of the influential and controversial black nationalist leader. Directed by Spike Lee (1992).

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Cecil Lyle: Rags to Other Riches

7 p.m. • Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
Diversity is a theme of classical and jazz pianist Cecil Lyle's career. He has released 12 recordings since 1974, ranging from ragtime to Beethoven piano sonatas. A professor of music and the provost of Thurgood Marshall College at the University of California, San Diego, Mr. Lyle has earned a reputation as a recitalist performing 19th and 20th century piano music.
"Rags to Other Riches" is a solo piano concert of music created by African-Americans in the 20th century, including the improvised tradition and the notated tradition. Mr. Lyle will perform work by Scott Joplin,

Thomas "Fats" Waller, George Gershwin, Herbie Hancock and others.
At UCSD, Mr. Lyle led an initiative to establish a model charter school on campus to attract and educate motivated, low-income youngsters from the surrounding community. His belief is that all youngsters can perform at high academic levels in a high-expectation, rigorous, and supportive educational environment. Tickets are \$7 for the general public, and \$5 for seniors, KSC faculty, staff and students.

Workshop with Cecil Lyle
"Influences of African-American Music on Popular American Music" • 1:30-3 p.m. • Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center • free admission

Thursday, Feb. 15

Film: The Color Purple

8 p.m. • Night Owl Cafe • free admission
sponsored by the Young Student Center and the Diversity Commission
This movie follows the life of Celie, a young black girl growing up in the early 1900s. Directed by Steven Spielberg (1985).

Thursday, Feb. 22

The Princely Players Jubilee Gospel Singers

7 p.m. • Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center
The Princely Players will bring to Keene State the rich tradition of jubilee gospel. The Players will perform Roll Jordan Roll, Go Down Moses, and Swing Low Sweet Chariot, among others. The Players have toured throughout the Southeast since 1978. They have performed with

LadySmith Black Mambazo and have recorded spirituals for NPR's album *Wade in the Water* and for the Time-Life *Civil War* album. The Players bring a special dramatic flair to each concert as they not only sing but also recite poetry and prose about slavery and the liberation of slaves. Tickets are \$17 for the general public, \$14 for KSC staff/faculty, \$9 for youth under 17 and \$5 for students. Senior citizens are free. Call the box office at 358-268.

Workshop on Gospel Singing and Black History in America
"African-American History" • 1:30-2:30 p.m. • call 358-268 for more information

Monday, Feb. 26

Morris Dees: "Voices of Hope and Tolerance for the New Millennium"

7:30 p.m. • Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Arts Center • free admission • sponsored by the Sidore Lecture Series and the Diversity Commission

Morris Dees, the attorney who has made it his life's work to put white supremacists and hate groups out of business, will be this year's Sidore Lecturer. Mr. Dees will speak about "Voices of Hope and Tolerance for the New Millennium," addressing how America's commitment to justice for all will determine the nation's success in the next century, as America becomes more diverse and economic disparity widens.

During the 1960s, Mr. Dees began working as an attorney with minorities. In 1971, Mr. Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, which represents clients whose civil rights were violated or who were victims of hate crimes. Because of his efforts, Mr. Dees' life has been repeatedly threatened and his offices bombed.

Mr. Dees devotes his time to suing hate groups and devising ideas for "Teaching Tolerance," the Center's education project. Most recently, he has devoted his time to educating people about the radical militia movement. His 1996 book, *Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat*, exposed the dangers these groups present.

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(and other fun stuff)

Week of 02-01-01 Horoscopes

Aries

March 21-April 20
Message: Breaking through. New friendships and business partnerships will now bring a noticeable rise in confidence, Aries. Before mid-week your mental focus, workplace determination and ability to attract new relationships will be particularly attractive to others.

Taurus

April 21-May 20
Message: Loyalties aligned. Early this week, Taurus, a work official may offer your services or time to others. Business triangles and quickly changing schedules may be a theme over the next few days. Remain diplomatic; this is not a good time to publicly doubt the expertise or decisions of authority figures. Later this week a new romantic attraction may be surprisingly seductive.

Gemini

May 21-June 21
Message: Distant passions. Pay close attention to old documents or past business agreements this week. Gemini aspects indicate that a work official or financial authority figure may now demand detailed explanations of old debts, statements and records. After mid-week some Gemini may also experience powerful memories or the return of yesterday's romantic passions.

Cancer

June 22-July 22
Message: Courage. Work officials or long term business partners may be particularly critical of your actions and decisions this week. Key issues involve recently broken contracts or failed financial proposals. Long term affects will be minimal, Cancer, so not to worry. Do, however, expect fellow workers to be temporarily self absorbed and moody. Later this week a friend or workmate may cancel recent plans.

Leo

July 23-August 22

Message: Finding calm. Daily routines will simplify early this week. Leo. Recent misunderstandings with authority figures or annoying changes to paperwork will no longer be an issue in working relationships. By mid-week expect business officials or key colleagues to clearly focus on creative ideas, new procedures or future growth. Later this week a close friend may be particularly sensitive to social criticism.

Virgo

August 23-September 22
Message: Responding to passion. Before mid-week, Virgo, a work official or key business figure may announce new or unusual workplace procedures. Watch records, calculations or inventory for unexpected errors. Respond quickly and pay close attention to small details: bothersome mistakes will soon prove costly. Late Thursday romance and sensuality will be difficult to resist.

Libra

September 23-October 23
Message: Success by degrees. Home based business opportunities or short-term investments will be particularly rewarding over the next few days. After Tuesday watch for new financial proposals or unique business openings to arrive. Some Librans will now rely strongly on past or forgotten ideas to fulfill their work ambitions. Later this week avoid serious discussions with a close friend or lover.

Scorpio

October 24-November 21
Message: Agility, balance, commitment. Business or financial communications may be subtle and complex this week. For the next few days expect work officials and colleagues to be overly focused on small amounts, unusual errors or short term contractual limitations.

Sagittarius

November 22-December 21
Message: Attention to detail. Expect comments on your appearance or public reputation this week. Sage. Late Tuesday afternoon both work co-workers and friends will openly express new ideas, minor criticisms and unique business suggestions. Many Sagittarians will soon adopt a more public role in working relationships and social gatherings.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20
Message: Above all, balance. Unusual complications may now arrive in key friendships, Cap. Early this week watch for a long term friend to object to recent plans or express disappointment concerning a mutual acquaintance. There may be more involved than is apparent, Cap: avoid being drawn into subtle emotional battles. Late Thursday your energy and optimism begin returning; plan new social gatherings or group events.

Aquarius

January 21-February 19
Message: Taking control. Publicly state your needs to business officials and work partners this week, Aquarius. Over the next few days an unusual emotional triangle at work may cause a quick shuffle of assignments or schedules. After Wednesday social energy returns; before next week new interests or hobbies will again be pleasing.

Pisces

February 20-March 20
Message: Pacing to win. This week is an excellent time to state your workplace ideas, intentions or ambitions. Over the next 3 to 4 days, both officials and colleagues will be receptive to your influence and financial wisdom. Pisces: you may be surprised by how quickly a response is offered. Late this week watch also for minor social confusion over conflicting events.

Family Support Workers

May Graduates in the Human Service Field interested in a part time position working with children and families. Hours are typically after 3:00pm and weekends. Pay is \$10.00/hr. + mileage. Please Call Danielle at Monadnock Family Services 357-4400 ext. 052

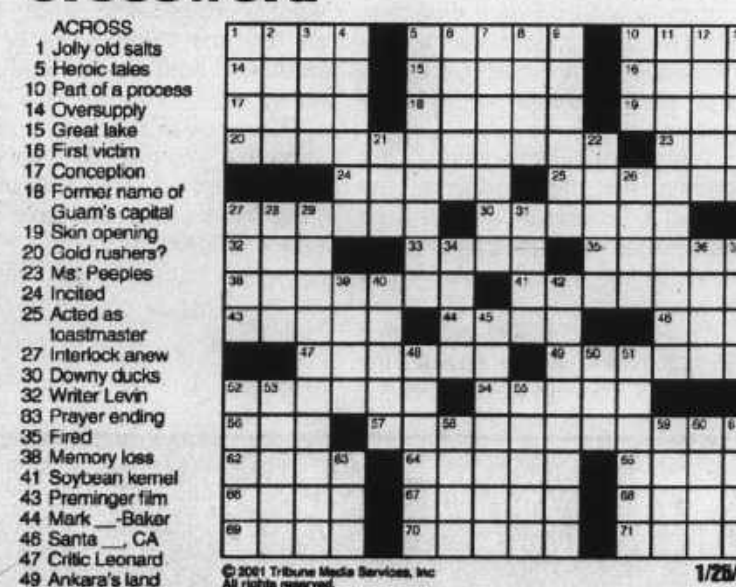
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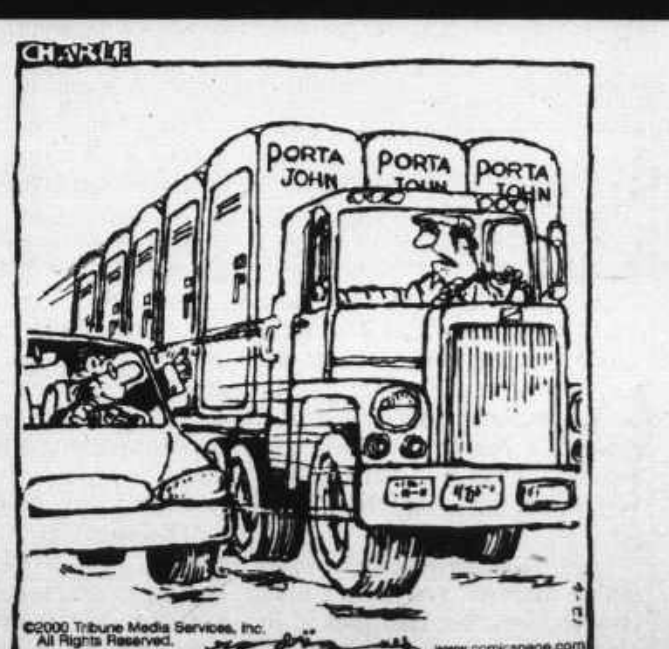


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This KSC student is strapped for cash.

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Simpsons quote of the Week

"To alcohol: The solution to, and cause of, all of life's problems."

Homer Simpson

Dude, Where's My Car?

BYJOHN MAGUIRE
The Equinox

For many students attending Keene State College, driving their car to campus is the only way possible to make it to class.

The weather, where you live or work, children, or a myriad of other factors can sometimes make a leisurely stroll to class an impossibility.

These students are forced to rely on the College's parking areas, making an available parking spot a highly important, and sometimes scarce, commodity.

Parking passes are sold at the Parking Office on Appleton Street.

They are sold by the year and their prices range from \$150 for a resident on-campus pass, all the way down to temporary passes for a few bucks a piece and free passes for evening students and faculty. A pass to park in the Winchester Lot is sold for \$75 per year.

Looking at the lots on campus during the week you see not only crowded lots, but cars parked in places where there are no spots. In front of Hallway is a good example of this.

According to the folks at the parking office, there are about 1400 parking spots on campus, including the Winchester Lot.

Chris Stochinski, a senior with a commuter on campus parking pass, is on campus late morning pretty much every day of the week and has a hard time finding an open spot. "The parking situation sucks. I drive around from lot to lot trying to find a free place. It's very frustrating being late for class after paying \$125 so this kind of thing wouldn't happen."

Another student, Pony Blane, also lives off campus and drives to classes, feels ripped off as well. "I see cars with no passes taking up spots that I paid good money to park in."

Although there were many complaints about the availability of parking, it seems to be "a problem you will find anywhere," says Chuck Gowing, an employee of the parking office for Keene State, which was, ironically crowded with parked cars as well.

The situation on the campus mirrors that of the city itself. Parking is hard to come by downtown, too," continued Chuck.

He went on to say he was not sure if the problem encountered is the price of the parking tickets

issued to those parking in wrong lots or parking with no stickers.

Jacob Marler, a commuter says, "I don't like paying \$35 or \$50 if I happen to park on campus for a class."

I can park a few feet away and if I get a ticket from the city, it's only for 3 bucks. It's not fair that the school charges so much for their parking."

With college students not known for their tidiness, the Model X features an interior floor made of an easy-to-clean textured resin, along with durable, washable seats.

Powered by a next-generation Honda four-cylinder engine, the Model X concept also features a

door gear. The four-seat Model X converts into a pseudo-pickup with a rear roof section that slides forward and a rear window that drops into the tailgate. Double side doors swing out to provide a wide-open loading space.

Rear seats fold and slide forward to create cargo space or napping room for occupants, presumably after a long day of biking or partying.

Are You Short on Money?

BYKEVIN NORRIS
The Equinox

Feeling no change in your pocket? You're not alone, most students have a shortage of cash.

College life is an adjustment for most students, especially when it comes to money and the lack thereof. Students are used to home cooked meals from mom and always having money in their pocket.

Now, a good home cooked meal consists of a bag of Ramen Noodles right out of the pot. Forget about drinking the expensive beer.

The beer of choice, for most students, is the one that is the cheapest. Cheap beer and a bag of noodles.

Isn't college life the best? "I drink cheap beer to try to save my money," said senior Matt Wallat.

Senior Greg Lam said that when he started to get low on cash he did not go out as much. "I stay home and wait for my next pay check."

Most students felt that the answer to this problem is to go out and get a job.

Just by working a few nights a week you can earn enough money to be able to enjoy your

self and not starve. "I work three nights a week," said senior Karyn Bissonnette.

"I work four nights a week, so hopefully I will not run out of money," said junior Kerry Miller.

Other students choose to work over the breaks and hope that they make enough money to survive the semester.

"I worked over the break and saved up money," said senior Annie Rahko.

When students run out of money and decide not to get a job, they talk about the only option that is left: call mom or dad and beg for money.

"I call and beg my mother for money," said senior Jessica Stanley. "I tell her that my schedule is to hectic to get a job."

If the parents do not go for the idea of begging for money, you could always try telling a little white lie.

"I call my mother and tell her I need money for books or other supplies," said first year student Kristen Kopley.

These are a few options given from Keene State students on what to do when the money supply is almost dry.

You can decide on what path you would like to take.

A Nice Car for College Guys

BY LAWRENCE ULRICH
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Several carmakers are chasing the youth market, but Honda Motor Co.'s latest concept vehicle aims at an even smaller slice of the market pie: young, active college guys.

With skateboarders and mountain bikers performing tricks on U-shaped ramps near the stage, Honda unveiled the Model X on Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show.

The show opens to the public Saturday.

Model X is a boxy blend of a pickup truck and sport-utility designed as a hang-out space for guys, their friends and their out-

door gear. The four-seat Model X converts into a pseudo-pickup with a rear roof section that slides forward and a rear window that drops into the tailgate. Double side doors swing out to provide a wide-open loading space.

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five-speed manual shifter and a navigation system.

Eric Schumaker, Honda Exterior design manager, said the company has not decided whether to build the Model X.

Honda officials were coy about which vehicles the Model X would compete with, saying there are few new vehicles that college students both want and can afford.

"They're a fairly affluent generation, but you can't do something stupid on price," said Schumaker. "The Model X would have to be under \$20,000."



Finding a parking spot has been an adventure already

photo by Josh Scott

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Men's b-ball continues to cruise

By JASON CAMPBELL
The Equinox

It's been quite a week for the Keene State College men's basketball team. Some papers called this "the meat of the season," but in reality it's just the beginning. From this point on every game has to be considered a playoff game.

The Owls began on the right foot last Thursday when they played their second to last non-conference game versus Notre Dame College (NH).

Chris Coates, for the second straight game, came out on fire scoring 15 out of the Owls first 20 points.

The entire team also got into the action as Keene State nearly cleared its entire bench in the first half. The game proved to be highly fast paced and up-tempo contest as at the half the Owls held onto a 62-40 lead.

Coates continued his dominating play in the second half finishing out with a career high 41 points and 16 rebounds.

"I knew that when I came out and hit my first five shots that it was going to be a good night," Coates stated after the game. "I continued throughout the game to take open shots and they were giving me open looks so I took them. Next thing I knew I had my career high."

The rest of the Owls followed Coates' lead as even the freshmen players got some time and looked good. Keene State finished the game with a well-needed 98-83 victory.

The next game was a scary one for the team as they returned to Rhode Island College. RIC has always been a curse for the Owls during their three years in the Little East.

This was truly not a match up to be taken lightly. The Owls looked stagnant for most of the game and were not able to finish off the big shots. They would pull close, about two to four points, and fall back again.

With about eight minutes left in the game a sense of urgency filled the Owls, as they were 11 points behind 64-53. Someone needed to step up and who better to do this than Dave Stantial who had been in a slump as of late.

Things went back and forth between the two teams for the next couple minutes. Stantial hit a fade away shot to push the lead up to three and RIC hit some foul shots to cut it right back down to one, 70-69.

Fieldhouse hit a pair of free throws to regain a three-point lead and the Anchormen's Mike Costigan hit a baseline jumper to pull back within one with 13 seconds to play 72-71. JT Torra came back to the other end and hit two huge free throws, which would prove to put the game away. Costigan gave one last shot to tie the game up but a desperation three fell short and the Owls stole the game and avoided the upset 75-71.

On Sunday the Owls hosted Plymouth State College in a cable televised game, the first since 1970. A huge crowd of 2000 people showed up to cheer on the Owls and heckle the Panthers during warm-ups.

Deja-vu set in for the men's basketball team as they quickly found themselves trailing 15-6 and almost incapable to hit a big shot. The Owls called time out and seemed to regroup, as they would stun Plymouth for the time being. Coates gave Keene State their first lead with 10 minutes left in the half 19-17.

The lead would not last into halftime as the Panthers stayed on step ahead and led 44-41 at the horn. Something just didn't seem right for Keene State as they sparked, but shot an uncharacteristic 2-15 from the three-point arch. Plymouth meanwhile shot an astounding 54 percent from the field for the half.

With four minutes left in the game the entire gymnasium erupted as the Owls came out of a time out. This seemed to pump adrenaline into the team, especially Stantial, who stole two back to back inbound passes and scored 2 of his total 36 points. At this time the Owls took control of the game but the Panthers would not stay quiet.

Kyle Purinton would prove that fouling him was a costly mistake as he hit one of his first pair and with 22 seconds left two huge free throws to put Keene State up 92-86. Plymouth kept

things interesting nailing a three from the corner but were then forced to foul Coates who only needed to hit one of the two to clinch the win 93-89.

The win brings their winning streak to eight games and improves their record to 14-4 overall, 8-1 in the Little East.

Even more importantly this puts them in a tie for first place with U M a s s Dartmouth, who they face home on Saturday.

Keene State also improves to the third spot in the New England standings and faces number five ranked Tufts on Wednesday here at Spaulding Gymnasium.

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Equinox photo by Lauren Mazzotti

Track runs at Terrier Classic

By MARK MILLER
The Equinox

Last weekend the Keene State College men's and women's track teams traveled to Boston University to compete in the 20th annual Terrier Classic. The Owls went to Boston in search of qualifying times for this year's NCAA Indoor Nationals to be held in March.

Despite not bringing back any automatic qualifying time, the Owls did return to Keene with three separate provisional performances.

This year's edition of the Terrier Classic saw Keene State bring home those times in the men's and women's 5,000-meter runs and the men's distance medley relay.

First to hit the 200-meter banked surface at Boston University was freshman Meg Mathews in the women's mile. Mathews got off to a fast start, but the early pace proved to be too much for the talented freshman. She finished with a time of 5:37.17, good enough for 23rd in unseeded action.

Next on the track was the dynamic duo of Joe Dunham and Mary Proulx in the women's 5,000-meter.

From the start Proulx took off in the lead and quickly established herself as the runner to beat, before falling behind by about 10 meters. Not to be outdone, Proulx charged back and claimed the lead for good with 400 meters to go finishing with a provisional qualifying time of 17:37.38.

Horton had a breakthrough race and finished up with a time of 19:07.85.



Some of the indoor track runners were honored at halftime for their work during the x-country season.

Equinox photo by Lauren Mazzotti

2:03 to come home with a NCAA provisional qualifying time in 14:50.52.

"I just fell out of my rhythm in the second mile and couldn't get it going," he said.

Immediately following Perez was sophomore All-American Mary Proulx in the women's 5,000-meter.

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Leavitt held his ground in second place for 400 meters before handing off to St. Germaine, who exploded early only to fall back later in the race. By the time he passed off to Dunham the Owls

were in fifth place. Dunham stepped up as the anchor with a personal best of 4:14 giving the Owls the time that they needed to qualify in 10:06.89, which was also the second fastest time in school history.

"I am so excited to be going to the nationals," said Dunham. Coach Peter Thomas was thrilled with the results of the race saying, "We are 11 seconds ahead of where we were last year, how can I not be happy?" he said.

The Owls will now gear up for this week's Little East Conference Championships to be held at the University of Southern Maine.

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

By ERIN JOHNSTONE
The Equinox

In the spring and fall weather, campus students find many uses of the sports field located by the Ponds residence hall known as the A field. In an attempt to bring excitement to the winter months, an ice rink became a recent addition.

Student Body President Matt Ulvila and Vice President Michelle Scott decided to make this possible during Christmas break.

"We wanted to start a new event for students to enjoy the winter," Scott said. The grounds crew is maintaining the area for the students to skate.

The area is prohibited after midnight. All campus students are welcome to skate and are invited to the events. On Saturday, February 3, from 7 to 11 p.m., there will be a "Fire and Ice" night on the rink. Events will be: ice skating games, hockey, snow sculpting, food, music, prizes, a bon fire, and more.

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By STUART KAUFMAN
Sports Information

Both the Keene State College men's and women's swim teams lost close meets to Bentley College Saturday at the Spaulding Gym Pool.

A victory in the 200-yard freestyle relay, the final event of the meet enabled Bentley to edge the Owl women 127-112. It was Keene State's (6-1) first dual meet loss of the season. Bentley remains undefeated with a 13-0 record.

Lisa Wandeloski set her second straight Owl record. Her time of 54.45 in the 100-yard freestyle broke the previous record of 55:23 set by Seanna Matthews in 1998.

The freshman from Westfield, Mass., who also captured the 200 freestyle (2:00.28), had set a new mark in the 200-yard individual medley on Wednesday at Salem State.

Other first place finishes for Keene State included Cristen Hart (Haverhill, Mass.) in the 100 backstroke (1:05.10), Lanell Smith (Concord, N.H.) in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.38) and the 200 medley relay team of Katie Tetraut, Kate Goulet, Hart and Wandeloski in a time of 1:57.42.

Nicole Skroski won the 500 freestyle (5:39.74) and 1,000 freestyle (11:34.89) to lead the Falcons.

The Keene State men's team saw its record dip to 5-2 after a 109-112 loss to Bentley. The Falcons improve to 8-1.

The Owls recorded five first place finishes in the meet. Jeff Sullivan (Nashua, N.H.) won a pair of events in the 50 freestyle



Lisa Wandeloski and the rest of the Owl swimmers have been tearing it up lately.

(23.28) and the 100 freestyle (51.31).

Brian Henegan (Needham, Mass.) captured the 200 freestyle (1:54.41) and 500 freestyle (5:19.74) and Rob Kane (W. Springfield, Mass.) won the 1,000 freestyle (10:52.56).

Jeff Richards (Plainville, Mass.) won the 200 ind. medley (2:07.61) and the 100 breaststroke (1:03.76) and Matt Cupps won both one-meter (261.1 points) and three-meter diving (293.7 points) events to lead the Falcons.

Earlier in the week the Keene State College men's and women's swim teams posted victories over Salem State College in a meet held in Salem, Mass. last week.

With the change in format, the meet was run as time trials for the upcoming New England Championships.

In the women's competition, Wandeloski put her name in the record book by winning the 200-

yard individual medley. Her time of 2:21.20 broke a 21-year-old Owl record in the event, the oldest mark on KSC's record board. The previous mark (2:22.80) was set by Candace Shaw in 1980.

Wandeloski just missed the Keene State record by two-tenths of a second in the 50-yard butterfly. The record surprised

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Women's basketball goes down to the wire for the second straight game, come out on top 51-49

By MIKE MACIEL
The Equinox

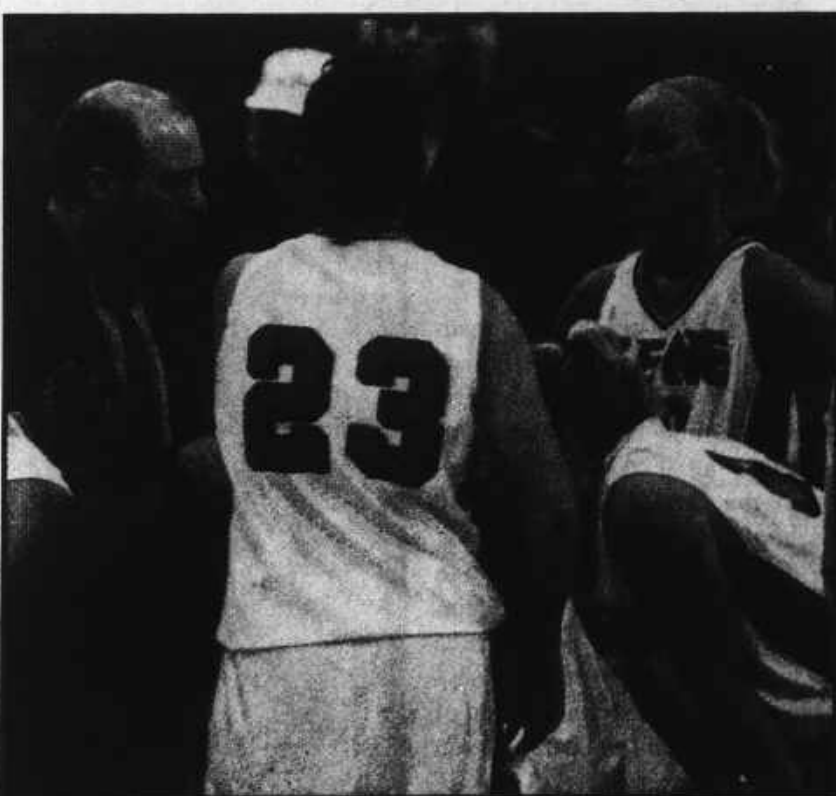
The Keene State College women's basketball team played poorly on Saturday against Rhode Island College but stole the game by a score of 51-49 on a three-pointer by Hayley Alaimo with 13 seconds left.

Ironically the game off of an inbound play, which Keene State couldn't convert on last week against Eastern Connecticut.

According to head coach Keith Boucher the women didn't play well in the first half, but came back in the second half with good defensive effort. "We made ugly look beautiful on Saturday," he said.

The hard-fought road win improved the Owls record to 12-6 and 5-4 in Little East play. Rhode Island fell to 6-11 and 3-6 in the conference.

"Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," Boucher added. "In this conference it's a dogfight every night."



Coach Boucher leading his troops in a game last week.

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Erika Forsberg led the Owls with 15 points, seven rebounds, and two steals while Alaimo finished with 11 points.

The women have another away game Thursday night at New England College before returning home to face UMass-Dartmouth this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Spaulding Gym.

For anyone who hasn't seen the women on the court yet this season, make it a point to get to one of the remaining home games.

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*Indicates home game	
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Men's Basketball	
Feb. 3 vs. UMass-Dartmouth 3 p.m. *	
Feb. 6 @ Plymouth State 7:30 p.m. *	
Feb. 10 vs. Western Conn. State 3 p.m. *	
Women's Basketball	
Feb. 1 @ New England College 7 p.m. *	
Feb. 3 vs. UMass-Dartmouth 1 p.m. *	
Feb. 6 @ Plymouth State 5:30 p.m. *	
Indoor Track	
Feb. 3 LEC Championships @ University of Southern Maine	
Swimming & Diving	
Feb. 16-18 New England Championships @ Bentley College	
*Don't miss Fire and Ice out at the new rink on the "A" fields behind Carle Hall Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. *	

If you missed it....



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ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll	
1. Stanford	19-0
2. Duke	19-1
3. Kansas	17-1
4. North Carolina	17-2
5. Michigan State	16-2
6. Illinois	16-4
7. Tennessee	17-3
8. Syracuse	16-3
9. Arizona	14-5
10. Maryland	14-5
11. Virginia	14-4
12. Wake Forest	14-5
13. Georgetown	17-2
14. Florida	13-4
15. Alabama	16-3
16. Wisconsin	13-4
17. Iowa	16-4
18. Iowa State	17-3
19. USC	13-4
20. Boston College	14-2
21. Oklahoma	15-4
22. Penn State	17-2
23. Connecticut	13-6
24. Texas	15-5
25. Texas Tech	12-6

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This snow fort and dragon were just some of the things students made on Tuesday's day off after the campus was covered on Monday

Anne Ames recognized for excellence

By ANNIE RAHKO
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Keene State College President Stanley Yarosewicz recently awarded Anne Ames with the 12th President's Award for Excellence.

The recent renovations to the Mason Library have been a huge success yielding easier access to information as well as safer conditions.

These renovations could not have been possible without hard work and leadership skills of individuals involved in the project, especially Ames, the circulation librarian.

Ames is the 11th individual to receive this award.

The award was established by President Yarosewicz to recognize individuals and offices that make exceptional contributions to the College.

"Dr. Y uses this award to highlight people that have really gone the extra mile in their jobs. It's a public way of saying thank you to people who have worked really hard," said Julie Dickson, assistant to the President.

Dickson said there is no nomination process involved with the award. It's sort of a surprise.

Senior Lori Blais, a student worker at the library said, "she knows her stuff."

She became circulation librarian in 1992. She served as coordinator during the recent renovations.

Such renovations included pulling

wires to re-network the facility, relocating reference periodicals, and moving a mile of books in four days.

"My role was voluntary. I would communicate with contractors, staff, and the community," said Ames.

Ames said she enjoys every aspect of her job.

This includes working with student employees and being part of their college experiences.

She also enjoys working and interacting with the public.

Ames believes she won the award because of her extensive collection of digital photographs of the project, which helped to observe the work in progress.

She said she took approximately 4,000 pictures, which were important not only for documentation to be used by staff and administrators, but also for fundraising.

The library is not just a cosmetic issue. The sprinklers and new staircase are a huge safety advancement.

"I believe there is an overall need for every institution to pursue having buildings up to code," said Ames.

Ames said renovating the library was a huge project that took a lot of planning.

She as well as her student workers tried to maintain normalcy throughout the renovations but it wasn't easy.

Stacey Mitchell graduated in May 2000. He works as weekend supervisor.

Ames was impressed with the professionalism of Macmillan Company.

She said they provided safe routes for her and her students to travel through when they needed to get books or other materials.

She said that overall the results of the renovations are good.

The library is more relaxed with comfortable seating and a better arrangement.

Phase two of the library's renovation is supposed to begin in the spring of 2002.

According to Ames it is a smaller project focusing on the other end of the building.

The College is waiting for funds



Librarian Anne Ames "knows her stuff"

from the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) trustees.

Ames has been a member of the Mason Library Circulation Department since 1990, when she joined the staff as circulation supervisor.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Franklin Pierce College and a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University. She has many talents including bookbinding, archives management, and contingency planning.

Ames has been a resident of Nelson, NH for 30 years. She enjoys gardening and bookbinding. She grew up in a lighthouse in Cape Cod, and has a love of nature and animals.

Students upset about Arts Center hours

By HEATHER SKIDMORE
The Equinox

State College majors at Keene State College would like to see some changes at the Redfern Arts Center, where much of their work is done.

The building is not always available to them, and they must leave when it closes and cannot access the building again until the next day.

Art Major Tom Steinkrauss said, "The hours are terrible. They really need to be open 24 hours a day."

Steinkrauss also said that during the week students have to be out by midnight even if they are in the studios in the middle of working on something.

He suggested that maybe the hours should somehow be

extended.

Brendan Denchy of the Redfern Art Center said there is limited hours in the Redfern Art Center because, "we have a limited amount of funds for monitors in the art center."

Steinkrauss said there has been talk about extending the hours but does not anticipate or see anything happening with it.

"If you like to get your work done and you want to work late on a project, you can't," commented Steinkrauss.

According to Denchy, "there has always been talk about extending the hours but the question is, with what money?"

Sophomore Lindsey Crane said she has not experienced any problems with the arts center and

its hours.

"Every time I have been there it has been open," said Crane of the Redfern Arts Center building.

She continued by saying that one night while she was working on a project at 11:30 p.m. a janitor came in to clean but did not say anything to her and no one has ever asked her to leave.

Overall, according to Crane, "I have not had any problems yet."

Steinkrauss suggested that, in the future, upper-level students should have privileges to the building, but as he pointed out before there is no one there.

Also, he said he feels that allowing students into the building after hours increases liability



Equinox photo by Heather Skidmore

Many students feel the Redfern Arts Center should be open longer on the college's behalf and that is probably why that will never happen.

"You look at many art schools around the country and their facilities are available to the students all the time. Ours should be too," said Steinkrauss.