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## Sports Commentary

### Look for Lakers to make playoffs, four-peat

By Rich Egan  
Staff Reporter

As the second half of the NBA season commences, there is only one question on the minds of all the Western Conference teams and their fans. Can the league's best team turn a 2-9 start into yet another championship season?

If today was the last day of the regular season, the best team in basketball would not make the playoffs, and 16 other teams would smile with relief. I am, of course, talking about the Los Angeles Lakers, who despite owning a 24-23 record, are still the best team in the league. I know people are going to argue that the Dallas Mavericks, who are 38-10 and close to an .800 winning percentage (.792), are the best in the league.

Others will argue that the New Jersey Nets and Indiana Pacers are the best, because they don't lose at home. However, I am telling you all right now, the Lakers will be dancing with their fourth straight NBA championship trophy come June.

Looking up at the rest of the Western Conference, the Lakers still have a shot for home court advantage in the playoffs.

They have a very favorable home schedule and also have a stretch where they will play the teams that have no chance of making the playoffs. By the time they play the Lakers, they (the cellar dwellers) will be vying for the worst record in the league. This means they will increase their chances of earning the first round pick in the NBA draft, and consequently, LeBron James.

You didn't really think that Shaq and Kobe, arguably the best big man and little man tandem since Kareem and Magic, would let this season just slip through their fingers did you?

The best three teams in the NBA right now, Sacramento, Dallas and New Jersey, all have psychological problems against the Lakers.

Not one player on any of those three teams is capable of guarding Shaq.

But who can? Last year the Kings had the Lakers beat, and blew it by shooting less than 60 percent from the foul line in game seven of the Western Conference Finals. The Kings pose the biggest threat to the Lakers, seeing as they have come the closest to dethroning them in the past.

This year the Kings have the best overall team (on paper anyway) and they are one of a few teams who actually play as a team. In last year's NBA Finals, the Lakers didn't even blink as they ran over the New Jersey Nets, to win their third consecutive championship.

This year, Dallas has had one of the best starts of any NBA team ever, and were absolutely beating up on the Lakers during their contest in L.A.

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Domination was the word of the night on Tuesday as the Keene State College men's basketball team rolled over Eastern Connecticut in a 87-57 victory.

The game, which started late due to the women's overtime contest, still had a crowd of 800 enthusiastic fans, who braved the cold to attend. They were not disappointed. The game was physical from the start. Exchanging baskets, the score shot up to 10-9 in favor of KSC. However, that would be the end of Eastern Connecticut's run. The Owls went on a 6-0 run about 10 minutes into the first half.

Eastern could not respond to the Owls' full court defense and aggressive play.

"We've been working hard," said freshman forward Sean Sullivan, who scored 12 points, with one steal. "We wanted to win this game so that if we beat Western Conn., on Saturday, we will tie them for the Little East Conference lead."

The Owls held a 40-27 halftime lead. The Owls would expand that lead to 20 points during the second half, and by 30 points by the end of the game.

Eastern showed hope when they went on a scoring run of their own, outscoring KSC 9-2 during the run.

## Disappointing twin bill

### Men romp, women can't pull off upset of #17 Eastern Conn

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The Keene State women's basketball team lost a heart-breaker Tuesday night, falling to 17th ranked Eastern Connecticut 80-76 in overtime.

A highly contested match-up, the game was in the Owls' hands for much of the first half. The Owls opened the game on fire, building a 12-4 advantage early on. Eastern came back to lead by one with 8:43 left to play in the first, but KSC went on a 14-5 run to go up 10 into the half, 37-27.

Sophomore guard Cathy Mearns came out of the half gunning, nailing a three pointer that would spark another big KSC scoring spurt. The 15-9 run, which came in the first few minutes of the second half, gave the Owls a 52-39 lead.

A quick 6-0 run by East Conn. cut the lead to 10, with 10:37 left in the contest. Stepping up their defensive pressure, Eastern forced two KSC turnovers that turned into lay-ups for the Warriors.

A strong lay in by KSC freshman Bekka Hopkins gave the Owls a four point advantage at 66-62, with just under three minutes to play.

The game seemed to be in KSC's hands

when they had a four point lead with only 35 seconds left in the game, but Junior All-American forward Allison Coleman came up huge for the Warriors. She sank a three that cut the lead to one.

After KSC's Andrea Arsenault scored on a lay-up, with just 14 seconds left on the clock to give KSC a three point lead, Coleman hit another clutch three that sent the East Conn. bench into a frenzy, and the game into overtime.

"We played very hard, and very well, and we should have won the game," said Arsenault. "It was just one of those up in the air games, and I think we might have been a little tired during the overtime period."

Freshman forward Bekka Hopkins thought that the team's morale might have suffered after Coleman tied the game and sent it to overtime.

"I think our morale went down a bit, and we got frustrated," Hopkins said. "At the end, we just made stupid fouls, and we weren't able to play a very aggressive defense."

In the OT period, the East Conn. defense was just too tough, as KSC heaved up a few bricked three-pointers in vain during the waning sec



Photo by Jason Ku



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Top: Julie Tardif jumps for the ball at the start of overtime.  
Bottom: Alphonse Michalski looks for a low entry pass against East Conn.

## Jordan, Jordan, Jordan

### Enough of Jordan, what about the NBA's young talent?

By Chris Vazzolo  
Staff Reporter

First thing's first, this is by no means an anti-Jordan commentary. I have only the utmost respect for the greatest player to ever play the game. I also realize what his Airness has done for the game of basketball and for the NBA.

That being said, I was disappointed with the way that the NBA and the media handled All-Star weekend.

If the NBA was trying to promote a retro feeling, they definitely did a good job basing the entire weekend around Michael Jordan. By the end of the game, I must have heard Jordan's name about 3,000 times during the weekend.

This weekend was supposed to give the greatest players on earth a chance to showcase their talents and increase interest in the league.

Saturday night we saw this as the best three-point shooter (Pete Stasiakovich) in the game and the best dunker (Damon Richardson) won their respective contests.

However, the actual All-Star game was ruined with Jordan hype.

I would have had no problem with a small tribute at halftime of the game, and a nice interview when it was over. But here are some reasons why it was ruined with MJ overdose.

If the NBA wants to stick to the format of having a popularity contest for the starters of the game, then Vince Carter should have started. He was obviously what the public wanted to see, so let them see it. (And, if anybody thinks Carter gave his spot up on his own accord, they must be from Mars).

Nobody wants to see a ball hog in the All-Star game. Jordan started off 2-10 from the field. After he missed his first three shots, he should have started to look to create like everyone else on the floor was doing.

Oh yeah, Jordan set the record for most field goals attempts in an All-Star game, with 27 attempts field goals.

The one time I thought I was going to get away from Jordan was during the commercial breaks. Instead, TNT decided to insert a Jordan ad about every three spots.

Maybe Nike should have

focused a little more on their other superstars, the ones who will actually be playing in the next few years.

Was it just me, or did it seem like that in every interview with every player and commentator, it was like they had electric chips in their heads, making sure they mentioned MJ at least three times?

I would have liked to hear what some of these people had to say about themselves, or their teams, rather than bend over for the league and promote Jordan even more. Can't anyone speak for themselves in the NBA anymore?

Because Jordan was such the focal point, we missed out on seeing some action from some of the great players in the league, including Celtics players Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker. Neither got time in the second half, although Pierce did get maybe two minutes in the second overtime. Maybe, we would have seen something a little more exciting than turn around jumpers.

The game finally got interesting during the first two minutes of each overtime. This is when Jordan was on the bench, and the real stars of the league all went hard at each other trying to win the contest.

Alright, I am done hating on MJ. I wish him the best in the second half of the season and would love to see him in the playoffs one last time.

On the other hand, I hope for the NBA's sake, that they begin



Photo courtesy of Reuters

Michael Jordan waves goodbye at the 2003 All-Star game, making way for the league's younger talent.

to promote the league's younger stars, in order to show what the NBA really has to offer.

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Photo by Chris Dunn

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## Campus terror alert changes to 'orange'

By Michael Kalil  
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Among an onslaught of campus announcements during the week, Corinne Kowpak, vice president of student affairs, wrote to the student body that a "high" alert, also called Orange Alert, was put into effect the previous Friday.

Orange is the second highest level of alert. In the event of a Red Alert (the highest), government and symbolic buildings will evacuate. Regardless, numerous facilities across the nation closed that Thursday.

Following an audio tape

received featuring Osama bin Laden insisting on more suicide bombings, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge claimed the United States has an 8:10 chance of being victim of a terrorist attack. From Los Angeles to New York, and even up here in Keene, people started to panic.

The Department of Homeland Security instructed Americans to purchase plastic sheeting and duct tape to better insulate doors and windows.

News of citizens in metropolitan areas, hastily preparing for an attack, graced the front pages of major newspapers during the

week. The headline in Feb. 13's The New York Times read, "Terror Warning Responses Range From Fear to Fatalism."

According to Keene Wal-Mart manager, Carsten Stryhal, there was a huge run on duct tape and they sold out of it quickly.

In an attempt to comfort and inform students, Kowpak said, "KSC has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan that enables us to quickly gather campus leaders whenever any type of emergency situation arises."

Freshman David Mortorany isn't worried. He believes that "it was fate that people were in

the World Trade Center. [They were in] the wrong place at the wrong time."

Sophomore Ryan Cullen is certain that Keene won't be directly affected, but thinks "we have terrorists in the country [to worry about], not in other countries."

Jennifer Diamond, sophomore, is conflicted. Is she worried? "Yes and no. It kind of makes me worried [and] makes me want to become more prepared and pay more attention."

Political science professor Joan Roelofs can't say, saying that speculations are something "no one around here can con-

firm or deny." A Westport, Conn., man who concealed his entire household in translucent plastic, was interviewed on Jimmy Kimmel Live on Valentine's Day. Should New Hampshire residents be this paranoid?

Political science professor Chuck Weed, Jr., said, "I don't believe that most acts of terror are just random," but acknowledged that terrorists do "target on innocents."

On Friday, Feb. 7, Ridge warned of terrorists targeting "soft targets."

These are places with high

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## Protesters rally against war



Photo courtesy KSCampus

Florida State University student Kelsey Fowler fills in the last part of her sign that reads "Make Love Not War" during an anti-war rally on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Tallahassee, Fla. See Page A4 for the full story.

## Cleaning up winter weather conditions at Keene State

By Christine Hunter  
Contributing Reporter

There are many advantages to living in New Hampshire, but there are certain difficulties especially in the winter months, such as snow and ice to contend with.

The buildings and grounds department at Keene State College works hard to keep the campus safe and accessible during the winter months.

Bud Winsor, head of the department of buildings and grounds, said snow removal has not really been a problem, but the volume of it has taken time to remove.

"Having the campus open for 8 a.m. in the morning after a heavy snowfall or ice storm is the most challenging part of snow and ice removal," said Winsor.

Much of the snowfall occurred during winter break, that made snow removal easier, said Winsor. Commuter parking lots were used as temporary

snow storage areas until the snow could be transferred off campus.

The grounds crew has removed 300,000 cubic yards of snow from campus so far this winter. The City of Keene allowed KSC to move some of the snow to its snow dump at the public works garage on lower Main Street.

"Because of the large volume (they were filled to late March levels in mid January) we are now trucking snow to the edge of the parking lot at Owl Stadium," said Winsor.

Even if school is not in session, areas still need to be cleared. Many events happen even when most students are not at KSC. Winsor said there were basketball tournaments, and events at the Zorn Dining Commons that took place over break, making it important to clear away the ice and snow.

"Had students been here, we would have had to manage differently, but our goal is to keep the campus open at all times so



File Photo

The grounds and maintenance crew has been working hard to keep parking lots and walkways clear around campus.

that emergency vehicles have access," said Winsor.

Some areas on campus are more difficult to plow, such as parking lots. Students are not forced to move their cars to allow for plows to clear them. With cars parked in spaces, the only thing plows can do is to

clear the parking lanes.

"Regrettably, there is no place that students can move their vehicles to. We check lots everyday after a storm and clear out spaces as they become open," said Winsor.

All areas are important to keep clear of ice and snow but

there are some that are less obvious than others are. Along with the parking lots and roadways, the grounds crew also has to clear the artificial turf field.

"They could do a better job on sidewalks. The side of the Science Center still has half a

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## Bush calls latest protests irrelevant

By Ron Hutcheson, Diego Ibarquien and Martin Merzer  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

President Bush dismissed last weekend's mass antiwar protests as well-intentioned but irrelevant the equivalent of a marketing "focus group," as the Defense Department ordered another 20,000 U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf region Tuesday.

About 150,000 troops already are in place for a possible attack on Iraq, but the United States and Britain decided Tuesday to confront skeptics and propose one last United Nations resolution demanding that Iraq disarm, officials of both nations said.

At the White House, Bush said "democracy is a beautiful thing" and he supported the dissenters' right to express their views. But he also said the protests wouldn't influence his decisions or those of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his closest ally. "You know, the size of protests is like deciding, well, I'm going to decide policy based upon a focus group," Bush said. "The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security—in this case, the security of the people."

At the same time, the United States and Britain continued to pursue diplomacy at the United Nations, despite Tuesday's resumption there of speeches generally critical of the U.S. position. But the diplomatic effort isn't likely to delay U.S. military plans more than a few days, "if at all," one senior administration official said on condition of anonymity.

"The administration is committed to going forward," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. He said a new resolution "simple and rather straightforward" would be proposed to the U.N. Security Council as early as Wednesday or as late as next week. Other U.S. officials, citing British pressures, predicted it would be offered Friday or Monday.

Bush summed up the delicate balance between diplomacy and war this way:

"War is my last choice. But the risk of doing nothing is even a worse option, as far as I'm concerned. I owe it to the American people to secure this country. I will do so."



Protests ran wild around the country last weekend, yet President Bush sent an additional 20,000 troops to the Middle East.

He said a new resolution "would be useful," but he left the door open to act without one in case the effort falls short.

"We don't need a second resolution," he said. "It's clear this guy [Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein] could even care less about the first resolution." White House officials declined to discuss the resolution's proposed wording, but Fleischer said Bush would insist on language that followed through on U.N. Resolution 1441, which the U.N. approved in November. That resolution gave Saddam a "final opportunity" to disarm and warned of "serious consequences" if he didn't comply.

"The key thing that the president wants to have in there is that it enforces Resolution 1441, making clear that 'final' meant 'final' and 'serious consequences' meant 'serious consequences,'" Fleischer said. A U.S. official at the United Nations said a draft of the resolution currently didn't contain an ultimatum or firm deadline for Iraqi compliance. "The time frame is implicit, not explicit," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. A senior administration official in Washington, who also asked not to be named, said the White House and Blair were seeking ways to "shift the burden" back onto Saddam by setting out "benchmarks" for what Iraq must do to avoid military action.

Rather than do that in a new resolution, one official said, the administration might encourage U.N. weapons inspectors to make their expectations "clear and specific." In London, Blair signaled that the decision on a new resolution had been made.

"I want a second resolution if we go to military action, and I still think there is a lot of debate to go on before we get to the point of decision there in the United Nations," Blair said. Both nations suffered a setback Friday at the U.N. Security Council,

when U.N. weapons inspectors reported modest but continuing progress in Iraq, and opponents of a military attack mustered considerable support.

In addition, millions of people demonstrated around the world last weekend against a war to disarm and oust Saddam.

Asked if Saddam should be confronted with a last-chance ultimatum, Bush said:

"You mean, another, another, another last chance? He knows my feelings, and that is he needs to disarm completely, totally disarm."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said that about 5,200 soldiers of the Army's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, a highly mobile unit based at Fort Carson, Colo., were included in the latest deployment order. Nicknamed the "Brave Rifles," the regiment saw action during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

In another development, a hitch emerged in the Pentagon's plan to base thousands of troops in Turkey, which U.S. battle plans are counting on as a springboard from the north into Iraq.

The problem: the amount of American economic aid to Turkey. Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul has been negotiating for a large package of assistance, and the Turkish parliament delayed a vote on whether to grant permission for the arrival of the U.S. troops.

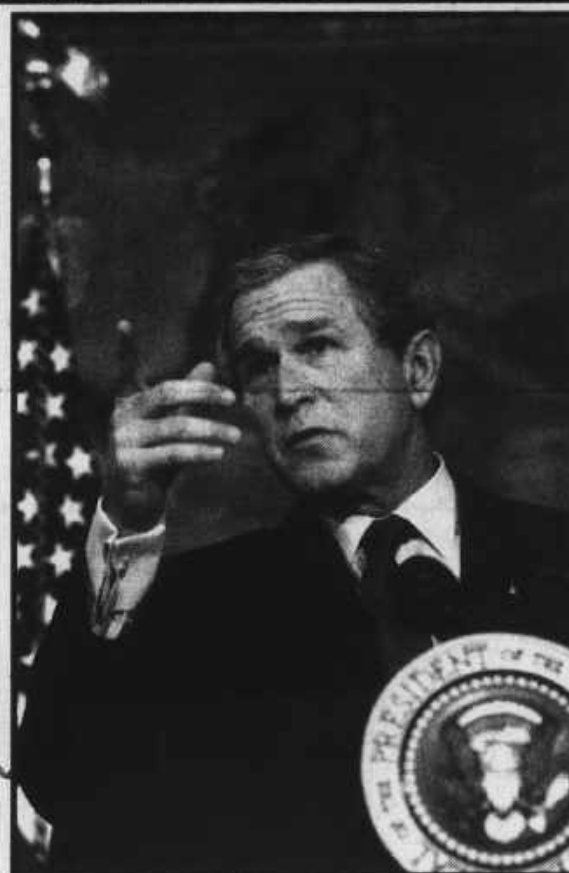
Bush said he was certain the situation would be resolved. In Europe, meanwhile, 13 incoming members of the European Union warned Saddam to disarm, an action that tended to support the American position.

Back at the United Nations, a U.S. official said a brief draft resolution was ready, but that the State Department, National Security Council and White House hadn't decided when the United States should present it.

The resolution, the official said, might simply declare Iraq in further material breach of its obligations to disarm under Resolution 1441.

Simplicity seemed to be the objective. Said another U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity:

"We're not envisioning anything along the lines of the seven and a half weeks it took to negotiate" last November's resolution.



"I want a second resolution if we go to military action, and I still think there is a lot of debate to go on before we get to the point of decision there in the United Nations," Blair said.

## Professor wants to ban porn at Cal Poly

By Ryan Huff  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Academic freedom and workplace propriety are clashing at Cal Poly, as a professor is pushing for a campus ban on viewing pornographic computer images.

Linda Vanasupa's proposal comes after her ex-boss, former Materials Engineering Department chairman Robert Heidersbach, was convicted on a misdemeanor charge last year for improperly using the computer at his Cal Poly office to download more than 13,000 adult pornographic images over a two-month period, according to court records.

After an investigation was initiated, he was placed on a two-quarter sabbatical and no longer works at the university. Cal Poly administrators would not explain whether Heidersbach resigned or was let go.

"It's not (an) appropriate and responsible use of state equipment to use it for your own sexual entertainment," Vanasupa said. "Why should taxpayer money go toward professors viewing pornography? This would never fly at private businesses."

The proposed campus ban, which the faculty Academic Senate is expected to vote on as early as next month, is fueling debate among some campus officials who say viewing pornography is protected under the First Amendment.

Provost Paul Zingg called viewing pornography on campus computers "stupid and wrong." But he said censoring what employees view could be a violation of free speech.

"We can't just ignore the law," he said in reference to the First Amendment.

But, Zingg said, "anyone who engages in that kind of activity does so at their own risk" of creating a hostile work environment, which could lead to disciplinary action.

Vanasupa, who now chairs the Materials Engineering Department, said when professors view pornography it makes other students and employees feel uncomfortable.

Heidersbach is the second Cal Poly department chair to recently be investigated for viewing pornography on campus computers.

The FBI is investigating and will soon likely recommend felony charges against a former department chair who allegedly viewed child pornography on multiple university-owned computers in 2001, according to a federal law enforcement official and university sources.

Zingg declined to specifically acknowledge the two pornography cases.

But he said in "the cases I am aware of, the university acted decisively and properly in order to send a clear message that there are boundaries with

regard to the use of state equipment." Vanasupa, with the support of almost 20 professors, staff members and students, will soon present her proposal to the Academic Senate—a faculty governing body of about 50 professors which votes on academic policy. The senate has jurisdiction over changing the "Responsible Use Policy"—a guideline that outlines appropriate use of Cal Poly equipment, including computers.

"Academic freedom allows you to pursue truth in your field of study," Vanasupa said. "It doesn't give you the freedom to do whatever you want to."

As an example, Vanasupa pointed to a computing policy at San Diego State University (like Poly, a California State University campus) that bans "the transmission of threats, harassment, defamation, obscenity and pornography."

She's not confident that her resolution will pass because professors "won't want to willingly give up privileges," she said. Since she's gone public with her proposal, Vanasupa has received about 10 anonymous, obscene e-mails criticizing her proposed ban.



Will porn be banned at Cal Poly forever?

Menon said. "We try not to ban things. But we're struggling with this issue, because we might be infringing on an individual's First Amendment rights. It's tricky finding the right answer."

Eugene Volokh, a UCLA law professor who specializes in First Amendment law, said prior court cases do not make it abundantly clear if universities have legal grounds to censor what their employees view on state-owned computers.

Cal Poly "will run into difficulty defining what constitutes pornography and what doesn't," he said. "Is art containing nudes considered porno-

graphy? What about doing research on pornography? ... Where would the line be drawn? These are good reasons why the university should not embark on this project."

Furthermore, Volokh said, because most professors are salaried it's difficult to pinpoint when they are "on the clock" and when they are not.

"None of us would be outraged if they sent personal e-mails or went to Amazon.com or booked a vacation," he said. "It's none of our business what professors do in their own offices, so long as they teach well."

## Names in the news

By ALFRED LUBRANO  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

### UNPREDICTABLE

If Roman Polanski, who is nominated for a best director Academy Award for "The Pianist," tries to attend the awards ceremony next month, he will be arrested. That's the word from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. Polanski, 69, is still considered a fugitive. He fled the country in 1978 before he was to be sentenced on a statutory rape conviction for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Some see the nomination as a sign of forgiveness by the film community. Even Polanski's victim, who is now 39, has forgiven him. In a 1997 statement she said the Polish director had suffered enough because he was incarcerated for a 43-day psychiatric evaluation after his arrest.

But the authorities aren't so forgiving. Neither are members of Phoenix Survivors, a British survivors' action group that has blasted the academy for nominating Polanski. "To those who have turned a blind eye, who are you to forgive?" a spokesman said. The group has demanded the academy withdraw all nominations from "The Pianist," which is nominated for six other Oscars, including best picture.

### PEEW, THAT WAS CLOSE

The asteroid has bypassed the planet—the Spice Girls won't be reuniting. While the British birds did have a reunion meal at the home of girl-group member Victoria Beckham, they have dismissed suggestions they are planning a comeback. The social occasion was reportedly the first time all five members of the group had been together since

Geri Halliwell left in 1998. A spokeswoman for the singers said it was "nonsense" to think they were going to get back together.

### SMART MOVE

Showing the good sense not to bed a woman 420 years younger than he is (Michael Douglas, are you listening?), Robert Redford will star with Jennifer Lopez in "An Unfinished Life," a movie about a woman forced to move in with her estranged father-in-law. He'll be playing the father-in-law, not the hubbie. What shining good taste, after all.

### SCARING TREKERS

A new cable series has joined the ranks of reality shows slapped with lawsuits.

"Scare Tactics," scheduled to premiere on the Sci-Fi Channel in April, uses hidden cameras to eavesdrop on unsuspecting witnesses to staged events meant to

seem like horrific occurrences.

Real-life trouble came when Los Angeles resident Kara Blanc filed suit against the show and its producers, saying she suffered emotional and physical trauma from her experience on the show, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Blanc said she was hospitalized several times as a result of a prank in which she was lured to a fictitious Hollywood party in the desert and forced to witness a staged homicide by a blood-thirsty "alien" she thought was real.

The show, which is hosted by "Beverly Hills 90210" alum Shannen Doherty, is Sci-Fi's first foray into reality TV. It's part of the network's attempt to broaden its audience beyond the "Star Trek" crowd. Maybe they should have picked up "Dr. Who" reruns instead.

## There's no business like snow business



Jim O'Brien of Philadelphia, PA shovels out his car in Springfield, Pennsylvania, Monday, February 17, 2003. The worst blizzard to hit the mid-Atlantic and central Appalachian states in seven years shut down much of the region on Presidents Day with wind-blown snow that piled up as much as 4 feet deep, halting air and some rail travel.

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## Bye Bye Books



The KSC Bookstore will begin returning unsold spring semester textbooks to the publishers in the very near future.

Don't put off purchasing textbooks you will need, as they may soon be on their way back to the publisher.

If you are unable to purchase a textbook due to lack of funds, you may charge them to your BECA account (one needs to be opened if not already).

Be aware that by finals week, the textbooks for spring semester will no longer be in the Bookstore, as we will be placing the texts for Summer Semester on the shelves.

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# OPINION

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## Equinox Editorial

Collegiate karma: when teachers and students put in what they expect to get back

The story goes as follows: whatever amount of work one puts into a class is what ultimately decides one's grades. It's been said to us as students over and over again, the image of that wiry-haired, stuffy teacher leaning over us as children.

But what about the professors? Shouldn't the same karma apply? Current teaching methods at Keene State College are far from stupefying. So, as college students expecting marks reflective of the effort put into their respective courses, teachers, too, should expect the same reciprocation.

With Student Speak Out on Saturday, students have made efforts to make changes to our education, to our school and our future. So here is one more change we'd like to see happen.

As it is, students are more than willing to give a gold star to those teachers who keep us on our toes: teachers who take time to prepare PowerPoint presentations and carefully selected documentaries that seep into our heads and cause us to want to learn more. Even the most unmoved student at 8 a.m. cannot withstand a well-prepared lecture.

On behalf of college students everywhere, we feel that the marriage of audio and visual teaching tools is of an immense value. We salute those teachers that have already realized this and encourage those who haven't to pay attention.

If you think about it, a documentary pertinent to a certain subject is largely flawless. A film would not be available as a teaching tool for teachers if it weren't for a team of feverous fact-checkers. They are edited - and foregone are the 'ums' and pauses and circular rhetoric of drool-inducing lectures. Experts are consulted. Scenes are shot on location and all is packaged neatly into an end product that is a smooth, entertaining, and a thought-provoking tool. It's an ideal way to learn, as is a PowerPoint presentation or a thoughtful lecture.

Professors would see an intangible incentive to learn: decent grades. We feel that the relationship between professors and students should be a two way street, but we would just like to make a teensy suggestion to make learning, as much of a cliché as it is, more fun.

## Heart palpitations and empty pockets: problems with iParq nothing new

In five days, Keene State has charged me \$95 for parking in the same parking space I have been parking in for nearly five months.

According to the "wonderful" iParq system that KSC has adopted this year, the parking permit I bought, so that I could park in the lot behind the Owls' Nests complex, does not exist.

And the parking space that I've seen so many people parked in is not even a parking space. And for this, I must pay \$95 in parking violations. But this isn't the beginning of the problems that I have experienced with iParq.

Three days before I returned to KSC for the fall, I found out that the company that charged

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## It's time to start getting real

The story of seven strangers picked to live in a casino and a host of other reality shows that will result in America's demise

I try to avoid television as much as possible. But here at school, in my tiny room, it seems to always be on. I was never a fan of reality television.

I never watched Survivor when it was on the first time, never watched American Idol, although I did get a weekly report about it from my mother (who was incredibly happy when her favorite, Kelly Clarkson, won). Over the past two months, though, I find that everyone loves these shows. I admit that they are a guilty pleasure. The greatest show I have ever seen was Man Vs. Beast on everyone's favorite station, FOX.

There were two highlights: when the hot dog eating champion of the world squared off against a brown bear, and the other (quite possibly the greatest thing every put on television) was when 50 little people were strapped to an airplane, racing an elephant who, bring them all to Paris where Americans are not held very highly (for good reason) and videotape the whole thing.

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The media phenomenon, which is the Osbournes, is incredible to me. Why do people watch this show? I get it;

Andrew Forbes is a junior English major.

Oszy walks like my grandpa and says, "shit" a lot. That isn't humor. This isn't even reality.

Osborne has been part of reality in the past decade. He is a sad, decrepit middle-aged man who has done so much drinking and drugging that he is a zombie with out-of-control children.

The newest reality television craze is Joe Millionaire. What is this all about? The premise is disturbing at best. Find a bunch of money hungry women who just want an "honest man" (these women want an honest man, but they all say that the money is just a bonus; they aren't there for the money, they can't even be honest with themselves), get a long haired, uneducated "construction" worker who is probably in the top 10 of stupid human beings in the world, add a butler who looks like one of the characters in the board game Guess Who, bring them all to Paris where Americans are not held very highly (for good reason) and videotape the whole thing.

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sion in our country, The Real World, or as so many call it, The Unreal World. This season, now taking place in a hotel in Las Vegas, is basically soft porn. It is soft porn made by people who have no emotional control over their lives. You watch it, and without fail, someone is crying, very upset at the hard life he or she has had. I feel terrible for these people, I really do. It must be so difficult to sit in a mansion or a hotel suite, live with all attractive people, be given a job, and some sort of recognition after the show. So I say suck it up, you whiny hipster 20-somethings. You are the root of everything that is making our country decline.

Reality television will be the death of all of us. We will all be a part of a "Truman Show," and it is going to be horrible.

I think it is a sign that the world may be coming to an end soon. Hell must have frozen over: now, MC Hammer, Emmanuelle Lewis, Cory Feldman, and Vince Neil are all on a reality show. I guess the only question is where do we draw the line? Stop caring about these shows and they will go away. Who cares who is going to marry Joe? Who cares what Webster did to MC Hammer? And who really cares who pulls a 747 faster, 50 little people, or an elephant?

I have lived right outside of Keene my whole life, and any time we went "before-school shopping" or shopping for the high school prom and other things, we had to make a day trip out of going to the Holyoke Mall in Holyoke, Mass. My mom never had time to drive out there, and when I finally had my license driving over an hour to spend two hours to buy something at the mall got old after a while.

But I didn't have much of a choice. There is Synergy at the Colony Mill in Keene, the newly opened Maurice's, and Weatherlane. But nothing compared to the Holyoke Mall. If Keene had a mall, a lot of things would change. There would be many more job opportunities available, and it would bring in a lot of money because the customers would be endless. I am not the only one who feels this way. A 11

Go in' back to Cali: Marijuana use for serious illness presents lawmakers with a dilemma

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## Homophobia rears its ignorant head on KSC campus

Last week, an offensive flyer was found on one of the general announcement boards downstairs in the student center. As you can see, it features Rosie O'Donnell and another lesbian woman evaluating a prototype magazine cover entitled, "BIG MOUTH-FAT ASSED BULLDYKE MAGAZINE." It is subtitled with, "Fuck Off America," complete with Rosie flipping off the reader.

It was an offensive picture for several reasons. One is just that the picture, in general, portrayed the stereotypical lesbian-crew cut, overweight, sporting men's clothing, and multiple earrings. For those of you with few to no lesbian (or for that matter gay) friends, I want to let you in on a little secret...not all lesbians attempt to resemble men. In

fact, there are many feminine lesbians out there, some examples include Melissa Etherage, Chastity Bono, and for those of you who have seen Go Fish, Guinevere Turner.

Secondly, in the picture next to Rosie, there is a quote that states, "Fuck off America." I don't know about you, but most of my lesbian friends are patriotic and are very grateful for living in this country. Their lifestyles, which include outward appearances, are not attempts at screwing over America; they are simply expressions of their individuality.

However, I do realize that Rosie being a public figure has certain moral responsibilities and values to uphold, yet her "new" appearance is nothing more than just a fashion statement. In fact, her appearance

that was really lacking in the general KSC community, except in small cliques.

Over the years, there have been various attempts at removing greek organizations for various infractions.

It's unfortunate that Alpha lacks the resources to litigate this, as justice is not a word that applies to this process.

This has certainly brought doubt into my mind about whether I would contribute to KSC's alumni fund.

may promote the idea that people, despite what they look like on the outside, can be the bearers of solid morality.

Third and most importantly, this is an institution of higher education. One would expect that upon coming to college, one's mind should open up to many ideas and experiences. Unlike high school, with its rigid hierarchical social structure and needs of conformity, college is a diverse institution consisting of a mix of races, socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, etc. In such an atmosphere where one mixes with all sorts of people, I would think that one would mature enough to become at least tolerant of such diversity. Besides, such images being displayed around campus do not make the school look good and in fact isolates both closeted homosexual college students and prospective students visiting here.

Even though I realize that all people have the right to freedom of speech as written in the Constitution, people do not often realize that words are weapons and can be used to hurt others. Just look at the propaganda the Nazis placed on the Jews and what it led to. As I mentioned above, this kind of "propaganda" hurts gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered individuals, as well as their straight friends. So I implore those of you who don't agree with the gay/lesbian "lifestyle" to think before you publically

demoralize any minority group and I ask the rest to confront such actions if stumbled upon, thus securing an open community.

President of the SGA for Human Rights

Life will go on for Keene State fraternity say Keene State students

Through all of the conflicts, miscommunication, and misunderstandings surrounding the disaffiliation of the Alpha Pi Tau fraternity, I feel that their choice of withdrawing themselves from the Keene State campus was the right one.

As a member of Greek Life, and a staff writer for The Equinox, I feel that the entire situation was completely handled in a way that did not properly represent either organization.

Alpha was put in the spotlight without prior notification, which exposed them to portray a negative image and it initially sparked the disaffiliation process. The Equinox had a right to do a story on the organization, but the words to describe the entire rush experience at Alpha were more opinionated than informative.

All in all, I feel that the decision to disaffiliate from the school was beneficial to the organization's future existence.

Being suspended until 2004 would not allow them to recruit new members, resulting in the Greek organization's nonexistence. Maybe that was the school's original intention, maybe it wasn't. Whatever the case, the brothers knew that if they wanted to keep their lega-

lity going for future years, they were not going to get any help from the school and had to face the disadvantages handed to them alone. With Chris O'Halla representing the position of president to the organization, the brothers are building a new foundation for their new identification. This path that they are

creating will be beneficial to future brothers. Alpha is comprised of a wonderful group of fraternity brothers that do give back to the community and are not just concerned about how hard they can party.

For example, the brothers have volunteered with visiting, helping and entertaining autistic children. They have also held car washes to donate money to local charities, ran food drives, and volunteered at a local soup kitchen.

Tim Curtin, an Alpha brother, says that they plan on continuing to volunteer their time in the future.

After all of the investigations last semester, people only focused on what they felt were the negative aspects of the Alpha Pi Tau organization.

People in the community need to remember that whenever there's a little bad, there's always a little good.

of my friends have agreed with me about this, and since Keene is a college town, I'm sure most students would agree with me too.

I talk to people who say, "Holyoke is the closest decent mall from here. What did you do all your life?" and I always say I honestly don't know.

This might sound like a superficial subject, but it's something that I have often thought about. Keene tried having a mall once, but the idea was shot down when they found out that they were planning to build the mall over wetlands and they didn't want to endanger the animals living there.

Keene will soon be getting a Home Depot and an Olive Garden, which is being built near the mall.

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Offensive poster submitted to GSA.

## Does the Bush administration have any regard for human life?

Weapons of mass destruction are designed to do just that: destroy

The following words from Osama bin Laden will surely haunt the families of the recently dispatched soldiers, "I call on the Arab world to rise up against America and its allies."

The almost certain decision, to attack Iraq, leaves many to ponder if President Bush and company have any regard for human life.

Things have drastically changed since 1990, when then President George H.W. Bush intervened in Iraq. Back then, the United States had more allies, it had a reason to attack and the war, for the most part, was successful. However, this time around, conflict could be met with much uncertainty and devastation.

What the Bush administration and Republicans have failed to comprehend is that a war in Iraq will not be as easy as they think.

Unlike in 1990, this will not be a conflict between the U.S. and Iraq. There will be another aspect to the war - religious and ethnic crusade. Terrorist groups such as Bin Laden's Al Qaeda and Hamas, the terrorist organization that encourages and funds the Palestinian authority's suicide bombers, have routinely spoken of how the Arab world should fight in the name of Allah (the Muslim God). Clearly, the religious crusade that was the backbone of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, could quickly reemerge if President Bush opts for war.

Possible consequences could include some of the following: suicide bombings targeted at American soldiers, the burning of oil fields directed at invading American troops, urban warfare similar to what we saw in Somalia, and other terrorist attacks that many Americans would rather not envision.

There is some important history that the Bush administration should also be wary of. Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, plays an important role in the Arab culture. The city was one of the first capitals in its history. Bin Laden has pointed this out in two of his official fatwas. While the terrorist ring leader is far from an ally of Saddam Hussein, he is respectful of Baghdad's significance throughout the course of history. It is quite possible that terrorist groups could rally devote followers to carry out Islamic Jihad in this historical city.

This next point may sound farfetched, but it is also possible, intervention in Iraq could eventually lead to an American decision to resort to nuclear warfare.

President Bush has already said, on more than one occasion, that he will "use every bit of force to remove weapons of mass destruction."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld took it one step further when he said, "Usage of nuclear warfare is not out of the question. If during a war, Iraq were to use chemical or biological weapons against the United States and its allies, it would mean a tough response."

What Americans should realize is that the usage of chemical and biological weapons is a very likely scenario. To the dismay of the Bush administration, it won't be Hussein who will carry out such attacks. Instead, if America and its allies are subjected to such horrors, it will be at the hands of terrorist states. In the event of such a maneuver, one can bet that Bush and Rumsfeld will not hesitate to turn to "extreme measures."

The last point that should be addressed is this: what happens if the United States does indeed remove Hussein from power, what then? Surely, there will be several groups vying for power. There appears to be two possible scenarios. The first is the optimistic scenario presented by the Bush administration that Iraq can be evolved into a pro-western democratic state.

Of course, the United States would be responsible for building a prosperous Iraq. Most likely, the U.S. military would place Ahmed Chalabi, an exiled member of the Iraqi National Congress, into power. The second, and most likely scenario, is this: the Iraqi people who have been governed by Hussein for over two decades may reject a democracy. In this case, several groups may vie for power. The Kurds, Shiites, Sunnis, Leftists and loyalists of Hussein's Baath party would fall into civil war and create an unstable and unlivable environment. A civil war would not only affect Iraq but it would also have a negative impact on the Arab world as a whole.

The Bush administration better think things through, because a war in Iraq could mean devastation - not just for the Arab world, but for the United States as well.

"I am a student.  
Please do not fold, spindle,  
or mutilate me."  
-Slogan of the Free Speech Movement  
1964.



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**February 22 @ 1:00**

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**UMass Dartmouth**

**Saturday,**

**February 22 @ 3:00**



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# Arts and Entertainment

Thursday, February 20, 2003

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## Original P brings the funk to KSC

By Drew Forbes  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Feb. 15 Original P, an off-shoot of the George Clinton fronted Parliament Funkadelic, tore the roof off of the Mable Brown Room with two hours

### Live Review

of funk, that would make even the most skeptical student smile, scream and dance.

Original P took the stage at 10:33 pm, wearing their funkier attire, including masks and capes. After a few minutes of the backing band warming up the crowd the three front men hit the stage: Clarence "Fuzzy" Haskins, Ray "Stingray" Davis, and "Shady" Grady Thomas.

Fuzzy, the most energetic of the three in his mesh jump suit declared right away that "the funk is in the house," and Original P would prove that to be true for the whole evening.

The first of many incredible moments was the bass solo by Derrick Davis. The whole night Davis kept the rhythm going with some of the funkier slap bass playing that sent the crowd into a frenzy.

Next came an impressive rendition of "Get Up on the Down Stroke." The song made the 400 plus KSC students pogo dance like it was nobody's business and also caused three funk fans to slip dollar bills into the outfits of the three front men.

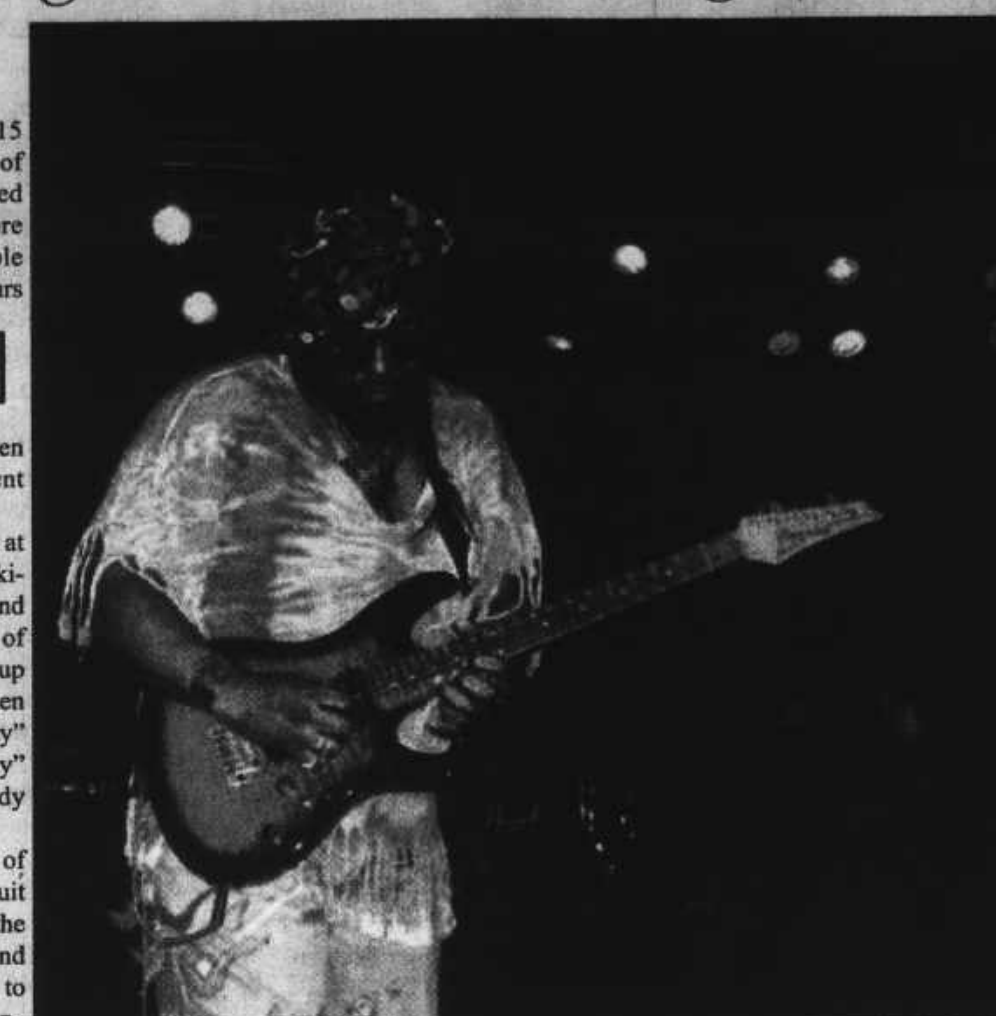


Photo by Chris Dunn "Flashlight."

### Two guitarists from the Original P help get Keene funky.

break, Gene shredded out the song "Maggot Brain." Paisley held down the rhythm as Gene's guitar whaled and screeched hitting notes that tore at the crowd's soul.

After Gene's solo veteran guitarist, Billy Mims took lead and picked up right where Gene left off tearing out a guitar solo that made the crowd scream, wanting to hear more. Paisley then took lead and ripped out a

Hendrix like solo that had it all.

After losing his pink mask and hat, Paisley's soul seemed to be leaping out of the guitar with every note played. One point of the solo was even played with his teeth. This was one of the best moments in the show.

"Maggot Brain" ended and the rest of the funky outfit returned to the stage. It was at this point that Ray Davis thanked the fans for letting P

funk be around for over 30 years. I had a chance to speak with Fuzzy before the show and he said basically the same thing.

After Ray's speech, Original P broke into a sped up version of "Bop Gun" that seemed a little rushed and not as filled to the brim with funk as usual. Never fear though, after that came an incredible version of "Stomp" that got the crowd clapping, waving their arms and screaming at the top of their lungs.

The show ended on a high note when the band allowed about 30 people on stage to show how funk the could be during the closing version of

Original P's show was incredibly tight. The music, the bands showmanship and energy was infectious. It was in an incredible night of music that was one of the funkier Keene has ever witnessed.

Drew Forbes is a junior majoring in English.

## Comic book superzeroes?

By Michael Lynch  
Staff Reporter

Movies based on comic books seem to be popping up everywhere. The first film titles that come to mind are such blockbuster-duds as *X-Men*, *Spiderman*, and most recently *Daredevil*.

These movie versions were greatly publicized by the studios as being taken from a comic book synopsis a fact that instantly puts the movies higher on the market than others.

Are these films a new trend amidst Hollywood? Why are all these comics-to-movies films coming out now? The answer is that they aren't a new trend as much as they are a renaissance.

Going back to the 'blockbuster-dud' references, I speak of films that do well in the box office, promote careers of the cast, but lack the quality that makes movies work.

In contrast M. Night Shyamalan's *Unbreakable* focuses on comic books in a more realistic, analytical light.

What have a superhero, didn't know he was one and he had to be shown by his polar opposite of a crow silhouette in the

overlapping DD initials from the *Daredevil* preview. It seems that regurgitation is preferred to originality, especially when it comes to superhero movies.

There was a good joke in Kevin Smith's *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* in which after the success the rights of superhero comics were being bought Hollywood and packaged into neat little pieces of mass produced films. Aside from satirical

is a hero and Samuel Jackson a villain, but neither of them wear flashy suits or speak in snappy one-liners.

*Unbreakable*, although not based directly on a comic book, also shares quality with movies like *Dick Tracy*. Neither film needs to bring in that one factor, vital to the story's plot, but nonsensical to reality. They both work with average men who fight crime the old fashioned way, with their fists and wits.

Rumors of upcoming comic movies as *The Fantastic Four* plague the Internet with theories, gossip, and "official" screenplays, but the audience needs to ask themselves a question about Hollywood. We don't ask if Hollywood has gone too far, for that was answered with *Kangaroo Jack*.

The question is, does anyone care? All movie fans know that nothing is sacred when it comes to a sequel or remake, (see the shameless *Psycho* remake or *Cinderella 2*.)

Hollywood insists on churning see superzeroes, pg. B3

### Commentary

Jon Reilly the drummer for the Nashua-based band The Scenic Route.

## A hardcore valentine

By Andy Sylvia  
Contributing Writer

Imagine for a second that you're in the rec room of a local church or youth center: those places with the worn linoleum tiling and the faux marble countertop in the corner next to a sink. Got that in your mind?

Now imagine that this room has music that kicks you in the ass and enjoys every minute of it. Congratulations, you're at the Valentine's Day show at the Keene Community Kitchen.

Around thirty-to-sixty people braved the bitter bitchslap of Old Man Winter to descend on Mechanic Street on this night, and they were not disappointed. Eyes Like Autumn had to pull out at the last minute, but the night still had a plethora of talented bands, at a reduced price due to the last minute cancellation.

The first half of the night mainly consisted of Emo/Emo-core bands such as My Dead

Route and Down the Stretch, with the latter two bands traveling around an hour from their home base in Nashua, New Hampshire.

There was little moshing activity during this part of the show, as the major activity seemed to be picture and video taking, especially by members of each band, who would take pictures of the others while on stage. The Scenic Route actually shared several members.

Then it was time for what most of the crowd came for - the marriage of Hardcore and pure Metal. The members of Takeover, and First Cut is the Deepest took the energy level of the crowd to frenzied levels.

For those of you who are not familiar with the many contemporary musical genres spawned during 1980's, Hardcore is an offshoot of Punk that is louder, harsher, and faster than its predecessor. To some it may seem like very hard Metal or

very loud Punk, but it has a distinct scene of its own that also includes fans of those two genres on its fringes.

Although many considered Takeover, who traveled all the way from Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the headlining band of the evening, local band First Cut is the Deepest also could lay claim to this title. The band features Eric Gagne and Randy Patrick, former members of Collapse.

Most people in the crowd, including this article's author, probably thought of Valentine's Day as a meaningless corporate holiday. Despite of that crowd showed a little love to the tenuous Keene music scene by getting along and behaving themselves fairly well.

Currently, alternate venues for Hardcore shows such as this one are non-existent within Keene, and the crowd understood that when Concert Organizer Nick "Chaos" Viall asked the crowd not to fight in the mosh pit.

However, the "Kung Fu see concert, pg. B3

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Photo courtesy movies.yahoo.com

Hugh Jackman is back in *X-Men 2*, yet another superhero movie.

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### Art Gallery Education Program

February 10-21  
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery  
guided tour of exhibit, "Visions in Cloth and Clay" followed by art activities  
for more information or to make reservations call (603) 358-2737 free admission

### 'Punch Drunk Love'

February 14-20  
7PM  
also 9PM Fri.-Sat. and 2PM Sat.-Sun.  
Putnam Lecture Hall  
Box Office: (603) 358-2160 \$3.50-\$6

### Fruit Bar @ breakfast

February 20  
Dining Commons

### 'The Grey Zone'

February 21-27  
7PM  
also 9:05PM Fri.-Sat. and 2PM Sat.-Sun.  
Putnam Lecture Hall  
Box Office: (603) 358-2160 Rated R

### KSC reads Dr. Seuss

February 21  
9AM-11AM  
Night Owl Cafe

### Disney Day Marathon

February 21  
Night Owl Cafe  
12PM-10PM

### Sean Curran Company

February 21  
8PM  
Redfern Arts Center  
Box Office: (603) 358-2168  
www.keene.edu/racbp

### 'Cars Can Be Blue'

February 22  
9PM  
KillKenny's Pub  
come early, drink hard.

### Men's Basketball

vs. UMass Dartmouth  
February 22  
1PM  
Spaulding Gymnasium  
(603) 358-2630

### Women's Basketball

vs. UMass Dartmouth  
February 22  
3PM  
Spaulding Gymnasium  
(603) 358-2630

### 'Smoke Signals'

February 24  
7PM  
Night Owl Cafe  
L.P. Young Center  
contact: William Stroup  
(603) 358-2692  
free admission

### '8 Crazy Nights'

Night Owl Cafe  
February 25  
50 cent pizza  
6 and 9PM

### Ticket Night @ the Dining Commons

February 25

### Open Mic Night

February 26  
Night Owl Cafe  
8PM

### SAC Concert Series

February 28  
Night Owl Cafe  
8PM

### Tour Sodexo-North Africa

Dining Commons  
March 4th  
at dinner

### 'Interview with the Assassin'

February 28-March 6  
7PM  
also 9PM Fri.-Sat. and 2PM Sat.-Sun.  
Putnam Lecture Hall  
Box Office: (603) 358-2160 \$3.50-\$6 not yet rated, but parental discretion is advised

### 'Talking With'

March 4-8  
8PM  
Wright Theatre, Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond  
Box Office: (603) 358-2168  
www.keene.edu/racbp \$5 and \$7 This event is open to the public.

### The Triple Helix Piano Trio

March 5  
7 PM  
Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond  
Ticketing Form, Box Office  
603-358-2168  
This event is open to the public.  
www.keene.edu/racbp

### Cookies on Campus

March 6th  
(location unannounced-stop by the Dining Commons for a free cookie in exchange for your donation to the Community Kitchen of Keene)

### Imago's FROGZ

March 11  
7 PM  
Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond  
Ticketing Form, Box Office 603-358-2168  
This event is open to the public.  
www.keene.edu/racbp

### National Nutrition Month Celebration

March 12  
@Lunch  
11AM-2PM

### Spectrum Series Recital

March 12  
7:30 PM  
Alumni Recital Hall at Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond  
Box Office: 603-358-2168  
www.keene.edu/racbp Price: \$5 and \$7 This event is open to the public.

### HLSC 310 Nutrition Students present

March 25  
"Cheap eats for your dorm", free samples, and cooking demonstration 3-4:30PM  
in Joslin House- Foods Lab open to all! Please RSVP Rebecca at x2653

### Ticket Night @ the Dining Commons

March 26  
4-7PM

### Art Bridgman/Myran Packer

March 28  
8 PM  
Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond  
Ticketing Form, Box Office 603-358-2168  
This event is open to the public.  
www.keene.edu/racbp

### Academic Excellence Conference

March 29  
9 AM-5 PM  
L.P. Young Student Center and Rhodes Hall  
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Above: A student from the resident halls holds up free condoms that were given to the participants. Below: A student balances while playing sex Twister.

## Sex, Condoms and Twister

By Emily Andreozzi  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, about 30 students eagerly filled the Fiske lounge looking forward to their social. They were not there to talk about war, nor were they planning on making ice cream sundaes. They showed up with the intent on talking about sex.

The night began with an "Ask the Opposite Sex" game. The females sat on one side of the room, while the males were on the other. Each side wrote down questions that they wanted the other side to answer.

"It gave me more input on what guys think about sex," said freshman Kym Starno.

All the questions were put into a box and then read aloud by the resident assistants, to the students, who waited for the truth.

The women were asked at one point, "what attracts you to guys?"

There were many different answers ranging from broad shoulders, nice eyes, good sense of humor, and more. The men were asked "what's more important: a woman who waits to have sex, or one that wants

to have it right away?" One student answered that he preferred a woman who waits, because he didn't think it was a good sign if she wanted to have sex right away.

The next event was sex Twister. Multiple Twister mats were set on the floor to depict one large mat.

When colors were called out, they were referred to as body parts. The outcome of the game awarded the first place winner with \$400 in quad cash, second place with \$300 in quad cash, and third place with \$200 in quad cash. Sophomores Chris Henderson and Tom Kienzler, and freshman Kelly Moynihan, all tied for first place.

The event, put together by Huntress RAs Dennis Stupka and Marie Bartram, and Fiske RA Rich Macy, was able to incorporate fun events with a serious issue.

Aside from asking the opposite sex questions and playing Twister, students were faced with the reality of what happens when you do not have safe sex. Huntress RA Dennis Stupka said that the reason the social was held was to "promote safe sex."



A table in the lounge was covered with pamphlets, pictures, and condoms. The pamphlets informed students on issues such as Herpes, Chlamydia, facts about birth control, STDs, and much more.

A poster hung on the wall with close up pictures of sexually transmitted diseases.

Starno said that her favorite part of the night was asking questions to the opposite sex.

When asked if she thinks that there should be more socials promoting safe sex, she said, "Yes, because there are still so many other kids that are uneducated about sex."

Stupka also included that he would consider putting the same sort of social together in the future, and the only thing they would work on is to "try and get a better turnout."

## Dieting with Exlax, you decide

By Jennifer Hemming  
Staff Reporter

Weight Watchers, Slim Fast, the Atkins diet, dietary pills, no carbohydrates and all protein, no protein and all carbohydrates...with so many different methods of losing weight, it's hard to know which path to choose.

Freshman Fallyn Jefferson has felt the pressures of school sports and staying thin. Jefferson, a figure skater, has gone through great lengths to keep a slim body.

"I know that it is not the best thing to do, but sometimes I will take Exlax in order to stay slim. That way I can still eat how I want without having to worry about my weight. It just goes in and comes right out. I do not do this on a regular basis, but it is something that many people in my sport sometimes feel they have to do in order to look the way we have to," said Jefferson.

There are so many different

scholar, from pg. B5

It also asked about personal hobbies, future plans," she said. Chauvette had found out the day before the notice went up on the Web site.

"The server jumped the gun on Jan. 30. But I was very surprised," she said.

Now that Chauvette seemed to have her classes and major in

ways to diet that just about anyone can make up a diet for themselves that will work. People know their bodies, and the best way to lose weight.

"I exercise three times a week by working my abs for 25 minutes, riding the exercise bike for half an hour and then running on the treadmill for 15 to 20 minutes," said freshman Lisa Limoncelli.

The catch is that even if you have a set diet planned out, the key is sticking to it, which could be the toughest part of dieting.

An ideal course of action would be to eat whatever you please and not have to worry about your figure, but that is not usually the case.

control, she hopes to graduate on time.

"Hopefully, I'll make it in four years. If not, my boyfriend would kill me. He and I have been together awhile and I love his two kids," she added while laughing.

After college, Chauvette plans on making her own movies outside the area.

"I also like to walk around town and get exercise by just window shopping and stopping to chat with friends," said Limoncelli.

Most people entering college for the first time hear horror stories, how once they are in the college atmosphere, they will gain at least 15 pounds. With habits such as eating junk food all day long, as well as into the night, and drinking two to four nights a week, you are bound to put on the pounds.

"I also am on the Atkins diet, which consists of eating only protein and no carbohydrates. And my main way to stay in shape and to stay healthy is not to drink any beer or alcohol...and never to smoke any cigarettes," said Limoncelli.

"I would like to run my own film production studio in New Hampshire. I also want to get married," she added.

The Web site for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars is [www.nscs.org/sotd.asp](http://www.nscs.org/sotd.asp), where it provides more information about the organization and lists the members involved with it.

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Fallyn Jefferson

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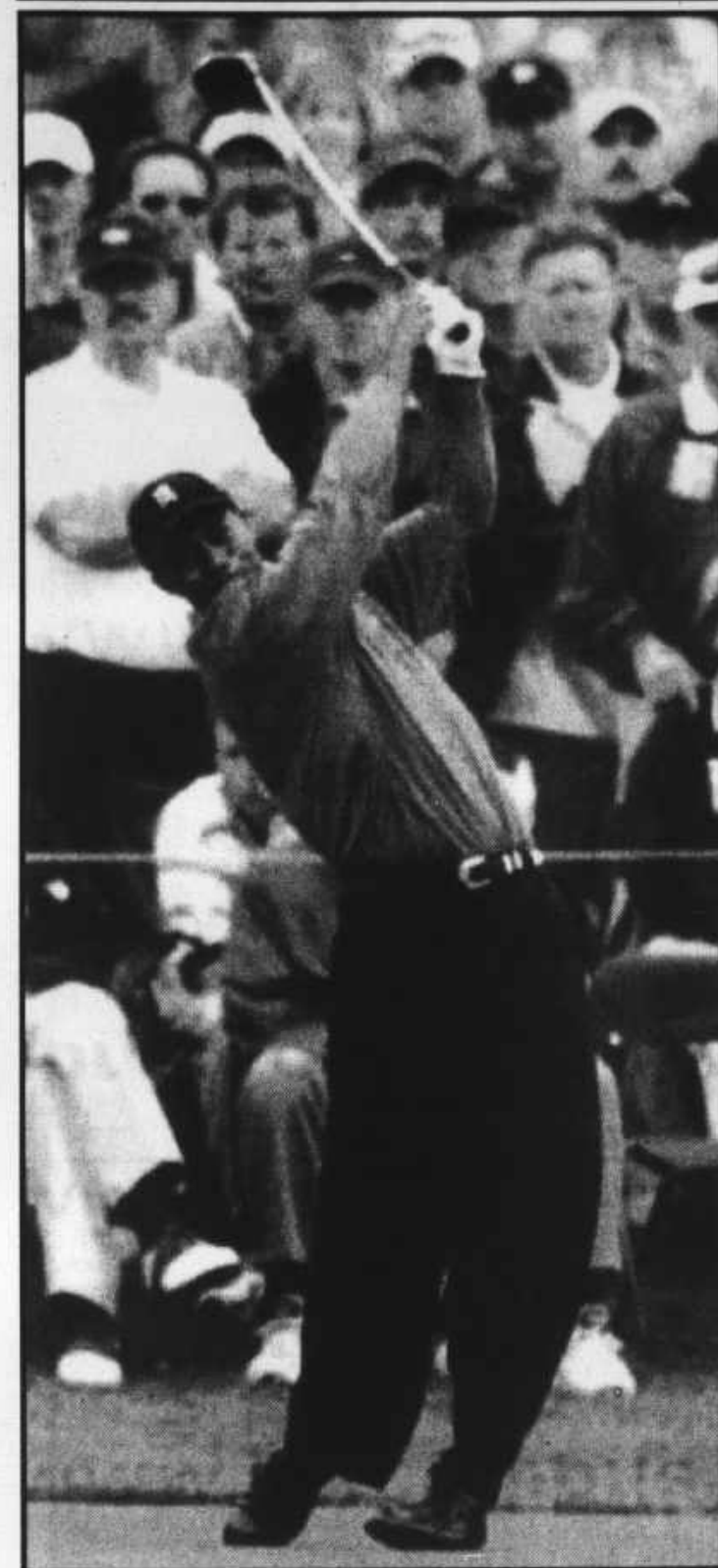


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Tiger showed no signs of rust as he capped off his comeback from December knee surgery with a victory at the Buick Invitational this past weekend. Tiger shot a 16 under par to defeat Phil Mickelson, despite having "faulty" Nike equipment.

## Escape the doldrums of winter, watch Tiger

golf from page B10

This May, for the first time in 58 years, a woman will compete in a PGA Tour event. Sorenstam won 11 events last year on the LPGA Tour and is looking forward to the challenge she will face in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sorenstam deserves this, any golfer would if they played the way she has, so it is wonderful to see her step up and golf alongside players like Ernie Els and Tiger Woods.

Annika is adamant that this is good for women's golf, despite a statement by Tiger Woods that implied if she does poorly, it would be a set back for women's golf. However, Sorenstam knows that if she plays well in a PGA event, it will help raise the level of play in the LPGA.

I know I'll be rooting for her, and don't be surprised if she makes the cut, and maybe finishes somewhere near or on the leaderboard.

I hope Sorenstam makes Tiger put his foot in his mouth, and makes Augusta think about changing its "male only" tradition, because honestly golf is moving forward, and gaining more fans, and sometimes too

much tradition means too little progression.

So next time it's a cold Sunday afternoon in New Hampshire, and there's no Patriots game to watch, escape the weather by checking around your television stations for some golf.

You might find yourself enjoying it.

The stage has been set with wonderful story lines, like Ernie Els vs. Tiger Woods, and Annika Sorenstam and her PGA event.

Maybe one of these days, I will be able to write about Phil Mickelson holding a major trophy, after hitting a 20 foot birdie on the 18th hole, to send Tiger home. Then maybe Tiger will ask himself a question that he's never had to ask himself before.

Did I just lose to Phil Mickelson?

Tim Pomplun is a senior majoring in psychology. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of The Equinox.

James, from pg. B9

Hummer issue bigger then it was, he mocked the media by driving a remote control Hummer around on the basketball court.

Rather than fighting for the jerseys, he calmly returned them, apologized, and said he wanted to focus purely on basketball.

Even when James had to sit out a game, he was the first one to cheer on his teammates and not try to take the spotlight off them.

He always has the highest praise for everyone on his team. Rather than being selfish with his good fortune, he shares free shoes and clothing with his friends and team.

It seems to me that James is

taking one thing at a time. His focus right now is to be the best high school player he can be, and take his team as far as he possibly can.

He will surely face larger obstacles down the road, but he will deal with them as they come.

Rather than focusing on anything negative that he does, the media should concentrate on his accomplishments.

When he starts dealing with the next part of his life, the media should make sure that they follow his success in a more proper manner, one that will hopefully treat this young man with more respect.

Chris Vozzolo is a senior majoring in communications. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of The Equinox.

## Records are made to be broken Indoor track teams break school records at LEC Championships

By Paul Phelps  
Staff Reporter

The championship season kicked off this past weekend for the men's and women's indoor track and field teams. Both teams competed in the Little East Championships, held at the University of Southern Maine. Each team fared very well, placing second overall in the competition.

On the women's side, the team will send 13 girls to the Division III New England Championships meet on Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22.

Mary Proulx led KSC with three victories.

She set a school record in the 600-meter race with a time of 1:39.59. She also cruised to vic-

tory in the 3000-meter race and the 1000-meter race, with times of 9:53.27 and 2:59.88.

"Mary got quite the workout in today. We needed her to come up big in her three races, and that is exactly what she did out there," said KSC indoor coach Peter Thomas.

Courtney Stabb also set a school record in the 400-meter race. Her time of 60.99 was good enough for the victory.

Nicki Geyselaers was able to hold her own in the sprints. Her time of 7.49 was easily fast enough to hold off all the competition, placing her first in the field.

In the field events, Ellen Banning placed first in the shot put. Her throw of 34-05.50 was long enough to secure her vic-

ry. Christine Legget and Candace Brown led KSC in the weight throw. Their throws of 42-02.75 and 40-07.75 respectively, were good enough to grab the top two spots.

The women's team also won the 4x800-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay, setting a new school record in the event with a time of 4:09.16. The team members were Laurie Yorgensen, Shannon O'Brien, Courtney Stabb and Mary Proulx.

"The women looked great today. They really went after it in all the events. I'm looking forward to the upcoming meets to see more improvement," Thomas said.

On the men's side, Mark Lyford shattered his own school record in the weight throw with a toss of 48-00.00. The throw was good enough for second place overall.

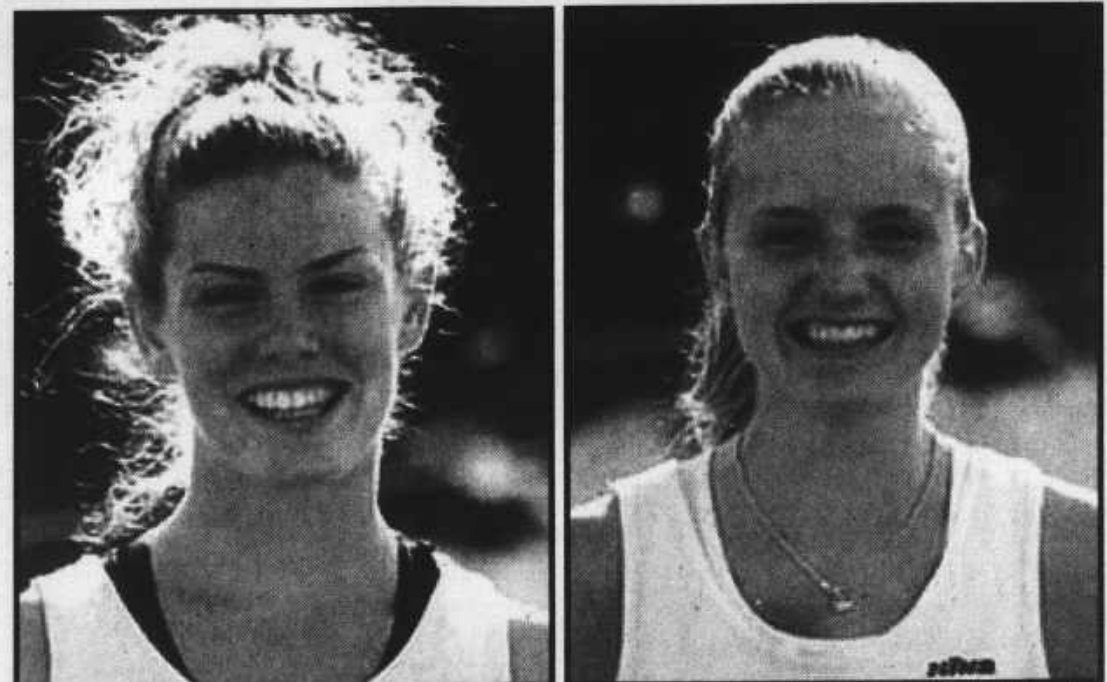
"I knew I had a big toss in me," said Lyford of his record-breaking performance. "I just had to get out there and throw the thing."

The men finished in second place overall with 116 points, just behind Southern Maine, who won the men's LEC title with 123 points.

On the women's side, KSC finished in second as well with 197 points.

Southern Maine was able to complete the sweep, winning the women's title with 208 points.

"It was a good day for both teams," Thomas said. "I can't complain with two second place efforts."



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Shannon O'Brien (left) and Laurie Yorgensen were two of the four women who set a new KSC record in the 4x800-meter relay race at the LEC Championships this past Saturday.

## KSC women's lacrosse preview Owls ready to improve on 2002 campaign, without Mason

By Dan Tuohy  
Staff Reporter

As they loaded the sticks and bags onto the plane last year, destined for Florida, the engines roared.

A group of hopeful young women paraded down the tunnel and piled into their seats. The plane pulled away from the terminal and swiftly took flight into the night sky.

However this was not the first significant lift-off taking place. The KSC women's lacrosse team's season is fast approaching and they are more excited than ever.

"I see no reason why we can't build on last season and establish KSC as a strong women's lacrosse program," Emily Johnson, returning head coach of the women's lacrosse team, said.

Beginning her second year as head coach of the team, Johnson feels very confident in the players and their will and drive to succeed.

The players can also look toward Coach Johnson for strength. She brings many years of experience to the playing field.

The team looks to key off last year's spectacular season as a stepping stone in the right

direction. The Owls finished 9-7 overall, and 3-3 in LEC competition.

"I think you'll see that reflected by the confidence of the players this year. They now feel they can compete with any team on the schedule," said Johnson.

However, they will face tough rivals early on, playing LEC champ Plymouth State, and ECAC champ Eastern Connecticut. The Panthers, of Plymouth, finished their season with a 14-2 record, while the Warriors of Eastern finished 15-4 overall.

The Owls will return LEC All-Star Natalie Kent.

They will also have the strong play of Liz Maddocks and Erin Mehner on the offensive side of the field.

And on the defensive end, KSC looks to Johanna Laishley, Nicole Lemire, and Heather Listnik. Forming the last line of defense, Colleen McSweeney, will once again step into the goalie pads and lay herself on the line.

Coach Johnson has some holes to fill on the roster, the biggest hole left by standout Michelle Mason, who is studying abroad in Australia, leaving the opportunity for some freshman to shine.



photo courtesy of Sports Information

The women's lacrosse team will be without Michelle Mason this season. She is studying abroad in Australia.

On offense, Colleen Murphy and Kristal Lundegaard are expected to show great potential.

Mandy Gray will show her stopping power, stepping into goal. Combined with McSweeney, Gray will provide a impenetrable wall for rivals to reckon with.

"Although it was my first year, I thought our level of play

improved significantly as the season progressed," said Johnson.

And as they return home and bare the frigid weather of Keene, the women can rest confident that they can come out on top of the LEC conference this season.

After all, they too, can be champions.

## Men's lacrosse preview

Young, but experienced, Owls hope to return to playoffs in 2003

By Jim Johnson  
Staff Reporter

After an amazing 2002 season that saw the KSC men's lacrosse team rise from cellar dwellers to their best season ever, expectations are high for 2003.

On paper, it looks as if goal scoring and goaltending will be the team strengths this season, and the real question mark will be how the defensive unit responds to losing three key seniors from last year's playoff squad.

"For a young team, to play in a couple of playoff games last year, was tremendous," said Coach Mark Theriault.

Rebounding from a 2001 record of 2-10, KSC jumped to a 12-3 mark in 2002. The Owls

are returning six starters from last year's team, and have their sights locked in on Eastern Connecticut State, widely considered the team to beat this year in the Little East Conference.

An 11 game winning streak, like the one they put together last season, certainly would improve the Owls' confidence come playoff time.

Goaltending was one of the team strengths last year, and should only continue to improve with the return of sophomore Eric Delisle, who was selected to the All-LEC first team last year as a freshman. Ryan Connary will back up Delisle in net this year.

On defense, the tri-captains of last season, Adam Prishy, Chris Kelly, and Neil Birmingham, all graduated,

leaving some big shoes to fill. Returnees Dan Kokonowski and Tom Peletier are both experienced players, while Garrett Keane, a talented transfer from Springfield College, looks to make an immediate impact for the Owls' defense.

At the midfield positions, the Owls are talent-laden, returning a front line that stands to be one of the tops in the LEC.

Senior Chad Tiger (25 goals, 9 assists), sophomore Greg Richard (19 goals, 8 assists), and second team LEC All-Star Meade McKay (18 goals, 13 assists), should all keep opposing goalies busy between the posts this year.

Freshman Steve Pestche looks poised to make a solid contribution, as does Roanoke College transfer, Travis Pedley. Senior D.J. Nordmark and

sophomore Brian Walsh are key reserves that add depth and poise to the Owls' roster.

On the attack, the Owls boast one of the top scorers in the Little East Conference in junior Joe Branciforte (47 goals, 19 assists). Branciforte could challenge Bob Bonne's KSC record of 59 goals, set in 1999.

D.J. Clattenburg (13 goals, 14 assists), Eric Mommie (32 goals, 15 assists as a freshman), Craig D'Lessandro (14 goals), and first year player Joe Calcagno round out a prolific scoring squad that likes to spread the wealth on offense.

Keene State opens the season at Endicott College on Monday, March 10, while the first opportunity to catch them at home will be March 26 at 4 p.m.



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LeBron James recently got in trouble for taking "retro" jerseys (like the Jim Brown jersey above), but let's remember, he is just another high school athlete trying to win a state championship.

## Just another high school student, right?

By Chris Vozzolo  
Staff Reporter

LeBron James is an 18-year-old kid.

He still wakes up and goes to high school everyday. He still has to worry about the senior prom. He is still trying to do what every other high school athlete is trying to do. Win a state championship.

Our media and general public have seemed to forget this. James has been under the national spotlight for the last year. Is that his fault? Does he deserve the highest level of criticism for being the best he can be?

I feel that James gets treated unfairly by the media. What has he really done that is so bad? The obvious first answer is that his mother went a bit overboard by buying him a new Hummer for his birthday. This is true, however, if my mother wanted to do this for me, I wouldn't complain either. A

bank gave her a legitimate loan and she did everything by the books. All he did was accept an extravagant gift, that he is most likely going to pay for in whole, in less than a year.

The next problem he ran into was receiving two jerseys worth close to \$900.

This was definitely a mistake, but what high school kid doesn't make mistakes? There has never been any talk of high school athletes receiving gifts before, so why would he feel he is doing anything wrong? I am sure he has been offered a lot more than just two \$400 jerseys, so let him pay for his mistake and return to playing, rather than exploiting him nationally.

In my book, James seems like a pretty good kid. Rather than letting the national attention get to his head, he plays it off quite well.

Rather than making the

see James, pg. B8

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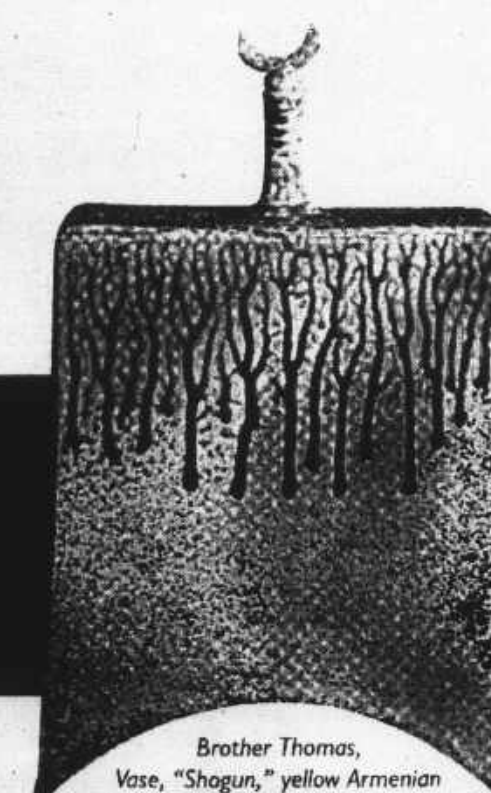
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