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Cross country gears up for NCAA New England Regional

The KSC men's cross country team wins ECAC meet without top runners.

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This past weekend, the Keene State men and women's cross country team traveled to Mt. Greylock High School to run in the ECAC Championship hosted by Williams College.

Coming off strong performances at the conference meet a week ago, both teams were looking for Matt St. Germaine in action another good race.

The Owls faced tough competition not only from some of the toughest teams on the east coast, but they also faced a hilly turn filled course that caught some of the Owl harriers off guard.

For the men's team, running without four of the top five runners, the team still managed to take home the first place trophy, edging out Amherst College.

"I wanted to give some of the top guys a rest, in preparation for the regional and national meet," said Coach Peter Thomas.

Even without the top guys, All-American Matt St. Germaine led from gun to finish with a time of 25:50, bringing KSC the victory.

"I felt like I was on just another fluid training run," said St. Germaine.

St. Germaine put in a hard first mile of 5:03, and already had about a ten second lead on second place.

Finishing next for the Owls was sophomore Casey Cole, securing a spot on the national team. His time of 27:21 was good enough for 13th place.

Also securing a spot on the national team was junior Luke Mitchell. Mitchell set a good early pace and finished 15th with a time of 27:27. "I'm really excited about going to nationals this year; it has been a goal of mine all year long," said Mitchell.

Exchange student Alistair Langron came in next for the Owls in 21st place overall, with a time of 27:40.

Right behind him was sophomore Kevin McGrath, finishing 25th with a time of 27:51.

The Owls finished the meet with 72 points, nine points better than runner-up Amherst College.

"These guys ran great today. I was proud to see so many of the younger guys step it up like they did," said Thomas.

On the women's side, the Owls were again plagued by injury that sidelined a couple key runners including their second scorer Sadie Purinton. Even with the key injuries, the Owls were able to finish in fourth place.

All-American Mary Proulx again led the Owls with a first place finish in a time of 18:22 for the 5k course.

"I didn't really like the course all that much, but I felt comfortable running out there," said Proulx after the race. Finishing second for the Owls was sophomore Hannah Horton with a time of 20:12, good enough for 16th place overall.

Freshmen Stephanie Gibson and Shannon O'Brien finished 31st and 37th with respective times of 20:32 and 20:42.

"This team is still in a learning process. We have so many talented young runners waiting to break through," said Thomas.

Closing out the scoring for the Owls was Junior Karen Jordan, who's time of 21:13 was good enough for 66th place.

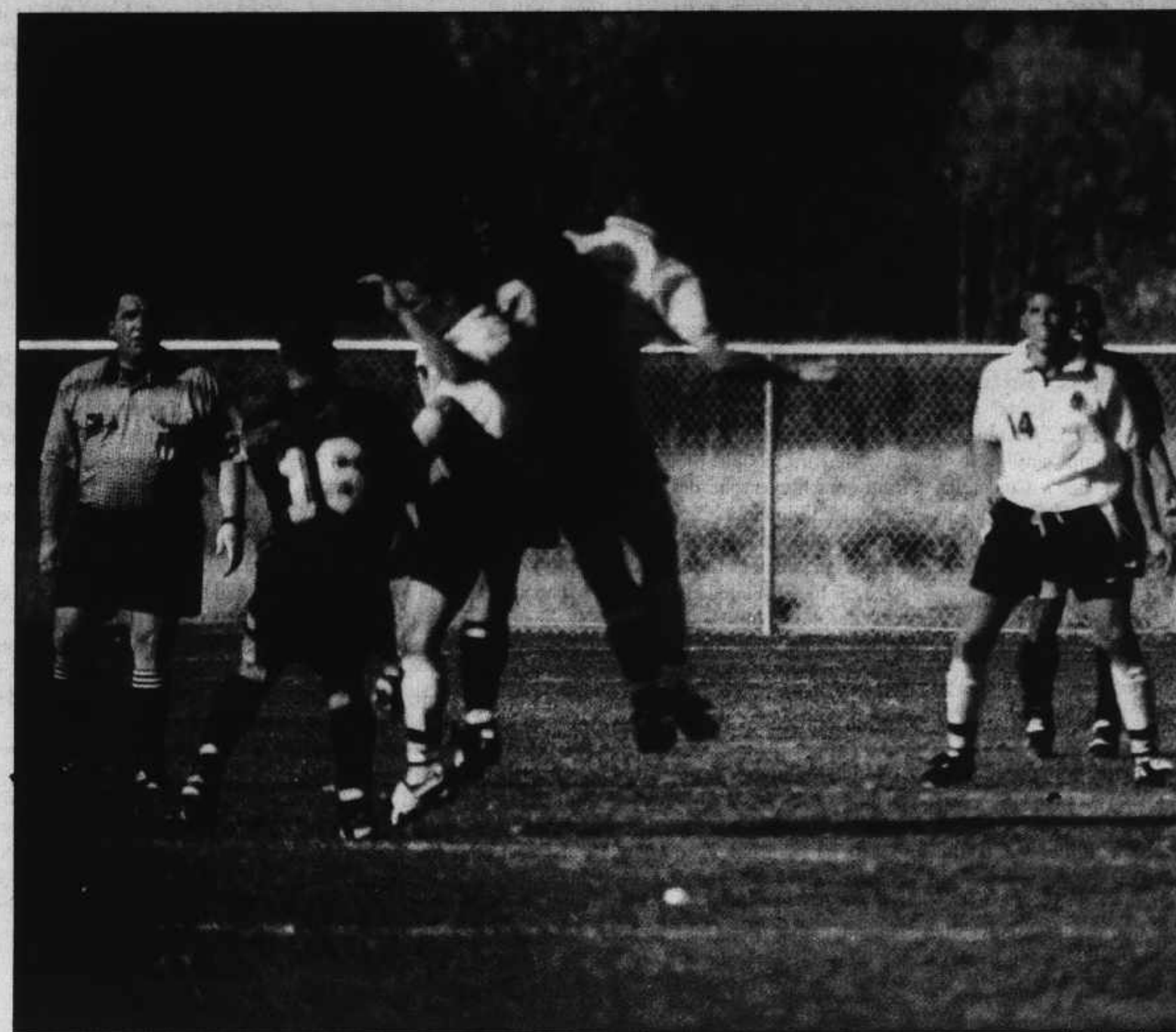
The Owls finished with 144 points. Amherst College won the meet with 44 points.

This weekend, the KSC men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Westfield State College to compete in the New England Regional Championships.

Paul Phelps is a junior majoring in history and secondary education. Paul also runs on the Keene State College cross country team.



Equinox photo by Max Piergallini



Members of the Keene State squad battle for possession in a game last season.

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Men's soccer into NCAAs

ADAM HARGRAVES
The Equinox

After earning the top seed and a first round bye in the Little East Conference Tournament, the Keene State College men's soccer team hosted Western Connecticut State in a semi-final match last Friday.

KSC expected a tough game from Western Connecticut after squeaking out a 1-0 overtime victory during the regular season.

The Owls used a fast offensive start and steady defense throughout the game to hold off Western Connecticut, 3-0.

Freshman forward Jason Lombardo set the tone for the

game with an aggressive steal just seconds after the opening whistle.

The KSC attack began when the junior back Dermot O'Sullivan sent a beautiful pass over the entire Western Connecticut defense that found the head of a streaking John Harke.

The freshman's header attempt sailed just inches over the crossbar.

The game's first goal came three minutes into the game. Freshman forward Casey Banks

sent a cross that trickled in front of the Western Connecticut goal.

Lombardo made a play on the ball and chipped it into the net giving KSC a 1-0 lead.

The incessant offensive pressure continued with a nice series of passes by KSC. Banks sent a pass to the corner where

senior midfielder Mike Monteiro gained possession and crossed the ball.

Sophomore midfielder John Cortese accepted the pass and

pushed the ball by Western Connecticut goalie Mark Pataky who had no play on the shot.

The goal put Western Connecticut not only into a two-goal deficit but left the team bickering with each other about who was at fault.

With a chance to put Western Connecticut away early, KSC faltered.

The Owls didn't play with the same intensity for the remainder of the first half. KSC coach Ron Butcher was not happy with the team's play after gaining the lead.

"We fell asleep for the rest of the first half after the fast start," he said.

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"I expected a much tougher game."

Ron Butcher, KSC men's soccer coach

Women's soccer falls in ECAC tournament final

CHRIS VOZZOLO
The Equinox

After a tough loss in the Little East Conference Tournament finals, the Keene State College Women's Soccer team went into the ECAC Division III Tournament with the number one seed.

The Owls first test was Anna Maria College, who they beat 3-0 in Keene last Wednesday.

The Owls had a tough time finding the back of the net in the start of the game. Shots dinged off the posts and crossbar several times before junior forward Suzanne Heinkel deflected a shot

from Jennifer Orisi to put the Owls up one late in the first half.

Heinkel got her second goal of the game and seventh of the season minutes later with an assist from Beth Vachon.

Keene finished the first half leading 2-0, with 28 shots on goal.

Keene continued the pressure early in the second half. Celena Chickering scored less than two minutes in.

The goal was again assisted by Vachon along with Amy Lamson. Freshman goalie Michelle Mason recorded her 12th shutout of the season with one save.

"Michelle Mason had a phenomenal freshman year. She kept us in many games with her excellent goaltending. The future looks very good," said Coach Denise Lyons.

Saturday, the Owls defeated fourth seed MIT, 3-0, in the ECAC semifinals.

The first half was a defensive battle, as neither team could put the ball in the net. A third of the way through the second half the Owls put one on the board.

Heinkel scored the first goal by heading in a corner kick taken by senior Jessica Williams.

"Senior Jess Williams had an unbelievable season for us," said Lyons.

Chickering soon followed with another goal by redirecting a free kick by Sarah Nordle.

Orisi finished the scoring with five minutes to play with a nicely placed shot in the closing minutes of the game.

Michelle Mason made six saves, highlighted with a breakaway save with ten minutes to play in the game. This was Mason's 13th shutout of the season.

Sunday, the Owl's and Wellesley College squared off in the ECAC finals at Keene Athletic Complex.

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KSC campus shocked by rapes

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The Keene State College community is still in a state of shock over a pair of sexual assaults that allegedly occurred two weeks ago. To this point, no arrests have been made although all of the subjects in the matter have been identified.

Campus safety has turned the case over to the Keene Police Department and according to KPD the case is still under investigation.

The Keene Sentinel reported on Monday that KPD should complete its investigation in the next week and then give the case to the Cheshire County Attorney's Office. At that point prosecutors will

decide what course of action should be taken.

The officer in charge, police detective Cpl. Steven Tenney, was not available for comment late Tuesday afternoon.

It has not been said if the attackers are students, but either way, students have clearly been affected by these recent events.

"Well, obviously it makes you think twice about going out alone," said junior Jessica Murphy. "I thought this was a pretty safe campus, but I suppose maybe it's not now."

For a campus that isn't used to these types of attacks, this year has been disturbing for some. Recently, a male student was coaxed into a car by a person claiming to be a law officer and driven to an off-campus

location where he was sexually assaulted.

A campus safety officer said he could not estimate the total number of sexual assaults that have been reported so far this year.

"I think it's sick," said junior Tara Lucchetti of the alleged rapes. "I think it's disgusting."

In a letter to The Equinox (page 8) written by Corinne Kowpak, vice president for student affairs, the school's established priorities for these types of events were outlined as follows: the victim, the alleged perpetrator, the campus community, and the investigation.

"The college's first priority is to respond to the needs of the victim," she wrote. This can cover everything from medical treatment to relocation. In addition, "To protect

the needs of the victim, the college does not release the victim's name."

If the alleged attacker is a student, which has not been released at this point, the college will impose a no-contact order with the victim.

If the perpetrator lives on campus, the student may be removed or relocated if the seriousness of the crime and evidence presented warrants it, they share the same residence hall as the victim, or if they present a danger or risk to other students.

Concerns have come up surrounding the party that the women were at prior to the assaults. Although early stories seemed to link the events with the party, many students feel that wasn't fair.

"They should be going after the rapist instead of the kids who threw the party," said senior Anne

Valihura.

Brian Schaffnit, who lives off-campus and has parties at his apartment, had a similar opinion.

"Once people leave the parties, I have no control over where they go or what they do," he said. "Students are going to find somewhere to drink no matter what, whether it's a frat, a house party, or the bar."

He added, "And none of those places should be held responsible for the dirty bastards that don't respect a girl—the only one to blame is the rapist."

Senior Chris Kelly said that it was a newspaper's responsibility to investigate so they can find the truth and then relay that information to the public.

The letter from Kowpak stressed the fact that the college is looking

out for the students and trying to help the campus community in its time of need.

"It is not our intention to hide information from the campus community; it is our goal to support those involved while maintaining their rights to privacy and confidentiality, to cooperate with law enforcement agencies, and actively to pursue any judicial action that may be appropriate," she wrote.

The Counseling Center on the third floor of Elliot Hall is always open for students that are affected by any situation, or simply for someone to talk to.

Food supplier under investigation

BY KAT MORRIS
The Equinox

For the past nine years PCUN, Northwest Tree Planters, and Farm Workers United, a union based in Oregon, has been hosting a boycott of all NORPAC products.

NORPAC is a cooperative organization of small farmers in Oregon, which encompasses 240 member farms. However, it is only a food processor and does not actually own any farms or employ its workers.

It is also the food supplying company that is under investigation by Sodexo, USA for suspected mistreatment of its migrant farm workers.

In August 2001, PCUN asked Sodexo, USA to join the boycott. Sodexo is one of the largest food service providers and also the food service provider for Keene State College.

The company chose to investigate the situation before making their decision. After meeting with representatives from PCUN in

September, Sodexo chose one of its senior members of their procurement team to visit the work areas where PCUN says that there have been abuses.

"We are taking all of this very seriously," said Leslie Aun, the vice president of public relations for Sodexo. "We are hoping that Sodexo can play a positive role in this situation, helping both sides find a solution, and ending the boycott which is in everyone's best interest."

The procurement team is responsible for buying the food which is served in colleges, and also are the people from Sodexo who have been working with NORPAC.

Sodexo chose the senior member, whose name was not given for company reasons, because he has been a liaison for Sodexo in the past with PCUN and also the person that it views to best represent its company.

"We don't know at this point," said Aun. "We don't want to make a hasty decision. We are looking into it as we would with any boycott request."

In an October press release put out by PCUN dealing with Sodexo's pending investigation of NORPAC, it said that PCUN would temporarily suspend its nationwide campaign on college campuses whose food supplier is Sodexo. However, PCUN said that the campaign would be "aggressively resumed" if Sodexo, USA does not remove NORPAC products.

In the November 1st edition of The Equinox, a Keene State senior, Erin McKee, wrote an editorial about the boycott of NORPAC products. After viewing the editorial, Brian Bell, the general manager of the Rocky Company (the Public relations Company representing NORPAC), responded by saying, "I recognize and respect the right of the author to express her own opinions."

It is certainly devoid of independent research, facts that would support alternative conclusions and

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Keene State College students stand in sandwich line at the dining commons.

Equinox file photo

WWII: 60th anniversary

BY MATT WRIGHT
The Equinox

Most of the fighting that occurred during World War II happened in the Soviet Union. Keene State College historian, Gerhard Weinberg, said to a crowd of hundreds during his speech at the WWII symposium last Thursday.

"Including all conflicts on all theaters of war, 70 to 85 percent of the fighting happened on the Eastern front," said Weinberg.

Weinberg was one of many historians to speak at the weekend long World War II symposium held at the college. The symposium marks the 60th anniversary of the United States entry into the war.

Weinberg's speech was titled "The Eastern front in the context of World War II," focusing on the battles between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during the early 1940s. He pointed out how Germany's decision to invade the Soviet Union was a do-or-die situation.

"When Germany invaded Russia, they assumed that a quick strike would lead to the destruction and collapse of the Soviet Union in a matter of weeks," said Weinberg. "However, if the Soviet Union didn't collapse in a matter of weeks, then Germany would lose."

Historian Omer Bartov gave a speech titled "The other face of battle: Controversies over the crimes of the Wehrmacht."

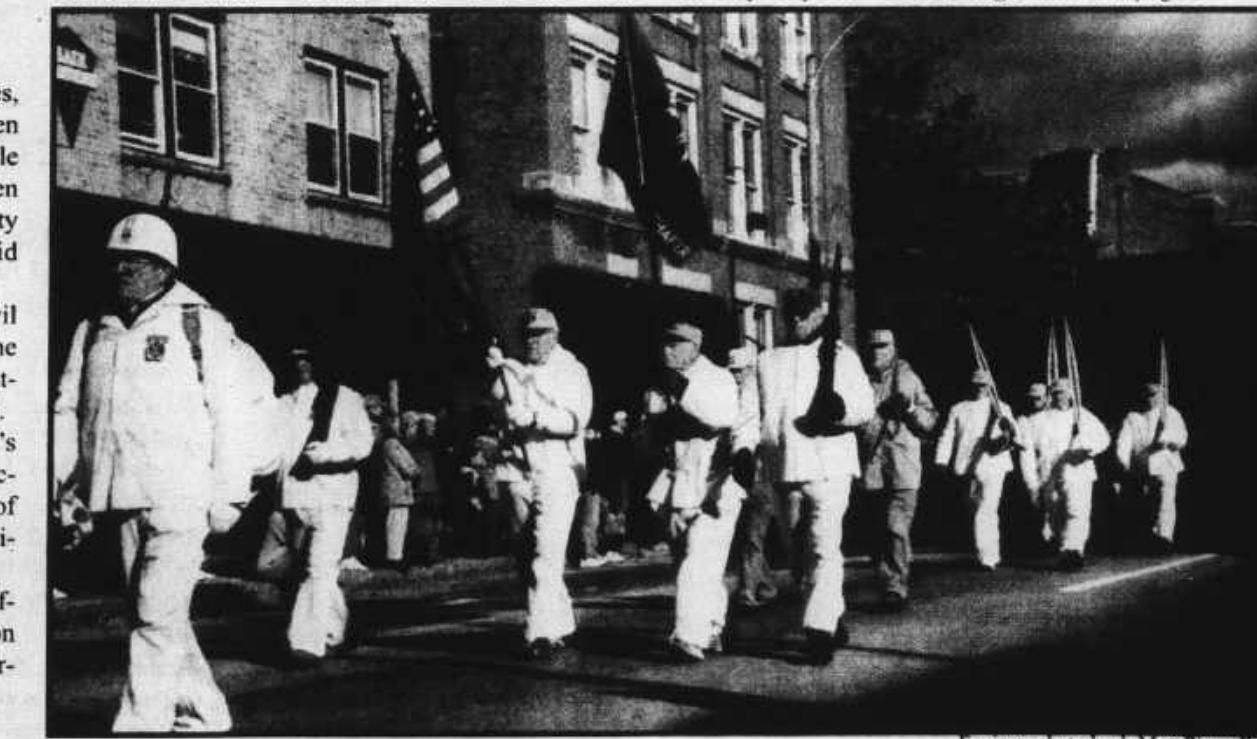
It focused on Nazi Germany being more of a "criminal organization" than a political organization and how Germany has dealt with Nazi crimes in the post-war years.

"Over the past several decades, the Wehrmacht's crimes have been discovered and rediscovered while revealing the unknown, yet even today some Germans have difficulty in recognizing the facts," said Bartov.

Bartov later spoke about the evil nature of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, as well as some possible outcomes stemming from nationalism.

"The Wehrmacht was Hitler's main tool of conquest and destruction while acting as an agency of state that was implementing criminal policies," said Bartov.

"Nationalism may lead to self-deception, but can also shed light on areas ignored by German scholarship."



Members of the 10th mountain division ski troops from WWII in Veteran's Day parade.

Equinox photo by J. Max Piergallini

Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Jed Odoardi



"Sounds like a great way to embarrass people."
Evan Janow
Senior, History



"I think that would be a great addition to the paper."
Jim Locke
Freshman, Business



"It would be a good thing because it will make a great connection between the paper and the students."
Bob Lauro
Senior, Communication



"I hope it guarantees sexual equality."
Eric Lovely
Junior, Communication



"That's what a yearbook is for."
Stacey Welch
Junior, Psychology



"You should include more townies in everyday life."
Andy Wilson
Freshman, Business

Campus Safety Log

Wed., November 7:

12:11 a.m.-An escort was provided for three ladies from Carle Hall to Randall and Huntress Halls.

2:12 a.m.-The main gate to Owl's Nest 3 was open. The men's and women's facilities, as well as the north gate, were secured.

6:15 a.m.-A black Acura with New York plates was on the entrance to the Arts Center. The subject came out and moved the car and the vehicle was not towed.

7:44 a.m.-A set of keys was found in the gym.

3:48 p.m.-A pocketbook was turned in to the Department of Campus Safety.

Thurs., November 8:

12:24 a.m.-There was a call from a

Holloway Hall RA that water was gushing from a sink in room 327. The faucet was leaking from the top.

1:22 a.m.-Report from a UNICCO person in the Science Center, regarding a former employee who is not to be on campus.

3:00 a.m.-Glass was found in the Winchester Street lot and the fenced in area.

6:15 a.m.-A UNICCO employee found a one-quart container of liquor in Morrison Hall. She dumped it down the sink.

11:50 a.m.-The theft of a video tape was reported in the Student Center.

6:01 p.m.-An individual was arrested by KPD after an odor investigation at Holloway Hall.

6:44 p.m.-Safety officer witnessed an individual throw a rock at a Ford

Explorer in a parking lot. KPD was dispatched.

Fri., November 9:

1:14 a.m.-There was a call to clean up vomit in the 3B bathroom of Randall Hall.

1:30 a.m.-There was a complaint of students making noise in the courtyard area of Bushnell Apartments.

1:54 a.m.-A report of loud music from numerous areas in Bushnell Apartments.

2:25 a.m.-An officer spoke with an individual who was jumping off of a park bench on the west side of a Main Street building. No damage was done to the bench.

8:00 a.m.-Requests were made to have an officer come to Butterfield Hall and the Heat Plant to capture a possum.

6:44 p.m.-Safety officer witnessed an individual throw a rock at a Ford

9:50 a.m.-Assisted KPD with locating a student at the Science Center.

1:31 p.m.-Meat was stolen from the deli at the Dining Commons.

2:08 p.m.-Report of an odd phone call at Bushnell Apartments. No threats, nothing sexual.

10:57 p.m.-A Carle Hall RA reported smelling marijuana. When the Safety officer responded, he also found a liquor law violation in progress.

Sat., November 10:

12:50 a.m.-A Bushnell Apartment RA requested an officer to help break up a loud room with underage drinking.

1:44 a.m.-At Carle Hall, an officer checked subject with alcohol. The subject was of age, but he was not permitted to take the substance into the hall because he is not a resident.

7:17 a.m.-UNICCO reported that the Holloway Hall elevator was not working. The officer also reported that there had also been a dry chemical extinguisher set off, and there was a light broken.

2:11 p.m.-A Carle Hall RA reported vomit in the fourth floor hallway on the C/D side. UNICCO responded.

5:55 p.m.-A sorority was meeting in Morrison Hall room 70 and let one of their people in through the door, not realizing that it was an alarmed door.

7:20 p.m.-A Randall Hall resident called to report a bizarre phone call that she received on her voice mail. She said that the message was in what she thought was Arabic. This occurred at approximately 2200 hours on 11/09/01. She did not want a Safety officer or KPD involved at the moment, she just wanted the incident to be logged.

Sun., November 11:

1:11 a.m.-An Owl's Nest 3 resident called and complained about a loud room above hers. The RA and a safety officer responded.

3:06 a.m.-At Tidale Apartments, a sober individual wanted to make sure that her friend didn't drive drunk. She finally convinced her friend to let a sober individual drive them home.

The Equinox would like to apologize for altering last week's Campus Safety Log. Incidents such as this were uncalled for and we regret printing it.

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Chair of the student assembly steps down

BY MICHAEL BRINDLEY
The Equinox

The Chair of the Student Assembly told her fellow members that she has decided to resign from her position at the student assembly meeting Tuesday night.

During her report to the group, Erin Peterson broke the news. "I just wanted to let all of you know that I will be stepping down from my position, effective after this meeting," she said.

Peterson cited problems with her family as the reason for leaving her position. There was no discussion on who would replace her role or when it would be filled.

During the courtesies portion of the meeting, many members of the

assembly took time to thank Peterson for the time she put in. "I think she's done a wonderful job so far this year," student body president Jeremy Nelson said.

"Keene State College will stand by whatever she needs in the future." "I also want to thank Erin and tell her that she's done a great job and that we're going to miss you," junior representative Chris Marchand said.

Peterson also received a round of applause from the entire assembly at the end of the meeting.

In financial news, Habitat for Humanity received \$3,000 from the student government. According to a pamphlet handed out during the meeting, they are planning a trip to Costa Rica in January. While there, they hope to "establish international partnerships with HHF International of Costa Rica and the University of

Costa Rica in San Jose."

The trip's goal is to build a Habitat for Humanity International house, collaborate with the university, and to learn as much about the country and its culture as possible.

Tricia Lucchetti spoke to the assembly about the trip. "We will also be laying the foundation for an exchange program between the two colleges," she said.

"In addition to building and collaborating, those going will be required to partake in an individual service learning project. This means that throughout the trip, each person will be taking pictures, talking to Costa Rican residents, and collecting information on different topics to bring back to the campus."

The student assembly also allocated \$4,580 to MENC (Music

Educators National Conference). The money is going towards sending KSC members to the MENC national conference in Nashville, Tenn.

According to an analysis of the bill handed out by the assembly, the national conference "allows MENC members to attend workshops to gain more knowledge on how to teach their subjects to the best of their ability." Attendees can also listen to other musical groups perform and talk to MENC members from other colleges around the nation.

Later, in discussion and action portion of the meeting, the assembly passed the constitution for the Cycling Club, a new KSC organization for bike enthusiasts. However, the assembly passed the constitution

with the stipulation that the club make an amendment to the constitution that would require all members to have up-to-date insurance.

Travis Drennen, the president of the new Cycling Club, said he was excited about getting the club started. "We really would just like to get the club going and get as many members as possible," he said.

The Cycling Club had previously tried to pass a constitution, but the student assembly did not pass it. The previous constitution excluded part-time students from joining the club, something the new constitution does not do.

In other news, Peterson informed the assembly that they had received a letter from the Red Cross. The let-

ter thanked Keene State College for the \$1,200 donation made to the National Disaster Relief Fund. The money came from donations placed in the box below the stairs in the student center.

The letter also said that the Keene chapter of the Red Cross alone has received over \$150,000 in donations. The Red Cross also praised the entire Keene area for the amount of blood donations it has received.

Tuesday night's meeting, which lasted 37 minutes, was the shortest meeting of the semester for the student assembly. There will not be a meeting next week due to Thanksgiving break.

The news section needs writers so that Kerry can avoid ads like this one. Our staff meetings are Tuesday nights at 9:30 in room 309 of the student center.

Veterans remember WWII



Keene American Legion post members (center) march in the Veteran's Day parade. Antique military vehicle with D-Day license plate (left), and an artillery piece (right) are on display.

BY ROBERT DEHAAN
The Equinox

On Saturday, November 10, guest speakers Kurt Piehler and Thomas Doherty spoke as part of the World War II symposium.

Piehler, a professor at the University of Tennessee, was the first to present. His presentation titled, "Veterans Remember the War," and began by expressing how impressed he was "with the response of the community" to the WWII symposium.

Piehler then went on to explain the nature of his work, which is an attempt to compile an oral history of veterans' experiences in WWII. Piehler has interviewed over 200 WWII veterans since 1994.

He said that "since the mid-1990s, there has been a fascination with WWII," citing examples such as the

popularity of films such as "Saving Private Ryan" and books such as Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*.

While the fascination with WWII might be new, Piehler said that an interest in an oral history of it is not. According to Piehler, a journalist and combat historian by the name of S.L.A. Marshall began to compile an oral history of the war during the fighting. Although some of Marshall's assertions, such as one he made that most soldiers did not even fire their weapons, were controversial, Marshall changed the way that history was written, said Piehler.

According to Piehler, "until WWII, historians did not care as much about common soldier's stories." Marshall changed all of this by interviewing many common soldiers, finding out about their motivations for fighting, and finding out how they dealt with battle fatigue, said Piehler.

Doherty began by expressing his appreciation for the participation of the community and the college in the WWII symposium. He then went on to say how important it is to understand the war from the perspective of the film.

He noted his feeling that WWII is "the most dramatic event of the twentieth century," and certainly one of the most widely documented by film, including features and documentaries.

One such documentary was "Liberators," which tells the story of African-American army units liberating Nazi concentration camps. In a clip of the documentary that Doherty played, one man recounts the grisly sights that he saw at Buchenwald after he drove his tank through the camp's gates.

According to Doherty, the film tries to make a link between the Jewish prisoners and their African-

American liberators by showing how they are both victims of racism.

Doherty said that a screening of the film at the Apollo Theater in Harlem led to feelings of goodwill between African-Americans and Jews.

"There was only one problem," said Doherty. The accounts given in *Liberators* were false. The units named in the film never liberated any of the Nazi death camps that they had claimed to, although the film was really done by the producers. After this information became public, Doherty said, PBS and historical consultants to the film sued to have their names removed from the film.

Doherty also noted the film's absence of historians to put things into context and the lack of maps to show where things are. Doherty then added that the "errors in the film do not prevent it from connecting viscerally."

Writers strut their stuff at KSC

BY SHAUNNA TRUELLE
The Equinox

Two famous authors came to Keene State College last Thursday to read poetry and spread their knowledge of great writing.

During the poetry reading, Robert Nichols went first to a full house. He started with one of his poems titled "In the Parish."

He said that they are very hard working people who start off as farmers and end up in a refugee camp.

He stated that it is a long poem, so he read the beginning and the end. He described the family traveling to different places and each time moving down to less and less work.

Nichols, born in Worcester, Massachusetts, operated a construction business in Manhattan's Lower East Side as a landscape architect. He wrote *Slow Newsday of Man Riding Train* (1962), as his first book of poems. He also wrote *In the Air*, a fictional utopia set in Ngshi-Altai as a four part series.

Grace Paley read "Once." It is a piece about a woman going through life. She described the woman and how she wants to change her life. It is a type of comedy and gives a good message.

The second poem she read, titled "A Conversation with My Father," showed a father and daughter talking. She said the father wants the daughter to write one last short story before he dies. The father thought the

daughter had too much sarcasm. The final poem, "Traveling," seems to have the most importance. She described it as a mother and daughter on a bus ride.

She explained a scene where the daughter, a white girl, offers her seat to an African-American woman holding a baby and is looked down upon by other white people.

Paley asked for future writers to keep a low profile and pay attention to the world.

She stated that she is also an activist on feminism and antiwar movements and has written a book of essays on both topics. She said she first started writing because she read a lot and could think best by writing things down. She also talked about short stories

and poems and how both are very hard to write. She said on behalf of herself and Nichols, "It was a great reading to a large audience and we were very happy to be here."

Born in New York City, Paley won many awards for her writing. She taught at Columbia University, Syracuse University, The City College of New York, and Sarah Lawrence College.

She wrote three acclaimed collections of short fiction called *The Little Disturbances of Man* (1959), *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute* (1974), and *Later the Same Day* (1985). For her great works she received the award for New York and Vermont State Writer, The Lannan Literary Award for Fiction, and The National Book Award for Fiction.

Equinox photo by Corey Smith
Authors Grace Paley (left), and Robert Nichols (right).

Parking not just a student problem anymore

BY KAT MORRIS
The Equinox

Parking on campus continues to be an issue for students and faculty at Keene State College.

"We are really enthusiastic about the parking situation this year and that's relative to previous years and the reason being is that we've resigned all of our lots. We actually have more parking for all of our different types of decals than we've ever had before," said Chuck Gowing, the parking operations assistant for Keene State College.

Gowing said that parking is a problem on every campus in varying degrees, but it will always be an issue. Faculty/staff are treated the same way as the students.

"The way we look at it, there is no

hierarchy for one part of the campus community as opposed to the other. Commuters and the students who live on campus have parking needs just like the faculty/staff do.

"If they are parked illegally, they will be ticketed the same as a student will. We don't condone any type of illegal parking if it is going to subject other members of the campus community from being able to utilize the parking spaces that have been set aside for them," said Gowing.

For a while, the parking office at Keene State tried to encourage students to pay their parking tickets by offering to deduct five dollars from their ticket if it was paid within seven working days. That didn't turn out to be an encouragement to students.

Gowing said that the Parking

Office is really excited about the new lots for commuters.

They have added two new lots: one is behind the student center and the other is on the corner of Butler Court and Winchester Street, opposite from Paks. However, even with these new additional lots, some commuter students are still finding it difficult to find parking spaces.

"I find myself driving around the lot five or six times to find a space. If you aren't there early enough then you're screwed," said one commuter student who is a senior at Keene State.

Gowing encourages students to contact Campus Safety to let them know where their car is, Gowing said that their car would not

be ticketed and it allows them to keep an eye out for it.

"We understand that there are going to be times when students will have commuter decals that don't usually allow them to park overnight. It really comes down to communication," said Gowing.

"Tickets are written because we want people to understand that there is a communication breakdown and we have policies and procedures that need to be followed.

"If it was about money we wouldn't have an appeal process, but we do have an appeal process which allows people to state their case of why they were parked (illegally)," said Gowing.

According to Gowing, the city of Keene writes tickets as a revenue-generating portion of their budget;

Keene State does not. That's the reason why on campus ticket costs are higher.

The parking office examined the national average for how much money tickets would cost for particular offenses and found that Keene State's costs are below the national average.

Gowing said some institutions are upwards of almost 500 dollars a year to park for larger institutions or ones that are in a large urban area.

These institutions, like Dartmouth, charge over a hundred dollars for some offenses. Most offenses at Keene State cost between seven and ten dollars, he said.

By realigning the lots down by Wyman Way, the college was able to increase the number of spaces that are available for staff between the

arts center and the gym.

"This right now (the parking situation) will probably continue through the end of this academic year.

"Over the summer we have some obstacles that we need to overcome. We need to work on how parking is going to work before the new dormitories are built on Appleton Street.

"Once the gym is finished, they'll be able to realign some more spaces for faculty/staff in that area. Somewhere down the road the Keene bypass project, which is going to be an outside project, is going to effect the Winchester Street lot and how we want to align all of the spaces there," said Gowing.

Self-survey brought to you by
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Are You a Bystander to Sexual Violence?

Answer using these three options
Often/Yes Sometimes/Maybe Never/No

Have you ever let a friend go home with someone they didn't know?

Have you ever left your friend alone at a party?

Have you let a friend take an intoxicated person into a room alone with the understanding that someone sexual would take place?

Do you tell or laugh at jokes that degrade the other gender?

Have you ever witnessed or known about a sexual assault and done nothing?

Are you unaware of anti-violence organizations and activities?

Have you ever let a friend walk alone at night?

Have you ever ignored a friend's cry for help?

Have you ever let a friend over-consume alcohol or drugs?

Would you be unsure of where to send a friend for help?

Do you believe that sexual violence does not affect you?

Turn the page to see how to find your score.

SCORING FOR THE "ARE YOU A BYSTANDER TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE" SELF SURVEY

Now add up your score to the "Are You at Risk for Sexual Violence" self-survey found elsewhere in this issue. Give yourself 2 points for each "often/yes," 1 point for "sometimes/maybe," and zero for "never/no."

0-7 Points: A Doer.
You're willing to get involved and you've educated yourself about the issues. See below for more ways you can help to end sexual violence.

8-15 Points: A Sometimes Participant.
You haven't been asleep but there's room for improvement. See the ideas below for ways to make positive changes and make a difference.

16-22 Points: A Bystander.
Sexual violence affects us all - you included. And YOU can make a difference by using some of the suggestions below.

Don't be a bystander. Your involvement is essential for ending sexual violence. Anyone can be a victim of violence, and it affects us all. Here are some tips to help you:

- ♦ Educate yourself. During April (Sexual Assault Awareness Month), look for activities and events to be involved with. Read books and articles.
- ♦ Have the courage to look inward and examine your own attitudes and actions that might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence.
- ♦ Never accept rationalizations for violence.
- ♦ Report harassment, assault, and rape.
- ♦ Support the White Ribbon Campaign. Look for information, sign a pledge and wear a white ribbon. This signifies that you pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women.

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Dining Commons, from page one ultimately, the author's conclusions that are based on the inadequacy of her research and numerous factual inade

Also, according to a public testimony by state officials, Oregon has mandated the highest minimum wage in the United States. Every employee is guaranteed a minimum of \$6.50 per hour. The testimony also stated that, "There is rigorous enforcement and strong compliance by agricultural employers throughout Oregon."

In the most recent calculations available, which are from 1999, farm workers were paid on average \$8.00 per hour and above. Bell said that as the skills of the workers increase, so does his or her wage, "based upon the economic ability of the employer."

However, according to PCUN, farm workers are often "cheated" out of their wages or are made to pay for housing and transportation. Some

workers are made to pay a "right to work fee." These fees bring their pay below minimum wage. NORPAC also said that they have advocated for a public policy discussion dealing with the issues surrounding farm labor to ensure that farm workers have say in what is in their best interest. Oregon's state senate leaders put together a blue ribbon task force, which will be looking into farm labor issues, as well as recommend changes at the next Oregon legislative session. This task force will represent all parties involved including PCUN, NORPAC, farm workers, growers, religious advocates and two State Senators.

Recently, the workers, growers and advocates told the task force that the improvement of the economics of agriculture was needed. They said that growers would receive more money for their crops and would be enabled to pay their workers more money if more was paid for the food.

"By supporting the secondary boycott against

NORPAC foods and Sodexho, you are punishing two responsible companies and hiding from the truth. NORPAC is an advocate for a thorough public examination of the issues that most effect farm workers and growers. On the other hand, PCUN is an advocate for what is in the union's best interests," said Bell.

Bell goes on to say that PCUN has been working for nine years and has acquired only three labor supply contracts, representing about 50 workers out of the 140,000 farm workers working in Oregon. However, PCUN states that they now represent 5,000 workers in the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

"We want to organize farm workers to build their capacity and to take control of their lives so they can organize themselves and improve their living conditions."

Opinion

The Personal Effects of History

If diamonds are forever, then this 60th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War II is the right time to reflect on the many facets of history. This has been a long weekend of remembrance, which, perhaps, may set the tone in preparation for our national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Long before the events of September brought the horrors of war home to us, the City of Keene and the college were busy preparing for this weekend. The department of history public affairs' symposium, "The Second World War: A Legacy Remembered," set a goal "to bring to campus eminent scholars who will demonstrate the significance of intellectual investigation, thinking, and writing that characterizes the essence of the liberal arts tradition." Scholars from a long list of universities, American and worldwide, participated, along with local speakers bringing tales of real-life experiences.

Further goals were to broaden the understanding of events surrounding the war, and "to provide a forum for veterans and other wartime participants to speak about their experiences and the values forged through those experiences to the generations that come after." And that's what a legacy is, after all: the part that gets handed down.

The window displays downtown bring to light the artifacts of another time. Like a museum exhibit set outdoors, they create a backdrop for the whole scene, a place to be proud of the way we were when war touched this hometown. There are uniforms and posters, photographs and decorations, the same items we still use today—the only differences to be seen are that the materials and the names have changed.

Red, white and blue ripples and waves in the wind. Parades and speeches celebrate what previous generations have preserved for us. Honor and glory, duty and patriotism, are reflected in the storefronts—an appropriate place for reminiscing, in a day when our leader requests that we continue to buy to support America.

Indoors, on the third floor of the Young Student Center, there are uniforms in the glass cases too. The display of photos and information here creates a distinctly different mood of disturbance, as it brings the viewer face to face with the personal hell of the war.

While "Keene remembers" its citizens with honor, the Anne Frank Exhibit brings back how cruel we can be to each other, and how desperate a situation can become. Thoughts of the Thanksgiving table collide with images recollected from her now-famous diary. Oh God, how could anyone be so hungry as to steal a rotten potato?

Some things are almost too painful to remember. But it has been said that those who don't learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat them. Looking at the progression towards war from a vantage-point removed in time from the events as they unfolded, we see in hindsight how we got there. The final goal of this symposium was "to broaden an understanding of the war's ramifications such that attendees will better comprehend contemporary political and social realities."

Is it too late already, to learn from our world's history, see the signs of coming destruction, and say "Wait, we don't want to go there again"?

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"You may sniff the bride."

"There's room—spiritually—in this world for everyone."

Ken Kesey,
American author

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Bad Karma for Minnesota again

Staff Commentary

I've never been to Minnesota, but somehow I have to feel sorry for their sports teams.

In 1993, the hockey-crazy state lost its NHL team to a city that, until that point, thought icing was just something you put on a cake.

During the mid 1990s, rumors spread that the abysmal Minnesota Timberwolves were looking to cut their losses and move south as well, just like the Minneapolis Lakers did in 1960.

Even the vaunted offense of the Vikings continued this trend of unfortunate events in Minnesota sports. Minnesota won the NFC Central four times in the last seven years, only to fall short of the Vince Lombardi Trophy every time, hearing back to the 1970s when they lost four consecutive Super Bowl appearances.

The state of Minnesota almost seems to be singled out by the sports gods as a dismal failure. This week, the curse continued when Major League Baseball voted, in recent owners' meetings, to lighten the National and American Leagues by folding the Minnesota Twins and the Montreal Expos.

"It makes no sense for Major League Baseball to be in markets that generate insufficient local revenues to justify the investment in the franchise," stated baseball

commissioner Bud Selig. "The teams to be contracted have a long record of failing to generate enough revenues to operate a viable major league franchise."

Now don't get me wrong, I've got nothing against Montreal. It's just that when a team has a promotional giveaway to the first 1,000 fans in attendance and they end up with extras, you'd have to be pretty thick not to realize that the franchise is in trouble.

The Twins on the other hand have a lot of good mojo behind them: some of the most memorable World Series ever in 1987 and 1991; the tragic story of Kirby Puckett, one of the greatest hitters of all time, losing sight in one eye during the prime of his career; a stadium that at one point registered decibel levels that could cause permanent deafness due to its rabid fans.

Even the 2001 Twins were a team to remember. There was the scrappy rookie first baseman with the name no one could spell, Doug Mientkiewicz, putting up a .306 average and a Gold Glove year.

Or maybe you could cite that early season stretch where the Twins took two series from the defending champion New York Yankees,

despite the Twins having a payroll more than 200 million dollars less than the Yankees. Lastly, there was the final run in the 15 year career of manager Tom Kelly, squeezing every little bit of talent out of his underpriced squad in what would be a futile attempt to make the playoffs in his last season leading of the team.

And yet despite all of this, it ultimately comes down to money... Leave it to Major League Baseball to tarnish what was one of the greatest World Series ever by springing this bombshell on us only a few days after the fact.

This latest chapter in the tragic history of Minnesota sports reminds me of a quote said by Freddie Clayton, a character played by Cameron Diaz in the 1996 cult classic, "Feeling Minnesota".

"Time is like an orange. It's round. It repeats itself. Everything happens for a reason." Bad things in Minnesota sports keep on repeating themselves, but then again, perhaps everything does happen for a reason. Hopefully, the owners and players will take the plight of smaller markets in the Majors into account before it's too late.

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Veteran's Day is about people, not politics

To the editor:

Disgusted, angry, and most of all, insulted. Those are only some of the emotions I felt after reading Erin McKee's article, "What are you celebrating November 11th?" which ran in the November 6th edition of The Equinox.

McKee has it all wrong. Veteran's Day is not about war; it is about the men and women who have served this country in uniform. It is not a celebration of war, or anything else for that matter, because it is a day of remembrance, not jubilation. It is a day during which this nation and its citizens recognize the service and sacrifice of others. The relative

letter to the editor

few who have defended the United States in times of peace or war deserve one day where a grateful nation says "Thank you."

I am a veteran of the US Army. My older brother is a former US Marine, and my father was in the US Navy. None of us have been to war, but we still take pride in and appreciate the fact that once a year, people gather to honor the service of all onetime soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines.

Veteran's Day is about people, not politics. So next year,

instead of writing and printing a remarkably uninformed and insulting article, I suggest something different. Find a veteran and simply say, "Thank you." I would strongly suggest that McKee be the first to do so.

One final thing. I was disappointed and dumbfounded that The Equinox chose to print the article the day the World War II Symposium started on campus. I wonder how many others, including invited guests, were offended. Nice job, Equinox!

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Is a baby a good reason to marry?

Commentary

In the latest issue of American Experiment, Quarterly (www.amexp.org), Barbara Daboe Whitehead and David Popenoe ask a key question: How do we reconnect marriage and childbearing?

It's not that Americans are anti-marriage—far from it. But increasingly, as Whitehead and Popenoe note, young people view marriage as "a couples' relationship, designed to fulfill the emotional needs of adults." Certainly both love and friendship between spouses is one of the purposes of marriage.

But when marriage is reduced to "a spiritualized union of souls," the connection between marriage and family becomes harder to see: What's baby got to do with it?

No, he doesn't have to marry you. Not unless he wants his baby to have an intact family with a fully committed father, instead of a fractured half-dad pulled between children of different mothers, plus his current squeeze. For men, this is the heart of what the marriage commitment means: You aren't going to let a new girl pull you away from your baby and your baby's mother.

Our new, stripped-down marriage ideal is usually described as a step up: a higher, nobler commitment to pure love. I don't buy it.

Is a baby a good reason to get married? At least to marry a decent guy you love and live with? Yeah, I think so. I think making a happy family is one of the best reasons a man or woman could choose marriage. And until more parents, teachers, experts, friends, neighbors—in a word, adults—think so and say so, we won't make much progress in preventing fragmented, fatherless families.

Increasingly, I believe that what we can bring ourselves to say to young unwed pregnant couples is at the heart of the future of marriage and our children's well-being. The main reason we have so many more children born outside of marriage is

not that single women are so much more likely to get pregnant than they were 30 years ago. It's that single, pregnant women today are so much less likely to marry their baby's father. Not just young teens, but adults in their 20s.

Right now, what we say to those co-habiting parents is usually something like: "Whatever you decide," "as long as you love each other," "you are probably too young," "don't marry for the wrong reasons" (like having a baby?).

Most of our fears around advocating marriage are overblown: Research shows marriages undertaken to legitimate a pregnancy are not any more unstable; living together doesn't protect children in the same way; adults who marry in their early 20s to mid-20s do not have especially high rates of divorce (teens are another matter). When are we going to stop being afraid of speaking the truth?

Speaking truth works. About a decade ago, for example, society spread

the message that teen pregnancy is a bad idea. According to Child Trends, teen pregnancy rates have plunged 22 percent since 1991. The bad news is that the rate of unwed births to young women in their early 20s (the group with the highest rate of unwed births) leaped 12 percent.

That is not so surprising. Most of our current teen pregnancy programs imply to young Americans that the problem is age: Wait until you are 20 to have your out-of-wedlock children, we tell them. And apparently they listen.

What if instead teen pregnancy programs had pushed a different message: Wait to have a baby, yes. But what are you waiting for? Wait until you are grown, educated and married to have a baby.

Go ahead, say it to someone you love: A baby is a great reason to marry a good guy. Ten years from now, how many more happy homes and protected childhoods could we have?

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Regarding recent reports of sexual assault on campus: letters from the Vice

President for Student Affairs and Coordinator of the Sexual Assault/Harrassment Education and Prevention Program

To the Equinox Editor:

As noted in last week's Equinox, one KSC student reported being sexually assaulted and a second reported being raped during the November 3-4 weekend. Both incidents are being investigated. I would like to advise all members of the campus community that Keene State has established priorities for handling events of this nature. Let me share with you where our efforts are devoted.

1. The Victim: The college's first priority is to respond to the needs of the victim. This can include medical treatment, connection to Women's Crisis Services (for either male or female victims), relocation (if the alleged victim lives on campus and requires or needs this), as well as support and guidance as the victim considers taking judicial and/or legal action. To protect the needs of the victim, the college does not release the victim's name.

2. The Alleged Perpetrator: If the alleged perpetrator is identified and he/she is a student, a College official will:

a. Put a no-contact order in place between the alleged perpetrator and the victim.
b. If the alleged perpetrator lives on campus, the college will remove or relocate the student if:
i. the seriousness of the alleged violation and the associated evidence warrants, or
ii. if the alleged perpetrator and victim live in the same residence hall or
iii. if there is reason to believe that the alleged perpetrator presents a danger or risk to other students

3. The Campus Community: If the incident presents a particular risk to the community (i.e. in the case of a rape by a stranger or unknown assailant), the college will notify the campus of the risk and what steps can be taken to ensure safety. Additional information will be communicated to the campus if and when more information about risks and safety measures are available. Due to legal restrictions, the college is unable to release the name of the victim or the alleged perpetrator.

When a student is found responsible for a violent crime or non-forcible sex offense, following all appeals, the student's name, the policy violation he/she is responsible for, and the sanctions imposed may be released to the public.

4. Investigation: If the alleged perpetrator is a KSC student, the victim may choose to pursue charges against this student in the college judicial system and/or the civil/criminal system. These systems operate independently, though at times, information may be shared between the two systems. The speed with which these kinds of cases are resolved depends on a number of factors, so many in fact, that it can sometimes seem as if nothing is happening. During the investigation for a judicial and/or civil/criminal case, multiple steps must be taken: the victim and alleged perpetrator may be interviewed several times, witnesses will be interviewed (a step that is prolonged if the witness doesn't live locally), and information from other sources (i.e. lab work) will be gathered. Additionally, the due process dimension of our judicial system requires that accused students are given ample time to prepare their defense.

In the cases that were recently reported, the staff at KSC followed these steps and continues to work cooperatively with the City of Keene Police Department. The needs of all parties involved have remained in the forefront of our

Why some women never marry

Commentary

"The movement to encourage marriage ignores underlying gender inequalities that create these problems in the first place."

Peggy Walsh
KSC Sociology Dept.

same ones you would make.

Not all marriages are happy ones, as the following exchange shows: Question: Do you think there's a right time to get married? Answer: No, I don't think there's a right time to get married but I think there's a right situation.

Question: What is that situation? Answer: When both people know exactly what they're getting into and why they're getting into it, and they want to spend the rest of their time together.

Question: Are children part of the "right" situation? Answer: For me, no, that was a big mistake. I was pregnant so I tried to make my marriage work for my son's sake. I learned you just can't. You can't make a marriage work for the kid's sake.

He was jealous. He followed me when I went out to make phone calls, always thought I was cheating on him.

The woman I interviewed married soon after discovering that she was pregnant. Her decision was initially supported and encouraged by fami-

ly, friends, and everyone around her. But she found out quickly that the relationship could not withstand the emotional and financial pressures of parenthood. Everyday, she faced a new battle with her husband. He often followed her to work just to make sure she wasn't having an affair. After a violent episode, she finally went to court for a restraining order, and decided to leave him for good.

At 26, "Samantha" was a single woman with a small child to support. She had some work experience but no specific training or skills that would secure a decent job with benefits for her child and enough money to cover the cost of child care and day-to-day living expenses.

What would you do? Samantha joined the 50 percent of female-headed families who are poor. Most children live with their mothers (whether or not they are married), and mothers who work need better access to higher-wage jobs.

Why is it difficult for women to find work that pays enough to support a child? Why is it so tough to

find a suitable mate?

The movement to encourage marriage ignores underlying gender inequalities that create these problems in the first place. As Stephanie Coontz points out in "The Way We Never Were," we are hopelessly in denial about our families.

Barbara Daboe Whitehead and other critics call for a revival of the traditional "intact" family—calling to mind images of breadwinning fathers and homemaking mothers working together for the good of the children. But Coontz's research challenges these idealistic images and the nostalgia for the fictitious "old days" by revealing the historical presence of child abuse, domestic violence, alcoholism, homicide, latch-key children and various other conditions that people think of as uniquely modern problems.

Marriages and families are intertwined with economic and political institutions. If we want families to function better for children (and adults), we must work toward expanding options for women and men, not narrowing them.

Peggy Walsh is married with two children and teaches the "sociology of families" course every spring at KSC.

Further reading suggestions from Prof. Peggy Walsh:

The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families
Stephanie Coontz

Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive on Welfare and Low-Wage Work
Kathryn Edin and Laura Lein

Families of Value: Gay and Lesbian Parents and Their Children Speak Out
Jane Drucker

Brave New Families: Stories of Domestic Upheaval in Late Twentieth Century America
Judith Stacey

Thank you,
Leigh Fuller Corrette
sociology instructor at
Keene State College

Remember, not long ago interracial heterosexual couples were denied access to marriage in many states.

Dear Equinox:

Thank you for your coverage of the two recent sexual assaults. Raising awareness around these issues is important in helping to keep our KSC students safe. I want to also thank the students who reported the assaults. It takes courage to come forward.

As the coordinator for sexual assault education on campus, I often speak in classes, at programs, and first-year orientation to students and parents about sexual assault. Because rape is an under-reported crime, our KSC statistics often do not reflect what is actually happening. National statistics tell us that one in four women will be the victim of a rape or an attempted rape during their four years in college. One in ten men are victims during their lifetimes.

These attacks are not usually by strangers hiding in the bushes. Rather, 80-90 percent are committed by someone the victim knows—a friend, a partner, a date, someone from class, a party hook-up. In 80 percent of these assaults, alcohol or drugs are involved.

So, what can be done to prevent this? We can all help keep our campus safe by speaking up when we see inappropriate behavior: some-

one shepherding an obviously drunk person into a secluded area or room, sexist jokes about "persuasion juice." We can also be pro-active: getting educated by attending date rape programs, attending "Take Back the Night" rallies.

To reduce your risk, use the buddy system at parties, watch your drink so no one can slip in a date rape drug, watch how much alcohol you consume so you're aware of your surroundings, and trust your instincts—if you feel something isn't right, it probably isn't.

For anyone reading this who has already been a victim of sexual assault, it is never too late to get help to heal from the traumatic experience. Call the Counseling Center at x2437 and make an appointment to talk with a counselor. It is confidential.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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KSC supports Greek life

By Laura Bloch Borque
The Equinox

In the spring of 2000, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire's only Ivy-League school, put a stronghold on its fraternities and sororities.

Keene State was reeling from its own allegations of fraternity-related sexual assault. The "Greek life" at many campuses is being seriously questioned.

Recent polling of KSC's student body showed strong support, by slightly more than three-to-one, in favor of allowing Greek societies to continue, with school sanctioning.

Of the survey participants, 60 percent had no Greek affiliation, nor were they planning to pledge, yet still supported a Greek presence in campus life. The most often expressed reasons were, "they're fun," and that they are a freedom-of-choice constitutional right.

"Greek organizations provide a home away from home. They increase leadership skills and participate in many community service projects. You make the best friends of your life and a bond is created that will last forever," said Andrea Maher, member of Sigma Rho Upsilon, an off-campus organization that is currently not recognized by KSC, due to what Maher referred to as "a drinking incident."

Those opposed to their practices view them in

another light. "Their purpose is ill-defined and they promote substance abuse and sexism, as well as racism in many cases," said senior Chris O'Reilly.

Dartmouth spent almost a year in debate before releasing the report by the Committee on the Student Life Initiative that recommended major changes in the system.

According to Steven Menashi, editor-in-chief of The Dartmouth Review, the report "outlaws the formation of new, voluntary Greek societies on campus, and substantially restricts student participation in current associations....The report also mandates changes to the organizations' selection and initiation practices so that, in essence, there won't be either."

"The committee has singled out these particular students...for special restrictions on their rights. To justify the discrimination, Dartmouth points to assorted survey data regarding alcohol use, membership rates and 'behavioral issues.' But what Dartmouth doesn't realize is that it's still discrimination," said Menashi.

Dartmouth College has the highest proportion of what's called "Greek affiliation" of any Ivy-League school, with 53 percent of its students belonging to a fraternity or sorority. KSC's membership

number is a much lower, five percent. The number of officially recognized members, as of Spring 2001 was just 198.

Ironically, according to Sigma Rho Upsilon sister Maher, their non-recognized group has the largest membership roster this year, with 60-70 students between their sorority and the male counterpart, Phi Kappa Omega.

This brings up the question of whether any of this can be effectively controlled by educational institutions.

"I have been on a campus with no fraternities or sororities but the same kind of role, of housing these parties that involve alcohol and other abuses, was taken up by other groups of students willing to take the risk," said Corinne Kowpak, director of student relations here at KSC.

Kowpak admits that outside of granting or withholding school recognition, "we have virtually no power" over the kinds of behaviors exhibited by these groups.

In order to receive formal recognition by KSC, a group must enter into an agreement with the school that nets them benefits such as a school provided advisor, being able to use the campus for "rush" advertising and the right to reserve rooms for functions on campus. It also grants them the right to participate in the Intrafraternity, Panhellenic, Council,

which is important to the national chapters, according to Kowpak.

"I think we need to be involved and cooperative," said Elizabeth Dame, president of Eta Gamma Chi, an on-campus sorority of ten members.

Dame said that KSC Greek life is experiencing "resurgence." She objects to the prejudice that makes her sometimes hesitant to wear her Greek letters.

"Many students have complaints of teachers making negative comments," said Dame. Her sorority has organized the weekend river cleanup, and raises \$200 each semester for the American Heart Association. They view themselves as being cooperative and contributing in a positive way to the community.

Though it seems clear that such an entrenched tradition will not suddenly disappear, the debate has sparked new ideas for alternative outlets.

Dartmouth has introduced new programs and workshops on activism, leadership and social responsibility.

They have improved lounges, installed a video game room, a dance club, movies, and now offer mid-day jazz concerts on weekends. Also on the list of enticements are subsidized tickets to arts and entertainment events and free athletic tickets for students participating in sports.

Wright biographer speaks at KSC

BY TAMMY EUBANK
The Equinox

Hazel Rowling, author of the Richard Wright biography, spoke on Friday, November 9. Richard Wright is the famed black author of such books as *Black Boy*, *Black Power*, and the controversial *Native Son*, who died at the premature age of 32. Rowling's biography was published in August 2001.

Rowling said it was difficult writing about Wright, because she had to "try to be in Wright's shoes."

The speech was sponsored by the Campus Commission on the Status of Diversity and Multiculturalism, the English department, and Michael Haines, Keene State English professor.

Rowling said her speech was about her opinions on Wright, while her book gave the facts.

Wright was "one of those authors everyone says they know, but they really don't," she said.

Wright is an important person to know about, Rowling said, because the things he wrote about are still relevant today. He was famous during the 1930s and 1940s, and was the first African-American to tell the truth in a novel. His name was on everyone's lips from 1938 to 1945. He was a wealthy man with a big name, she said.

He was also the author to read on black subject matter, added Rowling. He was the first African-American to introduce "protest writing," and did it with somewhat of an explosion.

Rowling said Wright was a pioneer in many aspects. He made white readers feel what it was like to be in the "skin of a black person."

He was a best selling African-American writer, she said. He sold one quarter of a million copies of *Native Son*, and half a million copies of *Black Boy*. *Black Boy* was a shocking autobiography of Wright, she continued.

Rowling described the way

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Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive
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The Physical Plant Department is asking Residence Halls, classes, student organizations, individuals, and families to put together Thanksgiving Baskets for this holiday season. All KSC contributions will be distributed to WIC families (families with young children) in Keene and local communities. We would like to break our 100 basket goal this year- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We can not have too many baskets- there are so many families in need- last year over 1,700 requests for Thanksgiving Baskets were recieved by local organization that distribute these baskets. **COLLECTION OF THANKSGIVING BASKETS WILL BE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 IN THE MADISON STREET LOUNGE OF THE YOUNG STUDENT CENTER, FROM 12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Baskets or the cash equivalent (\$35-\$40) can be given to Kerry Atheron, Physical Plant Office, Ground Floor, Elliot Hall- by Monday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m.

**Shoppers will turn cash into baskets
Stop by the Madison St Lounge on**

**Monday, November 19 (12:00-2:00 p.m.) to see what
an impact these baskets will have on the community.**

SUGGESTED MENU

Appetizer/Relish Tray

- 1 jar of pickles
- 1 jar of green or black olives
- 1 bag of celery (keep in a cool place to avoid wilting)
- 1 bag of carrots (keep in cool place to avoid wilting)
- peanuts/ nuts
- chips/ non-perishable dip

Main Meal

- 1 gift certificate-\$10-\$15 (these will be used to pay for turkeys and perishable foods)
- 1 box/bag of stuffing mix
- 1 10lb bag of potatoes
- 2 lbs of winter squash, turnip, or sweet potato
- 2-3 cans of green vegetables
- 3 lbs small white onions
- 2 cans of canberry sauce
- 2 bottles/cans of juice (cranberry, apple juice, tomato)
- 1 bread item
- 2 jars/can of gravy

Desert

- 1 box of pie crust mix
- 1 16 oz. can of pie filling: pumpkin, apple, cherry, blueberry
- 1-2 cake mixes, fruit bread mixes ect.

Please put all items in a large container.

Feel free to add a personal touch that would make the donation even more special: coloring books and crayons, Thanksgiving storybooks, napkins, tablecloths, papergoods, candles, favorite family recipes, roasting pans, children's games.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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Faculty and Event Coordinators: To cancel a class, contact your administrative assistant. To cancel an event or to learn more about online cancellations, contact the College Relations Office at mfeller@keene.edu or 2102.

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Students talk turkey

BY DAN LEAVITT
The Equinox

On the most fattening day of the year, many of us sit down for a dinner/lunch with those who we love and/or inspire us. Because it is sometimes a once a year thing that we spend time with certain relatives, a phenomena occurs: a little something called tradition.

Some students talked about their holiday traditions.

"My father makes strange stuffing with sour cream, olives and cheese, that I pretend to like," said Autumn Moura.

Many of the traditions tended to follow the patterns of food. "It's pretty much all about the turkey!" said Lindsay Newkirk, who also mentioned the importance of smooth cranberry sauce as opposed to the chunky kind.

Dan Filitis also agreed with Newkirk on the non-chunky sauce and mentioned "since there is a lack of Filitis in the U.S., we normally get together," referring to his immediate family.

Then there are those like Katie Scottland, who says "we get as much family together as we can."

Much like many of the respondents, many families have similar traditions, and then there are some that are not so typical at all.

Some took a more standard neighborhood appeal to the whole tradition thing. "Football in the street," said Emily Jubert.

"After dinner, my brother makes me funnel a beer, then play football afterwards," said Ned Cremin.

In the twisted depths of Keene State's Student Center, Eric and Ian McGillucy revealed a family tradition.

"We don't eat turkey. We go out in the morning, pick a lamb to slaughter, let it bleed all day, and eat it at night. We do this to memorialize our father, who was mauled by a vicious lamb."

In the more sunny reaches of the student center, Tara Luchetti explained, "My family tradition is to get together with family, eat Thanksgiving dinner at my house, and then bring pie to my grandmother's house."

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Movie Quote of the Week:

"It's poop again!"

-Old Man Clement from Billy Madison

Feminist Collective back in action



Members of the feminist collective after "Take Back the Night" last spring.

BY HEATHER SKIDMORE
The Equinox

From a club that went defunct in 1997 and remained so for a couple of years, the Feminist Collective has grown into an organization on Keene State College's campus that has made quite a name for itself.

The Feminist Collective has been reestablishing itself for over a year now, and has had much success in doing so, according to Sarah Melady, president of the Feminist Collective. Already this semester the group has been involved in many activities, including having a table at the

Pumpkin Lobotomy and this year's recent Folk Fest.

Upcoming events scheduled are small for this semester, but Melady states that activities will be larger for the spring semester. The group has plans to help out with the Vagina Monologues, as they did last year. But most importantly, next semester the group will be hosting another "Take Back the Night" event on campus, as they also did last year.

Melady said that last year was a huge success. Many more people participated than had been expected. And this year's event is turning out to be even bigger.

"We will have a women's week,"

stated Melady. During that week, she states, there will be two guest speakers who have written books on feminist theory.

Also, there will be self-defense presentations offered to students, as well as brown bag lunches where faculty will be the guest speakers. Concluding the week's events, speeches and presentations will be "Take Back the Night."

After last year's extremely successful "Take Back the Night," Melady commented that the group felt like a "cohesive group" again. It made them feel much closer to one another.

Melady said that she and the group

members are trying to get their name out there, and want people to know about them. They have sent out a newsletter about what the group is doing and plans they have for upcoming events.

"We want to get our name out there to say 'we're not a bunch of screaming feminists,'" Melady commented.

She said that some people might be intimidated by the name of the group and that is why they are trying to educate people on the group and what they are about.

The members of the Feminist Collective, "are all over the board and they are a very diverse group," stated

Melady. Members include members of Pride and of SAC.

In regards to the "mentor" to the group, Melady said that Mona Anderson is great.

"She helped get money donated to help out with our activities, especially with Take Back the Night."

Melady stated that if students are interested in finding out more about the Feminist Collective that they should come to the meetings held on Sundays at 7 p.m. in the Student Activities office in the student center.

"We like people to show up, even if they only come for one meeting," Melady said.

Counseling Center available to students

BY KACY BURBANK
The Equinox

Staff members of the Keene State Counseling Center work with students in crisis and run different groups and classes for students.

Judith Putzel Price, the Counseling Center's interim director, said the programs start new every semester.

"Right now, the most popular group would be yoga, yogaerobics, and meditation and stress reduction," Putzel Price said.

Fliers with different listings of groups and classes are located on the third floor of Elliot Hall, the home of the counseling office.

"During group, I always encourage people to ask questions of each other and I always give people permission to not answer because a lot of people prefer not to talk, they just come to listen," Putzel Price said.

The Center does not only offer group counseling. One-on-one counseling is also available.

Appointments to meet with a counselor can be made over the phone or by walking up to the office.

"When a student walks up, we ask if this crisis needs a counselor immediately and the receptionist will do a quick assessment. If somebody is crying, they probably want to see a counselor right away," Putzel Price said.

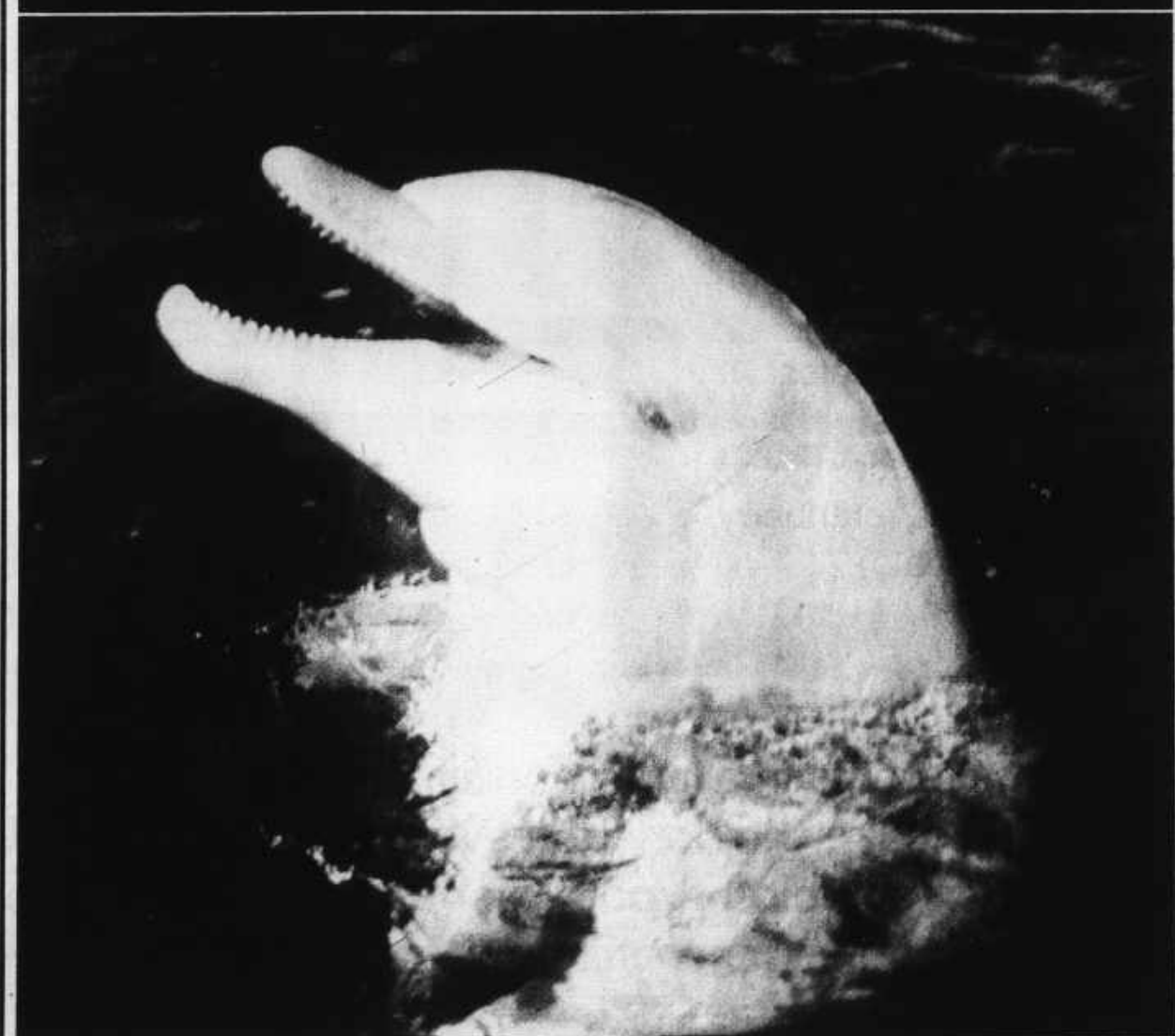
"Sometimes people come up and they've been feeling a certain way for days or weeks and may not need immediate counseling, but we try to get people in immediately," Putzel Price said.

Information discussed at counseling sessions remains completely confidential, but there are times where staff members may discuss a topic with another staff member to report back to the student with proper information.

At this time of year, many people have been turning to the Counseling Center from being stressed out with midterm exams, Putzel Price said.

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Photo Op of the Week



A dolphin poses for a picture at a touch tank in Florida this past summer.

photo by Erin Johnson

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Pie was a choice favorite of Adam Denio, who claimed that he could eat six pies. "My mother makes close to 12 pies," he said. There are some of those that choose to spend Thanksgiving in a different light than the rest of us, like Bill Schmand, who likes pie but said his traditions were all about apple pie and violence.

One could try to read into that a bit and still not quite understand what exactly goes on at the Schmand's.

As Nate Aucella suggests, "Eat food and have a great vacation in this wonderland of higher learning."

Dan Leavitt is an opinion writer for The Equinox.

Counseling Center, from page 8

"We work as a team, like if one staff member has a student with an eating disorder. Mona Anderson specializes in eating disorders and body image, so if I were working with a student with an eating disorder and wanted to get some more input, I would work with Mona or I might refer the student to Mona," Putzel Price said.

"Counselors, I think, are like a pair of shoes. Just because you wear a size eight shoe, doesn't mean that all size eights are going to fit. All counselors are different. You may not like sitting with me or working with me, but don't give up. It's about who you are comfortable with," Putzel Price said.

The Counseling Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is an after hours phone service available for students in crisis. Brochures with phone number listings are available in the Counseling Center office.

The website also stated that in

BY KACY BURBANK
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Attention all skiers and snowboarders. It's almost that time of year again—winter. Are you planning to buy a season's pass to any of the nearby ski resorts?

Skiing and snowboarding can become an expensive sport to take up, especially for college students.

Mount Sunapee, in Sunapee, NH, is running a special offer for college students from now through December 21. For \$199, college students can buy a pass with no restrictions that includes lift tickets to Mount Sunapee, Cannon Mountain and Gunstock, a receptionist said.

A "College Card" is also available for \$49. With this card, college students will receive 50 percent off the price of a full-day lift ticket mid-week, \$10 off lift tickets on holidays and 50 percent off ski rentals from Monday through Friday.

Nick Wirkkala, a senior, said he prefers Mount Sunapee over other resorts because he feels the resort has the best prices.

"I'm from Sunapee, NH, so that's another reason why I choose to go there above most places," Wirkkala said.

According to the Stratton Mountain website, college students can now ski and ride Stratton Mountain and Okemo any day, all season with no restrictions. The \$329 pass must be purchased on or before December 21.

The website also stated that in

order to purchase this pass, students must provide documentation of full-time status from the college registrar's office.

Heather Beattie, a senior, said she prefers to go Stratton Mountain over most resorts in the area because "the drive there is not bad" and "the skiing there is worth the drive and the money."

"It's nice to go to Stratton because two of my friends have a house there," Beattie said.

Stratton not only offers skiing and snowboarding, but designer outlets are also in the area, a Land Rover Driving School, snow shoeing and sleigh rides. Check out stratton.com for details on upcoming events.

According to the Sugarloaf website, a season's pass for college students is \$499 and the College All-East season's pass is \$599.

The website also notes that students must be full-time with a valid college identification card and letter from the registrar's office.

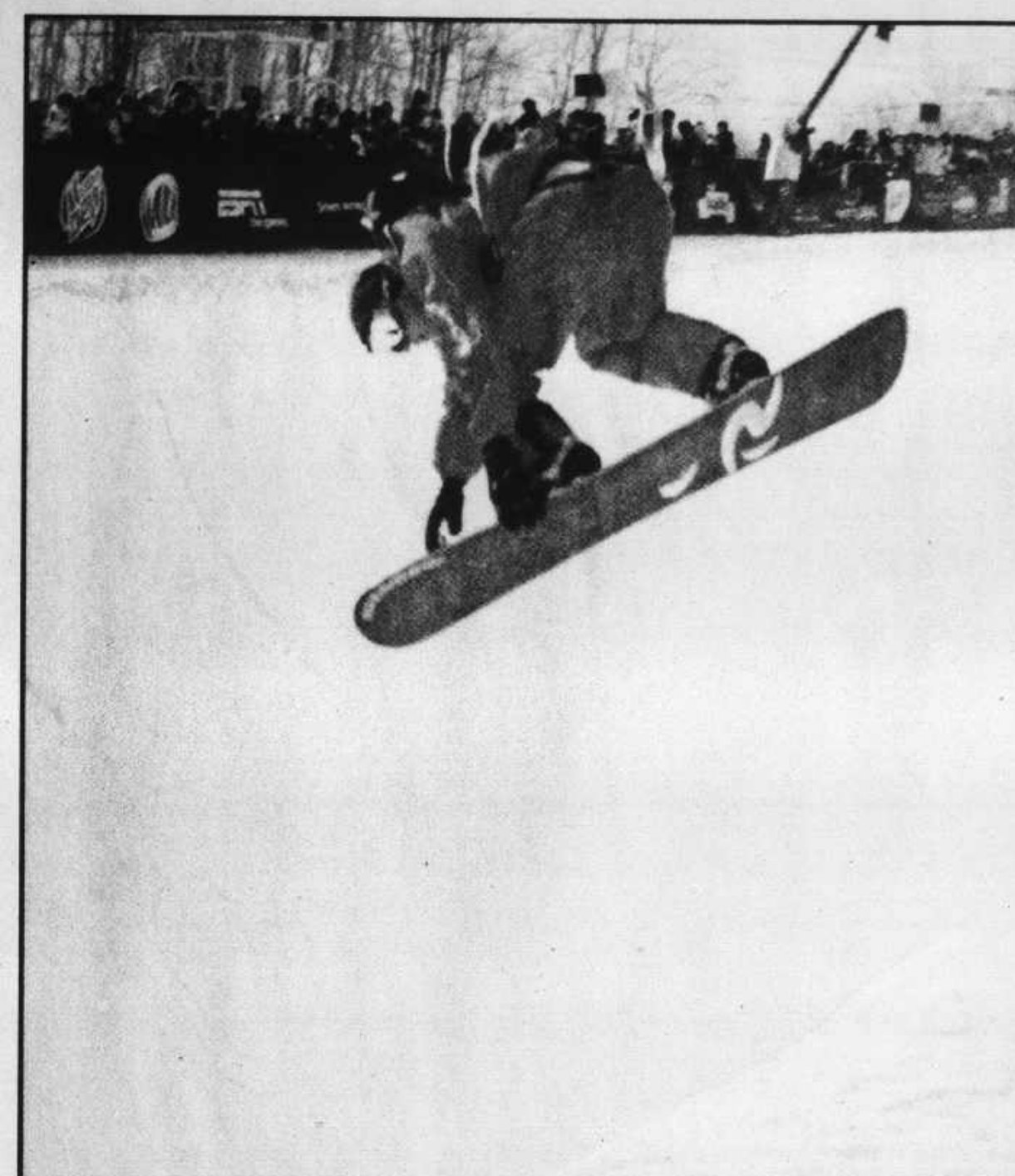
Sugarloaf/USA is located in the middle of Carabassett Valley, which is surrounded by Maine's western mountains. For more details on prices and upcoming events, visit sugarloaf.com.

Pat's Peak, located in Henniker, NH, does not run college specials. A receptionist said for a full-day pass during the week and for all lifts, the cost is \$26. For a half-day during the week, the cost for a pass is \$20.

On the weekends, a full-day, all lifts pass is \$40, and for a half-day, the cost is \$28. For skiers and snowboarders over the age of 18, a season's pass is \$495.

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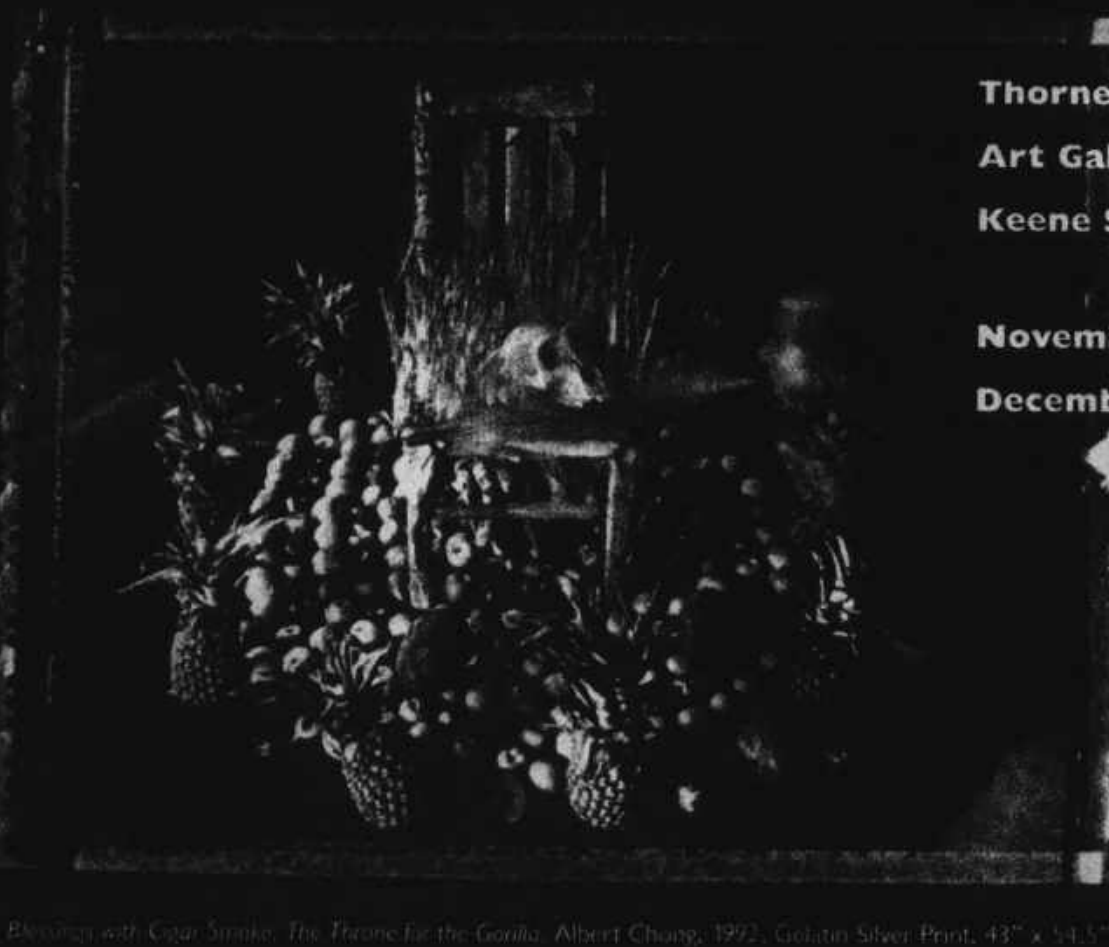
Heather Beattie, KSC Senior



This snowboarder competes during the X-Games at Mount Snow last winter.

photo by J. Max Pergami

Soon Come The Art of Contemporary Jamaica



Thorne-Sagendorph
Art Gallery
Keene State College

November 3 -
December 9, 2001

Soon Come (an expression meaning "great things happen when the time is right") brings together paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, and mixed-media works by 20 Jamaicans ranging from premier artists to lesser-known, self-taught artists. The exhibit explores the themes of nationalism, individual identity, the consequences of the Jamaican Diaspora, and international influences that have shaped Jamaican art.

A program of Exhibits USA, a National Division of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Gallery Hours

Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday
Noon to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday

The gallery is open only when Keene State College is in session. We are closed Monday, November 12, to commemorate Veterans Day, and Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The exhibits and programs are free and open to the public. Accessible to people with disabilities.

For information: www.keene.edu/tsag or 603-358-2720
Also through December 2, 2001

American Vision

The Democratization of Design in the 20th Century

American Vision explores the influence on decorative art by technological advances in 20th-century America. The exhibit showcases the collection of Harrisville resident Léandre Poisson.

We apologize for not running
"This week in Greek" due to non-submission

Habitat headed to Costa Rica

BY DAN LEAVITT
The Equinox

For the second winter in a row, Keene State College will be sending students to Costa Rica.

Last year the geography department traveled to the small Latin American country. This coming January, Keene's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be going. A team of 15 KSC community members, consisting of five staff and ten students, will be building a home in the Cartago region.

The trip will be inclusive of a small tour of the island, homestays with local families, and a five-day home build. According to Habitat members, this may be one of the bigger challenges considering that most homes there are made from cinderblock. Though they have the work cut out for themselves in Costa Rica, they have hurdles that they must get over here in Keene, as well.

Each team member has paid for their own travel, but they must generate the funds to build the home itself.

The home will be built in the Cartago Region. Cartago was originally the capital of Costa Rica.

Connections made could further Keene State's exchange program, both incoming and outgoing, thus giving students more options. Also, they will hopefully help to create a Habitat chapter or affiliate at one or both of the schools, according to Packard.

"At a time such as the present, when we are not showing how caring we are," finished Packard.

Packard is one of the builders. He has been on many of the Habitat

spring break trips, but has never left the country for a build or otherwise.

"I am looking forward to being in the rainforest and seeing a new land in general," Molly Goss said.

Goss said she and fellow builders are to bring something back with them to the campus here at Keene State when they return in the spring semester. This might entail ideas for presentations, a journal, a video, cultural artifacts or even a recipe. Goss also explained her excitement to see the way that they live.

Though it will be cold in Keene on January 3rd through the 13th, Goss and Packard believe that they might be able to warm the local community a bit with some of the stuff they bring back with them.

According to Habitat members, this team will be the first Global Village team from Keene State. Global Village is the name given to Habitat for Humanity efforts abroad. Habitat as a whole has been able to create housing for over 500,000 people in 2,000 different communities. They have also taken on the responsibility of creating a connection to a couple of schools in San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica.

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calendar

THURSDAY

7 pm NEW HAMPSHIRE FREEDOM TO MARRY COALITION
REGIONAL MEETING @ The Student Center Room 307

8 pm "MARCEL PURSUED BY THE HOUNDS"
KSC Theater, by Michael Tremblay
@ Wright Theater, Redfern Arts Center \$5

8 pm UFO'S - THE HIDDEN HISTORY
presented by SAC,
@ Mountain View Room, Student Center

"PIPPIN," KEENE HIGH SCHOOL
Based on a book by Rogero Hiron.
Tickets \$6. 352-0040 x7556

CAKE @ The Orpheum, Boston

POE @ The Paradise, Boston

FRIDAY

3 pm WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Thomas College,
5 pm Norwich vs. Westfield State @ Spaulding Gym.

7 pm MEN'S BASKETBALL Keene State Tournament
Fitchburg vs. New England College 7 pm
KSC vs. Notre Dame (N.H.) 9 pm

7:30 pm SENIOR RECITAL, CARLY ANDERSON: Voice,
@ Redfern Arts Center Alumni Hall.

8 pm "MARCEL PURSUED BY THE HOUNDS"
KSC Theater, by Michael Tremblay
@ Wright Theater, Redfern Arts Center \$5

8 pm THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, by Gilbert & Sullivan
A tale of a Merryman and his Maid,
@ The Colonial Theatre, 95 Main St., Keene, \$22-\$25

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KITTIE @ The Roxy, Boston

SATURDAY

9 am - 2pm COURT JOSEPHINE #319 ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR,
baked goods, handmade Christmas/holiday ornaments,
and gifts. @ St. Joseph's School, Main Street, Keene.

9:30 am - 3pm HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Hosted by the American Association of University Women,
@ Mabel Brown Room

1 pm WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Consolation Game 1pm - Championship Game, 3 pm

5:30 pm MEN'S BASKETBALL
Consolation Game 5:30 pm - Championship Game, 7:30 pm

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A.F.I./F-MINUS @ Axis, Boston

AEROSMITH @ Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, NH

SUNDAY

3 pm SENIOR RECITAL:
KATRINA GATTI: Flute
STEVE CADY: Double Bass
@ Redfern Arts Center Alumni Hall

Noon - 4 pm COLONY MILL 18TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
1-3 pm Fran Ferry's magic.
Noon - 4 pm Music: Donna Dearth and
Westmoreland Town Band.
@ Colony Mill Marketplace, West Street, Keene.

BIOHAZARD/CANDIRIA @ Charilly's Concord, NH

MONDAY

THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE: For information call X 2242

7 pm REMEMBRANCE DAY:
The annual commemoration of President Lincoln's "faw appro-
priate remarks" on the dedication of the Gettysburg National
Cemetery.
@ The Historical Society of Cheshire County, Main St., Keene.

8:30 pm THANKSGIVING FEAST and MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
@ Night Owl Cafe, FREE

BARENAKED LADIES @ Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester

TUESDAY

2 pm WKNH RADIO THEATER "Rock N Roll Thanksgiving" on 91.3 FM

7:30 pm MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Endicott College @ Spaulding Gym.

9:30 PM CLASSES END!

ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN/PSYCHEDELIC FURS @ Avalon, Boston

BEN FOLDS @ Northern Lights, Clifton Park, NY

WEDNESDAY

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO CLASSES (Residence Halls close at noon)

8 pm BOB DYLAN @ Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, \$31-\$36

PHIL LESH & FRIENDS @ The Orpheum, Boston

SUPERCHUNK @ Somerville Theater, Somerville, MA

CONVERGE/HOPECONSPIRACY @ The Met Café, Providence

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Contraction and retirement hot topics in Major League postseason

SPORTS COMMENTARY

BY RICHARD EGAN
The Equinox

The end of the baseball season and the off-season have been very eventful compared to the regular season.

First, cinderella Arizona beats "America's Team," the Yankees, in the World Series.

Then that was followed by the thought of getting rid of two major league teams this off-season and contracting Major League Baseball from 30 teams to 28.

This has the possibility to prove good things for baseball.

Teams who are not making money will be let loose, like the Twins or the Expos.

Pitching will be a little better and maybe the games will be a little more exciting.

The retirement of two of the greatest players, icons and ambassadors for the game Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken, saddened the baseball world.

But nothing shocked the baseball community more than the retirement of one of the greatest players of all time, Mark McGwire.

Monday, McGwire announced that he had made his mark in baseball and will end his 16-year career sixth on the all-time home run list.

McGwire is said to have saved baseball in 1998 when he took on the single season home run mark and shattered it.

Fans took to the park just to see Big Mac hit batting practice.

When McGwire entered the game in 1987, he was a skinny first baseman for the Oakland A's who was said to have potential to be a decent power hitter.

And then Big Mac broke the single season rookie home run record with 49 homers.

As the seasons went on, so did the homers. He hit some of the farthest home runs of all time and captivated audiences across the country.

If not for injuries, Big Mac might be retiring with the all-time home run record.

He was plagued by injury his entire career and for that he has some regrets.

But Big Mac was not only a home run hitter, he was an ambassador for the game and one of the greatest hitters of all time. His presence on the field and his appeal as an American icon will be sorely missed.

Richard Egan is a junior majoring in communications. His opinions do not reflect those of this paper.

Keene State men's and women's basketball teams start their respective seasons this Saturday at the Keene State Shaw's Tip-off Classic



The Keene State College women's cross country had their best ever finish at the New England regional meet.

Equinox photo by J. Max Pergallini

Men's XC wins regionals

BY PAUL PHELPS
The Equinox

For the past two years the Keene State College men's cross country team has gone into the Division III New England Championships meet ranked number one, and both times prevailed as regional champ.

This year, plagued by graduation and also holding out a couple key runners from last year's squad, the Owls found themselves not ranked on top for the first time in three years.

The result was no different, though, as the Owls came out on top once again.

Junior All-American Mark Miller led the Owls to the first place finish, cruising to victory with a course record time of 24:53 for the eight-kilometer course.

Miller took the lead right off the line and never looked back, winning with a comfortable nine-second lead.

"Mark ran as well as we all expected him to run. He's been our guy all year, and he

showed it again today," said Coach Peter Thomas.

Continuing his rapid improvement, junior Matt St. Germaine was the next Owl to cross the line, in fifth place with a time of 25:11.

"I've put in a couple of great weeks of training, and I seem to feel better each and every week," said St. Germaine.

Following St. Germaine was sophomore Josh Ferenc and junior Paul Phelps, who finished 11th and 16th with times of 25:25 and 25:38, respectively.

Freshman Dave Bridgewater sealed the victory for the Owls with his 21st place finish in a time of 25:44.

"Dave really came through for us today. We needed him to run well, and that is exactly what he did," said Thomas.

KSC tallied 54 total points, easily good enough to edge out favorite Bowdoin College (83) and MIT College (106).

On the women's side of the meet, the Owls were again led by All-American Mary Proulx, who finished third overall with a time of 17:26.

By finishing third, she qualified for the National meet as an individual.

"She was disappointed, she thought she should have won the meet," said Coach Thomas.

A confident Proulx feels that next week she will be ready for the

national meet.

"Next week, I am not going to settle for anything less than first place," said Proulx after the race.

Freshman Sadie Purinton, running in her first race in several weeks, was the Owls'

next finisher in 49th place with a time of 19:00.

"It was good to see Sadie on the line after missing so much due to injury," said Coach Thomas.

Sophomore Hannah Horton was next across the line in 68th place with a time of 19:27.

Freshman Stephanie Gibson and Junior Karen Jordan finished the scoring for the Owls, in 78th and 98th with times of 19:35 and 19:45.

The Owls finished with a total of 292 points, good enough for a ninth place finish overall.

The ninth place finish for the Owls symbolized their best finish in the history of the women's program at KSC.

This weekend the Keene State College men's team and Mary Proulx of the women's team will travel to Rock Island, Illinois to compete in the NCAA National Championship.

Men's soccer falls at NCAAs

The Keene State College men's soccer team ends season 18-4

BY RICHARD EGAN
The Equinox

The Keene State College men's soccer team season ended abruptly with a 2-0 loss to Norwich University in the semi-finals of the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Tournament at St. Lawrence University in New York last Saturday.

Keene State and Norwich fought back and forth in a scoreless first half. KSC had many opportunities to end the scoreless tie but was unable to connect.

KSC goalie D.J. Nordmark kept Norwich off the scoreboard with many spectacular saves.

Only four minutes into the second half, Norwich University ended the tie with a squeaker that just got by Nordmark.

The goal was scored by Ryan Quintal of the Cadets.

The Cadets put the game away with another goal late in the half.

KSC had many chances to get themselves back into the game but just could not capitalize.

Jason Lombardo was taken down outside the box in the second half, but KSC was unable to score as a shot by Robby Carson just missed.

That was followed by another KSC opportunity that just missed. John Harke's header hit the post, ensuring a shutout by the Cadets.

"Our backs were really exploited today and

our midfielders never got into the game," said KSC Coach Ron Butcher. "We just had a general breakdown. For some reason they were taking this team to lightly."

The loss ended KSC's 13 game winning streak. The Owls are a young team and they showed they are capable of being a contender.

They ended their season 18-4. The 18 wins was the most since the 1991 season.

"This season was much more than I expected my first year here."

Casey Banks, KSC men's soccer

"This season was much more than I expected my first year here," said freshman Casey Banks. "It was a surprise but it was great

that we got as far as we did." Keene State will bring back the core of this year's team and looks to win it all next season.

It's a bird.

It's a plane.

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Write for The Equinox X2413

BCS polls begin to heat up



Nebraska's star quarterback, Eric Crouch, charges down field.

Nebraska and Miami head BCS standing and are looking toward the Rose Bowl

BY BILL CAMPBELL
The Dallas Morning News

Nebraska and Miami maintained their hold on the two top BCS spots, which will produce the teams that meet for the national championship in the Rose Bowl, in ratings released Monday.

Big 12 South leader Oklahoma (9-1) maintained its No. 3 ranking with its 31-10 victory over Texas A&M. But a 59-0 victory over Big 12

spot to sixth in the ratings that combine polls, computers, records, and strength of schedule components to rank the top 15 teams in the nation. The Longhorns (9-1) have been repeatedly punished in the strength-of-schedule category, although they did pick up 0.2 points in the quality-win component as Colorado appeared in the rankings at No. 14. Oregon (9-1) and Florida (8-1) hurdled the Longhorns, while Tennessee (7-1) fell from fourth to seventh despite a 49-28 victory over Memphis.

No. 4 Oregon won the Pac-10 championship with a 21-20 victory at UCLA, while No. 5 Florida ravaged SEC East rival South Carolina, 54-17.

Nebraska (11-0) tightened its grip on the No. 1 position with its 31-21 defeat of Kansas State. The Cornhuskers lead Miami (8-0) by 5.11 ratings points, up from 3.99 a week ago. Miami narrowly escaped

upset at Boston College, 18-7. The tight battle between Miami and Oklahoma for the No. 2 position will continue if both teams remain unbeaten, but would be rendered moot if Oklahoma meets Nebraska in the Big 12 title game.

Texas, ranked fifth last week, finishes its regular season on Nov. 23 against Texas A&M. If Oklahoma wins the Big 12 South, the Longhorns would need considerable help - probably requiring losses by Oregon, Miami, Florida, and Tennessee - to rise up to Rose Bowl contention.

Should Oklahoma lose one of its final games against Texas Tech or Oklahoma State, and Texas wins the Big 12 championship, the Longhorns conceivably could hurdle Oregon and their Big 12 counterparts. Then, a loss by Miami or Florida could boost Texas into the Rose Bowl.

McGwire walks away with more than records

BY BUD GERACIE
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Mark McGwire's career was one of enormous growth, and not just physically.

Over 16 seasons, he grew arms like Popeye, a body like Bunyan and a legend like Ruth.

Spiritually, he grew into a man who could walk away from \$30 million.

McGwire announced his retirement Sunday night, saying he could no longer play to the level of his pay.

It is possible, even likely, that he also is clearing the way for Jason Giambi, his friend and successor in Oakland, to become his successor in St. Louis.

In a statement, McGwire hinted as much. He also said he had experienced enough things to fill ten lifetimes.

There were three for sure: The Sweet Innocent; the Lost Innocent; the Man Found. When he joined the A's in September

1986, McGwire was a raw-boned third baseman distinguished by an erratic throwing arm and a sweet disposition.

That was how he began the 1987 season, as part of a three-way platoon with Carney Lansford and Rob Nelson, a big left-handed slugging first baseman.

McGwire turned out to be the slugger, however. He hit 49 home runs his rookie season, an astonishing number at the time. Instead of taking his shot at 50, a mountain scaled just once in 20 years, by George Foster in 1977, McGwire spent the final weekend of the season at home to witness the birth of his son.

He was like something out of a fairy tale, or some 1950s sports book for American youth. He was Satan's nightmare - so good and wholesome and innocent.

On his first trip into Tiger Stadium, McGwire turned the hallowed park into his personal playpen. He homered to dead center, 440 feet away, and was genuinely surprised to find the media at his locker after

the game.

"You guys want to talk to me?"

Never in my life have I seen a man fall harder and faster into the trappings of fame.

The man who gave up his chance at home run history to witness the birth of his first child was soon divorced, leading a rock star's life. From white bread to burnt toast, just like that.

As he veered further and further from his nature, McGwire's game went along with him. So did his demeanor. Each season, like a step into hell until reaching bottom in 1991 when he batted .201 and hit 22 home runs - the kind of numbers that now have led him to retirement.

Back then, it was his head that needed fixing.

Now, it's his body.

It is a body that had betrayed him before, many times. In 1993, after his comeback season of 42 home runs led Oakland's last hurrah, McGwire was limited by injuries to 27 games. The next season, he played 47.

These past two seasons have been something like that. It makes you wonder. Add all of the games McGwire missed, multiply the plate appearances, factor in his home-run/at-bat ratio, he would be about 17 short of Hank Aaron rather than 17 short of 600.

Those injury-riddled seasons played their part, though. It was during that pair in the 1990s that McGwire became a student of the game. The time away also allowed him to learn more about himself and the game of life. All of it prepared him for the summer of 1998, when he would become the leading character in one of baseball's biggest stories ever.

The wild swings he had taken with his life stopped after the disastrous 1991 season when he began seeing a psychotherapist. He had always been a father to his son, but now he made amends to his ex-wife. She remarried, but he remained part of the family.

McGwire found himself. It was somewhere between the sweet, innocent rookie and the surly character.

His 1997 trade from Oakland was the final piece. The losing and the small crowds had worn him down. He needed the energy of a baseball-crazy town. Reunited with Manager Tony LaRussa and a host of others from the A's heyday, McGwire made history in 1998.

He hit 58 home runs the previous season - 34 for Oakland, 24 for St. Louis - and he had done that despite a career-worst homerless drought that began with the trade to a new league. He changed leagues, went 72 at-bats without hitting a home run, and still hit 58.

The pressure was on from Day One of spring training in 1998. McGwire didn't always handle it well. But as he came down the stretch that summer, coming up on Roger Maris' 37-year-old record of 61 home runs, nobody could have conducted himself better.

That was his crowning achievement, as a ballplayer and as a man. When he goes into the Hall of Fame five years from now, he can stand alongside Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken in every way.



The Equinox would like to apologize to the Keene State College swimming and diving teams for the lack of coverage of their first two meets.

Equinox staff photo by Samantha Mayo

When writers and photographers fail to make their deadline, the staff is forced to compromise its quality with empty spaces like this. It is important to remember that The Equinox is a class in the Keene State College catalog and the appropriate actions will be taken for a writer or photographer that fails to complete an assignment.

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Just when you have one problem solved, another floats to the surface. Is there no end to them? Actually, no. They just change form, shape and size. As long as you're stirring things up, you'll encounter them. Stop complaining.

Taurus

Consult your partner before deciding what to buy or where to invest your money. He or she has strong opinions about what should be done. If you find the decision has already been made, just try to get your two cents in.

Gemini

It's always darkest before the dawn. Tomorrow will be much better. Tonight could be OK. Today, continue to slog through the mud. You get extra points, and possibly cash, for your determination.

Cancer

Formulate your plans early and get started as soon as possible. This should be something that you and your sweetheart can work on together. If you don't have a sweetheart yet, find a project you can work on with a cute single person. Then, see what develops.

Leo

Just because you're not saying much doesn't mean you're stuck in the mud all day. You're thinking, right? You might even figure out the puzzle. Looks like there will be a celebration later.

Virgo

Your work should be getting more interesting as you go along. Use what you're learning, plus the things you already use, to help a friend in need. He or she will think you're an angel.

Libra

Continue to push hard. You can assume new responsibilities and be abundantly rewarded. Don't be foolish with your money, even if you have plenty. It's better to be humble and secure.

Scorpio

When you get like this, you're awesome. You make things happen. People scurry to do your bidding. Sometimes you don't even have to tell them. But don't wait for that. Tell them.

Sagittarius

Do you feel pushed to take action? Is some inner voice encouraging you to be bold? If what you do will help protect others, you're on the right track. Trust those impulses.

Capricorn

Follow through on a hunch and also on a good lead from a friend. It may be time to spend some money in order to ease some of your burden. How about hiring somebody to do a job you don't like?

Aquarius

You've carefully chosen the course that should be followed. Others sought your advice, and you've solved every problem. You know what needs to be done and how to do it. When the commander gives the order, it's a go.

Pisces

It's slightly easier than usual to tell your loved ones exactly how you feel. The words may come out before you have a chance to wonder whether they're the right ones. Don't worry - they will be.

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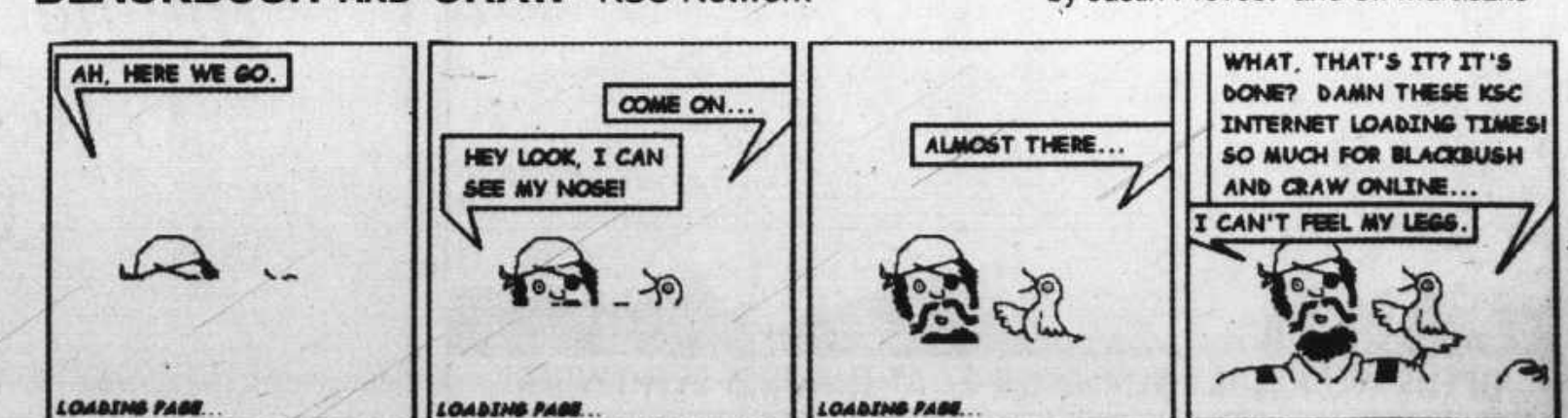
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Maestro of the men's room hands out towels, wisecracks

BY MARK PRICE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

An unwritten rule forbids cool people to be in nightclubs before 11 o'clock on a Friday night. So there's a ghostly, cavernous feel to downtown's Bar Charlotte when Lamont Osbia walks in at 9 p.m., carrying a duffel bag in each hand.

The men's room is down a hall, across the empty dance floor and against the back wall. It's about the size of a kitchen but feels smaller, thanks to the seven urinals, two

sinks, one table and single stoppered toilet.

Osbia, a professional restroom attendant, is home for the night.

Starting at the sink, he meticulously covers the counter with items after item pulled from his bags: Brushes and combs. Powders and deodorants. Toothpicks and dental floss. Hairsprays and body lotions.

There are a half-dozen bottles of expensive cologne, nearly as many breath fresheners and 400 cloth towels, each washed and folded by Osbia.

By the time he's finished, it looks like the cosmetics counter at Belk or

Nordstrom, but with a tip box as the centerpiece. The box represents his sole source of income for the night. Osbia is allowed to be here as a courtesy, and he returns the favor by making sure the men's room stays free of drugs, fistfights and drunken women.

When the music finally comes on in the club, it's loud enough to make the restroom's white plastic walls vibrate. Osbia peeks out and sees a growing crowd that's mostly in its 20s, mostly male and mostly drinking beer. All good signs.

"I'm going to work 'em all night," he says, and dances a few steps.

Lamont Osbia won 11 of 15 bouts when he tried professional boxing. But his dream is to be an entertainer, and that has him seeing endless possibilities in the restrooms of Charlotte.

Never mind that most men are uninterested the first time they encounter his busy hands tugging at their shirts, brushing their shoulders and fidgeting with their hair.

"I'm under a lot of pressure," he says. "This is the most mis-

understood career you can have. Even I didn't like the idea at first. Then I heard the words 'travel' and 'percentage.' I wanted to see the country."

So here he is, one year and six states later, seeing a different side of America and playing to packed houses as a wisecracking, rhyme-rapping restroom attendant.

It's a role that, by and large, requires only handing out Soft Soap and towels. But 34-year-old Osbia's approach is so different, so like a stand-up routine, that he has transformed the job into something completely different.

"I'm not just a bathroom attendant," he says. "Even when I was a boxer, I didn't see my job as beating people up. Blocking and moving was a dance, like a Broadway play. Now I'm in the bathroom and I'm still on stage, entertaining for one laugh, one smile. I still have my crowd."

Quite literally whether they want him there or not. It's a captive audience in the restrooms of America - gilded to their seats, you might say - and Osbia is an ambitious man.

It's 10 o'clock before the crowd has enough beer in its belly to handle what Osbia has in mind.

Facing the backside of his audience, all of whom are busy at a urinal,

he begins rapping and rhyming, with each line coming faster and louder than the one before.

"Mr. Smooth, I got your move. I got the lotion for the motion. I got the mousse to make her loose. I got it all," he raps.

"No cologne? You goin' home alone? If you smell, she says, 'Oh, well.' I'll take all night to make you right. Know what I'm talkin' 'bout, baby?"

Stunned, the men neither speak nor turn to look. Osbia keeps going, cracking up the humor: "I got spray for the lay. Come get clean, so you can get in between."

The audience begins to snicker and laugh.

"Jesse says, 'Keep hope alive,' " he says, imitating Jesse Jackson. "I say keep SOAP alive. KEEP SOAP ALIVE! KEEP SOAP ALIVE!"

The men slowly chime in, and Osbia soon finds himself leading a chorus at the sink, all of them pumping one fist in the air and chanting "Soap! Soap! Soap!"

He races to squirt a dollop in each hand, throws clean towels across their shoulders, then gives their shirts a going-over with his lint brush.

"Don't be nervous. It's just tip service," he says. "I'm here to help ya, not to hurt ya."

FSU gives students a peek at the past

BY TIA MITCHELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Last week, the Florida State University Union Gallery was converted into a time machine. Current students who visited the gallery were able to see how students lived and what they lived through in the university's 150-year history.

The exhibit - titled "Alumni: Celebrating 150 Years of Student Life" - includes replicas of four dorm rooms, pictures and other memorabilia. It was unveiled earlier last week as part of the homecoming celebration at the university. The display is now on exhibit in the school's Student Life Building for six months.

Diane Greer, who oversees the exhibit, said it allows current students to get a "peek at the past."

"We just wanted them to see the kinds of things students might have had in their rooms at the time," said Greer, who is also director of cultural resources. "I think dorm life is part of the history of the university that tends to be ignored."

The four dorm rooms are decorated to reflect the eras they represent - the 1880s, 1901, the 1940s and the 1960s. In 1851, the Florida General Assembly established the Seminary West of the Suwannee River. The institution became known as the Florida State College in 1901, and in 1905 the Legislature turned it into a females-only institution. In 1947, the Florida State College for Women became coeducational and was renamed Florida State University.

Sherill Ragans, associate vice president of student affairs, suggested replicating dorm rooms after seeing a similar display at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The exhibit not only shows how student life has evolved but also points out campus traditions and noteworthy events.

Copies of front pages of several issues of The New York Times are hung on the walls. The one closest to the door is a copy of the Sept. 12 issue, which has a picture of two smoking World Trade Center towers. Other copies displayed include coverage of the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and President John Kennedy, as well as Gen. Robert E. Lee's Civil War-ending surrender.

"It's designed to show how historical events - both national and world events - have shaped and influenced the lives of students at FSU and its predecessor institutions through the years," said junior public relations student Emily Hawker, who is a member of the committee that produced the exhibit.

FSU alumna Kitty Hoffman attended the opening reception last week. Her story, told in the exhibit by a bucket of oranges, helps bring to life the university's reputation for compassion for its students.

During the 1933-'34 school year, Hoffman was a sophomore at the Florida State College for Women. The nation was in the middle of the Great Depression, and Hoffman's family didn't have enough money for her to return that spring.

"But I didn't want to go home, so the college bought enough oranges from my father to pay my expenses for the rest of the school year," she said.

Hoffman said she is not the only student who benefited from this compassion.

"We thought maybe somebody got through on sweet potatoes," she said. "And it was suspected somebody got through on collard greens."

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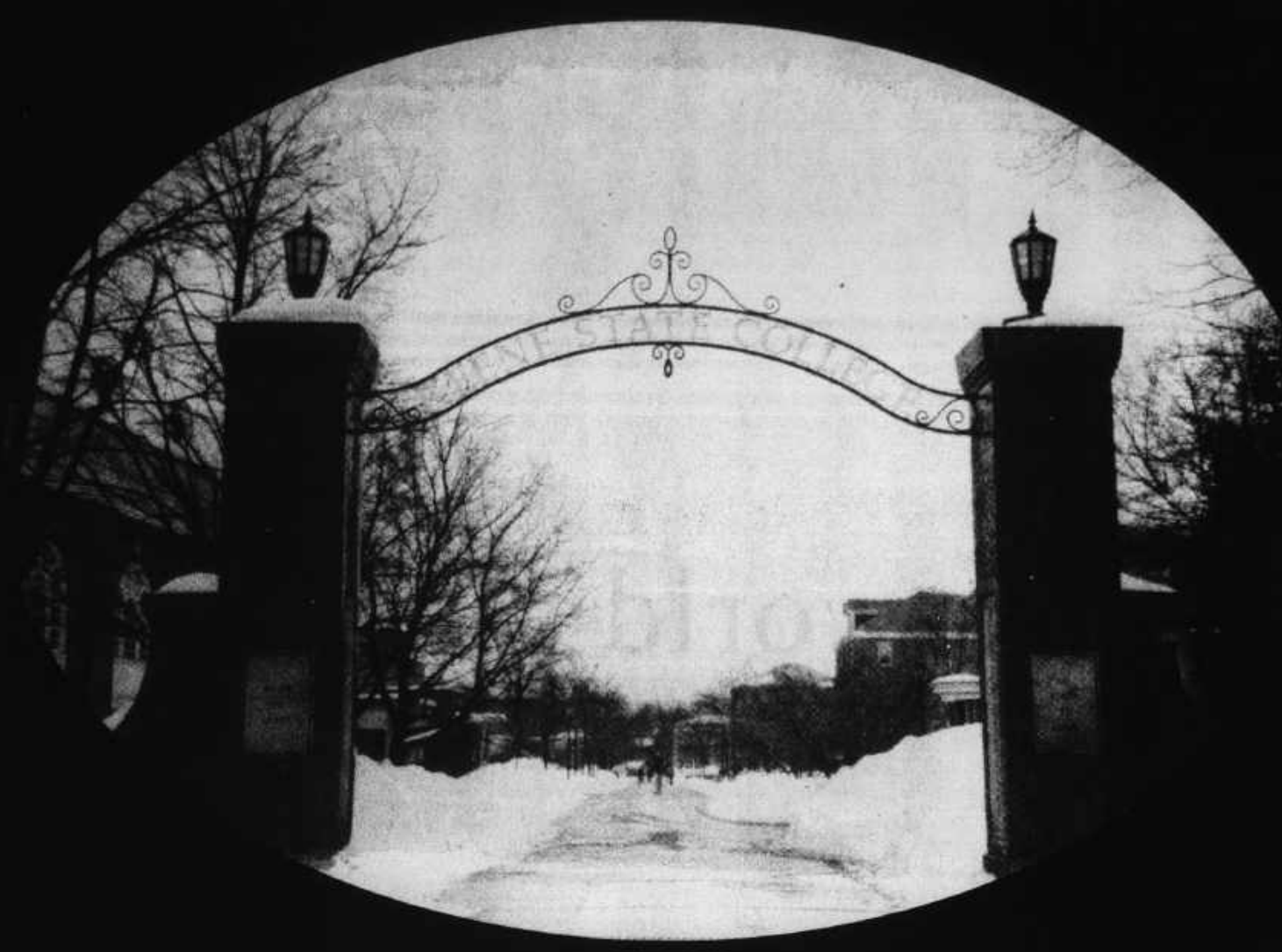
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Arts & Entertainment

New Hampshire gains world class venue

BY JOSH DOKUS
The Equinox

After months of construction, Manchester's highly anticipated Verizon Wireless Arena opens this Friday.

The main tenant of the building will be the Manchester Monarchs, a new American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings. However, the arena will also be used for major concert events and various other functions. Only an hour's driving distance from Keene, the new venue will become the closest of its kind to Keene.

The AHL Manchester expansion team came to be affiliated with the L.A. Kings after the Kings' players moved out of the split-affiliated Lowell Lock Monsters organization, who are independently owned.

The Monarchs will be joining the Northern Division of the AHL's Eastern Conference this season, which began October 5th on the road, where they will remain until November 16th.

"Manchester, of course, as well as the whole state of New Hampshire, has a very rich hockey background," says Chris McNevech, Monarchs' Public Relations Director. "So I think that's part of the reason why the Kings wanted to pursue the city as it's home for developing their best young players."

This Friday kicks off opening weekend for the center, with the Monarch's first home games on Friday and Sunday, and an Aerosmith concert Saturday evening.

Both the Friday game against the

Preview

Lowell Lock Monsters, and the Aerosmith show are sold out.

The arena continues its opening month with a bang, welcoming the Barenaked Ladies on Nov. 19, Bob Dylan on Nov. 21, Elton John on Nov. 30, a UNH/Dartmouth men's hockey game on Dec. 13, and Ozzy Osbourne on Dec. 20.

"We've been working late, trying to get this place open," Regrut said. "The \$47 million facility has a rounder seating layout than most hockey arenas, to facilitate better side views."

Much of the lower level gold seats are for season ticket holders only, with two lower-level sections being club seats, which have extra privileges.

4,000 Monarchs season tickets have been purchased to date. Ticket prices are \$15.50 for adult gold seats, and \$11.50 for upper-level adult silver seats.

"Opening night's sold out and we're looking forward to it," says McNevech. "The whole state of New Hampshire is."

The arena's luxury suites were contracted out for five or nine-year leases before construction even began, proving that the project was financially viable and prompting the beginning of construction on April 13, 2000.

Last July, Verizon Wireless signed a 15-year, \$11.4 million contract for the naming rights of the building. The arena is the fourth entertainment facility named after Verizon in the U.S., preceding the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Irvine, Calif., the Verizon Wireless Virginia Beach Amphitheater, and the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Selma, Texas.

With its large seating capacity (between 10,000 and 12,000 depending on the event), the arena also aims to hold trade shows, conventions, ice shows, the circus, and monster truck rallies in addition to concerts and hockey games.

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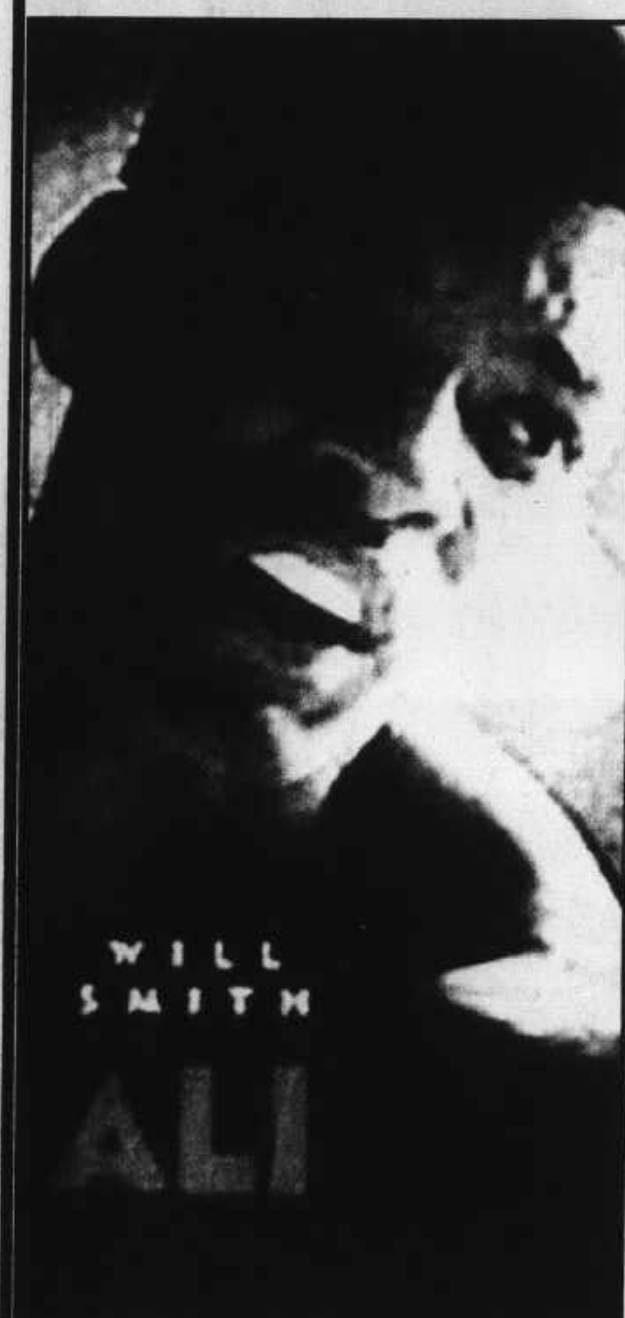
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The Verizon Wireless Center (Pictured Above) will be opening this weekend.

Equinox photo by Andy Spitz

Ten Cinematic Presents under the Tree



Float like a fresh prince, sting like a bee. Rapper/actor Will Smith poses in a poster for his 2001 holiday release "Ali".

BY ALEC KERR
The Equinox

From now to the end of the year, about 40 movies will be released. With such a barrage of films it is often hard to decide what to see.

I think it's a safe bet that everyone has heard about "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." So, I'll give you my top twelve (I couldn't narrow it down to ten) movies to see other than those two.

1.) "Royal Tenenbaums"-- The children of Angelieta Houston and Gene Hackman showed extraordinary talent at a young age and went to the world to use it. Twenty years later at a family reunion it is clear things haven't worked out as planned.

"Almost Famous" and 1996's "Jerry Maguire." Tom Cruise stars as a man who falls for his best friend's girlfriend (Penelope Cruz, "Blow"). Cruise gets into a car accident that leaves him disfigured.

Cruz declares her love and he is able to get his face rebuilt. Soon, weird things begin to happen and he begins to lose control of his life. The movie also stars Cameron Diaz, Kurt Russell and Jason Lee ("Almost Famous"). (12/14)

3.) "Sideways of New York"-- This is writer/director Edward Burns' third film, after "The Brothers McMullen" and "She's the One." Burns is more known as an actor in such films as "Saving Private Ryan." This movie is about the intersecting relationships of several people. The cast includes Burns, Heather Graham, Rosario Dawson ("Josie and the Pussycats"), Brittany Murphy ("Don't Say a Word") and character actor Stanley Tucci. (11/21)

A "Golden State" in the hand is worth alot for B*U*S*H Fans

BY TAMMY EUBANK
The Equinox

Bush, the foursome from London, England, seemed to be MIA after the release of their 1999 album, "The Science of Things," but is now ready for a rock comeback with Golden State.

Not unlike "Sixteen Stone," Bush's fourth studio album contains 12 fun-filled tracks of the band's trademark stop-start rhythms and heavy distortion.

Released on October 23 and debuting at 22 on the Billboard, as of October 28 the album has sold 55,348 copies.

Review

Aside from "Golden State(s)" two ballads, "Inflatable" and "Out of This World," it features contrasting alternative rock songs like "Fugitive," "Reasons," and "Superman."

Ominous lyrics like, "Who are you and where are you in my life?/I was wondering how much of me is still alive," coupled with the usual loud and heavy drumming and simple yet effective guitar riffs, captivate the listener.

"Golden State" was produced by Dave Sardy and Bush, and was engineered by Gregg Fiedelman. All 12 songs on the album were written by Rossdale. It is Bush's most captivating release to date.

There was a nice flow between us all, which I think comes out on the record," said guitarist Nigel Pulsford on the band's official website.

New Album Releases 11/20

Allure: Sunny Days
Marc Anthony: Libre
Boy George: Prisoners: Lucky for Some
The Get Up Kids: Endure
Ghostface Killah: Cuban Link 2: Bulletproof Walnuts
Mick Jagger: Golden in the Hallway
Jewel: This Way
King Crimson: Vrooom Vrooom
Kittie: Oracle
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Paul McCartney: Driving Rain
Natalie Merchant: Motherland
MEST: Destination Unknown
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Oasiscators: In This Room Getting Smaller?
PINK: Mundeased
Radiohead: I Might Be Wrong
Sevendust: Animals
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Rob Zombie: The Sinister Urge

New Video/DVD Releases This Week

Tomb Raider
America's Sweethearts
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Stealth Flights
Planet of the Apes
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
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WWII on display downtown

BY ERIN MANNING
The Equinox

Couples, children, and college students slow as they pass by. They are ordered by a stern Uncle Sam to join the Army, Reds, whites and blues clash with the warm hues of the autumn leaves that scatter the wide sidewalks of Main Street.

It's the sobering backdrop for "Keene Remembers," a tribute to the women and men that represented our nation in the Second World War. Dozens of Main Street shops feature memorabilia, newspapers, and uniforms in their windows.

It gives window-shopping a whole new meaning.

"Keene Remembers" was a collective effort of Main Street merchants, with clothing stores to coffee shops honoring American veterans for Veteran's Day on November 11.

Jim Flanders, a Keene resident, was the mastermind for the window displays. Although Flanders was unavailable for comment, the collages and collections spoke for themselves.

The Righteous Oak, a religious bookstore, sported a large American flag in one of its two windows. Brad

Knically provided the WWII memorabilia: a field jacket, an ammo belt, and a canteen. Also present was an aged First Aid Kit and a 26th Division Jacket. Passers-by gazed at a boxed collection of 22 medals in the window.

Many stores that kept the displays up through November 11 featured a collection of paintings and photographs that reminded on-lookers of stories of baby-boomers, war rations, Rosie the Riveter, FDR, and the New Deal. Paulsen's Bookland had two paintings of American warplanes, the "Hellcat" and "Tigercat." Also in the bookstore's window was a book, "Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul."

Across the busy street, Cheshire Music sported three guitars--one red, one white, and one blue. Newspapers cluttered the window of the music store, with headlines that read, "14,000 Nazi Dead, 13,000 Prisoners." An issue of the Evening Gazette from August 14, 1945, in giant, bold type: "WAR ENDS!"

Even a trendy boutique displayed a handful of outfits in the window with the bold colors of the American flag. Streamers and balloons accompanied the patriotic mannequins.

King's Garden, a Chinese

Restaurant, displayed their appreciation for Keene veterans. "God Bless America," read a 6-foot poster.

"Be a Cadet Nurse: The Girl with a Future," instructed a poster in the window of Clark Mortenson Insurance Agency.

Pedestrians seemed to march along the sidewalks while viewing the grand displays to the tune of many a patriotic song. People smiled, laughed, and frowned at the numbing reminders of a war that changed the face of our great nation.

Bagel Works, a coffee and bagel shop that features artwork monthly, provided a collection of pictures and newspaper clippings from the war.

The window displays are only a branch of Keene's attempt to honor the men and women that had gone to war to protect our country.

Also included in the series of events are the "Kristallnacht Remembrance" at Keene Middle School on November 10 and an Anne Frank Exhibit at Keene State College that runs until Nov. 25.

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This jeep drove by one of the many businesses in Keene at the parade last weekend.

Equinox photo by Andy Spitz

This won't save your life: The return

BY RICHARD SURRETTE
The Equinox

Switch your DVD for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," although a dubbed version is worthless if you want to take the movie for the spectacle that it is.

Anyway, what I'm really talking about here is the uselessness of subtitles added on to movies that simply don't need them.

These days, many sequels are released, and instead of using numbers, the filmmakers use a subtitle, or put a subtitle after the number, such as "Star Trek: Insurrection," "Police Academy: Mission to Moscow," or "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles." These franchises did initially have numbers on their sequels, but stopped because apparently it became uncool. Of course, so did the movies.

Now it isn't even just sequels. Some movies just have subtitles, and it seems there is no reason for them. For example, this summer's Tomb Raider, based on a video game that was basically a female version of Indiana Jones. You'd think that most people would know what this was, but instead, some people decided to call it "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider." WHY?

The film itself is about a character named Lara Croft who raids tombs. It's a waste of text to use the main characters. Do we have films called Bruce Wayne: Batman, or Alex Murphy: RoboCop? No. I can't give this movie too much criticism, partly because I haven't seen it, but also because it gave U2 some exposure, and I think they're getting noticed because of THAT movie.

Ok, here's a new one. Abbreviated titles, or as I'll call them, A.T. I know we've been doing this since Steven Spielberg

had an early interest in subtitles, yet he did it again with A.I. In case nobody knows what it means, that title was expanded to "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence." Why have abbreviations if you still need to explain it? Also, isn't that redundant?

Another video game film was "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within." This film, which actually apparently had nothing to do with the games, was about spirits within things, but the title doesn't need to tell you everything. That's what previews were for. Since the movie had practically nothing to do with the games, maybe Final Fantasy wasn't necessary, except for the built-in audience the producers expected.

Maybe the title should have been "The Spirits Within." Of course, I don't want to get into the territory of talking about "Turbo: A Power

Rangers Movie," [which was the second American full-length film about the Power Rangers, and the last to make it to the theaters].

Of course, The Spirits Within seemed to me like it could have had a better title in "The Phantom Menace." However, someone else already took that. Good segue, huh? Anyway, now that I've gotten onto the subject of Star Wars, let's discuss titles, and sequels, and prequels. I love the original Star Wars trilogy.

I liked "The Phantom Menace," and if you want to bash me for that, do it somewhere else. I call it "The Phantom Menace" because that's its title: "The Phantom Menace." Many call it Episode I. Or here's a mouthful: "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace." Why is this?

Three movies previously did not

need seven words to let you know what they are. You simply had "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back," and "Return of the Jedi." We didn't call them Episode IV: A New Hope, Episode V, and Episode VI.

Now I know part of this title stuff is the part of George Lucas and his assumption that non-fans wouldn't understand that Menace happens before the original trilogy, but so what? Kevin Smith didn't care when non-fans saw "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," and didn't understand everything about his previous films, and that was still one of his most profitable movies.

All I can say is that this May, I will be in line more than once to see a film titled "Attack of the Clones."

On to another profitable series that has something different going for it when sequel titles are brought up. Christopher Reeves' Superman movies. First, there was "Superman: The Movie" (make a

note, Final Fantasy producers). Next, "Superman II," and "Superman III," no subtitles for either of these. Lastly, for the moment, "Superman IV: The Quest for Peace." This isn't the only franchise to have subtitles on only some of the films, it's just an example. But it just makes me think, if I and III don't have subtitles, are they movies, or even quests for peace? Well, are they?

Before you toss this paper into the trash, just think about how much better off you would be if you could see a movie titled "Look Who's Talking: Where'd Travolta's Career go?"

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Unfortunately, Winston, honorary band member and Gavin's Pulii on growls and howls, was not featured on this album as it was on the others.

Bush was formed in 1992, when Pulsford and Rossdale met back

stage at a friend's gig.

Their similar tastes in music brought them together and they formed a band that was originally called Future Imperfect.

The Golden State European tour begins November 20 and it will last through December.

As a precursor to the tour,

Rossdale presented an award at the MTV Europe Music Awards, which aired on November 8.

Upon being asked if he thought "Golden State" was sexy, Rossdale replied, "Are you kidding me?"

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This is Bush, See Bush stare. "Listen to our new album" says Bush. "It's called 'Golden State.'"

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"Bedtime."
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"Visiting Erma at
lunchtime with
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vanilla coffee."
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and lighting a
butt before
bed."
Danielle Fraser
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"Giving my girl-
friend a big hug
and kiss."
Mark Miller
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"Breakfast."
Lauren Mazzotti
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"Egg drops and
peanut butter races."
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We have decided to run one
editorial board Soundoff per
semester, and this is it.



Tiffany Karkman, KSC Senior, holds a sign at the human rights rally held on November 15 on the Student Center Lawn.

Hewitt changes her 'design'

BY SHAUNNA TRUDELL
The Equinox

After the events of September 11th, KSC professor Marsha Hewitt, coordinator of graphic design, decided to make some changes in her advanced graphic design class. Hewitt wanted to make sure that her students were handling the situation. The class had a long discussion and decided to change the curriculum for the semester.

Originally, the class was on the semiotics theory of signs, meaning how things work as a symbol. Due to the terrorist attacks, the students decided to brainstorm things they needed to learn about.

The class decided to study issues relating to the attacks like what is evil, the religion of Islam, geography of the Middle East, ideology of fundamentalism, patriotism and

unity, fear of the future, how terrorists think and operate, globalization, backlash against Arab-Americans, why it happened, and reverse terrorism by the U.S.

Hewitt believed that if all her students could do was think about the terrorists attack then she was going to change the work to what they were thinking. However, some students are beginning to seem reluctant, she said.

Out of Hewitt's entire class, two students knew people who were killed. Some of them are beginning to feel that enough is enough and they would rather move on than dwell on the subject.

Hewitt was also personally affected by the disaster. "The terrorist acts were horrible and I was happy that our country seemed to take a cautious approach in dealing with the situation."

She also said that she felt that if we bombed Afghanistan then we are no better than the terrorists.

Hewitt wished that the government would involve more countries in the fight against the terrorists.

As for next semester, Hewitt, is going to wait and see how the new curriculum works out for students. The next project for the students is called "no limits." It lets students find their own artistic voice.

As far as Hewitt knows, she has not heard about any other teachers following her lead or changing their plans for the semester. She invited a couple of speakers to come and talk about pessimism and the nature of evil. Also invited was Larry Welkowitz, a Keene State psychology professor.

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Residence Halls will be Smoke-Free Next Year

BY MICHAEL BRINDLEY
The Equinox

The President of Keene State College announced that smoking would be banned in all residence halls effective next year. The announcement came at the Student Assembly meeting Tuesday night in the Young Student Center.

Stanley Yarosewicz said the decision came after he received a recommendation relative to making residence halls smoke-free. "The one thing I wanted to consider was whether or not there was any reason for me to look at the recommendation differently," he said. "The answer to that was no," he said.

Yarosewicz added that before he made any decision, he wanted to confer with those it most affected. "I decided to put (the recommendation) out to the campus for campus reaction and asked for responses to that, and for some feedback," he said.

Yarosewicz said there was little response from the campus, describing the response as "underwhelming." However, he said those who did voice their opinions pointed clearly in one direction.

"The responses that I did receive, they ran ten-to-one in favor of smoke-free residence halls," he said, adding that lack of response from the campus did not affect the final decision. Yarosewicz added that the Residence Hall Association sent him a letter on the issue saying that they could not come to a conclusion on where they stood on the

just one step." In other news, the Student Assembly decided to vote next week on a new Chair of the Student Assembly. Erin Petersen formerly filled the position, but resigned at the last meeting.

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Students rally for human rights

BY TAMMY EUBANK
The Equinox

The human rights rally on Tuesday, November 15 featured many activists speaking on the current "war on terrorism."

Erin McKee, a senior, spoke mainly about this war being created by the elite against the poor. The profit from the war goes to the elite, and "the poor aren't benefiting," she said.

McKee said the civilians in Afghanistan were suffering because American soldiers were only carrying out their duties.

McKee brought with her some clementines, saying that each was worth \$1 billion. She went on to say \$333.2 billion is going to the war budget, \$3 billion to education, and only \$3 billion to children's health.

McKee said that the war is illegal, and "violates international law." She also said it is invoking "blind patriotism," that a different viewpoint is seen as unpatriotic, and that the Afghan civilians are paying the price.

Senior Lisa Maloy said that the American government is spending billions of dollars to train terrorists, and the "hypocrisy is astounding."

She said that America is "tip-toeing" around the word patriotic, and that it is seen as unpatriotic to be a pacifist.

Maloy said that America "does not uphold the liberty and justice it originally said it had," that "people are unable to question," and that Americans have a right to overthrow the government if it isn't working.

"Americans should stand up for liberty and justice," she said.

Maloy said, "War is church, that it is a politician's way of practicing their religion."

Patrick Carkin, co-director of the New Hampshire Peace Action, said he used to work for the United States Army Intelligence.

Carkin said it was obvious that what happened on September 11 was a "huge tragedy." People think the people protesting the war don't think it was a tragedy, and that it

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Student work from Marsha Hewitt's graphic design class on the first floor of the student center. She changed her curriculum for the semester after the September 11 attacks.