



"Are you looking at me? Are YOU looking at ME?!!? You must be looking at me, because no one else is here!!" Hans Conried thinking he should have paid his cable bill as the evil television-like alien known as "The Twonky" stands set to strike.

## Boob Tube from the Beyond

BY STEPHEN T. PARKER  
The Equinox

Ever wondered what's really behind those "Kill Your Television!" stickers attached to Saabs, Volvos, and VW vans with Vermont license plates? It's much more insidious than erudite, flower-print, cotton-skirted New-Agers not wanting their "progressive" offspring to view "Sex in the City" or cartoons such as "Dexter's Laboratory" or "Angry Beavers."

When mom said not to sit too close to the screen she wasn't referring to excessive radiation or how it might ruin your eyesight. She knew that there are deadlier dangers and small-screen savagery awaiting the unsuspecting viewer. Beyond the images of "Space Ghost" and "Malcolm in the Middle," past the

all-powerful picture tube, lies a world of pure, unadulterated evil.

Thanks to "The Twonky," director Arch Oboler's 1953 homage to pop trash and the mind-numbing effects of vacuum tv fare, I have discovered the awful truth. All 500+ channels worth.

Literature Professor Cary West (Hans Conried), a confirmed radio buff, is irritated when his wife Carolyn (Janet Warren) gives him a television to keep him company while she's out of town. Displeasure becomes delight when West discovers that the ambitious appliance washes dashes, vacuums rugs, and lights his pipe.

But the Nielsen Ratings turn decidedly negative when West consults his barfly co-worker, Coach Trout (Billy Lynn), and learns the

television is, in actuality, a Twonky, a space alien which has time-travelled from the future.

The Twonky proceeds to take complete control of West's life, counterfeiting \$5 bills and zapping anyone it deems a threat to its new master. After a procession of bill collectors, treasury agents and frat boys are snookered by paralyzing rays emanating from the Twonky's screen, West sets out to cancel its programming.

Oboler's "Twonky" is a thinly-veiled indictment of tv-culture mediocrity and its stultifying effects upon the human intellect. It followed on the heels of his now-classic 1951 flick "Five," in which a pregnant woman, a neo-Nazi, a white supremacist, and a black man, nuclear holocaust survivors, recreate the inter-personal tensions

which led to world destruction. The greatest allegorical irony of "The Twonky" lies in the fact that the alien television's screen remains blank throughout the film.

Remember Bruce Springsteen's musical epithet of 57 channels and nothing on?

Even as the Twonky waddles toward the wickered-out West and he screams, "You have denied me my God given right to be wrong," one cannot suppress a secret liking for the boob tube from the beyond. So, give up your MTV, relinquish your re-runs of "Laverne and Shirley" and kill your television before it kills you, if you so desire. But the rest of us like our Twonkies. Honestly, how many of you really want to murder a medium that gave us "The Simpsons"? Besides, in today's viewing society flat screen doesn't mean flat finance.

## Dude, Where's my Genre?

BY ALEC KERR  
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The teen movie, it's the genre teen girls love. It's the genre that critics will often automatically dismiss. It's the genre we all hate to love, but we couldn't have made it through our teen years without.

The teen genre deserves a closer look. So, to start let's go back to the golden age of the teen movie, the '80s. It was in the '80s that the genre really began to take shape. The formula would be firmly established. There was something fresh about the movies that came out during the '80s. Of course there were bad teen movies during the time, but in many cases the movies were more clever and more original than the teen films of the '90s.

Wrote/director John Hughes is the man behind some of the most memorable movies of the genre. He had an ability to write witty, funny, then poignant, yet realistic dialogue. His two best, "The Breakfast Club" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," should be required viewing for anyone going through puberty.

Another writer/director who also made a distinct mark on the genre was Cameron Crowe, who went on to write and direct movies like "Jerry Maguire," "Almost Famous" and "Vanilla Sky." His venture into film was the screenplay for "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," which included the stoner character, Spicoli, portrayed unforgettably by Sean Penn.

Crowe would go on to make his directorial debut with "Say Anything," which may just be the best teen romantic comedy to date. The story is the same as any other romantic comedy, but this one does it with a lot of style and wit. Like Hughes, Crowe creates realistic dialogue. His characters are well rounded and believable instead of just clichés.

The '80s also had John Cusack, who would become a charming leading man later in his career, but who was just as appealing in several teen movies. Most noteworthy was the aforementioned, "Say Anything," but Rob Reiner's "The Sure Thing," a loose remake of "It Happened One Night" was nearly its equal.

Cusack would play the teen in love many more times, but even in the mediocre films he was more charismatic than his '90s equivalent, Freddie Prinze Jr. Take for example the surreal, "Better Off Dead," but Cusack made the material work better than it would have in the hands of a lesser actor.

The '80s also had young versions of Tom Cruise, Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn, and Matt Dillahunty, and previously mentioned Sean Penn, who all left their marks in the genre.

Cruise's one teen movie was

"Risky Business," in which he turned his house into a brothel and danced around in his underwear. Fox appeared in "Teen Wolf," which is memorable solely for his performance. Reeves was Ted in the time traveling comedy "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure." As for Broderick he WAS Ferris Bueller, the character girls wanted and guys wanted to be.

In the '90s, the teen movie had a small fall from grace. Many of the teen movies of the last decade or so have been void of any heart and have characters that are merely clichés. Freddie Prinze, Jr., one of the most wooden actors to come around in years, has led the recent barrage of teen movies with such films as "She's All That," "Down to You," "Boys and Girls" and "Summer Catch." Prinze's acting ranges from smile, to indifference to frown, which can be used for anger, sadness or fear.

The best Prinze movie was "She's All That," but not because of Freddie. The plot was standard and unoriginal, but the film had a solid supporting cast that included Anna Paquin and Matthew Lillard, who appeared in an amusing parody of "The Real World." Still, although the movie had its moments, it just wasn't as good as early teen films.

There were a few movies that worked within the teen movie formula that were successful. "Ten Things I Hate About You," was a clever spin on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." "Clerks" was a enjoyable reworking of Jane Austen's "Emma" and "American Pie" was a new and much improved "Porky's."

It was the movies that broke from the formula that were the best teen movies of the '90s. "Rushmore" had an odd likeable over-achiever named Max, who was in so many clubs that he was failing all his classes.

"Election" was a biting satire on politics in which Reese Witherspoon, playing the most overly ambitious student ever, would do anything to win her high school election. She is evil and only her teacher played by Matt Broderick can stop her.

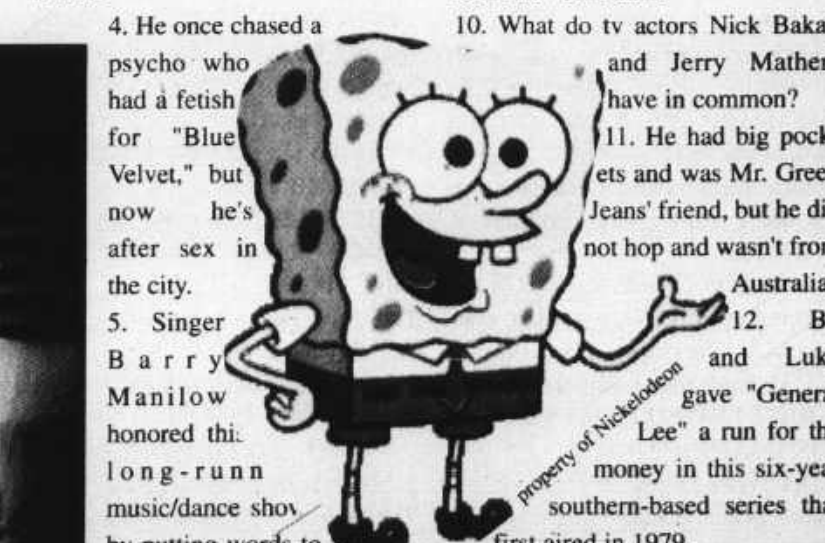
It is hard to say what is in store for the teen movie in the new millennium. There may be some hope for the teen movie. "O," the high school retelling of Shakespeare's "Othello," which starred Julia Stiles of "Ten Things," worked quite well. Stiles also appeared in the worthy "Save the Last Dance." "World," was an intelligent, funny and bitter portrayal of life as a teenager. "Get Over it," was somewhat standard, but had the surreal feel of "Better Off Dead." Perhaps the next decade will be a second coming for the teen movie.

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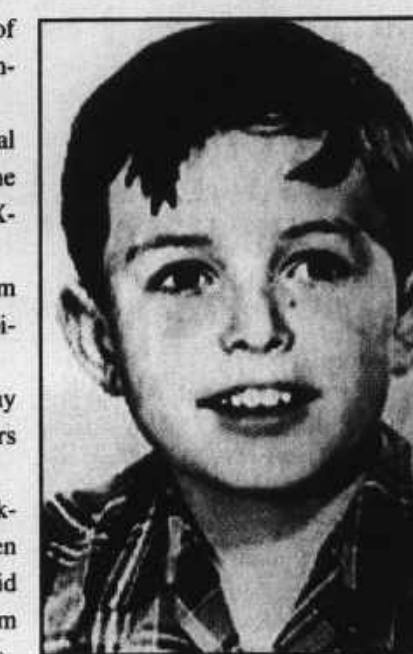
BY STEPHEN T. PARKER  
The Equinox

In honor of this week's DVD Dementia selection, "The Twonky," the story of a space alien disguised as a tv, the Equinox asks you not to kill your television but to scan your channels and test your knowledge of tv trivia.

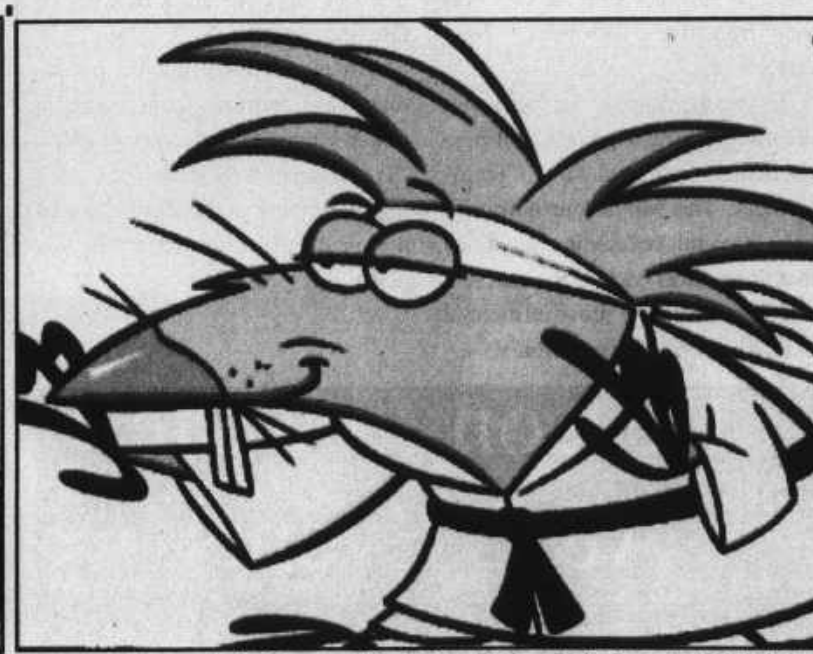
1. Name the Rigby, Idaho, resident who was the unlikely inventor of the first transmitted television signals.
2. What is the most famous anti-TV bumper sticker slogan?
3. Name the Walla Walla, WA, native who was the campiest Batman of all in the mid-sixties tv series.
4. He once chased a psycho who had a fetish for "Blue Velvet," but now he's after sex in the city.
5. Singer Barry Manilow honored this long-running music/dance show by putting words to its theme song.
6. Name the host of question #5 series. He has been dubbed "America's Oldest Teenager."
7. What do cartoon characters



"The Beaver" and "The Angry Beaver." Jerry Mathers poses with Norbert (voiced by Nick Bakay)



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which took him into space in 1977, but he returned to educate Max Bickford in 2001. 15. She was told "You Can't Do That on Television," so she became a rock singer and, eventually, God. 16. What super villain attempted to carve his name into the moon in the cartoon series "The Tick"? 17. Name the other cartoon series originally on Nickelodeon that was

made by the creators of "Spongebob Squarepants." (Hint: This show eventually moved to MTV). 18. Name the actor with Down Syndrome who played Corky Thatcher in the tv series "Life Goes On." 19. This movie "nerd" became a doctor on network tv's "E.R." 20. Who was the president of the Kentucky Nightmare Liquor

Corporation on "Space Ghost Coast to Coast"? (Three bonus points if you name the corporation's mascot!) This concludes the Equinox Test Pattern for February 28th, 2002. Stay tuned next week for more trivia.

"Look at me! I'm a Nerd!"

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## Soundoff

### What's the hardest class you've had at KSC?

## Students sell drugs to foot the bills

BY KRISTEN SENZ  
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Two Keene State College students, who wished to remain anonymous, talked with the Equinox last week about selling drugs to pay bills and college expenses.

For some, drugs are an integral part of life and a way to "supplement the income," while others spend much of their time advocating a "straight edge" philosophy.

But for most students, the challenge is making a personal decision and finding some middle ground where fun and social interaction meet responsibility and safety.

"You can make \$200 in a few minutes or you can go to work and make \$7.25 an hour," the female drug dealer said.

One of the students began using drugs at the age of 12 and the other at age 14. Since then, both of them have faced

felony charges as a result of either possessing or distributing illegal drugs, yet they continue to deal.

"Everyone thinks they're so much bigger than the drug, but for real, the drug is a hell of a lot bigger than you. It can do more things to you than you can do to it, and it can land you in some pretty sketchy places, especially jail," she said.

In the drug game, the stakes are high. Convicted felons

lose all financial aid for college, have difficulty finding employment, and can never become educators.

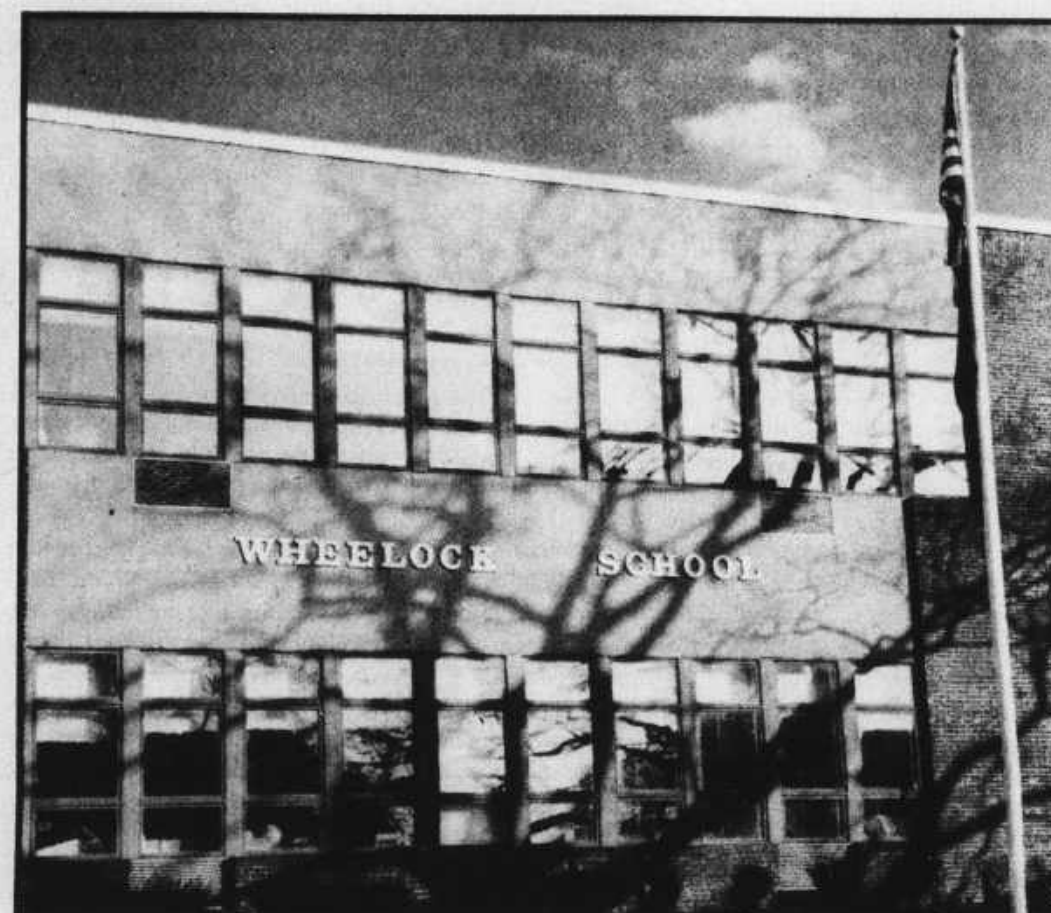
Both students said they enjoyed the way drugs made them feel and the experiences they had while under the influence.

One of the students said that even though the consequences of dealing are not worth the benefits, she's "in a situation where it's still not that bad."

"Everything I've ever done got me to the spot I'm in right now, so I'm sitting here doing an interview about drugs. But if I wake up one day and I don't like where I am, then I just have to make choices until I get to the spot I do want," she said.

Both students were asked what percentage of Keene State College students they believe use drugs and alcohol. One student said 97 percent and the other said 99.9 percent.

"But sometimes I guess it's really hard because you're so in it that you just think it's everybody," the male drug dealer said. These dealers receive above average grades and have held part-time jobs to maintain the illusion of a legitimate income. For them, balancing school and black market sales has proven to be a challenging task. See Drugs, page 6



The Wheelock Elem. School will soon be operated by the Keene School district.

## The Wheelock School is changing hands

BY SHAUNNA TRUDELL  
The Equinox

Keene State College and Wheelock Elementary School created a new agreement for a better school district.

David Hill, dean of professional and graduate studies, said since 1909 KSC has provided the staff for Wheelock Elementary School.

The school district has maintained the school and follows district policies and procedures. Hill explained this all started

when KSC was called Keene Normal School; it needed a place for placements of students who wanted to become teachers. This agreement meant that the school district sent the college 90 percent of the money needed to run the school.

It also meant that KSC hired the teachers and principals for Wheelock school. In this agreement, KSC had to give a year's notice on terminating it.

Hill said the reason for termination is because the college doesn't need just one field

placement for students. He said the new agreement worked to create a partnership with all of the schools.

The schools involved in the new agreement are Keene High, Keene Middle, Franklin Elementary, Daniels Elementary, Symonds Elementary, Fuller Elementary, and Wheelock Elementary.

Hill explained that the new agreement means KSC would no longer provide the staff for the schools involved.

Thomas added that when only one counterfeit bill is found, it is less likely that the

person knowingly passed it. "With only one bill in the college, I would suspect somebody got it, didn't know they got it and passed it on," he said.

However, Christopher said that because it is a "stand-alone" bill this does not necessarily mean anything.

"This could be linked to other Keene Police or Secret Service investigations around the country," he said.

In terms of student concern, Christopher mentioned that this is not a situation where students should be worried about being in possession of a counterfeit bill. He said that most occurrences are with cashiers.

"I think it's a situation where anyone handling money, if you get a bill that doesn't feel right, that doesn't look right, certainly you want to either bring that to the bank's attention or bring it over to Campus Safety," he said.

This is not Keene State's first encounter with false currency. According to Christopher, there have been other instances of counterfeit money showing up on campus in the past.

The risk involved with using counterfeit money is high said Christopher. "Depending on how they're doing it, and the level, they could be looking at felony charges."

He said there are a number of things to look for when attempting to spot fake bills, including threads in the bill, watermarks, and other identifiers. He added that the United States Treasury keeps a detailed site that shows ways to spot fake currency.

Some precautions have been taken at Keene State since the discovery of the counterfeit bill. According to Thomas, cashiers on campus have been armed with special pens that, when used on a bill, will immediately tell whether the bill is real or fake.

## Do "you throw like a girl?"

BY SARAH RUCH  
The Equinox

Violence and misogyny are male behaviors and therefore men must work to end this by focusing on their attitudes and behaviors, said Don McPherson, associate director of the anti-violence program, Athletics Helping Athletics.

McPherson will be speaking at Keene State College on Wednesday, March 6, about gender-based violence. His presentation, "You Throw Like a Girl," will help the audience deconstruct masculine ideology, identifying prevailing attitudes that help create a climate for violence.

In his presentations, McPherson addresses the role of traditional ideas of masculinity and sport.

He explains how attitudes such as having to be "tough," "hard," or "one of the boys," foster violence by men against women.

Language is a major focus of his workshops and presentations. Men use sexist language without understanding the consequences of it, McPherson said.

Men demand a conformed behavioral response from other men to prove their manhood by using language that refers to another as being feminine.

These attitudes are often excused as "boys will be boys" or "it was just a joke." However, this type of language and attitude creates behavior that may cause some men to be violent towards women.

See McPherson, page 2



Equinox photo by Amanda Lukas

Mona Anderson, counselor at the KSC counseling center, is looking forward to Don McPherson's visit to the college.

## Students report ghostly presence

BY HEATHER SKIDMORE  
The Equinox

Many students would probably laugh if they were told that a ghost was living in their dorm, however for residents of Monadnock Hall, it is no laughing matter: a ghost is among them.

In the past few weeks, according to Kirk Sanger, resident director of Monadnock Hall, six students have reported experiencing the ghost in their rooms.

"The students have reported things moving in their room. A student's telephone was thrown from her desk while she was sleeping. Televisions and stereos turn off on and repeatedly, video tapes eject and enter the VCR without prompting," said Sanger.

While some students are scared about the idea of a ghost in the hall, other students think they have befriended it. See Ghosts, page 6

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"Ceramics with Sam Azaro."

Meg Biondi  
Senior, Studio Art Major

"Social psychology with professor Brown."

Meghan Hewins  
Freshman, Elem. Special Ed.

"U.S. history with professor Crocker."

Lisa Colonna  
Sophomore, Elem. Ed., Comm.



"(Safety) Topics I with Gerald Hayden."  
Josh Makarewicz  
Senior, Safety



"General chemistry II with Dr. J."  
Dennis Jakobowicz  
Senior, Safety



"Research methods with Reggy Walsh."  
Ashley Johnson  
Junior, Elem. Ed., Sociology

"Photos and interview by Samantha Lukash"



# Campus Safety Log

Tuesday, February 26

1:30 a.m. An officer spoke with two males in reference to skateboard policies.

2:52 a.m. Bicycle found by HC ramp.

7:39 a.m. Wallet turned in, found in front of Huntress Hall.

7:36 a.m. A person requested access to the Elliott Center. Did not bring correct keys with her.

10:14 a.m. Health Services reports resident needs to be checked on C-2 and C-14 checking the welfare of student.

6:06 p.m. A female student was taking a shower. When she got out, she noticed a cleaning person standing on the toilet watching her. When the individual was confronted, he ran

out the door.

8:44 p.m. There was no response to a student's room. An officer keyed into the room and found an individual that was having a seizure. RD was on the scene. The student was transported to Cheshire Medical Center.

10:07 p.m. Specifically Butler Court area, reckless use of motor vehicles and screaming. Apparently EPY sisters are harassing other candidates.

11:42 p.m. Vehicle parked at the South-West corner of the Elliott F/S lot was hit by another vehicle on the driver's side bumper.

Wednesday, February 27

12:21 a.m. An officer advised a group of six subjects on the East side of Hall that if they were loud they

would have to be disbanded.

12:58 a.m. A resident of Owl's Nest seven reported that two older men in a yellow Jeep Wrangler were yelling offensive remarks at her and followed her from Randall Hall back to Owl's Nest 7.

1:13 a.m. Residents complained of tractor trailer running outside of building.

1:16 a.m. Student came to Grafton and said he wanted to go to the hospital.

3:48 a.m. A UNICCO employee reports that there are strange noises coming from the ceiling. Officer investigated and believed it to be a rodent.

12:01 p.m. A resident reports stolen money at 48 Butler Court.

12:22 p.m. 48 Butler Court reports money reported missing has been located.

7:37 p.m. The Randall hall RA called in a vomit clean up, second floor, A side.

Thursday, February 28

12:16 a.m. Report of people playing basketball by Owl's Nest 1 and Carle Hall. Officer spoke with four subjects who agreed to move along.

5:29 p.m. Spoke to individuals about skateboarding on campus, subjects left campus.

5:37 p.m. Spoke again to individuals riding skateboards.

Friday, March 1

1:26 a.m. Officer off with two subjects in front of building. They were

observed jumping off of monument at Red Fern Arts Center. Officer requesting Keene Police at 1:39 a.m. for a liquor law violation.

5:47 a.m. Student came to Grafton house stating her Toyota Terrel is parked in the Science Center parking lot. A friend of hers has her key but she can't be located. Her parents have keys but she can't get them for later.

Saturday, March 2

1:45 a.m. Resident called and stated that room was playing loud music. RA responded and an officer was dispatched. No rooms were loud.

8:22 a.m. Student reports cracked toilet on the third floor women's bathroom. There were reports of vandalism to two toilets and would like pictures taken.

1:58 p.m. Call from father of student regarding mail his daughter was sent.

Sunday, March 3

3:04 a.m. Officer off with four disorderly subjects. Two subjects ran from officer. Officer spoke with other two regarding alcohol.

3:57 a.m. RA of Monadnock called and reported that there were subjects outside making loud noises.

8:53 p.m. Someone called to report an allergic reaction to chemicals used for cleaning in one his buildings bathroom. RA and RD on duty were notified subject choose not to seek medical attention. UNICCO was sent to clean the bathroom.

## Diversity commission welcomes all

BY SYLVIA XANTHOPLULOS  
The Equinox

Many organizations on campus are devoted to fostering a healthy environment for students.

One such organization, which is working to foster growth in the KSC community, is the Diversity Commission. The Diversity Commission is co-chaired by Patrice Strifert of student affairs and Sally Joyce of academic affairs.

Strifert said there is the academic side that the Diversity Commission deals with but there are also social aspects that must be examined in order to help a student make the

transition to college life.

The Diversity Commission has been at Keene State College for about two years. A program that, Strifert, said was once run by one faculty member has now grown to 25 members all working together to change the mentality at this New England school and become a welcoming environment for students and faculty of many different backgrounds. The commission works on diversity and multiculturalism by developing strategies to achieve the goals of "Our Plan" she added.

Our Plan is a mission statement with clear goals set forth for the future of the college.

The vision of Our Plan is for the college to become a welcoming and supportive place for diversity. According to Strifert the Our Plan can be found on the college's website.

She explained that the plan is exactly as it seems, a plan for the college as a whole and the community within it. As a step in realizing its vision, the commission was established, Strifert said. Some of the goals of the Diversity Commission are to look at the way the college recruits faculty and staff said Strifert. Another goal of the commission is to examine the curriculum and incorporate multiculturalism and diversity into current classes she added.

Strifert, along with the rest of the Diversity Task Force, have identified four learning outcomes in addition to the general education diversity goals. The outcomes have been established to be incorporated into the current curriculum, she said.

Outcome one says that students will demonstrate recognition and an understanding of the relationship between identity and culture.

Outcome three states that students will demonstrate an understanding of the impact of power and privilege on relationships among people and among cultures.

The commission cannot work alone, which is why Multicultural Student Affairs was established said coordinator Angela Yang.

For five months, Yang has been the coordinator for MSA and has many responsibilities including the recruitment of students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

"The goal of our office is not only to support multicultural students but also to reach out to the larger Keene State community and support them in the process of engaging the issues of diversity and multiculturalism," said Yang.

There are many ways students can become involved in the goals of

diversity at Keene State College. Students are invited to become a part of the commission and can also join a newly organized group called Common Ground Multicultural Club said Strifert.

As the semester goes on, there will be opportunities for students to participate in the Our Plan vision. One such step would be to go to the events sponsored by the Diversity Commission and the Young Student Center.

"People must be aware of their own prejudices and be willing to look at changing our campus community, and that's not easy," Strifert said.

He explained that it naturally developed out of the partnership we have with the district.

The new arrangement is better for the children and the teachers of the other schools involved Hill said, and added that if a parent or teacher has a complaint now they know to call the district and that the school board is in charge. Before it was confusing for parents to know whom to get in touch with when something was wrong because the college handled those situations.

Dr. Y and the Superintendent of the school, according to Hill, were in charge of making changes. Hill explained that it is better for the students at KSC and the district. He said it gets everyone together and brings the agreement up to speed with the way we do things now.

McPherson, from page 1  
According to the FBI Uniform Crime Statistics, about 90 percent of all violence is perpetrated by men.

McPherson, a former director of Sport in Society's Mentors in Violence Prevention Program, explained that the philosophy of MVP and his work in the field of sexual violence is to reposition all forms of men's violence against women as a "men's issue."

MVP is a gender violence prevention program that encourages men to take the initiative in stopping men's violence against women.

Violence is predominantly a male behavior and also a learned behavior, McPherson said.

Women are still the targets of men's stereotypical attitudes that can often lead to violence. In order to prevent violence from

occurring, men must take an active and proactive approach.

The former football quarterback will be speaking from the point of view of an athlete because that is what he knows and sees, said Mona Anderson, a counselor in the KSC counseling center. She added that his presentations are universal.

McPherson was an All-American high school athlete in both track and football. While quarterback at Syracuse University from 1983 to 1987, he set 22 school records.

He played football professionally for seven years for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and Houston Oilers and the Canadian Football League's Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Ottawa Rough-Riders.

McPherson has been involved with sports-based leadership programs since 1988, and has been

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## Does Greek Life have a future at KSC?

BY JILL FRAOILI  
The Equinox

Conflicting views regarding the status of Greeks on Keene State Campus has initiated a debate about the functions and goals of the organizations.

Kacy Burbank, a senior at KSC, said Greek Life has been linked to drinking and drugs which some feel to be their sole purpose on campus.

This image leads individuals to believe Greek Life should be banned from KSC, while some student and faculty members believe Greek Life on campus is beneficial to the community and to the individual she said.

"The school highlights the negative aspects of Greek Life, leaving out many of the positive things we do for the community. Greek Life does not party any more than athletes or any other person at KSC," said Bryan Aube, a senior and member of Alpha Pi Tau.

"I don't believe they should be banned, but I do feel that they should be disaffiliated with the school. Greek life does not contribute to the school, it's all BS, they talk about it but nothing ever gets done," said Jeff Kechejian, a member of Kappa Delta Phi, which is disaffiliated with KSC.

According to Anne Miller, associate dean for student affairs, Keene State College cannot "ban" the Greek organizations.

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## Wheelock school students sing in "World's Largest Concert"

BY ERIN MANNING

The Equinox

The students and faculty of the Wheelock School will be viewed by millions of television viewers nationwide on March 14.

The students of the Wheelock School participated in the "World's Largest Concert" that celebrates "Music in our Schools Month." Video footage of the 186 students, faculty, staff, and method students from KSC will be seen on public television around the country, according to Judith Blood, a music teacher at the elementary school.

The concert, championed by the Music Educators National Conference, includes school children from around the country and from American schools at army bases nationwide singing a variety of songs from countries that have or will host the Olympic Games, she

said.

The concert features the acclaimed International Children's Choir as well as an orchestra composed of local young musicians in Salt Lake City.

The remaining songs will be video footage of the schools singing a song selected by the MENC, which is an association for music teachers nationwide, according to Blood.

This is the first time the Wheelock school will be featured on the program that is celebrating its 18th year of broadcast that is viewed on public television as well as aired over Armed Services radio stations overseas, said Blood.

The Wheelock School is conducting a year-long multicultural theme and Blood thought that entering the school into the concert would be a learning experience for all.

"As we learn about people of all cultures, we are reminded that

through music, we can pass music from one generation and one culture to the next. When this happens, music becomes a uniting force, one that links and connects all people," she said in a memo to parents earlier in the year.

The members of the Wheelock school were asked to perform "The Next Country Over," which is the final song on the program.

The Wheelock School sang the song and performed it in American Sign Language, said Blood.

Songs like "Kuma San Suite" from Japan and "Gari Fala" from Greece will be performed by other schools in the program.

Two journalism students, Kerri Ann Goodwin and Joseph Bishop, filmed the video in KSC's Rhodes Hall she said.

"The kids worked hard and we had like three weeks to put it together. They were wonderful. The teach-

ers worked with them extra," said Blood. "It was a wonderful experience."

Blood filled out an interest form and wrote a proposal for the concert and was accepted in November. Video footage began and was submitted in December.

"We found out in February. I made an announcement over the loud speaker and I could hear the cheers from the kids," she said.

The Wheelock School performers will be wearing tee-shirts stamped with a turtle and may be the first New Hampshire School to have performed in "The World's Largest Concert" said Blood.

The Wheelock School can be seen on New Hampshire Public Television on March 14 at 1:30 p.m. Blood said that the Wheelock students will have ice cream and cookies in celebration of their television performance.

## New Hampshire gets a "D" for gun control laws

BY JOSH HOKUS

The Equinox

Gun control in New Hampshire has left people burning over firearms.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, named after Bill Brady, who took a bullet on an assassination attempt on President Regan, gave New Hampshire the grade of D+ on laws protecting kids from guns.

The grade was given because it legal to possess assault weapons in New Hampshire, there are no background checks at gun shows, there are no

safety standards for guns, citizens can conceal guns, and junk gun sales are allowable.

Richard Kennedy, a state representative and a member of Gun Owners of New Hampshire (GONH), negates the grade given to New Hampshire by the Brady Campaign, because he said the greatest percentage of children killed by guns are drug dealers.

He said this happens because since these young drug offenders are juveniles, they are "slapped on the wrist" for possessing a gun, as opposed to the charges they would face as an

adult. Kennedy said that 15, 16, and 17 year-old thugs are being killed, not young children.

Ralph Demicco, owner of Riley's Sport Shop, said that if you subtract youth deaths caused by gangs in inner cities and other such criminal activity, that firearm accidents and deaths are far less than most high school sports such as basketball and baseball. He said this statistic comes from the Center for Disease Control.

Kennedy said in response to the Brady Campaign grade that New Hampshire has very good gun laws. He said that New Hampshire has the

second lowest crime rate in the country, with Washington D.C. placing last because they have the most gun laws.

"We have very good gun laws because we have very little trouble with guns," Kennedy said.

New Hampshire law does not require a permit or license to purchase a handgun. Guns are not required to be registered with the police or any agency. Gun owners who wish to carry a concealed gun must get a permit to do so from their local police chief. See Guns, page 6

## News Briefs

### N.H. state police offer program

The state police will host an information March 27-May 29 at KSC. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to offer insight into the jurisdiction and duties of N.H. state police officers. Sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in room 70 of Morrison Hall. If you would like to attend, contact Lt. James Kelly at Troop C in Keene at 271-1158.

### Nominate a distinguished teacher

The KSC alumni association is seeking nominations for the distinguished teacher award. The award is announced annually at the Fall Honors Convocation. Nomination portfolios are available from the Office of Advancement in Elliot Hall. All nominations with a completed portfolio and a minimum of five letters of support are due on Friday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.

### DEA attempts to ban hemp products

The Drug Enforcement Administration received over 115,000 comments from hemp food and body care consumers and manufacturers opposing DEA's attempt to ban hemp seed and oil products which contain infinitesimal trace residual THC (like poppy seeds on bagels contain trace opiates). The Body Shop collected most of the comments at its 300 stores nationwide, and Vote Hemp.com generated approximately 5,000 comments through its website since the DEA announced its ruling on Oct. 9, 2001. Eric Steenstra, president of Vote Hemp.com, said that the DEA "has no public support" for their proposed ban, and that they are "out of touch with the general public" on this issue. In response to an emergency motion filed by the hemp industry, the DEA handed out a temporary victory one day after the deadline for the disposing of hemp foods expired. The DEA will extend the "grace period" for disposing hemp food products until March 18.

### Body image: a local or global concern?

As part of the Women and Their World's Brown bag lunch series, Alison Spring and Jessica Simon will facilitate a discussion called Body Image: a Local or Global Concern? It will focus on the issues surrounding the spread of body image dissatisfaction to eastern cultures. This event will take place on March 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the Thorne Sagendorph meeting room in the Thorne Sagendorph Art gallery at KSC.

### Youth chorus sings a farewell concert

Gladys Johnson, KSC professor of music education, will direct the youth chorus for the last time in a concert of Latin, Spanish, German, and American songs on Sunday, March 10. Johnson founded the chorus in 1993 and will continue to teach at KSC while she passes direction of the chorus to Mary Beth Taylor and Miriam Goder, professor emerita of KSC.

The 50 member chorus will perform songs such as "abend stille," "blow winds of God," "greensleeves," and "Amazing Grace." The performance will take place in the Alumni recital hall of the Redfern Arts Center. For more information about ticket prices or if you have questions call the Arts Center box office at 358-2168.

### Path for choice

Legal abortion hangs by a razor thin margin in the United States Supreme Court. Support path for choice, a group of concerned students, and help raise awareness about the importance of protecting a woman's right to choose. There will be a display of 5,000 metal coat hangers on the quad, one for every woman who will die in the next year from botched, illegal abortions if Roe vs. Wade is overturned. For more information email the group at pathforchoice@yahoo.com.

### Students choose alternative spring break

Alternative spring break has become a tradition at KSC. 2002 marks the ninth year that students, faculty, and staff have participated in the program. Travelling to southern states to assist people in need. Don Hayes, KSC community services coordinator, explained that 127 people will participate in six trips this year, including Habitat for Humanity home-building projects. Participants have raised around \$38,000 to cover their own food and travel expenses and pay for their own materials used to build houses.

### Player and coach get LEC awards

The Owls' Dave Stantal has been named the Little East Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Leading the conference in scoring with a 20.8 average, Stantal was also among the league leaders in rebounding (7.7 rpg) and three-point shooting (111-263-422 pct).

Rob Colbert, the Owls' third year coach, was selected as the Conference Coach of the Year. Colbert guided KSC (22-4-12-2 LEC) to the LEC regular season title, which included a school-record 17 game winning streak.

### Media services goes online

The Media Services office of the Center for Media and Instructional Technology now has a new online web form to assist faculty and staff in making their equipment and media requests.

To use the form, visit [www.keene.edu/cmit/media.cfm](http://www.keene.edu/cmit/media.cfm). The online service is designed to improve the accuracy of media requests by eliminating some of the transcription errors that have occurred through the normal phone requests. For more information call Mark at x2376.

### Free HIV and STD testing

For anyone interested in participating in free HIV or STD testing on March 11 and 13, meet in front of the Student Center between 10:10-30 a.m. For more information call Susan, director of the AIDS foundation, at 357-6855.

### Take it from me

"Take it from me" is a 29 minute documentary film about the creative process for three female artists. The film will be shown on March 8 at 3 p.m. in the Putnam Arts Lecture Hall as part of the many events happening for Women's History Month.

# WHO WILL YOU BE SLEEPING WITH?

Lottery numbers for Housing Selection will be posted at [www.keene.edu/reslife](http://www.keene.edu/reslife) at noon on March 13. Find out how Housing Selection works, what housing options KSC offers, and when to select your room for next year. And don't forget to check out Hall Happenings to find out what programs are running in your residence hall.

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## Donna Martin Graduates

Donna Martin graduates. For those of us that were Beverly Hills 90210 fans back in the day, you know what this means. When it was discovered that Donna had drank some champagne before the gang headed to the senior prom, school administrators punished her by not allowing her to graduate with her class.

Many of us here at Keene State are seniors too and with graduation approaching fast some of us have recently entertained the thought of not adorning ourselves with gowns and throwing our caps in the air.

Back in October we all either handed in or filled out intent to graduate forms, which tells the registrar that we want to graduate in May of 2002. The registrar then reviews the senior's records and sends her or she an audit in return.

During the past month seniors have been receiving these audits, three months before graduation, telling us whether or not we are ok to get our diplomas, and not leaving those of us who may be short any credits time to do anything about it.

A story in last week's Equinox ran on the front page about intent to graduate forms and the whole auditing process. The story explained that the college only has one person doing all of the audits for every senior.

Perhaps this is the reason we don't get them until it's way too late to add another class, or do something else to graduate on time. It seems safe to say that all of us pay enough money to attend Keene State that there must be some funds around somewhere to pay for more auditors.

What about informing seniors about filling out these intent forms in the first place? Most of us Equinox editors are seniors and we did not all know until just before the form was due that we needed to hand it in.

Perhaps the school could do a better job of communicating with seniors and send out emails, flyers, or other notices in our mailboxes that would let us know when the due date was. The Equinox is not necessarily speaking for all seniors because surely some of us have not had any problems with this, but we think most of us feel at one time or another that the school is not telling us certain things.

For most students and their advisors, Web Advisor, is a pretty reliable source of information and a place to review an official copy of our transcripts. Also most students are probably checking in with their advisors when course selection time comes so that they know everything is "a-okay."

If we all have an advisor, plus this new Web Advisor system, why do we need to go through this entire process to tell us that we can graduate?

Yes, all of us should be checking in with our advisors and saving our grade reports. Many of us do. But one thing is for sure: ALL of us deserve a fair chance to graduate on time. When the tuition bills come in, the bills get paid or we get de-registered. Why doesn't the college see that to a student that audit is just as important as tuition is to them?

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## Most of us stopped eating paste 15 years ago

I just want to take a moment to talk about how college can be similar to kindergarten. This is not taken from one of those emails that lists things such as you get to take naps everyday, but instead actual events that are taking place at Keene State.

This past Thursday I was particularly excited to go to the joint Pan Hellenic and Inter Fraternal Council meeting. Instead of our traditional meeting, every Greek organization was required to attend a hazing seminar.

Lately this topic seems to be incredibly popular and I have to admit that the issue intrigued me. The seminar was led by two of the college's administrators with two very different approaches. The first of the two was very blunt in his purpose.

He just wanted to let us know what his definition of hazing consisted of and he tried to clear up some of the gray areas. I felt that the room full of Greek members was very receptive to his thoughts and appreciated the fact that he offered to answer any questions and even suggested anonymous phone calls if we felt more comfortable.

It was the next administrator that spoke who seemed to infuriate the group of Greeks. This is when my flashback to kindergarten began. We were talked down to and treated like incompetent individuals. I swear I saw my first teacher, Ms. Smith, standing in front of us.

As a whole, the councils had many questions. Answers were harder to come by. I think I actually heard Ms. Smith reply, "because I said so."

Many of these questions revolved around the fact that Greek organizations are the only groups affiliated with the school that have a separate set of guidelines to follow (such as a higher GPA). I found it interesting that the answer to this was that a few years ago the Greek Senate agreed to this standard. Well, we did our research.

Over the weekend my organization contacted some of our alumni that were students when the changes were passed. According to these individuals, Greeks were given two options: change the required minimum GPA or lose affiliation with the school.

I think the second most interesting detail of the seminar was that some of the most severe incidences of hazing that occurred at KSC did not have anything to do with Greek organizations.

Our trusty administration did not deny this fact, but still we were the ones who were required to spend our lunch hour being lectured on the topic. The justification was that all sports teams are required to be informed about hazing.

Well, as a Keene State College athlete, the only time I am formally spoken to about hazing is during preseason when I sign a contract. I have not once in three years been required to attend a hazing seminar because of athletics. (Oh by the way, guess where I'll be this Thursday between 12:30-1:30 p.m., you guessed it, another required hazing workshop).

I know that the majority of Keene States Greek community agrees with me that many of the administrators here walk down Appian Way with blinders on their eyes. It's kind of similar to when Ms. Smith would ask who wanted to run an errand for her and she only saw her favorite students' hands in the air.

Let me clarify this statement for you. During this seminar we were told organizations, sororities in particular, take part in singing and marching that could be considered hazing. Well, it is clearly stated that this is allowed in Keene State's pledging contract as long as it takes place during specified hours.

If the administration feels that this is inappropriate, then first, it should not be in the guidelines. Second, the female clubs that are affiliated with the school that required their first year members to wear strange clothing and sing songs on Appian Way (and in the Dining Commons) should be required to join us at these meetings.

I am not attempting to draw up any bad feelings between other organizations and the school because I know how frustrating it can be to try to justify what you do to people that already have their minds made up. But I would appreciate being treated fairly and respectfully. If the school wants to crack down on hazing, maybe they should do a little more digging.

If they did, maybe they would find out who requires rookies to do things ranging from eating the spiciest wings at D&D's to the groups that require all weekend scavenger hunts and then force the members to drink dangerous amounts of alcohol.

Again, I want to reiterate the fact that I am not trying to cause trouble for any other group. But the events that I listed above all occur at Keene State and none of the examples that I used were taken from Greek organizations. Instead, they were taken from other organizations affiliated with the school.

Simply put, I think I am ready for the first grade.

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## COMMENTARY Give "props" to Randall Hall

Living in a dormitory is not a normal existence. Each floor is distinctive, and so are the people who live there. Being surrounded by 60 or so people your own age, lends itself to some interesting situations.

Whoever came up with the idea of a building to house teenagers is an idiot; it's just not a good idea. Some people think that "this" is a better idea than "that." Issues between roommates, neighbors, and of course resident assistants are frequent.

One issue that has been fought fiercely is the right to use the Winchester St. door on the "B" side of Randall Hall.

Randall Hall has a main entrance pulled away from Winchester St. The "B" side of the dorm extends to the edge of Winchester St.

For many students it is faster and easier to enter the Winchester St. door on the "B" side of Randall, instead of walking to the main entrance of the dorm, then back towards Winchester St. I am sure many people are familiar with this routine.

The door has been banged, propped, pennied, and anything but locked, ever.

It doesn't bother me. I think that they should install a key card entrance. The neighboring dorm, Monadnock, has key card entrances

on both ends of the building, one near Randall Hall, the other on the corner of Wilson and Winchester St. I see no reason why this cannot be done on the Winchester St. door in Randall Hall.

Hearsay concludes, that the door cannot have key card entrance, because it cannot be monitored. The door for Monadnock neighboring Wilson St. is not monitored. I don't see the problem here.

They should install an entrance, instead of having the door be propped most of the time.

If the key card was installed, residents of Randall Hall would get what they want, and the RAs would be able to sleep well at night knowing that Keene State students are safe.

The door usually is propped and the prop is then taken out every day. On any door in any hall you see posters telling residents not to prop doors. However in Randall Hall, the posters are more specific. One reads, "S90 is what it costs you every time pennies, cigarette butts, glue or any other object are stuck in the lock and the locksmiths need to come in to repair and secure the door."

Please be mindful of your safety and other who live here: DO NOT PROP THE DOOR! S90 is what it will cost the whole floor, which is less than two dollars a person. Another warning label reads: "DO NOT PROP Doors! This is dangerous and unsafe for the entire community. Propping of doors can lead to Judicial Action."

These posters leave the impression of a fine. The threats have not solved the "problem," and I do not know of anyone who has been fined \$90.

Everyone knows that the door is open, so why not just officially open it?

I wish I had known when I was a student at Exeter. That there was a word for what made being a student so hard for me. Instead I kept quiet, or I made bad jokes about how stupid I was.

John Irving was dyslexic and writer of "Cider House Rules" and "Hotel New Hampshire." In the above quote Irving speaks about life with a learning disability.

Life in school and out can be challenging for a student with a learning disability, but it can be harder if people around the student are unable to help them or understand their disabilities.

In today's world of higher education many institutions are finding ways to make programs accessible to all students who wish to achieve a degree. There are many colleges that graduate successful students with learning disabilities.

The college faculty must take on the job of catering to what each individual student needs to be a successful student, and a competent adult after they graduate.

I believe this can and needs to be done to educate these smart and interesting students.

To help you understand a student with a learning disability is one that is proven to be very bright. These students may excel over peers in some areas.

Although these students are bright something gets in their way between their intelligence and their performance. This is what a learning disability is.

Attention deficit disorder is a little different. These students have a lot of difficulty paying attention to a

task unless they are very interested in it and choose to do it on their own.

Now that you understand a little more about what learning disabilities are I would like to describe a person who has learning disabilities. This student is me. Writing this in a newspaper for any student to see can be very difficult for me.

I rarely feel comfortable to me tell people this unless I am close to them. However, when I decided that I wanted to be a writer I knew that one of the most important aspects of my job would be to bring ideas, and issues into the public eye, and this is an issue that is important to me.

I remember once in elementary school I was asked to summarize a short one page story I had just read out loud to my teacher. I looked at my teacher in disbelief.

I only remember the last word on the page. Just reading the words was hard enough when I was that age that retaining sentences, let alone the whole page of information, was unimaginable.

When I look back on those days now I am glad they are over and proud of how far I have come. Students with learning disabilities and/or attention deficit disorder have so much potential.

Especially when they have the self esteem and drive to succeed. However when these students leave the safe cocoon they have made for themselves in high school there must be a system prepared to help them succeed.

The best thing that a college program, can do for a student is to tailor to his or her specific needs as much as possible. There is no one size fits all in education.

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## The Marlboro Lights went out at Keene State

For several weeks, I've been doing a project for my public speaking class on why state colleges and universities are banning smoking from the dorms.

As you know, the residential halls at Keene State will be smoke-free next year.

I thought it was a good idea for Anne Miller, director of residential life, to notify students now in order to give them time to adjust to the new rule.

Miller said I am glad there have been no complaints from the students, but it may not sink in until the process actually happens.

Smokers feel they can accept the challenge now, but then after a while it will be annoying to go outside when having the urge to smoke.

When I looked further into this research, I discovered that the issue was not only occurring in New England, but across the United States.

Harvard health care's research showed that 604 colleges and universities were not even allowing the students to smoke in public areas on campus. Around 81 percent banned smoking in the lobbies, restrooms, and even offices, while 27 percent prohibited smoking in the dorms.

Research also said that smoking in college had been an issue since 1990. Some individuals are allergic to smoking and get high fevers, rashes when they inhale it.

In other schools, smokers are protesting and feel that other people's health is not their responsibility. They pointed out that they pay a lot of money to attend these schools, so there should be no limits on where to smoke. They also mentioned that smoking outside discredits them from studying or they don't want to deal with other individuals borrowing cigarettes off of them.

I can understand why individuals smoke because you feel relaxed and clear-minded afterwards. But people told me the great amount of nicotine in cigarettes and how it ruins your health. It has been about three weeks since I stopped smoking and I still get surprised about why I even started. Becoming addicted to cigarettes at 21 was very unusual because everyone I knew started at 15 or 16.

Reports showed that Keene and other state schools were going to stick with this new rule, but I feel they should divide it up. Make half of the residential halls smoke-free and allow the rest for smoking. Put the smokers where they belong and have the other students in the rest of the dorms. That would cause less conflicts and complaints.

I can understand about the shortage of housing, but schools must simply try harder. In my opinion, most upperclassmen choose not to live in the dorms, which gives plenty of room for the incoming freshmen.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Bush is giving the environment cement shoes

We need a real New World Order with a real vision for the new millennium. One based on a higher purpose other than the endless pursuit of money and empty material acquisition. Why has money become our driving force? Why not something higher such as personal growth or the relief of human suffering? This new administration personifies the greed of capitalism like no other.

The Bush White House has cozied up with their comrades in arms: the oil industry represented by the now defunct Enron who was a major player in the formation of the new, controversial national energy policy. They met with Cheney's committee to develop a strategy that had no alternative energy experts and not surprisingly the policy depends on drilling, drilling, drilling with no emphasis on conservation or alternative sources.



**Ghosts**, from page 1  
The students are really divided. There is one group that is stocking up on garlic, sage, and rosary beads. One student has recruited her grandmother to conduct an exorcism. The other group is making them baked goods for the ghosts and actually saying good night to him or her with the feeling that to make friends with the ghost might be better than upsetting the ghost," he said.

In the hall's archives, Sanger found reports of two ghosts in the past.

**Greeks**, from page 2  
Matthews, a member of the order of Omega, a supporter of Greek life throughout the country.

"Both nationally, and at Keene State College, I am a very strong supporter of the potential for Greek life. At KSC, if organizations and members are willing to abide by their founding principles and the agreements they have made with the college, including all campus policies, I see no reason to ban them," said Matthews.

Recently, the Interfraternal/PanHellenic Council has established a social policy to reduce the risk for the members of its recognized organization. According to the policy, it is essential for fostering a safe, positive, and respectful environment for the recognized Greek System at Keene State College.

"All social scenes are BYOB (Bring Your Own Beer) now," said Todd Newell, a senior and president of Alpha Phi Tau and Interfraternal Council.

According to the policy, all social events will be strictly BYOB, and identification should be checked at the door.

"I personally thought this new policy wasn't going to work out, but surprisingly everyone is pleased with social events lately," said Newell.

According to Katie Wise, KSC senior, Greek Life allows no individualism, and secludes people from being friends with other individuals outside.

"Greeks show no individualism, and I personally feel that it's ridiculous to have to go through a week of hell in order for them to be your friends," said Wise.

"Greek life brings a lot of positive things to KSC, and also affects individual members of the organization. I have learned a great deal of leadership skills, as well as networking, which are skills that will be beneficial for my future. I have had a great four years and have made friends for life," said Newell.

Miller said she supports any organization, whatever its mission or nature, that is serious about and successful in helping the members to achieve goals like leadership development and academic achievement.

"I am not supportive of any organization, whatever its mission or nature, that offers a culture or environment to its members that reduces their potential or jeopardizes their individual, social or academic success. I cannot make a blanket statement of support or condemnation about any type of organization on campus," said Miller.

**Drugs**, from page 1  
I think one of the harder parts is that people are banging on your door when you're trying to do your homework, and calling you up," she said.

She also described the ethics involved in selling drugs. There have been times when she chose not to sell to someone because she knew the person had expenses to pay or children to feed. The other student said that if someone doesn't buy drugs from him, then they would just find it somewhere else so, "it might as well be me."

"I do not feel guilty after selling drugs to anybody. I've never, in any case, made somebody do anything they didn't wish to do by themselves," he said.

The Equinox also spoke with three KSC students who live by an entirely different set of rules. "The straight edge philosophy," typically associated with the hardcore music scene, has helped these students choose a lifestyle that is free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and promiscuous sex.

"When I first came to Keene, people laughed at me because I was straight edge and they said I wouldn't last, but they just made me stronger," he said.

Viall's strong opinions have made the airwaves a forum for many KSC students and other kids in the Keene community to discuss hardcore music and the drug and alcohol scene.

When asked what he would say to the average Keene State student Viall said, "Don't follow the crowds. I mean, if you don't want to do it, don't do it. No one's going to look at you weird. No one's going to say you're a dork. Just say no."

These straight edge students were also asked what percentage of KSC students they believe partake in drugs and alcohol. As a group, they estimated 80 percent.

The truth is that 41.4 percent of the 509 KSC students surveyed reported smoking marijuana within the past 30 days, according to the Core Drug and Alcohol Survey issued June 22, 2000.

With regards to alcohol consumption, only 63.3 percent of the students reported binge drinking (five or more drinks in one sitting) within the past two weeks.

"If kids knew that there were normal kids out there that are deciding not to do it then maybe they would make the choice too," freshman Tim Cotreau said.

The Core survey also reported that 81.8 percent of stu-

dents believed the average student on this campus uses some form of illegal drug at least once a week. And 66.7 percent said they would prefer not to have drugs available at parties they attend.

"I have friends that do drugs and stuff but regardless of what they do, I'm going to do what I do and stay away from that stuff," freshman Alex Biagiotti said.

Biagiotti, Cotreau and Viall have noticed that their peers seem to respect them for their choices. Even students who make fun of the straight edge ideology won't say anything about it in front of them, Viall said.

"If I go to parties and all that and people are smoking, they know not to smoke near me. They know not to blow it in my face cause they know I'm straight edge and they respect that, which I think is cool," he said.

Jim Matthews, special assistant to the vice president for alcohol and other drug related programs, teaches chemical dependency courses on campus and has had a lot of experience with drugs and alcohol in his own life and in educating college students about the effects and statistics of usage.

"I went through college in the late '60s and I was a very heavy user and I see myself in many of the students," he said.

Matthews said that he never uses the words "right" and "wrong" or "good" and "bad" in his classroom. His job

is to give students information and let them decide for themselves their own notions of right and wrong.

"What they've seen now in the research is that when you're smoking dope, whatever brain development is going on at that time, it gets inhibited," he said.

Most students in his classes question the statistics, Matthews said, and usually the debate begins because the students want to justify their own use.

"Even the non-users question the stats because they're buying in as well to the perception, to the misperception...maybe it's 95 percent of your friends but it's not 95 percent of the population," he said.

This misperception stems from the fact that the media consistently focuses on arrests and drug and alcohol related deaths because shocking news attracts more viewers and readers he said. So students who don't use are left feeling awkward or alone in their beliefs.

"I think it's important that we empower those students who are not having issues with all this to be willing to speak up about the issue and be heard about it and be recognized," Matthews said.

Keene State College students span a whole spectrum of levels of usage and problems associated with that usage. The results of the Core survey are available at the library as a resource for students who want to find out the realities of drug and alcohol use at Keene State.

# Pondside II Apartments



Thinking about living in the new Pondside II Apartments next year?

## Did you know?

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All Residence Halls at Keene State will be smoke-free in 2002-2003

## Pondside II Apartments:

- Houses 120 students in 5 different buildings
- Most apartments are four person quads. There are five triple apartments available in the complex (each will also house an RA)
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- Picturesque views of Brickyard Pond or Mount Monadnock from most rooms
- Special selection process for students interested in living in Pondside II

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# Death of Daniel Pearl not likely to change policies

BY MIKE CONKLIN  
Chicago Tribune

The murder of the Wall Street Journal's Daniel Pearl has not provoked any wholesale changes in the way the war on terrorism is covered by U.S. news agencies. But the graphic killing of the American reporter, accompanied by the intensely personal details of his life, has raised the level of discussion among media executives about the safety of foreign correspondents as perhaps few such deaths have.

"Every time there is a death, and unfortunately there are far too many, everyone stops and takes a deep breath and mourns and wonders what it all means and what we can do," said Ann Cooper, executive director of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. "But, the bottom line is, you can't stop reporting the news. I haven't heard of anyone changing their policies."

Even at the Wall Street Journal, where grieving over the popular Pearl will be with colleagues a long time, there's no let up in reporting foreign news. "This won't change the way we go about things at all, other than to continue to emphasize to our people to take every necessary precaution," said company representative Aaron Bedy.

Pearl is the ninth media person to die in either Afghanistan or Pakistan while covering the U.S. war on terrorists. There are approximately 700 journalists in the two countries and thus far media casualties outnumber those for American military killed in combat in the conflict.

"We've asked our correspondents again to be careful, which we've been doing since the beginning of time and

certainly since Sept. 11," said Chuck Holmes, foreign editor for the Cox Newspaper chain. "This situation has really gotten the attention of editors above me and their bosses, though. This is chilling, the way he was targeted."

Last year, the CPJ reports, 37 journalists were killed worldwide in a variety of conflicts, up from 24 the previous year. There were 34 reporters who died on the job in 1999. The deadliest year was 1994, when 72 journalists were killed, mainly due to the war in Bosnia and the tactics of Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria.

Many of the casualties were caused by violent acts normally associated with wars, such as landmines, shelling and random ambushes. Some news agencies, such as the Associated Press, which has had 26 journalists killed in its 150-year history, have guidelines that forbid reporters to venture into specific hot zones.

"A lot of news organizations were re-assessing their foreign operations even before Sept. 11 because a lot of people got killed in the Balkans," said the Tribune's Paul Salopek, who was in Afghanistan in the heat of the current conflict.

Borders are increasingly difficult to define in campaigns involving terrorists and guerrillas, notes Chicago Tribune Associate Managing Editor Tim McNulty, an ex-foreign correspondent, and home office guidelines aren't as important as being an experienced journalist with good judgment. "As long as there are evil people out there, there is no guarantee for protection for any-

one," he said.

He said the Tribune pulled a reporter out of Pakistan in the wake of Pearl's kidnapping, but subsequently sent in another reporter.

At the Wall Street Journal, Pearl was among those with input into drafting that newspaper's rules for correspondents. "The Pearl kidnapping and killing was chilling," Holmes said. "I was asked by a TV station if it would stop people from reporting, but I told them it won't because there are just too many journalists with curiosity and ambition." The CPJ reports a significant number of deaths occur each year where journalists have been specifically targeted, but these have tended to be in local conflicts that don't make big news in the U.S.

Cooper said it has been common for large U.S. news agencies to rotate correspondents on a regular basis into Afghanistan and Pakistan—a practice that might make it difficult for reporters to develop sources but does make it more difficult for them to be targeted. Some newspapers have instructed their reporters never to travel alone, but reliance on locals for assistance has been known to backfire.

Some U.S. news agencies have turned to enrolling staffers in special training conducted by private security firms, a more common practice among European networks and publications.

Paul Rees, founder of Centurion Risk Assessment Services Ltd., has been in the business since 1995 and

his client list includes the Washington Post, New York Times, Chicago Tribune Company, BBC World Service, Reuters, Associated Press, ABC News, Knight Ridder newspapers, European Broadcasting Union and Le Figaro.

In a five-day course called "Hostile Environments & Emergency First Aid," Rees, a former commando in the United Kingdom's Royal Marines, teaches journalists how to survive in dangerous places. "My business will grow because the world is not becoming safer," he said.

The curriculum covers how to crawl and search for landmines at the same time, where to take cover while getting shelled by mortars, applying a tourniquet, knowing the difference between shots from a sniper rifle or Kalashnikov, recognizing chemical and biological warning signs, and how to read a compass. There also is emphasis on what to do as a hostage.

"Regarding Daniel Pearl," said Rees, "it is obvious that his captors were making a statement and they had absolutely no regard for human life."

In the Persian Gulf War, Canadian Broadcasting Company correspondent Eric Rankin recalled being in a TV crew abandoned by their driver in the desert trying to flee Baghdad for Jordan.

He and his crew were held at gunpoint for 36 hours by Iraqi military before being released at the behest of a Jordanian who interceded.

"You always think you'll be the one who won't get in a tight situation and if you do, you can talk your way out of it," Rankin said.

"The fact is that it's very easy to get trapped like Daniel Pearl. It's a wonder it doesn't happen more."

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The Hemp Industry Association, an Occidental-based group representing hemp product manufacturers, says studies have shown that the trace amounts of THC in hemp foods cannot cause psycho-activity or result in a positive urine test for marijuana, even when unrealistically high levels of hemp seed and oil are consumed.

The amount of THC in industrial hemp oil, according to the association, is 0.0005 percent; in shelled hemp seed, it is 0.00015 percent. In comparison, it's about 10 percent in the illegal street drug, according to the Hemp Industry Association.

Hemp has been grown for at least 5,000 years in China for its health

properties, which include use as an anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, emollient and a diuretic, according to the association. But hemp foods didn't start appearing on U.S. store shelves until about 1992. Hemp seeds resemble sesame seeds with a taste described as similar to pine nuts or sunflower seeds. Some people, however, say certain hemp foods leave a strong, medicinal-like aftertaste.

Manufacturers argue that their products are being singled out for poppy-seed bagels, they note, contain a trace amount of opiate from poppies. Decaffeinated coffee contains a minuscule amount of caffeine. Nyquil lists alcohol as its first ingredient. And kava kava, an herbal supplement, is used as a mood-altering drink by Pacific Islanders and

has been linked to liver toxicity cases in some European countries.

But Congress specifically exempted poppy seeds from substance-abuse laws in 1970. And caffeine, alcohol and kava kava are not covered under the 1970 Controlled Substances Act.

"The act doesn't just name marijuana. It also names THC. That is the key difference," says DEA spokesman Will Glaspy.

In January, the Hemp Industry Association went on the counter-attack, filing an appeal in federal court to overturn the new DEA rule. Additionally, Kenex Ltd. of Canada, the largest exporter of hemp seed to the United States, has filed a notice of intent to sue the government under the North American Free

Trade Agreement for impeding its access to U.S. markets.

Although the DEA began studying hemp foods before George W. Bush took office, some hemp proponents believe the timing of the new rule is not a coincidence.

A few have even accused the DEA of purposely waiting until after Sept. 11 in hopes the new rule would be overlooked by a nation preoccupied with terrorism, a charge the DEA calls preposterous.

Hemp products accounted for about \$25 million in sales in 2000, mostly for clothing and cosmetics. Only about 20 companies make hemp foods, but food is considered the fastest-growing sector.

According to the DEA, hemp and marijuana are separate parts of the

same species of cannabis plant.

The marijuana portions include the flowering tops or buds, the leaves and the resin. The rest of the plant—stalks and sterilized seeds—is considered hemp.

Though widely grown in much of the world, growing industrial hemp is illegal in the United States, except in Hawaii, where it is being grown for research purposes.

The Hemp Industry Association, however, considers hemp and marijuana different breeds because marijuana plants are bred specifically for greater amounts of THC while hemp is bred for significantly lower amounts.

John Roulae, a plaintiff in the appeal and founder of Nutiva, a three-year-old Sebastopol company

that makes hemp-food bars and hemp chips, says the controversy has been a boon for business.

His sales doubled in January from December, and he expects them to double again this month.

"The whole DEA thing has been a blessing in disguise," he says.

Paul Magdaleno, a Santa Cruz musician, agrees. He regularly shops at the New Leaf Market in Santa Cruz for hemp lip balm, hemp granola, hemp snack bars and hemp ale.

He enjoys the food products, adding that hemp is pretty tasteless unless you bite down on a seed.

Says the 31-year-old, "I just like the fact that these products are made from something good."

# Special Housing Selection Process for the Pondside II Apartments

Wednesday, March 27, 2002  
Holloway Great Hall  
1:00 PM

Apartments will be selected in lottery number order according to class standing. Please keep in mind that availability in the new Pondside II apartments is limited. (Only 120 spaces in the complex.)





# Lifestyles

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## Students make plans for spring break

BY ROXANNE LOCKWOOD  
The Equinox

Spring break is a time of year that many students look forward to after eight weeks of hard work.

Many students take this time to vacation in the popular hot spots and spend time with their friends. Some students stated that the break is important to them because the time is used for stress release and to relax, while escaping from the hectic life of college.

Although most students take this break as a way to spend time with their friends, many others return to their hometown to work and save money.

Many students financially survive off of the savings earned over Christmas, summer vacation and spring break.

Several other students said they used this time allotted to return home and catch up on activities that they are not able to accomplish during the semester.

This is including a dentist appointment for Meghan Gilbert.

A junior and psychology major, Gilbert is not looking forward to visiting the dentist to have her teeth worked on.

"I'm going home to get my wisdom teeth pulled out!" said Gilbert.

This situation and similar ones, although not exciting, are not uncommon to students at Keene State, or any college.

Numerous students said that they use the break to visit with their family who they do not get to visit with often.

Whether it is at home seeing their immediate family or traveling to see relatives in other states or areas, students thought that family is very important and this spring break

would be a perfect time to share some time with their families.

A biology major and sophomore, Luke Hamm is one student who was going to spend some time with his family over the break.

"I'm going to visit my grandmother in Roseville Pennsylvania," said Hamm.

Most of the students said that they were excited for the vacation and even more excited about the vacation plans that they have made.

These students were looking forward to some of the hot spots like Cancun, Florida and perhaps Atlantic City, like Stacey Kenny.

Kenny is an elementary education major and junior whose plans are to head to Atlantic City and gamble...gamble...gamble!

"I'm going to Atlantic City to blow all the money I don't have," said Kenny.

When many students think of spring break, the picture of hot weather and the beach come to mind.

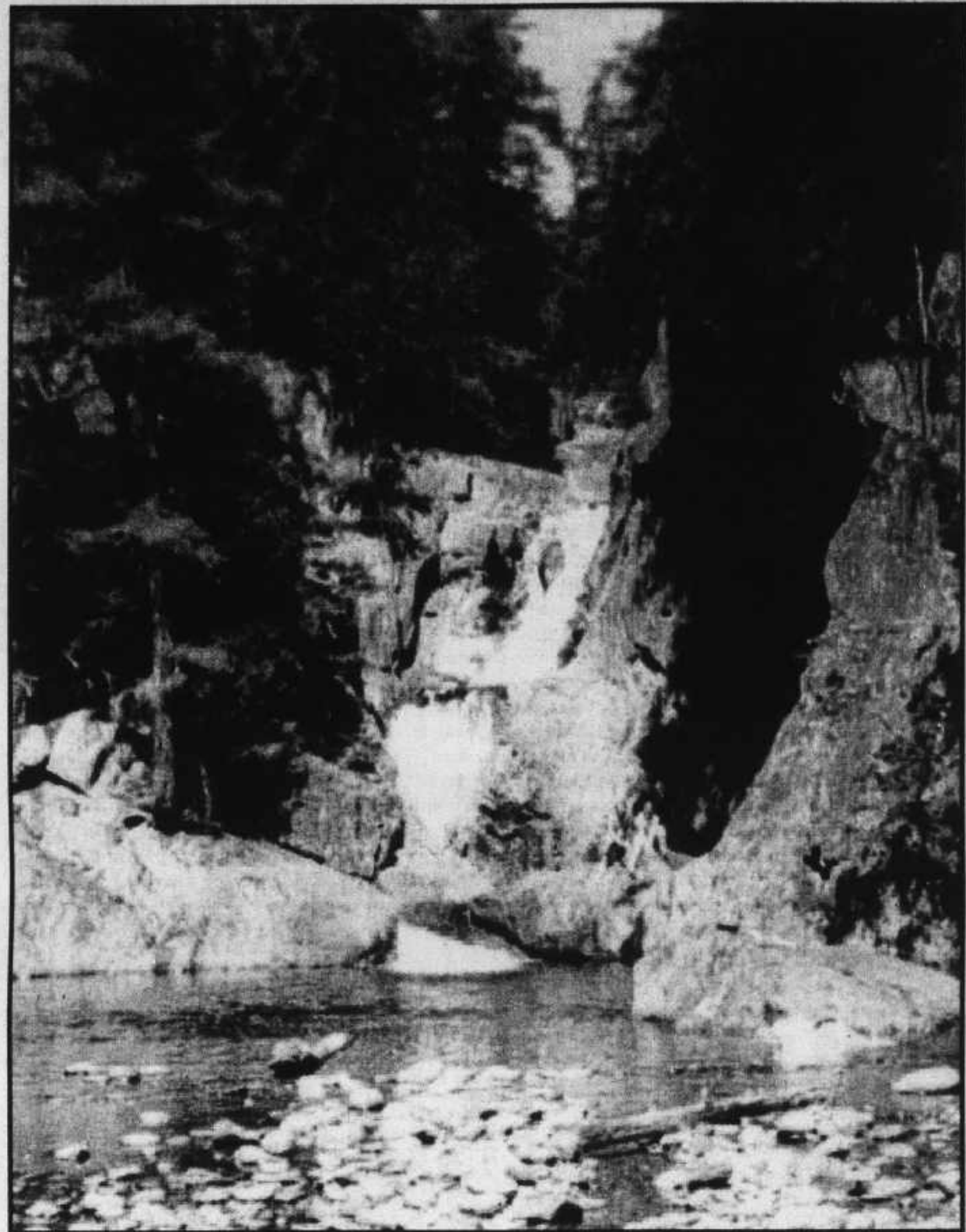
This is including Anthony Pellet, a freshman and business major.

"I'm heading straight to Mexico, where the women, weather and sand are hot!" said Pellet.

Although most students are looking for the warm weather and sunshine, others seem to like escaping into a winter atmosphere for some fun and excitement in the snowy mountains.

John Merrithew an elementary education major and junior, is one who enjoys such an environment.

"I am going to Ft. Collins, Colorado, to hike a mountain hut system with some of my good friends. I am looking forward to lots of snowboarding and enjoying the hot springs," said Merrithew.



Equinox photo by Danielle Fraser

A warm and sunny atmosphere is something that many KSC students look forward to over break.

## Safety tips for spring break

BY JENNIFER HEMMING  
The Equinox

Spring break is a time in which college students cannot wait for. The one-week vacation that occurs in March is long awaited by many. People have reservations for Cancun, Florida, and as far away as Hawaii for months ahead of time.

Some are even outrageous enough to plan a trip with their friends as little as a week away to drive down to Florida and go wherever their car and their money takes them.

But in the midst of all of this craziness, there is a threat of danger. Many people seem to be blind to exactly what it is they are doing while on this vacation.

Spring break can be fun and exciting but on the other side of things you have to look at the amount of drug use, drinking and promiscuity.

According to travel agents, students get so caught up in all of the excitement that they forget about the dangers.

Guys could take advantage of drunk women and might slip drugs into their drinks. This would enable them to take advantage of the women and could even end up in rape. The women would wake up and not have any idea what had occurred the night before.

Phil Lombardo, a senior majoring in occupational safety, has very strong opinions concerning the date rape drug and spring break.

He believes that it is very easy for women to be taken advantage of during this week of what he believes is drinking madness.

"Spring break is a time where girls are drinking non-stop and are too drunk to realize when they have had enough."

"They dance around at foam parties and don't even know that they look like idiots while doing so. It is very easy for girls to be drugged, which unfortunately sometimes ends in rape."

"Girls should be more responsible and think more about these things in order to keep themselves safe. I would not want my girlfriend to partake in any of these sorts of activities, unless she had a clear head on her shoulders," said Lombardo.

There are some precautions that you should take while on this vacation that could be an advantage to your safety while on spring break.

Keith Panella, a junior majoring in occupational safety, agrees with this statement.

"If I was to go on spring break I would make sure to bring condoms, a water filtering system—depending on where you go, travellers checks, and a medical insurance card."

"Always travel in groups—never alone. Know how to get back to your hotel in case of an emergency, and know all the phone numbers that you need to. But the most important thing is the condoms!" said Panella.

Sal Motta, a freshman majoring in construction management also has some views concerning safety while on spring break.

"Make sure that you have access to money at all times. Bring a cell phone in case you have to get a hold of someone immediately. And if you are driving, have a AAA card on hand," said Motta.

## Special interest housing available to KSC students

BY MOLLY SAINT JOHN  
The Equinox

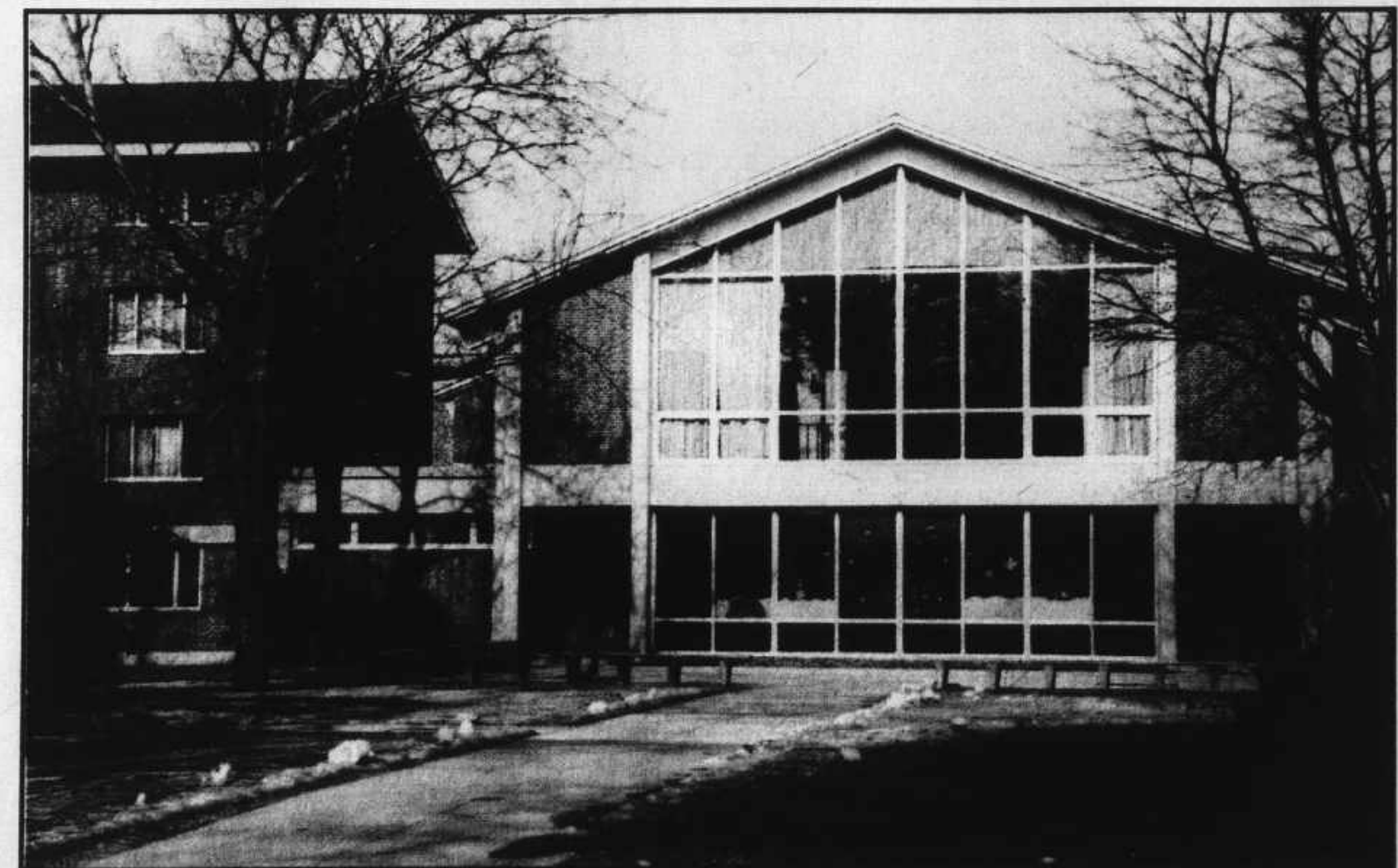
Each student at Keene State College is very different from the next and to help accommodate this special interest housing was created.

These dorms are designed to help students feel safe and comfortable. Special housing involves five different interests: smoke-free (everything will be smoke-free starting next year), quiet study, alcohol-free, the education wing, and the Kaddy Environmental House.

The quiet study dorms are a key dorm to live in for some students. There are extended quiet hours for those who are highly dedicated to their academic responsibilities.

Erin Culver, a junior majoring in psychology, said, "Living in the quiet dorms was not what I requested, however I did want a single and in order to do that I had to live in Huntress in the quiet hours floor. I think having extended quiet hours is definitely a plus for those with hard majors who require a lot of studying; however on the weekends it got a little annoying."

Dave Dionne is a Residential Assistant on a quiet study floor. He said the quiet hours floor is a positive experience.



Equinox photo by Samantha Mayo

Randall Hall is one resident hall on campus that offers special interest housing for students.

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## Life lessons learned

BY ERIN JOHNSTONE  
The Equinox

Before entering the real world, many students at Keene State have reflected on the lessons they have learned here which will benefit them in the future.

For many students, being involved as often as possible is the key to your future career.

Senior and communications major, Eric Proulx, says involvement will help for future references.

"Being involved helps build the resume and allows for more experiences that will lead you to the perfect job. Most careers are all in who you know, so start early on in your college career," said Proulx.

Doing everything in moderation is also important for success in the future. Senior and communications major, Jen Gavron, says it is something she has learned here.

"Hopefully it will help me balance my life once I'm in the real world," said Gavron.

Some students said simple mistakes could have a big effect on your future.

Senior and art history major, Amanda Castine, says she has realized that showing up to all her tests is important.

"It will help me keep my job if I show up to important meetings and such," says Castine.

It may not be a surprise to students that the word procrastination comes

up a lot. Senior Nick Taylor says he has learned not to procrastinate as often in the future.

"I will be able to make deadlines and not be rushed at the last minute," said Taylor.

For most of the students, the life lessons learned go beyond academics. Many students have learned personal lessons that will have a big effect on their futures.

Junior Mary Devine says people can learn different things about other people on campus if they open their minds and let them in their lives.

"So many different people on campus have gone through so many different things in the past that they can help you when you go through it. Accept people for their differences," said Devine.

Devine also said this will be beneficial in the future because people will be more open-minded.

Because friendships are important, some students felt the friendships they have made have taught them more

than any textbook could.

"I've learned that I need to watch my back but that I also have friends that will do it for me," said senior Joe Fournier, majoring in communications.

Fournier also said it helps to know that his friends will be there for him when he needs them. What lessons have you learned since attending school here?

There is no Australia journal this week due to the fact it couldn't be sent from Australia this week.

## Time Off? DON'T JUST LOVE EACH OTHER, PLAY HOOKY



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## Movie Quote of the Week: "Hey Marty, are those new glasses? Yeah I just got them for school. Do you think they make me look smarter? Naw, you can still see your face."

Grease

## Foosball makes a comeback

BY MOLLY MILLETT  
KRT Campus

In a dark and smoky bar, people huddle over foosball machines as a rock band screams in the background.

Foosball is back.

The game, also known as table soccer, hit it big in the 1970s but faded in the '80s as video games became popular. But because the

teen-agers of the '70s now have teen-agers of their own, foosball is making a comeback as the skills of the game are passed to a new generation.

And because foosball tables are becoming more widely available at stores like Wal-Mart, all ages are learning or relearning the game. The tables are also becoming more common in bars.

although not as common as they were in bars, bowling alleys, arcades and even schools in the 1970s.

"The mid- to late '70s was really the heyday. We don't see the same size crowds at events, but it is slowly making its way back," says Ken Alwell, executive director of the Minnesota-based North American Table Soccer Association.

What's the appeal to today's generation?

"There's no other game like it," Alwell says. "It's like a high-speed chess match."

The foosball renaissance is apparent at that dark and smoky bar, the Mermaid in Mounds View, Minn., where players compete during Tuesday-night tournaments.

What drew me here in the first place was mostly the people," Brenda Steurer says. "Everyone is so friendly."

It might be a friendly atmosphere, but these people take the game seriously. Many are intermediate or

Here, twenty-somethings mingle with graying baby boomers. One 30-year-old player drives regularly from Duluth for the tournament.

A 33-year-old player recently purchased a foosball table and placed it not in her basement but prominently between her living room and dining room. It is the perfect icebreaker when she gives parties, she says.

"The great part is, we are surgeons, roofing contractors, middle management and anything else you can imagine—family men, women and so on," says Michael Bunkers, a foosball enthusiast.

There's even a foosball love story here.

Brenda Steurer started playing foosball again when, after her husband died, a girlfriend invited her to the bars for some socializing and entertainment.

When Steurer saw people playing foosball at a bar, she was hooked again to this game of her youth. Eventually, she began attending Mermaid's Tuesday-night tournaments. She met Curtis Steurer over a foosball table at the Mermaid; they are now newlyweds. One of their investments was a couple a foosball table of their own.

During a recent Tuesday-night tournament, the couple took a break from competing to kiss and cuddle over drinks as they watched the other players.

"What drew me here in the first place was mostly the people," Brenda Steurer says. "Everyone is so friendly."

It might be a friendly atmosphere, but these people take the game seriously. Many are intermediate or

advanced players, although beginners are known to hone their game on Tuesday nights, and every level of player is welcome.

On this night, they hunch over the tables, two players to a team, one person the goalie, the other the forward stop.

The playing figures attached to long rods "chase" and "kick" the ball, players manipulating the handles of the rods with warp speed in efforts to keep the ball from going in one's goal and to score by shooting the ball into the opposing team's goal. The thwack, thwack, thwack of the rods competes with the loud music in the background.

"It's soccer on a table," Alwell says.

Unlike the real game of soccer, which involves running and kicking, table soccer is a game just as much about wits as it is about athleticism. Perhaps it's more about wits. That's why champions can be husky and older as well as lean and young.

Not that young people don't play; to foosball enthusiasts, it is crucial to introduce the game to tomorrow's generation, especially since arcades are practically a relic of the past, and children obviously can't hang out in bars to play.

NATSA currently is working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities to get the kids involved in a tournament of their own during the Minnesota State Championships in July at the Mermaid.

Alwell hopes teaching the kids foosball also will help instill everything from team-playing skills to self-esteem.

Perhaps it will be easy to introduce young people to the game; foosball in Minnesota has always been popular—in part, some players speculate, because our long winters are conducive to such games.

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"The quiet hours are strictly enforced which is nice, it also is great for sleeping," said Dionne.

The alcohol-free dorms involve many interesting activities for students to take part in. They involve awareness about drinking, as well as relationships and other informative information.

According to David Scott, a RA in Fiske Hall the advantages are fairly simple.

"The alcohol-free dorms are much quieter on a normal 'party' as opposed to Randall or Carle; also the bathrooms smell a lot better," said Scott.

The education wing located in Holloway Hall is for education majors, specifically those completing their methods course and student teaching.

On this floor teaching majors can have adequate parking and comfortable living with singles available. Many find that living on this floor surrounded by other teaching majors really helps out with work.

"It is nice to be able to walk down the hall and have two people in my class living right there, so I can ask them for help as needed. I get a parking space right near my room so I can always make it on time to the elementary school I go to two days a week," said Hayley Alamo, a junior, majoring in elementary education.

Kaddy Environmental house is also a part of the special housing dorms. Here students can live among people interested in the environment, and taking actions with these ideas.

This house is a place where its residents can support many global and earth related topics, and take action on them. A strong knowledge about the environment is acquired here.

According to Leah Giannini, a junior, living in the Environmental house last year was very beneficial.

"I enjoyed living among people who shared my passion for the Environment and doing our part," said Giannini.

Living in these dorms can prove to be a worthwhile and beneficial time for many students.

If you are interested in learning more about how to sign up for one of these dorms, or simply get a little more information on the different choices you have for special housing, contact Residential Life or go on-line to [www.keene.edu](http://www.keene.edu) for more information.

Write for lifestyles: call 2413



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NOC Movie: Incense from Sonoma State / info: 358-2833

Peter Mayer: Guitarist of Jimmy Buffet's Blue Martini Band / \$12 advance or \$15 door / 8pm / mabel room / info: 358-2833

Image Distance: Local or Global / info: 358-2833

Vaughan Reed: Schwanengesang / Schubert / John Horn: Piano and Andante / piano / free / 4pm / main recital hall / info: 358-2833

Friday March 9

Take It From Me: 25 minute / info: 358-2833

Women's Studies in association with the / free / 3pm / putnam room / info: 358-2833

Colonial Theatre: Eileen Ivers / All Ireland Fiddle Champion and Oran Mor / \$12-\$33.50 / 8pm / colonial theatre / info: 358-2833

Saturday March 9

Epek with Affordable / 9pm to last call / Kikemys / homepage: http://home.att.net/~epk/ / join mailing list: epoch@witchesbrew.zzn.com

Moth: Let the Games Begin / \$12 adults-\$10 students w/ ID / box office: 413-662-211 or www.moththeatre.com

March 7 through March 10

# Sports

## SPORTS COMMENTARY

### March madness

BY CHRIS VOZZOLO  
The Equinox

The men's college basketball season is coming down to the part that truly matters and every game counts.

The next week includes every conference tournament and the selection of the 65 teams who will compete in the NCAA tournament.

March madness is exciting, breathtaking, and definitely shocking. There is no way of guessing who will make it to the final four and who will come away with the championship.

Duke might have the best chance out of anyone. The returning champs are back again with a full force of superstars who have been there before.

Jason Williams, the nation's #1 player, leads the team with his "takeover the game" mentality. Mike Dunleavy, Carlos Boozer, and Chris Duhon support him. Baring a major upset, Duke will be right there competing to repeat.

Kansas is the number one ranked team in the nation. They are led by forward Dwight Gooden. This team has all the tools.

They can bang inside and shoot from the outside, and they also have experienced players who know what they are doing.

Both Duke and Kansas play extremely tough schedules in the regular season, and we all know that this factors into a team's performance in the tournament.

Maryland is the third team that needs to be mentioned. They have a veteran group led by Juan Dixon, Steven Blake, and Lonnie Baxter.

They have beat Duke as well as other power house teams in the regular season and are ranked number one in the ACC.

Some teams, including the ones that I have mentioned, are locks in the tournament. They will be there no matter how they play in their own conference tournament.

Other teams that are locks and could pose a threat are Kentucky, Illinois, and Florida.

Some of the mid-major conference tournaments have already been determined and the winners get an automatic bid to the big dance.

Some of these teams include Siena, Davidson, and Gonzaga. It seems like some of these lesser-known schools always provide some exciting moments in the opening round of the tournament.

There are also some teams that will have to wait to selection Sunday to see if they make it or not (unless they win their conference tournament).

These teams are considered to be on "The Bubble." They include Rutgers, Louisville, and Butler.

Another team that you have to watch is the UConn Huskies. They are a young and talented group who has no expectations in the dance.

They are guaranteed to come out firing and possibly repeat their heroics from 1999, when they "shocked the world."

The 2002 NCAA tournament starts this Sunday with the selection show on ESPN. This show will tell us who is in and who is going home. This year's tournament is guaranteed to again be exciting.

The best way to enjoy the tournament is fill out your brackets, put some money into a poll or two, and hope to be a lot richer come early April.

## PSC upsets KSC in thriller

BY JOHN BALLOU  
The Equinox

PSC upset KSC in ECAC men's semi-final action. The #1 Keene State College men's basketball team was upset by the #4 seeded Plymouth State Panthers, 94-92 in their ECAC final game, Saturday March 2nd.

Nick Pelotte, a freshman from Bingham, ME, scored Plymouth State's last seven points, which included a last second lay-up that proved to be the winning basket.

"They just made some big plays own the stretch. I thought we were going to be able to break and away, and we weren't able to break away when we had the lead a couple of times," said Coach Rob Colbert.

Both teams shot well in the first half, as Plymouth shot 55 percent from the floor and Keene shot 51 percent.

Nick Pelotte hit a three with 13:40 left in the first half that gave Plymouth a 20-11 lead and the largest lead they would enjoy all day. With 7:33 remaining in the first half, Dave Stantial hit a three that gave Keene the lead 31-30. Despite being down in field goal percentage, Keene State held the lead going into halftime 51-48.

In the second half, Keene fell behind. They did not regain the lead until a Derek Swenson basket made it 82-80 with 6:45 remaining. A Jason Leveque basket with 5:34 remaining would stretch the Owls lead to 84-80. PSC would not stay down for long, as Donn Combs hit a basket that tied the game at 84-84, with just over four minutes to play.

Brandon Johanson would answer right back for the Owls, as he hit a basket to make it 86-84 with just under four minutes to play. With 3:28 remaining, freshman Jason Pride of Plymouth hit a basket and was fouled. He was able to convert on the free throw, giving the Panthers an 87-86 lead.

Another Plymouth basket would increase that lead to 89-86 with 2:33 left. Twenty seconds later, a basket by Chris Timson would bring the Owls within one 89-88. Twenty-five seconds later, Stantial would convert on two free throws giving the Owls their last lead at 90-89 Nick Pelotte then scored another basket and gave the lead back to the Panthers, 91-90.

The Owls would bring the ball down the court looking for a chance to regain the lead, but an offensive foul called on Harley Davis with 1:19 remaining would turn the ball back over to the Panthers.

The Owls then fouled Pelotte, sending the freshman to the free throw line. Pelotte would make just one out of two, extending the

Panthers lead to 92-90. Combs then fouled out of the game, allowing Swenson to go to the free throw line. He made both, tying the game at 92-92, with 20 seconds left.

Pelotte then brought the ball up the court, taking time off the clock until with about eight seconds left he drove the lane and made an acrobatic lay-up with 2.8 seconds remaining to give the Panthers the lead, 94-92.

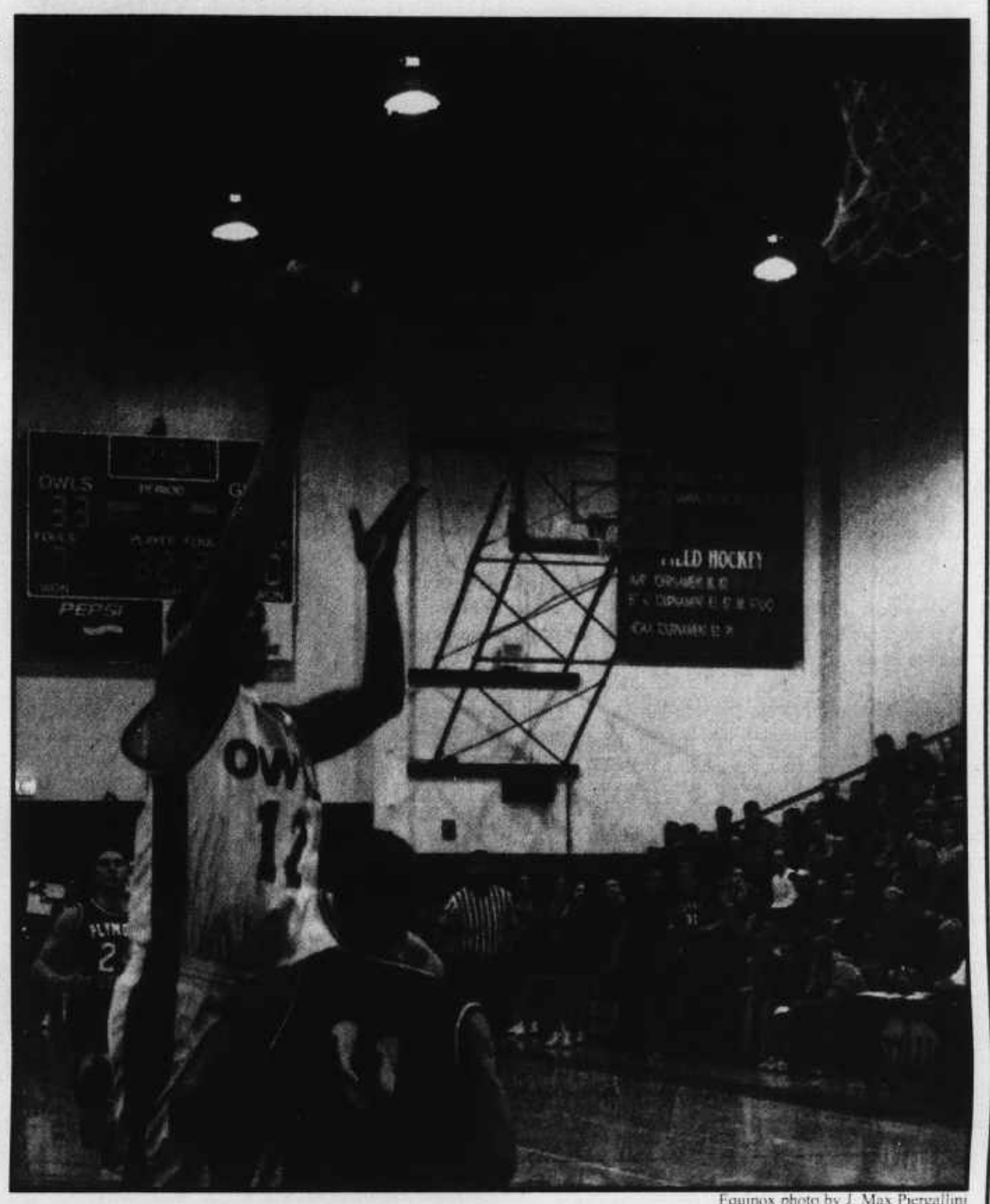
"I have such a quick first step, I try to get somebody really early. I waited until eight seconds left. I didn't want to go to early to give them a lot of time. I didn't catch him off my first move, and I remember I brought it back against my body and kinda left it open for him to take it, and he kinda made a little lunge, so I quickly went backwards, slipped through two guys, and they were all coming at me, so I had to make a pretty acrobatic shot anyhow, but it went," said Pelotte.

Johanson threw the ball in, but was tipped away by Plymouth State senior Jason Blackburn into the waiting hands of Pelote who threw the ball into the air as he and his teammates and fans celebrated their upset win.

"We thought we should have won last Friday night, and the greatest thing is that sometimes in these situations, the team that lost the first few, doesn't think it can win. My kids just flat out believe that they can win," said Plymouth State coach John Scheinman.

Derek Swenson led all scorers with 26 points. Chris Timson and Brandon Johanson added 15 points each and Dave Stantial contributed with 12 points. Finkley lead PSC with 22 points, followed by Combs with 21, and Pelotte with 15.

Coach Colbert had more to say about his team and their season.



A KSC player takes it to the rack against Plymouth State in the LEC Tourney.

## It's March and you're in college: time to gamble

BY JEFF POTRYKUS  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

By now you've probably run off hundreds of copies of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament bracket and distributed them to friends and foes for the annual pool.

But before you sit down to watch the 65-team field revealed on Sunday, remember that NCAA officials decided last year to throw a curveball at you, beginning this season.

After the committee assigns the top four teams in each region, it will send those teams to eight first- and second-round sites with an emphasis on placing them as close to home as possible.

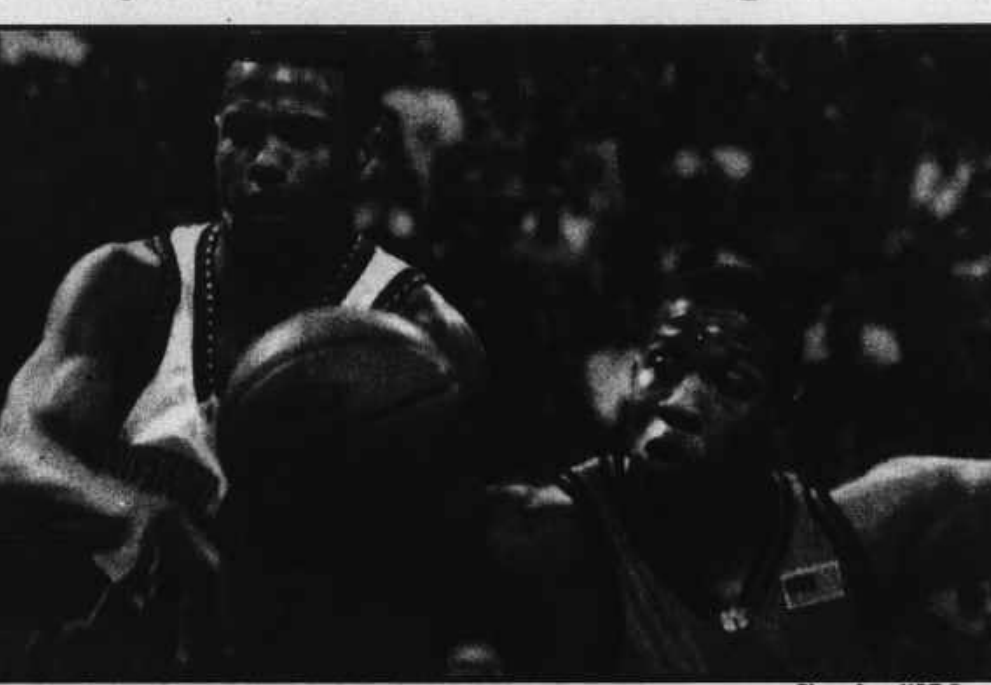
For example, Maryland probably will open at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.; Duke probably will open at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, S.C.

The teams will be placed in groups of four, or "pods." Nos. 1, 16, 8 and 9 will form one pod; Nos. 4, 13, 5 and 2 another.

Women's distance medley relay team gains NCAA automatic qualifying time

BY MARK MILLER  
The Equinox

Last Friday at the ECAC Championships the Keene State College women's distance medley relay team composed of Stephanie Gibson, Ellen Histen, Laurie Yorgensen, and Mary Proulx gained a NCAA automatic qualifying time.



Maryland's Byron Moulton and Clemson's Chris Hobbs battle for a rebound.

Nos. 2, 15, 7 and 10 another; and Nos. 3, 14, 6 and 11 a fourth. However, unlike past seasons, the two pods at a first- and second-round site could send teams to different regionals.

Running at Tufts University, the group won the race in a meet record time of 12:07.53 to garner a top ten national ranking.

Gibson, Histen and Yorgensen ran strong legs to keep the team in striking distance for National Champion Mary Proulx. Proulx took off with a 45-meter gap to make up on the lead-

In past seasons, all teams assigned to a particular region played at one of two sub-regional sites and advanced to the same regional.

Why the changes? First and foremost, to cut down on travel in the early rounds. NCAA officials were criticized after forcing too many teams to travel all across the nation last season. The most glaring example involved Maryland, George Mason, Georgetown and Hampton, essentially next-door neighbors in the East. They were placed in the West Regional and were shipped to Boise, Idaho, for the first and second rounds.

"Because we want to balance the strength of the four regions and because the geography of where our schools are located, the committee will continue to have to move some teams out of their region," Mike Trangese, chairman of the basketball committee, said at the time the NCAA announced the changes. "But this year, for example, if we could have assigned Maryland, Georgetown, George Mason and Hampton to first- and second-round sites in the eastern part of the country instead of Boise, we would have significantly reduced the amount of travel we required of those student-athletes, coaches and fans."

Next week the relay team will travel to Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, for the NCAA National Championships.



# What will happen in the National League?

BY JIM JOHNSON  
The Equinox

As promised, here are our previews for the national league, with their order of finish included.

## National League East-

1. Atlanta Braves- Still the team to beat in the east. The outfield is potent, with Chipper Jones moving to left, Andruw Jones manning center, and the newly-acquired Gary Sheffield in right.

Any team with Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine in their rotation has a good chance of splitting a four game series with anyone.

2. New York Mets- With the major off-season acquisitions of Roberto Alomar (.336 Avg. 20 HR, 30 steals in 2001), the Mets look to return to the top of the heap.

The rotation features solid lefties Al Leiter and Shawn Estes. Look for Jeff D'Amico to break through this year with some run support, along with John Franco eventually taking away the closer role from the sometimes-inconsistent Armando Benitez.

3. Philadelphia Phillies- The Phils don't quite have the pitching to qud Atlanta to catch up.

4. Florida Marlins- Florida has an excellent young pitching staff that is led by Ryan Dempster and A.J. Burnett, both with the talent to become 20 game winners on the right team.

Rookie Josh Becke is fun to watch, who along with Kevin Brown gives them a solid 1-2 punch in the rotation.

5. Colorado Rockies- A solid team that should play over .500 this year. Todd Helton and Larry Walker are two of the best left handed hitters in baseball, while Mike Hamd Atlanta to catch up.

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Rookie Josh Beckett is highly touted, with some scouts comparing him to Nolan Ryan.

Expect a lot of low scoring games when the Marlins play, as their offense is less than threatening compared to the other teams in the east.

Cliff Floyd is one of the best young hitters in the NL, and the main cog in this offense.

7. Montreal Expos- Montreal has consistently developed quality talent in its farm system, but lacks the revenue to pay them. In short, this leads to a bad team every year.

The pitching staff is poor, with Javier Vasquez their best option every fifth day. The offense is rather sickly, with the exception of masher Vladimir Guerrero.

With the threat of contraction facing the 'spos, this team will pack it in by the All-Star break.

## NL Central

1. Chicago Cubs- Finally, the Cubs get what they deserve, a pennant. Moises Alou joins Sammy Sosa and Fred McGriff to form a daunting trio in the heart of the Cubbies order.

Of course, a lot of things have to go right for the Cubs to beat out the rest of the central, but the pitching staff is the primary reason they can do it this year.

Twenty game winner Jon Leiber leads a staff that also features strike-out king Kerry Wood, who has battled injuries the past few years. If he stays healthy, along with closer Tom Gordon, things are looking good for Chicago.

2. St. Louis Cardinals- Matt Morris is one of the best pitchers in the NL now, and Rick Ankiel certainly has that potential. Darryl Kile is a solid number two in the rotation, and closer Jason Isringhausen leads an excellent bullpen.

With Mark McGwire gone, the offense now relies on Albert Pujols, last season's rookie of the year, and Jim Edmonds, who has been spectacular since coming over from the Angels. Tino Martinez will also be a welcome addition to the Cardinal's clubhouse.

3. Houston Astros- It's tough to pick a team with such a nasty setup-closer combination (Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner), but the Astros have been chronic underachievers the last few seasons.

The offense looks good with Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio putting up big numbers as usual last year, along with Lance Berkman. Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt are effective starters that should keep the Astros in the hunt all season. A real fight to the wire in this division.

4. Pittsburgh Pirates- The disparity between the top three teams and the bottom three in this division is so great, the battle for fourth place may be as interesting as the one for first (probably not).

The Pirates are picked for fourth by default, the other two remaining teams are awful, but the Pirates are mediocre.

Brain Giles is nasty at the plate, along with 34-homer man Aramis Ramirez at third. Pokey Reese looks to resurrect his career after a shaky last season with the Reds.

The return of Kris Benson should be a big boost to the pitching staff, one that includes Kip Wells, a recent acquisition from the White Sox.

5. Cincinnati Reds- Because of Ken Griffey Jr., that's it. By now, this guy must be pulling his hair out for leaving the Seattle Mariners.

This team has one of the worst pitching staffs in baseball, and an inept offense that offers him no protection in the lineup. Sorry, Ken, you're lucky if you're team doesn't finish last.

6. Milwaukee Brewers- Slugger Richie Sexson hit 45 home runs last year, and can add to that total this year with protection in the lineup from Jeffrey Hammonds and Matt Stairs.

Other than that, the pitching is bad news, but newcomer Glendon Rusch should be able to contribute.

## NL West

1. San Francisco Giants- Another tough division to call, but the addition of Jason Schmidt, along with the return of Barry Bonds should

push San Fran over the top this year. Reggie Sanders arrives to add punch to the lineup, which already featured former MVP Jeff Kent, and shortstop Rich Aurilia.

Even with this potent offense, the strength of the team is the bullpen, which includes nasty setup man Felix Rodriguez, in addition to All-Star closer Robb Nen.

2. Arizona Diamondbacks- The world series champs will be hard pressed to duplicate last season's stunning championship run, and it won't happen again.

Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson are bound to slow down sometime, and this may be the year. Luis Gonzalez should make the All Star squad, but to expect him to hit 57 home runs again is probably not feasible. Todd Stottlemyre returns this year from injuries to round out a solid staff, while the bullpen remains stable with Byung-Hyun Kim and closer Matt Manie.

3. L.A. Dodgers- A club that seems to overstep on players every year, the Dodgers are still a good team. Shawn Green is a great hitter, and Eric Karros is a great team leader.

The return of Hideo Nomo should be fun to watch, who along with Kevin Brown gives them a solid 1-2 punch in the rotation.

4. Colorado Rockies- A solid team that should play over .500 this year. Todd Helton and Larry Walker are two of the best left handed hitters in baseball, while Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle are solid left handed pitchers.

5. San Diego Padres- Tony Gwynn's retirement means this team will have to find a new identity in 2002.

Phil Nevin and Ryan Klesko should provide most of the offensive firepower this year, and look for former little league world series slugger Sean Burroughs to break through with an outstanding rookie campaign.

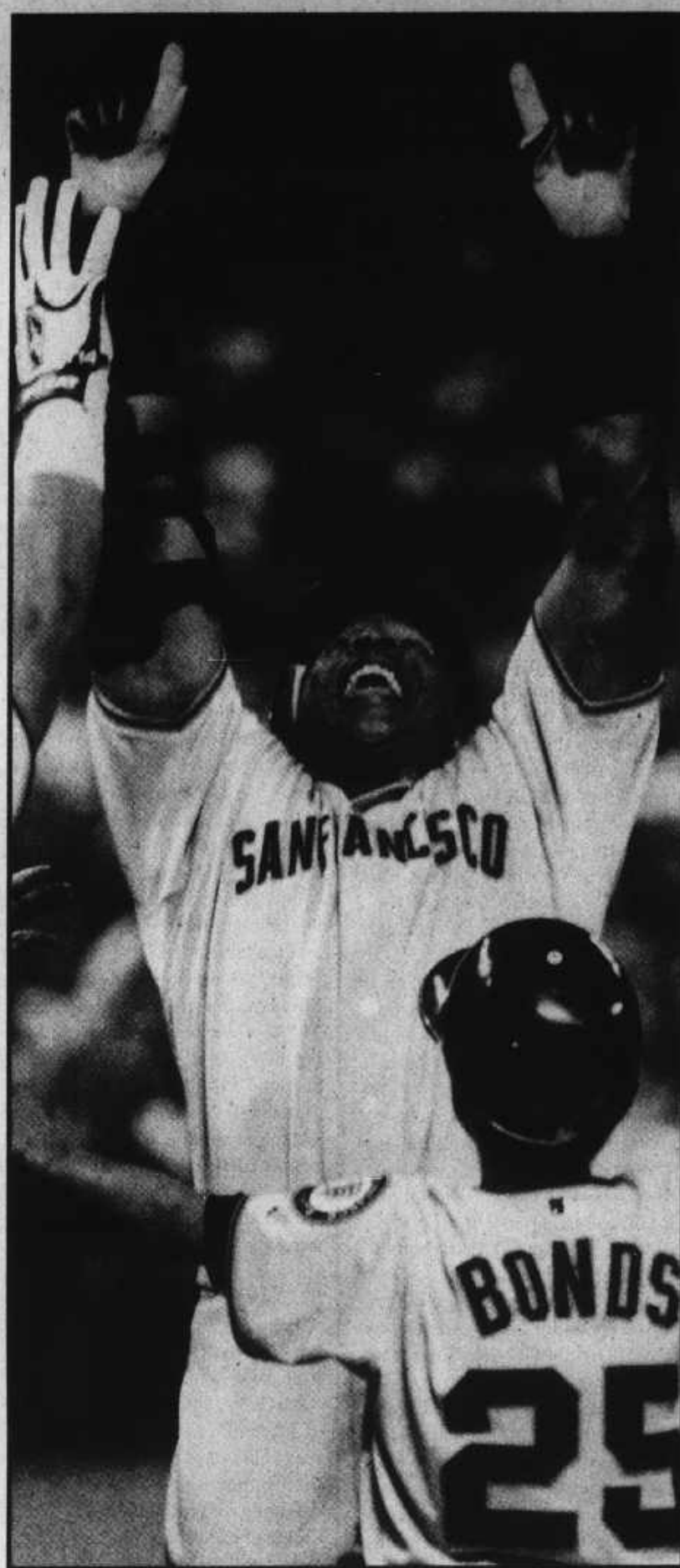


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Can Barry Bonds lead the Giants to the World Series?

# Michael Jordan faced with tough road back to top

By Rick Morrissey  
Chicago Tribune

For those of us who thought Michael Jordan wouldn't make it through the season without getting hurt, there is no satisfaction in seeing the best basketball player ever looking old, tired and surgically repaired.

That was the concern early on, that Jordan would come out of this latest comeback altered in some way, a 1984 Cadillac finding itself on blocks in a chop shop. It's the same concern now.

The competitor inside Jordan will have him rushing back with a playoff spot on the line for the Wizards. If you take away the possibility of a post-season for MJ, all you are left with is an athletic-shoe salesman who can average 24 points in his sleep.

Thus there are certain things you can count on in life - death and taxes, taxes after death in probate court and Jordan willing himself back to help his team make the playoffs. He defies odds and loves the attention that comes with it.

The thing about those bright lights, however, is they reveal every wrinkle, every blemish, every cigar-cutter scar. Jordan knew it would be that way and maybe he believes that's the lesson for us - that it's OK to get older. We already knew older meant hipper because of the existence of Hugh Hefner, but Hef can't dunk, unless there's more to Viagra than we know.

As most of the developed world - and parts of Southeast Asia - now knows, the 39-year-old Jordan is recuperating from arthroscopic surgery that repaired torn cartilage in his right knee. Reports have Jordan out of action from two weeks to forever, depending on his ability to heal and the relative optimism of various media outlets.

The Washington Post, for example, faced with the prospect of covering the Wizards featuring Kwame Brown and Jahidi White, has hired a shaman to cure Jordan "yester-



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Can Michael Jordan rehab his injured knee in time for the playoffs?

day, if possible," a Post spokesman said. And there will be a "laying of hands" upon Jordan's knee by the entire Post sports staff.

Wizards coach Doug Collins, who traded in a broadcaster's microphone to work with Michael, has been sobbing uncontrollably since Jordan's injury and screaming, "They can send a man to the moon, but they can't

fix a knee?"

As we wait with bated breath for Michael's return, this might a good time to analyze his latest comeback. There are two questions to address during this pause in the Great Experiment.

1. Is Jordan better off for having returned to the game this season?

This is a question only Michael can answer, but let me attempt to get inside his cranium, an area that resembles a hazy, smoke-filled casino: He's not sure. His knees hurt. His body aches. His wife recently reminded him that his lifestyle is not healthy in the traditional marriage sort of way.

What has been on public display is a man searching for the meaning of his life. Fascinating? To Nike officials, yes, but then they'd be fascinated by Michael's nail clippings.

Jordan did remind himself that even with three years off, he's still among the best players in the world. There wasn't much question of that. There wasn't much question that Jordan, coming to a bad team, would be among the top 10 scorers in the NBA either.

So other than having captive card players on the team airplane, Jordan might be wondering whether this was all worth it. The answer will come if the Wizards make the playoffs. He's not a teaching pro to young stars. He's a winner.

2. Are we better off having witnessed the Third Coming of Michael?

It has never been about us, aside from the obvious marketing and sales opportunities. It's about Jordan, about his being unable to let go of this one thing he once did better than anybody else.

It's hard to begrudge him that, although there is this vague feeling of emptiness hanging over Jordan's return. It has lacked meaning and substance.

I don't see how I'm better off than I was four months ago. Jordan could come back three years from now and average 18 points a game. Scoring never was the issue.

Watching Jordan going against the Bulls in Chicago in January was like watching an asbestos clean-up site. I'd much prefer to have my memories than the current version but it's his life.

Michael can do whatever he wants with that life, but it doesn't mean it has to be fun witnessing it. Watching liver spots grow isn't fun either.

Wake me if the Wizards make the playoffs.

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He said that either seven or eight U.S. soldiers died in the subsequent firefight, but that the exact number would not be known "until we are able to have discussions with people involved in the fight." All U.S. soldiers, living or dead, were extracted, he said.

The first U.S. death of the operation occurred on Saturday. The Pentagon on Monday identified the soldier as Army Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, of Wade, N.C. He was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The casualties underscored the persisting danger posed to U.S.-led efforts to bring stability to Afghanistan from hard-core remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban, the puritanical Islamic militia driven from power in December.

While U.S. officials say that fugitive al-Qaida members and their former Afghan allies are scattered and not able to take and hold ground, they warn that the diehards can launch costly guerrilla attacks that could undermine the interim government in Kabul and tie down the U.S.-led military coalition.

"Substantial pockets of resistance remain. They're determined. They are dangerous. They will not give up without a fight," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference.

He said the United States intends "to continue the operations until those al-Qaida and Taliban who remain either surrender or are killed. The choice is theirs."

The U.S.-led force comprises about 2,000 troops, slightly less than half of them Afghans, he said. The rest are U.S. soldiers and elite units from six countries, including Germany, Australia, Canada and Denmark.

French aircraft have joined U.S. planes in providing close air support to the ground troops, Franks said.

Hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are hunkered down "in the crags, the nooks and the canyons of the high ground, and our forces are right in there, mixing it up with them," Franks said. He said even more enemy troops could be holed up in the region surrounding the combat zone.

Myers said that since the operation began, U.S. aircraft have dropped more than 350 bombs on enemy positions.

In addition to wielding large quantities of small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters may have shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that they have not yet used, Franks said.

Combat is taking place at altitudes between 8,000 and 12,000 feet above sea level, where the thin air makes it difficult for helicopters to lift their full operational loads.

They have to reduce their weight, either by cutting down on fuel or the numbers of troops they carry or both.

Myers described the region as "the Rocky Mountains in the middle of winter. It's cold, ice and snow."

Objective Remington measures 60-70 square miles and is bounded by two mountain ridges, Franks said.

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# New T-REX research says it wasn't the powerhouse that people once thought

BY ANDREA WIDENER  
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Kids, brace yourself for the bad news.

Tyrannosaurus rex couldn't run. The top speed of this famously dangerous dinosaur, immortalized in action movies and children's minds, is closer to a swift walk than the sprint you might expect.

By simulating the physics of T. rex's massive muscles, a Stanford University researcher has found the ancient animal's bulk limited it to speeds no faster than 25 miles per hour and likely even slower.

That's not very fast for an animal with 7- to 12-foot-long legs. And it is far below the 45 miles per hour some experts had estimated, based on the dinosaur's structural similarity to fast-running birds like ostriches.

"The 25-mile-per-hour speed was the upper end of what we thought was straining credibility a bit," said John Hutchinson, who did this work as a University of California-Berkeley graduate student.

This finding, published Wednesday in the journal Nature, doesn't end a century-long controversy about the Tyrannosaurus' temperament, or even nail down exactly how fast the animal moved. In fact, it leaves the predator or scavenger debate open by saying other large dinosaurs were likely slow as well.

But it does set upper limits on the dinosaur's movement, based on how muscles work in surviving species such as elephants, alligators and chickens. This speed limit is some-

thing the creature creation masters at Industrial Light and Magic said they noticed when trying to create a high-speed T. rex for the Jurassic Park movies.

"What it says is unless T. rex did something completely beyond the scope of what we see, it didn't run," said Tom Roberts of Oregon State University.

Debate over T. rex's role as either a slow scavenger or a high-speed killing machine has seen-sawed for a century. This high-speed argument, and his quizzical view of the quick dinosaurs in Jurassic Park, originally drew Hutchinson into this question.

"Those two things together made me think, 'Huh, that doesn't really make sense to me biomechanically,'" Hutchinson said. "I realized it was a good scientific question later on."

As his doctoral project, Hutchinson created a two-dimensional model of T. rex legs to test his theory. He began this research by dissecting present-day animals to understand how their muscles work, since evidence of T. rex muscles are hard to come by.

"We have feathers and scales" all over our lab as a result, said Kevin Padian, his University of California-Berkeley graduate advisor.

Hutchinson's two-legged model also passed the logic test when he tried it on other animals. It worked for small dinosaurs, who are known to run. And it failed for an alligator, which can't run on two legs at all, and for a chicken the same size as a T. rex, which his Berkeley colleagues jokingly compared to the overgrown fowl in the children's

book "The Hoboken Chicken Emergency."

Scientists weren't the only ones who said Hutchinson's results make sense. When artists at Industrial Light and Magic pushed their T. rex models to Jeep-chasing speeds, the dinosaurs looked like they were flying, said model supervisor Ken Bryan, who created T. rex for the three Jurassic Park movies.

"When you're looking with just an artist's eye, you can see something is not right," said Bryan, who has discussed Tyrannosaurus movement with Hutchinson several times. Bryan, a longtime dinosaur enthusiast, bases his models on what scientists actually know about the ancient creatures. He even began the first Jurassic Park T. rex with a Hutchinsonian favorite - a chicken skeleton.

"For the movies, we sometimes do have to bulk our dinosaurs up a bit just like actors on the screen," Bryan said. "But for overall proportions and size, you do need to have some understanding of how the bones and muscles relate."

Scientists say the most important discovery here is not the T. rex's limited speed so much as the idea of miming living animals to help understand mysteries from the past.

"John is one of a newer breed trying to do both," said Brown University's Stephen Gatesy. "It goes far beyond rubbing bones together and coming up with stories."

"It is our best until we can get a T. rex on a treadmill and run it in the lab," said Roberts of Oregon State University.

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## Manufacturers of hemp foods gear up for fight

BY CAROLYN JUNG  
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A bitter food fight has broken out between the U.S. government and manufacturers of certain beers, bread, pretzels, cereals, granola bars and butter-like spreads - all containing the controversial ingredient hemp.

For years, health food manufacturers have touted the plant's seeds and oil as something close to a miracle nutrient, high in vitamin E and essential fatty acids, and richer in protein than meat and fish.

But the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says hemp is on a par with marijuana, a controlled substance.

Not only is hemp part of the same plant, but it contains small amounts of the same psychoactive substance found in marijuana.

The debate has landed before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which may determine as early as next month whether hemp foods can continue to be sold.

The decision will have strong repercussions in California, home to more hemp food manufacturers than any other state.

Already, the issue has caused rifts within the small but vocal \$5 million industry, confusion among retailers and anxiety among consumers who fear they might not be able to buy the products much longer.

"The United States is the only country that refuses to make a distinction between industrial hemp and the marijuana drug," says David Bronner, president of Escondido's Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap, which contains hemp oil, and chairman of the Hemp Industry Association's food and oils committee.

"What the DEA is doing is ridiculous."

But DEA officials say they are merely interpreting existing drug laws, not expanding them to encompass products once considered acceptable.

The ruckus started Oct. 9, when the DEA issued a new rule on industrial hemp products in the Federal Register, which publishes federal regulations, executive orders, proclamations and proposed rules.

The rule banned from food products any hemp seed and oil containing any trace of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the hallucinogenic substance found in marijuana.

Manufacturers and retailers initially were given until Feb. 6 to stop making and selling the products, but that deadline has been extended to March 18 to give the appellate court time to rule.

(Hemp clothing and cosmetics, such as Bronner's soap, are exempt because they do not cause THC to enter the body.)

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Workers attempt to free the lone survivor after a tank shell accidentally hit this vehicle.

## Israeli reprisals kill 16 Palestinians; gunman kills 3 in Tel Aviv

BY MICHAEL MATZA AND DANIEL RUBIN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Israel responded to a weekend of Palestinian attacks Monday with reprisals that killed 16 Palestinians, including the wife and three children of a Hamas leader who died when their car was mistakenly shelled, and a Palestinian doctor killed when shots from Israeli soldiers exploded an ambulance.

Meanwhile, a gunman opened fire on a Tel Aviv street early Tuesday, killing three people and wounding 25 before he was shot and killed, news services said.

Israel's response to the weekend attacks included F-16 airstrikes on the Palestinian Authority headquarters in Bethlehem, and rocketing by helicopter gunships that knocked out electricity in parts of Ramallah.

Monday night, warplanes streaked over Jerusalem carrying payloads that damaged Bethlehem buildings and shook windows for miles around. At least four passers by were injured.

At noon, an Israeli tank shell killed six Palestinians inside two cars in the upscale Ramallah suburb of El Bireh. The tank was posted beneath Psagot, a Jewish settlement on a hill overlooking El Bireh.

The Israeli army said the shell missed its target and expressed "deep regret at the loss of innocent life." Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer also expressed regret over the deaths of innocent civilians. He stressed that Israel's policy is to refrain from harming innocent parties.

Army spokesman Jacob Dallah said the intended target was a car carrying two Palestinian policemen suspected of previous attacks on Israelis.

The two vehicles hit instead - a white Subaru compact and a green Mitsubishi pickup - were passing each other on a quiet residential street, the army said.

Killed inside the Mitsubishi were

Bushra Abu Kweik, 38, and her three children, Aziza, 17, Bara, 14, and Mohammed, 8. Her husband heads a Hamas social welfare agency that distributes food as well as money to widows and orphans of Palestinians killed in clashes with Israel soldiers.

Hamas, the militant Islamic Resistance Movement, has been responsible for scores of suicide bombings against targets inside Israel and Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hamas officials said Hussein Abu Kweik belonged to Hamas' political wing, and was not involved in attacks on Israelis.

"In practice, these charitable societies constitute part of Hamas' organizational infrastructure; they strengthen Hamas and aid in financing its terrorist activities," Ben-Eliezer, the defense minister, said Monday in a statement.

The tank shell peeled back the truck's roof, tore through the children's school bags and books and scattered the seats with flesh and blood and shards of glass. The street was strewn with body parts, eyewitnesses said.

Nida Mashal, 25, lives across the street. She and her mother Salaam, 49, helped the ambulance crews pry back the car doors. They found a child, dead in his seat, with a small bag of potato chips still in his hand.

Killed inside the Subaru were Arafat Masri, 16 and his cousin, Shima, 4.

Driver Imad Masri, 34, was hospitalized with massive injuries. Five children under the age of 7 - Masri's nieces and nephews - were in the back seat and suffered cuts to faces and arms but came out alive. The children had just finished school and were getting a ride home from their uncle.

Amjar Alfaz, 29, a computer engineer, looked at the street still stained with blood and littered with shredded schoolbooks.

"Maybe the father was wanted by the Israelis," said Alfaz. "But now his kids are dead. This violence is endless. And the Israeli government is to be blamed because it is a government. It is not Hamas."

In January, under pressure from the United States and the European community to demonstrate that he is a partner for peace, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat padlocked several Hamas offices, including one run by Abu Kweik in a Ramallah shopping center.

"I swear to God (the Israelis) will pay a very high price for this crime," Kweik said Monday, accompanied by hundreds of mourners as he left Ramallah Hospital after viewing the bodies.

Joined by hundreds more supporters in Hamas green headbands, the mourners rallied in a central square in Ramallah and fired rifles in the air.

From his home in Gaza City, Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin vowed revenge.

"Israel shoulders the responsibility and will pay a heavy price for its aggression," Yassin said.

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## Study finds some women seem immune from AIDS virus

BY BOB GROVES  
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

Some women have immune cells that seem to protect them from the AIDS virus, despite prolonged unsafe sex with infected men, researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey said.

The behavior of these cells, called lymphocytes, could be used to test the effectiveness of new vaccines against the disease, said Joan Skurnick, a co-author of the study and an associate professor of preventive medicine and community health at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

The six-year study, published in the current issue of the Journal of Infectious Diseases, followed 18 women, most from the metropolitan area.

All the women had been in a long-term relationship with an infected male partner and remained HIV-negative despite having "very heavy unprotected exposure" to the virus, said Dr. Donald B. Louria, head of preventive medicine at the university and co-author of the study.

The study found that a potentially effective defense appeared to be at work in a majority - 13 - of the women. Most of these involved one or both of the lymphocytes, known as CD8 "suppressor" immune cells, and CD4 "helper" cells.

From other women did not become HIV positive, but the immune cells were not involved and researchers did not know why they were not infected, Skurnick said.

In those four women, "we couldn't find any evidence of (lymphocyte) response (to HIV), or they had a small response. But everyone has an immune system that works to some extent," Skurnick said.

One woman became HIV-positive during the study, but the reason why is unclear, Louria said. "She had additional medical problems, and she was undernourished. She did not have the defense mechanisms. It goes to show you can convert (to HIV-positive) very late," he said.

"That's sort of the luck of the draw. If you don't have the defenses, most time you'll (become infected) in the first couple years," he said.

There are two possible reasons why the 13 women with a demonstrated immune response did not become infected. One is that "they were genetically primed to react to the virus" defensively, Louria said. Or, their male partners may have had high numbers of lymphocytes which, in effect, "changed the virus and helped immunize" the women, he said.

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And they say that hunger strikes are a typical jailhouse technique to assert control over their lives. "This is no surprise," said Army Col. Terry Carrasco of Fort Hood, Texas, the chief MP. So far, he said, it has not been a real challenge to the guards, who by Sunday had shuttled six prisoners on nine occasions to receive intravenous drips on nine separate occasions.

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## Rowan University bans kegs

BY JAKE WAGMAN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Taking aim at a collegiate tradition, Rowan University has put the kibosh on kegs.

School officials announced Thursday that the aluminum barrels of beer would no longer be permitted at parties hosted by Rowan's 25 fraternities and sororities - on campus, or off.

The policy is effective immediately. If a fraternity or sorority is found in possession of a beer keg, the house will be fined \$500.

Subsequent violations carry a \$1,000 fine and revocation of student organization status.

Some students were skeptical about the policy's likely effectiveness.

"All this is going to do," said Donnie Johnson, a sophomore from Atlantic City, "is cause people to buy more cans."

But that's a lot of cans. A 16-gallon keg holds the equivalent of 171 12-ounce containers.

Drew Calandrella, the school's vice president for student affairs, said banning kegs from fraternity and sorority parties will help reduce "bulk drinking" and is a first step toward a "BYOB" standard at fraternity and sorority parties, where students would bring their own drinks.

"We are not banning alcohol," Calandrella said. "We are urging Greek organizations to handle alcohol in a responsible manner."

Colleges across the country have become wary of binge drinking after several well-publicized alcohol-related deaths at fraternity parties the last several years.

Two years ago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology agreed to pay \$4.75 million to the family of a student who died of alcohol poisoning after a 1997 fraternity initiation ritual.

In March 1996, four Rowan students pleaded guilty to serving alcohol to a minor after the underage student died of alcohol poisoning. They were sentenced to three years' probation, 100 hours of community service, and a fine.

In 1999, the University of Pennsylvania banned alcohol at fraternity and sorority parties for five weeks after a 26-year-old alumnus died of alcohol poisoning.

On Feb. 14 of this year, a 19-year-old University of Maryland student died after being found unconscious in front of a fraternity house. The school has said that alcohol played a role in his death.

Calandrella said it was unclear whether the keg ban would reduce the school's liability for an alcohol-related death or injury. "This will certainly decrease the opportunity for us to have the discussion in a court of law," he said.

Glassboro Police Chief Patricia Kunschowski said her department received two to three calls a week from neighbors complaining about rowdy Rowan parties.

"We see the aftermath," she said. "Red cups up and down the street." Lisa Basile, a junior from Tinton Falls, N.J., was miffed at the school's attempt to regulate what goes on at fraternity and sorority houses, which are not on school grounds.

"The university is going to leave us with nothing to do," she said. "Where are we supposed to drink? There is only one bar in this town."

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Photo by Kricampus

This reader has his hands full with the first edition of, "War Times".

## Anti-war newspaper arrives

BY MARILEE ENGE  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A new anti-war newspaper has begun publication, hoping to promote what it bills as a more humane, less jingoistic alternative to the gung ho militarism of President Bush.

Bob Wing, managing editor of War Times, said he was disturbed by the U.S. government's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Instead of conducting what Wing believed to be a just war to avenge the loss of American lives, the Bush administration was wrongly killing innocent Afghans and trampling on civil liberties at home.

While other Americans were mounting flags on their cars, Wing began talking to everyone he knew about a project that could counter what he saw as a warmongering atmosphere taking hold of the nation.

The result is War Times, launched by Wing and a small group of writers and activists that made its debut in a west Oakland, Calif., warehouse on Feb. 16.

After publishing a prospectus of War Times online, Wing said the public response was overwhelming. A first run of 75,000 copies is 10 times the number originally planned by the group.

"The thing blew up on us," he said. Requests for copies came from every corner of the country and the idea of starting small and targeting only

"The loss is the same. There is a common humanity that people share."

Jung Hee Choi  
War Times editor

homes to non-citizen airport employees who are losing their jobs.

Wing is a writer and editor who honed his activism during the student strikes at the University of California-Berkeley in the 1960s.

## Coaster promises to detect drugs

BY PATRICK DANNER  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Francisco J. Guerra is a magician-turned-inventor who says these parks like Walt Disney World use a machine he created to make "evaporative snow."

McCaftery adds he has conducted tests on 50 popular alcoholic beverages, with five showing false-positives, meaning the test detects a drug where none is present. He declines to name those drinks.

Guerra, 33, and Glover, 34, say they spent "hundreds of thousands of dollars" on developing the technology. They expect to test market the coasters within 90 days.

Guerra says they're negotiating to sell the licensing rights for the coasters to liquor manufacturers, who could put their logos on the coasters and distribute them to bars and clubs.

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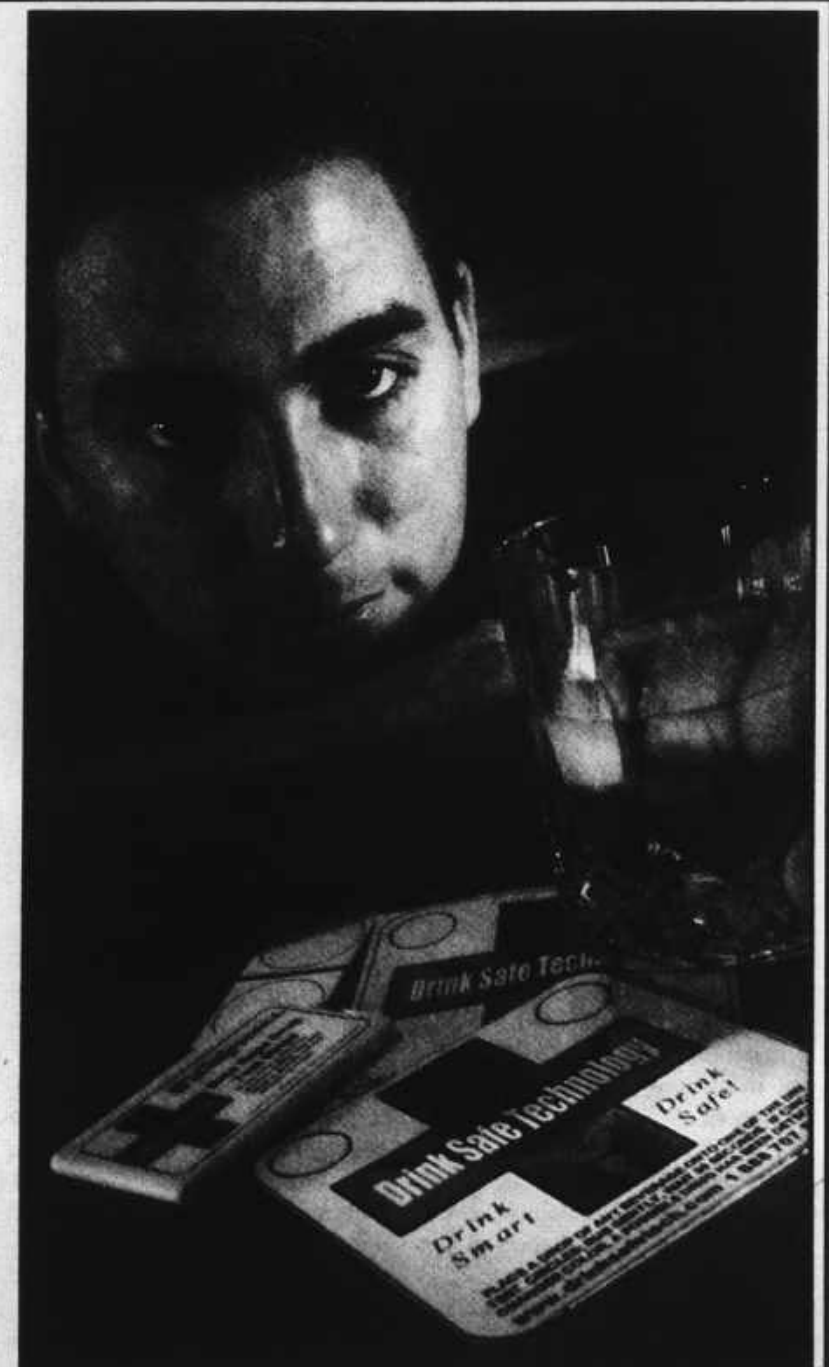


Photo by Kricampus

This former magician sits with his newest creation.

## This week's Web Winners: The case against Milosevic

BY REID KANALEY  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Slobodan Milosevic, the former Serb leader now on trial in The Hague for war crimes during the 1990s, has challenged the legitimacy of the international proceeding against him.

We wandered the Web to see how the case was playing in cyberspace.

## INDICTMENT

Charges of "crimes against humanity" that stem from the 1999 war in Kosovo are detailed here in the indictment of Milosevic and others that was drawn up by the international tribunal.

Half the document is a list of hundreds of people that prosecutors say were massacred in a "campaign of terror and violence directed at the Kosovo Albanian population" under Milosevic.

[www.un.org/icty/milosevic/mil-amindt.htm](http://www.un.org/icty/milosevic/mil-amindt.htm)

## FINDLAW

This Web site, dedicated to all things legal, is posting Milosevic updates on its page of international news.

We also found an assortment of documents relating to the case of "American Taliban" John Lindh, and the criminal complaint against the Uruguayan man accused of ramming his torso through the cockpit door on a Feb. 7 flight to Buenos Aires.

Hee Choi pointed to e-mail requests for almost 50,000 copies of the first issue. "That's really an indication of how badly it's needed," she said.

For more information, contact War Times at [wartimes\(AT\)attbi.com](mailto:wartimes(AT)attbi.com).

<http://news.findlaw.com/legalnews/international>

## FREE SLOBODAN

The International Committee to Defend Slobodan Milosevic casts the ex-strongman as a "prisoner of conscience" being subjected to a "false trial," and dissects the media for anti-Serb bias.

[www.icdms.org](http://www.icdms.org)

## CRIMES OF WAR PROJECT

Expert analysis on the subject of war crimes is available here. The project of journalists, lawyers and scholars is meant to foster understanding of the "laws of war and of the human consequences when armed conflict becomes entrenched."

Now focused on the aftermath of Sept. 11, the site's archive does have material on the Kosovo case and the international tribunal.

[www.crimesofwar.org](http://www.crimesofwar.org)



# Motorcyclists pay a price for freedom from helmets

BY STACEY SINGER  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

The night air rushing past his ears, the feeling of openness and speed for Terry Brock, riding his motorcycle without a helmet was all about one idea: freedom. Today, Brock, 39, is fed through a tube. He uses a wheelchair and wears a diaper. Once a skilled plumber, Brock will never work again. Freedom would mean living with his wife and children in Coral Springs, rather than in a nursing home.

Florida stopped requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets on July 1, 2000. In signing the bill, Gov. Jeb Bush cast the issue as one of personal choice, saying: "Reasonable adults should be trusted to make reasonable decisions."

Since then, trauma surgeons say they have seen a spike in the number of motorcycle accident victims arriving without helmets. They now estimate half of all riders are going helmetless, based on the patients they see. Wary of the carnage in their operating rooms, the state's trauma surgeons are organizing a new battle to repeal a law they think has become unreasonable for the state's taxpayers, hospitals and insurers.

"I would hope that at some point, someone is going to be smart enough to realize that personal freedom has a lot of different definitions," said Dr. Joe Tepas, director of the University of Florida's Regional Trauma System. "If it causes major issues for society, someone has to compromise."

Unhelmeted victims required 50 percent longer hospital stays and generated at least 35 percent more hospital charges than helmeted victims in the first nine months that the new law was in effect, Tepas found. He will present the data in an upcoming study under review by the Journal of Trauma.

Tepas found that average hospital charges, not including doctors' fees or later care, were about \$35,000 for motorcycle accident victims who didn't wear helmets. That compared with about \$25,000 for those riders who were helmeted.

Florida's new helmet law requires \$10,000 of insurance for personal injury protection, so families, taxpayers and hospitals often must absorb the remaining bills, he said.

Nationwide, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that about 2,800 people died in motorcycle crashes in 2000. For everyone who died, another 20 were injured, the institute reports.

"Per mile traveled, the death rate on motorcycles is 18 times higher than in passenger vehicles," the institute found in a January report. "Yet those numbers only hint at the true impact of the law."



Photo by krcampus

Jeannie Brock holds a picture close to her of Terry Brock, who is now fed through a tube as a result of a motorcycle accident.

When the ambulance arrived at Brock's side one year ago, he had stopped breathing.

He and a friend, out for a pleasure ride, slowed for a red light while heading south on Dixie Highway at the Copans Road intersection in Lighthouse Point.

A drunken driver who was speeding failed to see Brock or the red light. The driver, Justino Lopez, 32, plowed into Brock, sending him flying into the intersection. Lopez fled, dragging Brock's Kawasaki as he left Brock's battered body in the street.

Brock's cheekbone and jaw were crushed. Four broken ribs collapsed both his lungs. Two vertebrae were fractured, as well as his hip and shoulder blade.

Because of his brain injury, Brock was in a coma for four months. It was another five months before he spoke again. He is still scarcely able to swallow. The effect on his family has been devastating, too.

On the difficult days, Brock's wife, Jeannie, replays the accident over and over, and she recalls the arguments they used to have about whether to wear helmets.

"We always wore our helmets when we rode," Jeannie Brock said. "The minute they changed the law, he stopped wearing the helmet. He'd say, 'A helmet is not going to save

you anyway if you're in an accident.'"

She wipes away tears.

"They should never have changed that law."

One of the law change's ardent supporters was Dorothy Lynette Rushton, who owned a Fort Myers, Fla., hair salon called "Helmet Hair." She died a month after the law's change when she failed to negotiate a turn and was thrown 50 feet from her bike. Rescue workers said alcohol was a factor, but the accident would have been survivable had she worn a helmet.

The data shows a helmet can be a lifesaver, said Dr. Lawrence Lottenberg, a Hollywood, Fla., surgeon who is chairman of the Florida Committee on Trauma.

"An unhelmeted motorcyclist is 40 percent more likely to incur a fatal head injury," he said.

The group is trying to coordinate all Florida hospitals' data collection methods, so that it can present a clear picture to the Legislature of how burdensome the helmet-free law has been for the state's health care providers.

The change in Florida's helmet law has come amid a surge in the

popularity of motorcycles, especially among baby boomers.

The Motorcycle Industry Council reports that sales of new motorcycles in Florida more than doubled between 1995 and 2000, rising from 10,760 to 24,618, reflecting a nationwide trend. More than 420,000 motorcycles were sold nationwide in 2000.

Deaths among motorcyclists nationally have followed suit, rising by 35.3 percent, to 2,862, during the three-year period of 1998 to 2000, a report in the February issue of the Annals of Emergency Medicine shows.

By far, baby boomers led the pack. Deaths among motorcyclists 40 and older jumped 65 percent to 1,127 in 2000, the data showed.

Lottenberg said it's another way Florida's helmet law defies logic. It requires only riders younger than 21 to wear a helmet.

"Here we are in Florida, telling everyone under 21 to protect themselves, but in fact, most of the motorcyclists are over 40," he said.

The motorcycle accident death rate has tripled at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., since the law changed,

Lottenberg said. Half of motorcycle trauma patients in Broward County did not have helmets in 2001, up from 30 percent the year before.

In Broward, 12 motorcyclists died without helmets in 2001, and another 13 may not have worn helmets, medical examiners' records show.

In Palm Beach County, 12 motorcyclists died last year. "What used to be just fractures is now fractures plus head injuries," said Dr. Jeff Davis, trauma agency director for the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

Still unanswered are society's costs for the dozens of Terry Brocks accumulating - people who survived their accidents, but lost their livelihood, started drawing Social Security disability and became eligible for special Medicaid benefits, to cover a lifetime of state nursing care.

And no one can calculate the cost for Brock's family. Brock met his wife, Jeannie, at a karaoke bar, where his rich voice and easy smile made him a favorite with the crowd. He loved to sing, Jeannie said, so while he lay in his coma, she kept music all around him.

"I used to sing him that one song by the Carpenters, 'Why do birds suddenly appear every time you are near?'"

Doctors predicted he might never emerge from a vegetative state, but Jeannie refused to listen.

"In the ICU, I was praying, 'Please, God, save him.' And I swear I heard God say, 'Don't worry, Jeannie, he's a miracle in progress.'"

"Jeannie's miracle came late last year, when Brock spoke for the first time since the accident. 'His first words were 'I love you,' she said.

Days like that sustain her now. But some mornings, she awakens to panic attacks.

"Financially, this has destroyed me. My credit cards are six months behind. My electricity was turned off yesterday. My job is in jeopardy. I've lost his income," she said.

All her free time is spent fighting for insurance and disability benefits, help from charitable groups - anything she can find. She dreams of one day obtaining a van with a wheelchair lift, so she can take her husband back to some of the places he loved.

Her greatest hope now is winning better state benefits for motorcycle accident victims. No family can bear the cost of this alone, she said.

"I vowed when this happened that I would become an advocate to help other people, because there is no help out there," she said.

"This has been a year of hell."

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# Class puts UC Berkeley's structure in spotlight

BY SANDY KLEFFMAN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The Grateful Dead. Blackjack. Body dissatisfaction.

An eclectic array of loosely monitored, student-run classes at UC Berkeley came under heightened scrutiny recently after allegations that one class lead to x-rated extracurricular activities.

The controversy involving a male sexuality class, which captured worldwide headlines, has focused a spotlight on the campus' two-decade-old De-Cal program, otherwise known as Democratic Education at Cal.

Supporters fear the entire program, featuring more than 100 for-credit classes initiated and taught by students, could be in jeopardy as university officials investigate the allegations.

"Sometimes the classes are amazing; sometimes they're pretty bad," said political science professor Bruce Cain. "But it would be a shame if we lose the idea of students taking the initiative."

The controversy erupted last

month after the campus newspaper, the Daily Californian, published allegations that students in a male sexuality class went on a year-end outing to a strip club and engaged in sexual activity during a party at an instructor's home. At one point, the paper said, party-goers went into a bathroom, took anonymous photos of their genitalia and asked others to match the photograph with the person.

Such activities are "outside the approved course content," noted UC Berkeley spokeswoman Janet Gilmore.

University officials suspended the male sexuality classes after the student coordinators failed to show up at a meeting to discuss the newspaper report.

The size and scope of UC Berkeley's De-Cal program is unique among UC campuses, said Lavonne Luquis, spokesperson for the UC office of the president.

Students who want to lead a class must first come up with an idea, prepare a syllabus and then find a professor who is willing to sponsor it and serve as the instructor of record. The professor is responsible for the

class content and grades. The class must also be approved by the department chair.

Students who lead the classes are known as "coordinators" rather than instructors. University officials make it clear that such students cannot claim to have taught a course at UC Berkeley on their resumes.

Most of the classes carry one to three units of credit.

Caren Kaplan, the women's studies professor who sponsored the male sexuality classes, declined to comment on Wednesday. According to the course description, the class is designed to provide a safe environment for men to learn about their bodies and male sexuality.

The subject matter of some classes raised the eyebrows of critics - for example, there are sessions on Star Wars, erotica, blackjack (where students are taught how to count cards) and the Grateful Dead - but many students interviewed on campus staunchly defended the program.

"With the competitive nature of Berkeley, it's fun to go and learn about stuff that really interests you," said sophomore Madhu Prabaker, a cognitive science major.

Prabaker said he took one of the male sexuality classes during his first semester on campus and had no problems with it. There were no orgies, he said.

"It's a great class," he added. "It's got a lot of elements that on the outside look bad but everything is done tastefully and respectfully. You were never forced into anything."

The De-Cal program also provides classes with more standard subject matters, including the modern history of Afghanistan, southeast Asian cultures, and an introduction to biotechnology.

Many professors won't sponsor the classes because they believe it is more hassle than it is worth, Cain said. He sponsors several classes because he believes in the program, but he recently ran into a problem when one political science class when he discovered that the student coordinators were recruiting people to get involved in a local politician's campaign for an assembly seat.

Cain said he typically reviews the course outline and readings with the student coordinators and attends one or two of the classes.

"I've had generally good experi-

ences," he said. "Occasionally, you get burned. Of course you're going to have lapses in judgment because they're kids."

A sample of student-run courses worth 2 "units" offered this spring under UC Berkeley's Democratic Education at Cal program:

Afghanistan: Current Issues and Modern History - This course will give a broad overview of Afghanistan.

The Grateful Dead - An interdisciplinary look at the legendary musical group, the Grateful Dead.

Aspects of Southeast Asian Cultures - This course will provide a basic understanding of Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian cultures and traditions. Units: 2

Blackjack - Will teach students how to count cards and the related mathematical principles.

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## G.I. Gibson goes to Vietnam

### Braveheart returns to the front lines in "We Were Soldiers"

BY BEATHAN REGAN  
The Equinox

**W**e Were Soldiers is a first for Vietnam films. Randall Wallace, who also brought us Braveheart and Pearl Harbor, distinguishes his movie by accurately telling the story of the men doing the fighting and dying.

The film is based on the book "We Were Soldiers Once, and Young" a real life account retold by Lt. Col. Hal Moore and photojournalist Joe Galloway (played by Mel Gibson and Barry Pepper respectively). Both tell of the November 1965 battle in the Ia Drang Valley (a.k.a. "The Valley of Death"), which was the first major engagement between American and North Vietnamese troops.

Shot in the now familiar but still horrifying manner of "Saving Private Ryan" and "Black Hawk Down," "We Were Soldiers" leaves the viewer appropriately shocked and wiping the blood off of his/her face on the way out of the theatre. It does manage however, to save itself from being just a blood and guts movie by building up a backbone of core characters.

The film begins in Fort Benning, where the First Battalion of the Seventh Cavalry (Custer's regiment), is stationed. Here we are

introduced to [redacted] comes off as a bit of a simpleton. He lives (Mel Gibson), the young new father, Lieutenant Jack Geoghegan (Chris Klein), and the crusty Sergeant Basil Plumley (Sam Elliott), a tough guy who won't even carry a rifle into battle.

While at Benning training and building camaraderie, the troops also spend some time with their families. Scenes showing Moore praying bedside with his children, and being playfully affectionate with his wife (Madeline Stowe) build viewer affection. Here we discover that Hal Moore is a Harvard graduate with a master's in international relations.

Despite this, we are shown possibly simplistic notes that he takes while analyzing Vietnam's prior conflict with the French. (For example, they were outnumbered, didn't know terrain, and underestimated enemy = MASSACRE, with massacre being underlined three times for effect). Not exactly a subtle allusion to what the next hour has in store, but then again, nothing in this movie is subtle.

This is a different role for Gibson. When playing the warrior we are used to seeing him as a bit of a renegade, an outsider, someone not contained by the normally accepted rules of life. Moore is a less complicated man, intelligent, but almost

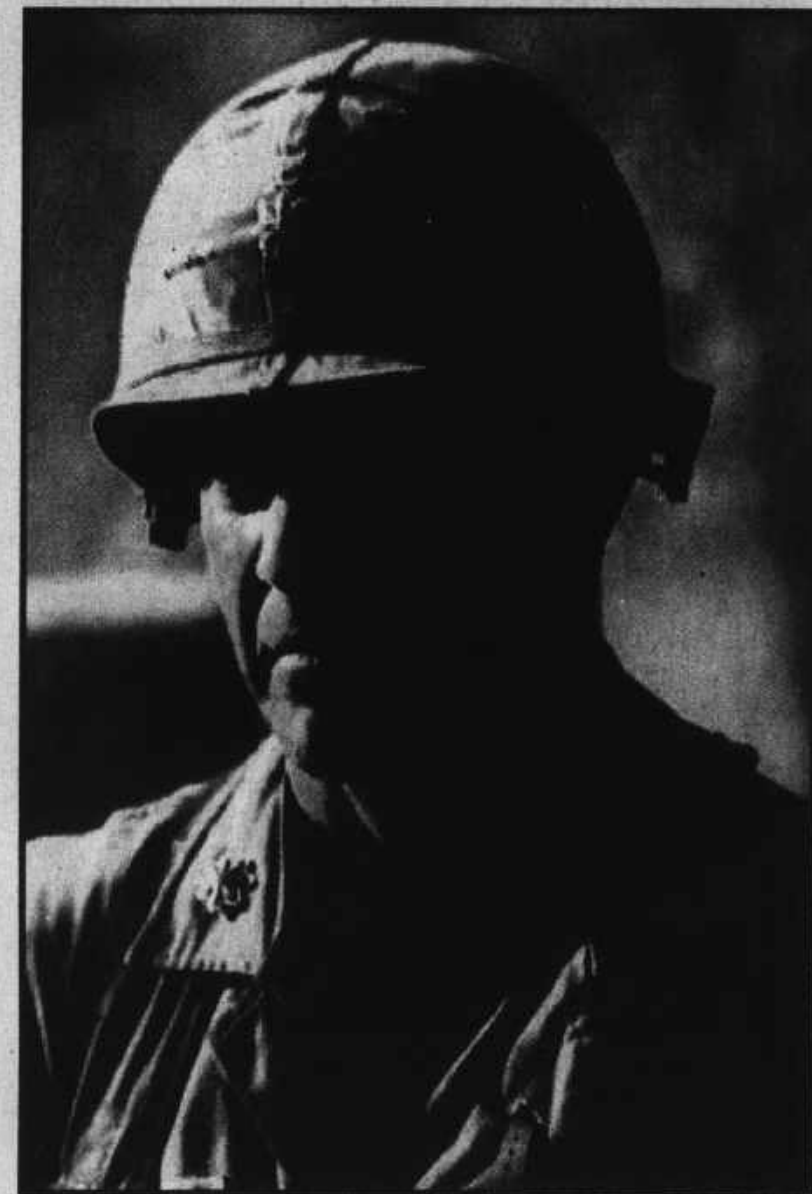
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The men of the Seventh Cavalry fought for each other, not for a cause. Surprisingly, the North Vietnamese Army is portrayed not as a faceless lot of evils, but is comprised of men just like those in the Seventh Cavalry. Wallace takes the time to develop the Vietnamese commander, who broods over the loss of so much life. (The NVA lost 1,800 and the Seventh Cavalry lost over half of its 400 men). We also see a Vietnamese foot soldier whose fate is assuredly sealed after a scene where he writes to his pretty girlfriend back home. Gibson puts a round through his head in slow motion. You know what's going to happen but when it does the affect is still moving.

That's pretty much how the whole movie is: the plot and storyline are predictable but it is carried out in a way that it doesn't matter. "We Were Soldiers" triumphs in that it is level handed as to good and evil and honors the men on both sides of the battle.

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Mel Gibson was once a soldier.

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## The attack of the 50-foot movie review

By STEPHEN T. PARKER  
The Equinox

One of the shortest Sci-Fi films of all time featured one of cinema's tallest heroines. Clocking in at a sparse 66 minutes, director Nathan Juran's 1958 **Attack of the 50-Foot Woman** is big on both feminism and physics.

Allison Hayes, a former Miss West Virginia, is titular titaness Nancy Archer. Nancy experiences gargantuan growth after several contacts with a towering space alien who resembles Dwight Eisenhower.

Nancy drunkenly relates her initial close encounter to her adulterous husband Harry (William Hudson) who views it as an opportunity to swindle her \$50 million inheritance by having her committed to an asylum. Harry, who is doing the Funky Chicken with town tramp Honey Parker (former Playboy centerfold Yvette Vickers), agrees to accompany Nancy on a UFO search in the desert.

When the mountainous Martian indeed appears, a harried Harry abandons his skepticism and his wife as he flees to Honey's side. Meanwhile, radiation causes Nancy to grow into history's tallest feminist, even as sexist images of her bursting out of her clothing dominate the screen.

The riotous rampage in which Nancy savages the city streets looking for hapless Harry is classic camp fare. Several times vexed viewers see this monolithic mama walking in the same pattern with the scene reversed against different backgrounds. Hilariously, the only correlation between Harry crushing the nightclub where Harry and Honey are hiding and the mayhem within the building is the appearance of a giant papier-mache hand.

"Attack of the 50-Foot Woman" is one of the first films to address a wife's stand against spousal abuse. Despite its obvious absurdity, the story is an inane imagery.

"Attack" can be termed a proto-feminist film. Its controversial conclusion in which Nancy puts a final and fatal end to hubby Harry's hijinx is raw and radical.

"Attack of the 50-Foot Woman" has been honored in the form of several remakes, including a 1993 made-for-TV venture starring Daryl Hannah and director Fred Olen Ray's 1995 spoof "Attack of the 60-Foot Woman."

Neither of the latter-made flicks captures the seedy original, whose atrocious special effects serve only to enhance the revenge theme.



Allison Hayes stops traffic. Literally.

Long before actress Farrah Fawcett doused her mate with gasoline in 1984's "The Burning Bed," Allison Hayes became an unlikely feminist forerunner, when she thundered across the silver screen in a bed sheet bikini and put the literal squeeze on hapless Harry.

"Attack of the 50-Foot Woman" is a capriciously crummy cult classic

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## Their fake news is real good

### "The Daily Show" brings satire to broadcast news

Zap2it.com

**L**OS ANGELES - Steve Carell lets out a maniacal laugh.

"They have no idea," he says, a gleam in his eyes. "Then they see it, and they cry..."

That was his tongue-in-cheek description of whether the subjects of the field reports on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" are in on the joke.

He and fellow correspondent Stephen Colbert, anchor Jon Stewart, co-creator Madeleine Smithberg and head writer Ben Karlin spoke to an appreciative crowd last week at the William S. Paley Television Festival put on by the Museum of Television and Radio.

The stories "The Daily Show" covers are all real, Smithberg says, uncovered by a research team whose job is to read newspapers and Web sites from around the country in search of the weird stories that are the show's staple.

Colbert says that now that the show has been on the air for more than five years, it's getting harder to find subjects who don't know what they're doing.

"In the old days, no one knew who we were, and it was great," says Colbert, who's been with the show since 1997. Now, it's a little tougher to get genuine responses from the inane in nature, but dead serious in tone, questions he and his fellow correspondents pose.

"I did a story recently where a guy thought the orange juice companies were trying to make you gay," Colbert says. The interview subject wasn't just some crackpot,

but the spokesman for a well-funded conservative lobbying group in Washington.

"And the guy didn't know who we were, which I think is a fireable offense now," Colbert says. "But I was just so excited... After we were finished, the cameraman said, 'I shot with '60 Minutes' for 25 years, and I've never seen a hit that clean.'"

The nature of "Daily Show" stories has changed over the years. Rather than looking for "the guy with a UFO in his yard," as Colbert puts it, the show's staff now seeks out stories that fit the day's events, but in a way no straight news organization would think of covering.

"We've tried to find things that are not necessarily relevant to the world, but relevant to us," Stewart says. "And hopefully there's no mean-spiritedness about it—we have a great love for eccentricity and individuality."

Carrell likes to think of his interview subjects as co-stars rather than targets.

"If they truly think you're a complete ass," it makes for a funny piece, he says, because their reactions are natural. "They're not in on the joke, but they're not a victim either."

The show's political humor follows a similar philosophy, Stewart says. While the writers and on-air talent infuse their own views into stories, they work hard not to preach to the audience.

"We try to remember that it's a comedy show more than a political show," he says. "I think that's what makes us unique. We like to think of ourselves, like most of us, as being in the center, and we're busy while the knuckheads are running the world."

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# Test Pattern

BY STEPHEN T. PARKER  
The Equinox

**I**t came from beyond space. The Equinox Test Pattern trivia test, that is. Fifty-foot women and Martian invaders aside, a UFO loaded with interstellar questions pertaining to some of the most famous science fiction movies and television shows of all time has landed on the Keene State campus. To survive the invasion you must get as many of the answers correct as possible.

1. In "reel" life she was L.I. Nyota Uhura, but in REAL life she was a former jazz singer whose brother was a member of the Heaven's Gate suicide cult. Name this intergalactic actress and the famous television series she was in.

2. Name the ageless male singer/sex symbol who portrayed a Las Vegas showman engaged in a battle against



taken from the Star Trek Services Unit  
"You two are highly illogical."

space aliens in "Mars Attacks!"

3. In what cult classic film did Robby the Robot first appear?

4. He was once America's "Great White Hope" and he wandered with Kevin Costner in a "Field of Dreams," but most people never realized that he was the voice of Luke Skywalker's father in "Star Wars."

5. What were singer Dionne Warwick and film director George Lucas considered to be by Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in the movie "Men In Black?"

6. She dated an "Urban Cowboy," romanced an "Officer and a Gentleman," and was the voice of "E.T."

7. In the 1950s she wrote the screenplay for the film "The Blob," and currently is an instructor at Keene State College.

8. Who is Flash Gordon's girlfriend?

9. Name the emissary who, with his robot guard Gort, landed his spacecraft in Washington, D.C. in the 1951 film "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

10. This 1980s television series about a race of lizard people who invade Earth starred former Miss New Hampshire, Jane Badler, and Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund). Name the series.

11. She was a surrogate mother to a collier named "Lassie," and an astronaut mom when she became "Lost in Space."

12. In 1985 this late actor won an Oscar for his role as a senior citizen who discovers an alien secret for rejuvenation in the film "Cocoon."



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13. In which U.S. state did the 1938 radio broadcast version of "War of the Worlds" begin? A) South Dakota B) Alaska C) New Jersey D) Idaho

14. He was a lad when he was "Lost in Space" with TV mom June Lockhart, but in "Babylon 5" he played the dual roles of Minabari Attache and Ambassador Vir Cotto. Name this former child actor.

15. Author Whitley Streiber wrote the screenplay for the 1980s werewolf adventure "Wolfen," but his real-life alien abduction experiences became the subject of what late 1980s film?

16. Name the actor who played Buck Rogers in the 1980 TV series.

17. What 1953 cult classic Sci-Fi flick centered around a young boy who sees a UFO submerge itself in a sandpit behind his home?

18. She swam with Al Pacino in the "Sea of Love," ate at a Baltimore "Diner" with Kevin Bacon, and explored the Eighth Dimension with Buckaroo Banzai.

19. What unlikely animal grew to a gargantuan size and attacked humans in the 1970s film "Night of the Lepus?"

20. In this film series, which once spoofed "Jaws," a common garden vegetable became a deadly nemesis. Name the first film in this series.

Take that, Earth!



Answers from the last "Test Pattern"

1. Philo Farnsworth
2. "Kill Your Television"
3. Adam West
4. Kyle MacLachlan
5. "American Bandstand"
6. Dick Clark
7. Actress Christine Cavanaugh did both of their voices.
8. "The Mothman Prophecies"
9. "Leave It To Beaver"
10. They were both beavers (Duh)
11. Captain Kangaroo
12. "The Dukes of Hazard"
13. Max Headroom
14. Richard Dreyfuss
15. Alanis Morissette
16. Chairface Chippendale
17. Ren and Stimpy
18. Chris Burke
19. Anthony Edwards
20. Dr. Worm

Bonus-Old Kentucky Shark

## Wait a second, you've never heard of the Mothership?

### Week 3: Thoughts on obscurity with Elmer

BY ELMER  
Contributing Writer

**M**ost great music never becomes a household commodity. Eventually though, if the music is good enough it ends up in the hands of music snobs like myself and we can't believe the rest of the world has never heard it.

My favorite example of precious obscurity is Joy Division. This band created the music now known as "Goth." Joy Division is worshipped by annoying contemporary artists such as U2, Moby, and the Smashing Pumpkins.

The dark work of Joy Division is perfect listening material for college students who need to release or escape into a world that is far bleaker than that of Keene.

In fact, U2's Bono has been known to occasionally refer to the band as "genius." So why, if the band is so revered by Grammy award winning acts such as U2, did the band never receive the recognition they deserve?

The answer may simply be that the band is too esoteric, and that it requires the ideas and influence of the band to be recycled through sug-

arced bands to make it easier to swallow.

Take another great, relatively obscure musician: Tom Waits. This songwriter is better



property of Virgin Records  
"I am not a bloody Volkswagen commercial!"

known through other people covering his songs: Tom Waits' records are almost as revolutionary as Sgt. Peppers.

Starting as a piano-oriented songwriter, he sang about the down and out-lowlifes and burlesque. By the 1980s Waits was performing with avant-garde musicians and creating gritty foot stomping songs arranged with non-traditional instruments. The result is impeccable.

Waits established himself as one of the most influential songwriters of the 1980s with his output, but generally, no one knows who he is.

Tom Waits' music is not for everyone, but for anyone who is looking for great songs performed by a true original, then here is the man.

Like Joy Division, he is perfect listening for college students. Except Tom Waits is best listened to with a glass of scotch, a cigarette and anyone who will listen to you spill over the side about the one that got away.

So many artists have slaved away for years only to be "discovered" through some contemporary mass media outlet.

Thanks to Volkswagen, you have heard of Nick Drake, one of the greatest folk artists of the last one hundred years.

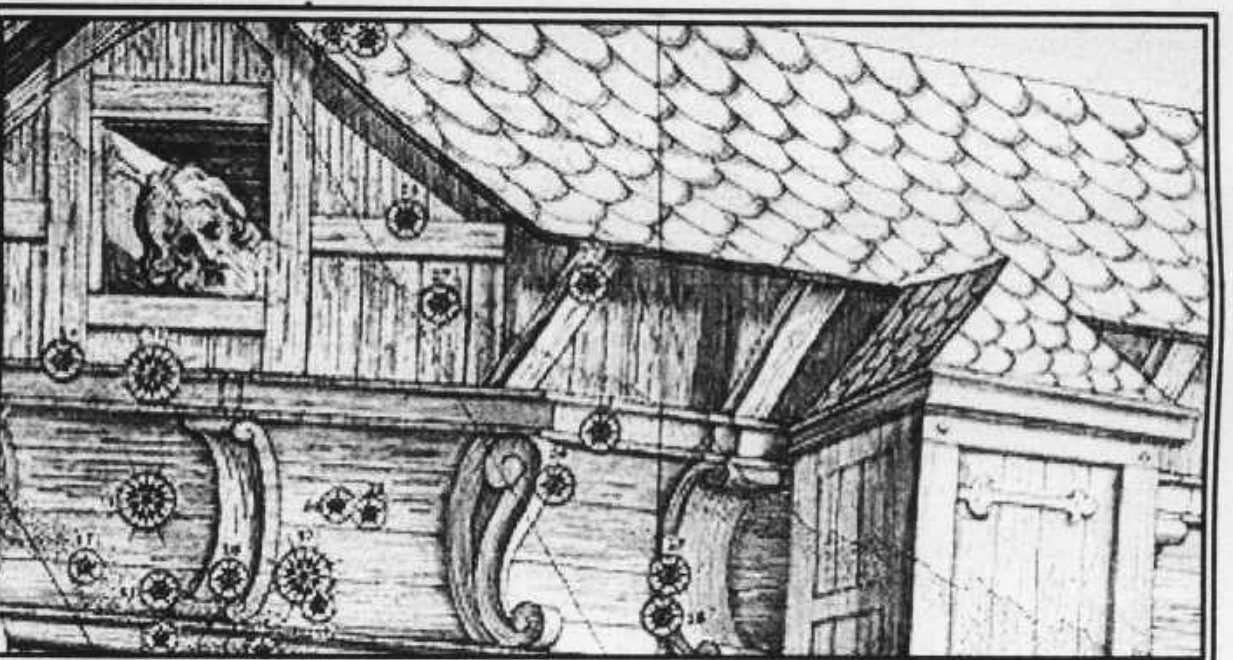
Thanks to MTV's Jackass, the music of the Minutemen is exposed. (They do the theme song.)

Oh well. Here is my album review for the week: Tom Waits - Raindogs: This album is perfect. Released in 1984, the album feels like a traveling circus. It is the soundtrack to drunken rides on an antique carousel. The brief respite from the spinning comes from the precious ballads.

The album has a sloppy, out of tune feel that is the greatest reward as the melodies float over the percussive attack of the band. This is an album that has to be heard to be believed.

Not to mention, the second track has my all-time favorite guitar solo.

When Matt's roommate played by Paulo Costanzo ("Road Trip") finds out he proceeds to tell everyone one he knows. Soon Matt's bet-obsessed dot com co-workers have



Above: "The Original 40 Days and 40 Nights": Will Josh have sex? Noah knows...

## A Sex Comedy without Sex

Josh Hartnett gives up sex in "40 Days and 40 Nights"

BY ALEC KERR  
The Equinox

**4**0 Days and 40 Nights" was original-

ly going to be released last August, but was pushed forward to coincide with Lent, when the movie takes place. The summer trailer showed Josh Hartnett talking directly to the camera about his vow of no sex, no kissing, no sensual touching of the opposite gender and no self gratification for you guessed it, forty days and forty nights. The song "Under Pressure" by Queen and David Bowie played in the background.

This amusing ad stuck with me enough that when the movie was finally released I saw it opening night.

The film deserves credit for having a fairly original concept. "40 Days" is a sex comedy where the main character is doing everything he can to NOT have sex—certainly a first. That main character, Matt (Josh Hartnett), has just been dumped by his last girlfriend, Nicole. Determined to get over this setback, Matt begins a series of one night stands, a lifestyle change he soon regrets. This regret turns up on her in the first place.

Whether or not a comedy is funny obviously depends on if it makes you laugh, and this movie had most of the audience laughing consistently throughout. Although some jokes fall flat, (especially the

set up an online pool, for which day Matt will give in to temptation. Before you know it Matt is being tempted by Xeroxed behinds and threesomes.

Michael Lehmann, the director of the movie is a bit of a loose cannon. He has made good movies like the black comedy "Heathers" and the romantic comedy "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," as well as bad movies like "Hudson Hawk" and "My Giant." "40 Days" leans more towards the good side than the bad.

Sure, this film has its flaws. The dot-com corporation that Matt works apparently only employs beautiful women wearing revealing clothing. In fact, there probably isn't one unattractive woman in the whole movie, but don't let this hang you up. Just go with the flow.

The movie cops out towards the end. The Nicole character comes back to ruin things with Matt's new love interest, Erica (Shannyn Sossamon of "A Knight's Tale"). Why she feels the need to take revenge against Matt is never explained. Throughout the movie she is shown as cruel and you have to wonder why Matt was so hung up on her in the first place.

Some jokes fall flat, (especially the

one involving Viagra) most hit the mark. I especially liked a dream sequence that seemed to be paying homage to "Brazil."

"40 Days" is a sex comedy put into the formula of a romantic comedy. Matt meets the girl of his dreams, but develops an intellectual and emotional relationship instead of a sexual one due to his vow. Following the tradition of a romantic comedy, several things most keep the lovers apart until the end of the movie.

Hartnett is a charming lead. He may not be a comic mastermind, but Hartnett carries the film nicely. We like him, which is important, otherwise we wouldn't care if he made it the forty days or not. Hartnett also has some genuine chemistry with Sossamon. They have some sweet scenes that counter some of the crudier or raunchier ones. The two talk about sex and relationships in a serious matter, which is a nice break from some of the silliness of the rest of the movie.

This isn't fine cinema, and anyone going in expecting such should be let down. The movie is far from being the perfect comedy, but it is funny. If you accept it for what it is, a silly, yet somewhat sweet sex comedy, then you should enjoy yourself. I think of it as "American Pie" crossed with a Meg Ryan romantic comedy.

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# Nine U.S. soldiers killed by al-Qaida, Taliban

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY  
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In the bloodiest day so far for Americans fighting in Afghanistan, up to nine U.S. soldiers died and at least 10 others were injured Monday on the fourth day of a major offensive against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters holed up in snow-bound mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

It was the largest one-day combat casualty toll for U.S. forces in the five-month war on terrorism, and they came in the biggest U.S.-led ground operation of the war.

Pentagon officials said it was unclear initially if U.S. fatalities totaled eight or nine.

Anti-Taliban Afghan forces specifically trained by the U.S. military for the assault also suffered casualties, but the numbers were not disclosed.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said that enemy fighters had suffered "much larger numbers of killed and wounded, and there will be many more."

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, chief of U.S. Central Command, said preliminary estimates put the number of al-Qaida and Taliban dead at

between 100 and 200, and described the offensive as "making good progress."

Defense officials said that some of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters had their families with them.

The latest U.S. casualties occurred within hours of each other in attacks on two U.S. MH-47 Chinook helicopters that were positioning troops in the rugged combat zone south of the town of Gardez, Franks told a news conference in Tampa, Fla.

President Bush, speaking to reporters during a visit to Minneapolis, said he mourned the American losses, but would not be

deterred from pursuing those responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Washington and New York.

"We send our prayers and tears to those whose families have lost life," Bush said during a speech at a Minneapolis high school. Later, answering reporters' questions, the president added: "I think that any time somebody loses their life, the American people will mourn, and are sad. And I feel that way too. On the other hand, I am just as determined now as I was a week ago or three months ago to fulfill this mission, and that is to make sure our

country is safe from further attack."

The first U.S. casualty came when a Chinook helicopter carrying a U.S. special forces reconnaissance team was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade as it made a hard landing under enemy fire on a mountainside in the combat zone, dubbed "Objective Remington."

The grenade bounced off the twin-rotor transport helicopter without exploding, but as the aircraft lifted from the ground, one of the soldiers aboard apparently fell out a door to his death, U.S. defense officials said.

"As the pilot lifted the helicopter off, I believe one crew member may

have fallen from the helicopter," Franks said. "I do not believe that was immediately recognized. The helicopter repositioned under its own power and (those aboard) immediately recognized that one of the crew members had been left behind."

Some time later, a second Chinook carrying U.S. troops landed in the same area, coming under withering small arms and machine gun fire. It may have crash-landed after being hit, Franks said.

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## Bush wants welfare recipients to work more, marry

BY JODI ENDA  
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President Bush proposed dramatic changes to the nation's welfare system on Tuesday, requiring many more recipients to work and encouraging them to marry.

Bush portrayed his plan as a compassionate way to fight poverty. Critics said it does not provide the money needed to make it succeed. The president's proposal devotes up to \$300 million in new money to promote marriage, but, critics contend, nothing extra for the child care that would make it possible for parents to go to work or school.

Bush's announcement comes as Congress prepares to take another look at the welfare reform law, signed by President Clinton in 1996, that cut public assistance rolls by more than half, linked welfare to work and limited aid in a recipient's lifetime to five years.

Although that law and Bush's proposals - set certain requirements for the states, they allow some flexibility. States administer welfare programs using money from federal block grants.

"We are encouraged by the initial results of welfare reform, but we're not content," Bush declared as he unveiled his plan in a Catholic church here. "Child poverty is still too high. Too many families are strained and fragile and broken. Too many Americans still have not found work and the purpose it brings."

As a remedy, Bush proposed stiffening requirements so that, within five years, 70 percent of welfare recipients will have jobs. Current law requires at least 50 percent of recipients hold a job, but because of a loophole and because so many people have left

public assistance in the last five years, only 5 percent of current welfare recipients work, Bush said.

Bush also would increase the number of hours welfare recipients are expected to work, from 30 hours a week to 40.

Tenage mothers could meet the requirement by attending high school. States could also permit recipients to attend school, job-training classes or drug- and alcohol-rehabilitation programs on two of the five days they would be required to work each week.

To strengthen families, the president proposed spending \$200

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George W. Bush  
President

million in federal money and up to \$100 million in state matching funds to pay for pre-marital education and counseling, as well as experimental programs aimed at encouraging marriage and saving

troubled ones.

"Statistics tell us that children from two-parent families are less likely to end up in poverty, drop out of school, become addicted to drugs, have a child out of wedlock, suffer abuse or become a violent criminal and end up in prison," Bush told about 350 peo-

ple involved in community and faith-based programs. "Building and preserving families are not always possible, I recognize that. But they should always be our goal."

Bush's plan also would allow states to funnel fathers' child-support payments directly to their children, rather than to the welfare system.

He will ask Congress to restore food stamps to 363,000 legal immigrants who were banned from the program by a provision in the 1996 law. Bush would end a mandate that legal immigrants work in the United States for a decade before receiving food stamps, and instead require that they live here for five years.

A spokeswoman for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee that will vote on the welfare proposal, said the Massachusetts

Democrat was "committed to working with the administration to reauthorize the welfare program to ensure that we're doing everything we can to reduce poverty and make work pay for all Americans."

But spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said Kennedy also wants to make certain there is enough money for childcare and other support services.

"There's no question that everyone's gotten the message that welfare's about work," said Alan Weil, who directs a welfare research project at the Urban Institute, a liberal research group based in Washington.

"States have the message, families have the message. I don't get why they have to crank this even tighter, especially because the economy is not in the position to provide the jobs that it was a couple years ago."

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## Anti-Islam editorial in Wayne State University paper criticized

BY NIRAJ WARIKOO  
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An editorial headlined "Islam Sucks" that ran in a student newspaper has drawn fire from an Arab-American group.

The piece, published Tuesday in the daily campus newspaper of Wayne State University in Detroit and written by a student, says Islam "presents a danger to the welfare of many due to its influence."

Written by Joe Fisher, who was not available for comment Wednesday, the editorial also says, "Islam subjugates hundreds of millions of women, sexual minorities and other religions where it's the law of the land."

After reading the editorial, Imam Hamad, regional director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said, "It is absolutely appalling that such ignorance, accompanied by numerous inaccuracies, would find its place in a newspaper distributed by a highly respected academic institution."

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## Americans' old computers poison waterways in Asia

BY JULIE SEVRENS LYONS  
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Old computer parts hauled into American recycling centers are more likely to wind up as toxic trash in Asia's waterways than as reused high-tech materials on store shelves, according to a report to be released Monday.

While many consumers are led to believe their outdated equipment will be given a new life after turning it in for recycling, most often it winds up on a boat bound for China, India or Pakistan where it is burned in rice fields or dumped into irrigation canals.

The electronic trash, known as e-waste, is left to leach poisonous materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium into water supplies and the atmosphere. Investigators researching the report found waterways and rural fields littered with broken glass, circuit boards and plastic parts.

"It's kind of the underbelly of the high-tech revolution, and it really isn't very pretty," said Ted Smith, executive director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, one of five environmental groups that worked together on the report.

Indeed, an estimated 50 to 80 percent of all electronics parts "recycled" in the Western United States are ultimately transported to Asia, according to the report. There, they are not recycled but dumped into open fields, riverbanks, ponds, wetlands and irrigation ditches, according to "Exporting Harm: The Techno-Trashing of Asia."

"What we found was really a cyber-age nightmare," said Jim Puckett, coordinator of the Seattle-based Basel Action Network, one of the environmental groups that worked on the report and toured China in December. "It's toxic waste and in massive amounts. This is stuff from me or you."

The graveyards where many old

personal computers have gone to die can be found in villages like Guiyu, China. Villagers there make barely enough money to survive by burning electronics wires to recover the scant traces of copper found inside.

Workers, many of them children, fish toner out of printer cartridges or swish circuit boards in acid baths in an attempt to remove any precious metals or materials from the otherwise worthless cargo.

Smoke from the crude recycling methods dusts the local huts and water holes with a thick layer of toxic ash, the investigators found. Chards of glass from broken computer monitors litter irrigation canals. And blackened circuit boards line entire riverbanks.

"It is off the scale, the pollution

that they found," said Smith. "There's no thought and no pretense of any environmental or occupational health standards."

Computer waste is filtered to such areas from not only the United States but from other industrialized nations such as England, Japan, Australia and Singapore.

The villagers are not given gloves or other protective gear to wear, nor are they aware some of the parts they handle may be carcinogenic, report authors state.

The flow of e-waste from North America to poor Asian countries has been a dirty little secret for years, one that most consumers and even many computer makers don't know about, said Renee St. Denis, product recycling solutions manager for

Hewlett-Packard. The industry giant launched its own recycling program seven years ago after learning that even the most reputable recycling businesses ultimately end up selling computer parts to other firms, which do ship waste to Asia.

"It's a complicated, convoluted path the stuff follows to get to China," St. Denis said. "It isn't necessarily the first person who handles it who ships it there."

Firms that handle most U.S. computer recycling could not be reached for comment Sunday. But one key problem appears to be that it costs more to transform old electronics parts into new products than recycling firms can make off them.

Proper disposal of a standard computer in the United States costs between \$5 and \$10, said Steve Skurnak, president of Micro Metalics Corp. in San Jose. Skurnak's company is one of the few to break down electronics parts itself under federal environmental regula-

tions rather than shipping them to Asia, where such laws are lax or nonexistent.

"It's clearly not a universal standard for handling this kind of waste stream," Skurnak said. "That's what's discouraging. There is a lot of material people or companies think is being recycled but obviously isn't."

The full report can be found online at [www.ban.org](http://www.ban.org). Hewlett-Packard will pick up your unwanted computer equipment - whether it's made by them or not - and recycle it in the United States for a nominal fee. Functioning computers are donated to charities, while others are refurbished and resold. Those that can't be salvaged are recycled properly without adding to landfills. For details, go to [www.hp.com/go/recycle](http://www.hp.com/go/recycle).

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## Soundoff

What's your opinion on Women's History Month?



"It's important because in the past history has been from a white upperclass male view."

Sue Ashman  
Senior, Women's Studies,  
English



"I think there should be a man's month and also a foreigner's month."

Ramin Azimian  
Senior, Computer  
Science



"It's a good way to recognize women's roles in society."

Pam Stinson  
Sophomore,  
Elem. Ed., Psychology



"I think it's good to raise awareness."

Kerry Robarge  
Junior, Communications



"It's great. I love women."

Matthew Crucius  
Senior, Communications

Photos and interviews  
by Mary Donahue

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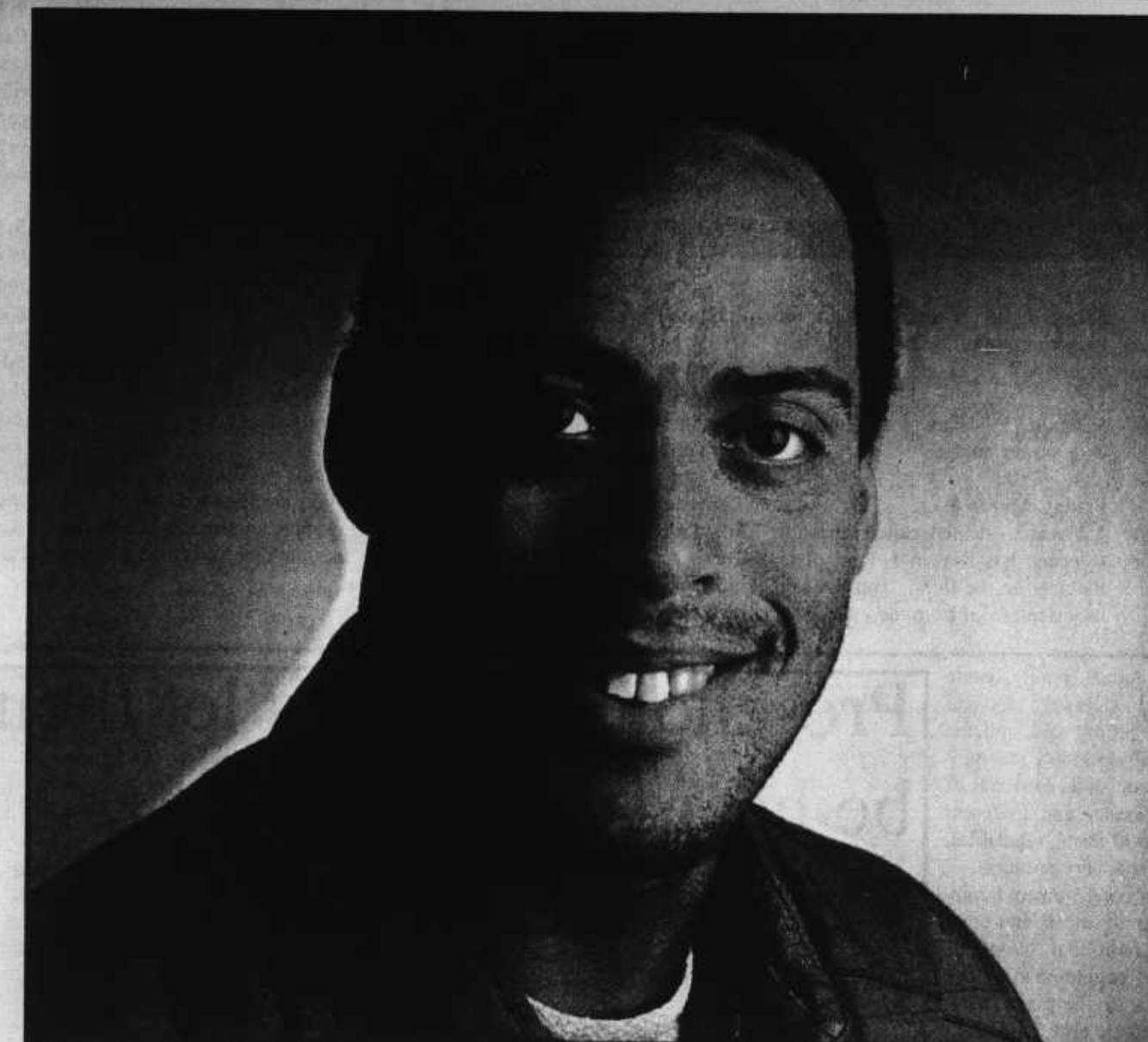


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Don McPherson, former pro football player and associate director of Athletics Helping Athletes, spoke at Keene State last Wednesday.

## Breaking the language barrier

BY SARA RUCH  
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Language contributes to violent behavior in today's society, said former NFL football player Don McPherson during his presentation at KSC last Wednesday.

McPherson, who gave three presentations at the college last week, said his main goal is to enable dialogue between men and women.

He said men and women need to fig-

ure out who they are so that they are able to communicate better, and sex violence is just one of the many issues today that can be linked to problems with communication and gender.

People today have a very narrow view of masculinity because it is what they are taught when they are young, he said. We need to look beyond gender violence to the definitions of masculinity and how boys are raised to be men. Violent behavior is not a problem easi-

ly fixed. It is a learned behavior that is very complex because it consists of many layers, said McPherson.

"This is not so simple as to go in and say 'you are wrong,' because they didn't create the behavior."

McPherson got involved in this issue for many reasons but stressed to his audience that it was not because he was a former perpetrator or survivor of sex violence. See *Gender Violence*, pg. 6



Equinox photo by Melinda Hebert

Alison Spring and Jessica Simon, KSC dietetic interns, discussed "Body Image: a local or global phenomenon" at a brown bag lunch sponsored by the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

## A "child-like beauty" is remembered at Tresp memorial service

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neighboring houses illuminated the Mabel Brown Room as Corinne Kowpak, vice president of student affairs, began by reading a passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

"There is a time to kill and a time to heal... a time to weep and a time to laugh," she read.

"Erin deeply cherished and created in many of us a time of joy," said Kowpak.

The service was put on by a variety of groups on campus including the Campus Ministry and the Newman Center, said Cullity. The junior class, to which Tresp belonged, was part of the invitation that extended to members of the KSC community who knew Tresp from her short time at KSC.

Junior and Senior Class Representatives spoke and sent their personal condolences to the family. Mary Anne Demotto, who organized the service along with Cullity, explained the "endless stream of

tears" following Tresp's death. According to an earlier Equinox report, Tresp, 21, a junior majoring in psychology, was originally from Great Barrington, Mass. She leaves behind both her parents, two brothers, and many other friends and family members.

Tresp's parents attended the service and embraced their daughter's classmates and friends following the ceremony.

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and it was "totally insane."

When White returned to her room in Fiske Hall, she said it was just as chaotic there.

"Everyone was gathering together on the quad and benches near the DCC" and she added that she had to "crawl through people on the stairs" inside Fiske.

The Internet in Carle Hall has been "down for a couple of days," said Erin Dineen, a Carle resident advisor.

Dineen said she was told by a friend who works at STSS that "it was going to be a while" and she hopes it gets fixed soon.

Her residents have been coming over to ask about the problem and that their biggest concern has been about not being able to use the new version of AOL Instant Messenger.

"The biggest thing is that people can't get on the new Instant Messenger. It's a very huge form of communication."

Dineen added that the lack of Internet capability has made her realize just how much she relies on technology.

"It reminded me of the east coast black out of 1966," said senior Steven Parker. Parker was working at the College's radio station, WKNH, when the lights went out.

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