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# The Equinox Sports

## Lady Owls acquire first loss of season

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The Equinox

The Keene State College women's soccer team is pretty positive that they are going to have a winning season this year, but could they be thinking about a perfect season as well?

Going into last week, the Lady Owls were 4-0-1 and blowing out opponents with ease.

Their style of play has been aggressive and fast paced, with a little finesse added in.

While on a road trip to North Adams, Mass., to play Mass College of Liberal Arts, the Lady Owls took their style of play and showed up Mass College in a 6-0 shutout.

Tia Meiler was the star of the game, as she netted two goals and got one assist.

Meiler's first goal opened the scoring for the Lady Owls, as she drilled one right past the Mass College keeper.

Roxana Fera made it a 2-0 game after a nice pass by Amy Zombeck.

After watching Fera net her fifth goal of the season, Zombeck brought her own season total to five, giving the Lady Owls 3-0 at the end of the half.

Attacking early on, the Lady Owls wanted to put Mass College away, and they did just that, as Neely Hucker, Sarah Kent and Meiler blew shots past Mass College goalie Kelley Morrissey.

At the end of the week, both Mass College and Keene State would have something in common with each other, besides the frigid September weather.

They both would have a number one in the loss column.

When Keene State faced-off against Salem State College on Thursday at Owl Stadium, Salem State was supposed to roll over and die.

However, Salem State had other plans.

"We just didn't come out to play," said Lady Owls head coach Denise Lyons.

This was a game of almosts for the Lady Owls, who's all-around play surpassed Salem State early on.

Keene State played very aggressive.

With 41 minutes remaining in the half, Fera almost netted a goal, but the Salem State goalie was over the play.

Most of the play early on was on the Salem State side.

Both Hucker and Elizabeth Oram were aggressive and kept play alive and well in the Salem State zone.

Kristen Daly didn't get a lot of action for the first half of the period, but as if a spell had been lifted off Salem State, they woke up and were attacking Daly with a couple of phenomenal shots.

Play went back and forth, and with 20:27 remaining in the half Keene State almost had a 1-0 lead.

Lauren Trechok, goalie for Salem State, made a great save.

However, the save pulled her way out position for any chance at stopping a rebound shot.

Keene State had virtually an open net, but couldn't convert, as a Salem State defender booted the ball out of harms way.

Momentum was clearly with the Lady Owls.

With 15:18 left, Meiler almost scored with a rocket shot, but it sailed wide right.

With 5:07 remaining, Sarah Kent passed a perfect ball right to Meiler and this time she was dead on, but the goalie was ready to save what almost opened the scoring for the Lady Owls.

Keene State almost went into the half with a tie score at zero, but on a cornerkick, Maryann Quinn scored as the ball went right through the

hands of Daly to put Salem up 1-0 with 3:58 remaining.

Keene State came into the second half on fire, as the Salem State goalie was forced to make some key saves.

Frustration started to settle in for the Lady Owls, as their shots never got through the defense or the goalie.

With 36 minutes remaining in the match, Keene State got a chance to re-group, as a Salem State player went down hard on the turf.

The Lady Owls took advantage of the time-out in a big way.

Within a minute, Zombeck had two great shots that almost went in.

The first was a free kick that sailed over the entire Salem State defense, but the goalie caught the ball on the bounce.

The other was a boot that went wide right.

With under 16 minutes remaining in the match, the Lady Owls were playing with a sense of urgency, as they got very aggressive and attacked the ball as well as the Salem State players.

As time went under 10 minutes, Keene State was looking tired, as many passes were being missed.

With about a minute and a half left, there was a fight for the ball right in front of the goalie crease.

While the Salem goalie was clueless on where the ball was, Lozier found it and put a damper on the Salem State players.

"We picked up the intensity," said Elizabeth Thornton. "I thought we played overall better after the goal."

"It was good to see that the team could come back from behind," said Lyons.

Unfortunately, the fat lady had not sung, as the game went into overtime.

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Equinox file photo  
KSC men's soccer coach Ron Butcher is expecting no less than a postseason berth for his team.

## KSC awaits duel with PSC

DAVID HALEY  
The Equinox

For Keene State College's men's soccer team, it's time to buckle up and see what this Little East thing is all about.

A 4-1 start sprinkled with national powers (Keene College) and cream puff (Hilbert College) alike leads into a Homecoming showdown with arch rival Plymouth State College on Saturday.

"It's always a big game for us no matter what but, the fact that it is now a conference game will make it that more intense come Saturday," noted senior tri-captain Kevin Chevalier.

Pre-season polls rated Keene State and Plymouth State numbers one and two respectively and both have gotten off to fast starts thus far.

"We realize the importance of a game like this when it comes to conference implications," said head coach Ron Butcher. "The fact that Saturday will kick off the President's Cup will make it that much bigger of a game."

After Keene State announced its move to the Division III level, the Presidents for both Keene

State and Plymouth State announced a President's Cup competition to be held in the major men's and women's sports between the two schools.

The Owls have gotten off to their fast start despite the fact that coaching staff and players alike don't feel like they are playing nearly as well as they should be.

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Ron Butcher  
Owls head coach

"It can get frustrating," noted senior tri-captain Dave Stuart. "We know we are a lot better than we have shown but we have been working on some new things defensively and that has gotten us behind a little bit. I feel like we'll continue to get a lot stronger as the duration of the season goes on."

"It's the Homecoming game and it's against a big rival so I hope we see a lot of people out at the games on Saturday," added Butcher.

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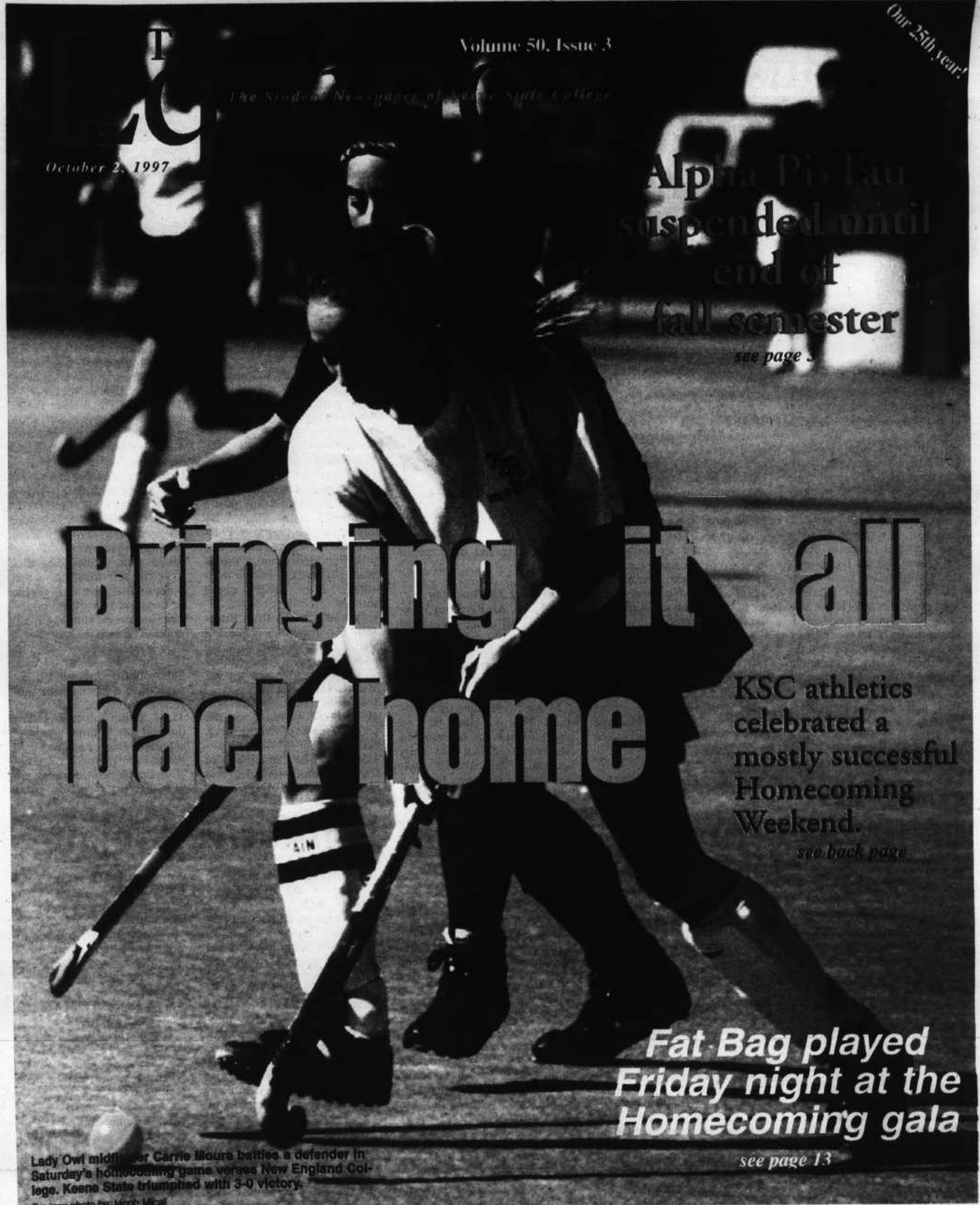
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Our 25th year!



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suspended until  
end of  
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# Bringing it all back home

KSC athletics  
celebrated a  
mostly successful  
Homecoming  
Weekend.  
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Fat Bag played  
Friday night at the  
Homecoming gala  
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Lady Owl midfielder Carrie Mours battles a defender in Saturday's homecoming game versus New England College. Keene State triumphed with 3-0 victory.  
Equinox photo by Jacob Mical

# Campus Safety Log

**September 20 Saturday**  
**1:46 a.m.** Vomit found in a first floor bathroom in Carle Hall. WFF (College Cleaning Service) responded.  
**1:55 a.m.** Report of a skunk outside Pondsides Hall. Campus Safety Officers responded and moved the skunk along.  
**2:22 a.m.** Vomit clean-up in a Randall Hall stairwell.  
**4:13 a.m.** A resident in Owl's Nest 2 complained that there was a group of people on the second floor making noise. An RA was contacted.  
**9:56 p.m.** The campus safety office recorded that the Keene Police Department had made arrests at an off-campus residence for unlawful possession of alcohol.

**September 21 Sunday**  
**1:20 a.m.** Campus Safety Officers responded to a loud group of people in the Tisdale parking lot. The group moved along.  
**7:58 a.m.** A resident at Owl's Nest 8 called to report that a girl (name deleted by campus safety) had fallen from a second story window. Campus Safety Officers and Health Services personnel responded. The girl was taken to Cheshire Medical Center and treated for a bruised kidney, broken toe and bloody urine. She was later released.  
**4:54 a.m.** Report of skateboarders on the south steps of Morrison Hall. Campus Safety Officers quieted the subjects.  
**3:29 p.m.** An ambulance and Keene police responded to a blue light phone call concern-

ing a male near the trestle vomiting blood. An officer found the victim unresponsive under the bridge.  
**4:24 p.m.** Campus Safety Officers spoke with skateboarders on the steps of the Zorn Dining Commons.  
**10:26 p.m.** Two subjects playing roller-hockey were found on the Hayn tennis courts next to the Summer-Joyce field. They were told to play elsewhere.

**September 22 Monday**  
**6:41 p.m.** Three skateboarders were discovered on the north side of the art gallery. They were informed of the rules and they decided to leave.  
**10:16 p.m.** An RA from Monadnock Hall called to complain about a band playing bongos on Fiske Quad. Campus Safety Officers spoke to the musicians who agreed to keep the noise down.  
**10:42 p.m.** Report of a person lying under a tree in the campus commuter lot with their hand over their face.  
**11:02 p.m.** There was a complaint from Huntress Hall about bongo players in front of the student center.

**September 23 Tuesday**  
**1:16 a.m.** There was a report of a loud bang and smoke on the front facing side of Bushnell Apartments. The caller said the explosion sounded like a pipe bomb, but no damage was found.

**September 24 Wednesday**  
**1:09 a.m.** A night attendant in

Huntress Hall reported a group of individuals on the landing making noise.  
**11:03 a.m.** Ron Whippie, from plumbing, reported the theft of a power tool. The Department of Campus Safety is investigating the matter.  
**3:31 p.m.** The building manager for Tisdale Family Apartments reported that the former building manager was dumping a truckload of garbage into the college dumpsters behind the apartments. The calling manager felt it wasn't right for the former manager to use the dumpster for his personal trash.  
**4:35 a.m.** A student requested that a report be filed about a vehicle that almost struck him while crossing Winchester Street.  
**8:05 p.m.** A traffic accident occurred at the entrance to the Elliot parking lot. One car was towed due to damage sustained. Broken glass from the accident was cleaned up and sand was spread over spilled oil.

**September 25 Thursday**  
**12:54 a.m.** An RA from Monadnock Hall called to request assistance to pursue subjects who got into the building. The subjects had reportedly ripped down some signs and broke a bulletin board.  
**1:14 a.m.** A resident of Merrimack House called 911 to report smoke in the building and requested that fire units respond. The smoke was reportedly coming from a locked closet in the building.



Equinox File Photo

### KPD Cruiser

but no fire was found. A smoke bomb is suspected.  
**4:11 p.m.** A Campus Safety Officer responded to a call regarding a skateboarder using a Greek "Rush" sign as a ramp on the Zorn Dining Commons.  
**5:03 p.m.** Report of skateboarders at the Zorn Dining Commons.

**September 26 Friday**  
**12:27 a.m.** An RA from Carle Hall requested that the Department of Campus Safety take a report about a "criminally threatening" phone call received earlier that night. The caller reportedly said, "You're dead, I'll be there in five minutes." The caller never showed.  
**1:19 a.m.** An RA from Bushnell Apartments requested assistance with two fighting males. The males were separated and the matter was handed over to residential life.  
**1:46 a.m.** There was a report of someone vomiting on the second floor of Monadnock Hall.  
**1:50 a.m.** The Department of Campus Safety recorded that the Keene Police Department

had discovered a subject from a Keene State College fraternity who was running in front of cars at the corner of Blake and Winchester streets. The police officers observed one driver stop and get into a verbal altercation with the subject.  
**2:09 a.m.** The Keene Police Department responded to a group of sorority girls who were in the street chanting and yelling.  
**4:34 p.m.** Skateboarders were discovered near the Spaulding Gymnasium.  
**5:32 p.m.** Skateboarders were reported in front of the Zorn Dining Commons.  
**10:31 p.m.** Social Activities Council staff members called to report that there were people in the front row of the homecoming concert smoking marijuana. The staff members said they asked the people to stop, but they wouldn't. Campus Safety Officers responded but were unable to locate the subjects in the crowd.  
**11:22 p.m.** Someone (name deleted by campus safety) reported they had received harassing phone messages from (name deleted from campus safety).

## Campus crime bill caught in legislative logjam

JONATHAN SWEET  
Bradley University Scout

A bill before the U.S. House that could increase the accuracy of campus crime statistics has become stuck in legislative limbo.  
 The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act of 1997, introduced last spring by Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-Tenn.), was sent to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which in turn referred the bill to the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Lifelong Learning in March.  
 Currently, no further action is planned on the bill, according to a spokesperson for the committee.

"This is not fatal for a bill," said William Hall, who chairs the political science department. "However, it probably doesn't auger well."  
 "This is obviously not an imperative issue (for the committee), but the bill will - unless outright killed - be in existence until Congress finishes its business in late 1998," he said.  
 Currently, federal law requires universities only to report crimes that are investigated by campus police and result in arrests.  
 This means that any violation handled by non-police officials, such as the Student Judicial System at Bradley, are not required to be included in statistics.  
 Colleges and universities are

required to release crime statistics annually because of the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.  
 The revised act would require all incidents of crimes, whether or not arrests were made, to be included in yearly crime statistics.  
 It also would expand those required to report incidents from police to all campus employees.  
 The bill also would require hearings by student judicial systems to be open to the public, an issue that has led the Association of Student Judicial Systems to oppose the bill.  
 "We don't have a problem releasing the stats," said Tim Wendle, director of residential life and a member of the asso-

ciation. "We're against the opening of the disciplinary hearings, though."  
 "We support all but that part of the bill," he said.  
 "It is difficult now to get people to come forward," he said. "If we made the hearings open to the public, it would be almost impossible."  
 Some critics of student judicial systems have charged that schools use them to hide crime.  
 Wendle said that while "it's not true here, there are some schools where the system has been abused, and that hurts us all."  
 Supporters of the bill say including the statistics will give students and parents a more realistic view of crime on campus.  
 If the bill passes, it would

take effect Jan. 1, 1998.  
 A violation of the act could result in a university losing all federal funding.  
 Besides grants to the university for research or other academic endeavors, this also would include all financial aid students receive from the federal government, such as direct loans and Pell Grants.  
 The act also would change the categories of crime that are reported.  
 Currently, universities must report crimes in 10 categories according to federal law: homicide, forcible sex offenses, non-forcible sex offenses, robbery aggravated assault, burglary, motor-vehicle theft and violations of liquor, drug and weapons laws.

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# Alpha Pi Tau placed on suspension until March

ANTHONY B. VOGL  
The Equinox

The College Judicial Board's hearing to decide the fate of Alpha Pi Tau resulted in the fraternity being found responsible for party mismanagement and fire safety violations of college policy.  
 The fraternity was placed on suspension until the end of the fall semester. The charges against the fraternity are the result of a Keene Police Department and Keene Fire Department investigation which began earlier in September.  
 Alpha Pi Tau was not found responsible for breaking a section of the College Judicial Code which deals with "violations of any local, state or federal laws regarding alcohol."  
 They were, however, in violation of the college party management policy, "tampering with fire prevention, fire safety, or fire fighting equipment," and "failure to comply with the reasonable direction of law enforcement officers or fire department personnel acting in the performance of their duties," according to sections listed in the College Judicial Code.  
 Alpha Pi Tau President Sean

Powell, a junior, said while he was pleased with the general outcome, there was something fishy about how the members of the judicial board dealt with the fire code violations.  
 Don Bliss, the state fire marshal, testified at the hearing that he did not feel Alpha Pi Tau failed to comply with reasonable direction of fire department personnel, Powell said.  
 Alpha Pi Tau is the only fraternity at Keene State which owns their own house. Powell said they take care of their own matters and must get their own finances themselves.  
 He said the repairing of the health and fire issues were not finished by the time of the hearing.  
 He said they were found guilty because the college was concerned about people who were coming into the house.  
 Even after Bliss testified in Alpha Pi Tau's favor, Powell said, members of the judicial board used their own opinion to make the charges.  
 Powell said Bliss was asked twice if he thought Alpha Pi Tau failed to comply with Bliss' recommendations to fix the fire code violations.  
 "I don't understand where

their (members of the judicial board) professional opinion comes in and overruled that," Powell said.  
 Andy Robinson, associate dean for student affairs; student development, said all the fraternities at Keene State are required to maintain a safe environment.  
 "The issue was that (the fire equipment) was sometimes disconnected and not working," Robinson said. "The concern was that it be maintained and in working order."  
 In regard to the party mismanagement, he said Keene State is developing an implementation team "so fraternities will know how we interpret those guidelines and what we expect of them."  
 This implementation team is charged with developing the implementation processes

developed by Keene State President Stanley J. Yarosewick last spring in the Greek Assessment.  
 Yarosewick said in a written statement he appreciated the way the judicial board reviewed both the Alpha Pi Tau case and the Phi Mu Delta case.  
 He also said Keene State is looking to the future for the fraternities to work together.  
 "Looking toward the future, I hope both Alpha Pi Tau and Phi Mu Delta will work with us to comply with the standard we adopted last semester," Yarosewick said in the written statement.  
 Last week, Phi Mu Delta was suspended until March following an investigation into underage drinking, fire violations, and illegal drugs found in the fraternity house during a police raid earlier in the semester.  
 Powell said in regard to the safety violations he thought Keene State was nervous money-wise because of recent safety violation accidents at other colleges and universities.  
 "They are more concerned about their pockets than they

*Alpha Pi Tau was charged with the following Conduct Violations of the College Judicial Code in the Student Handbook*

2.2 - Failure to comply with the reasonable directions of law enforcement officers or fire department personnel acting in the performance of their duties - *found responsible*  
 4.1 - Violating any local, state or federal law regarding alcohol - *found not responsible*  
 4.8 - Illegal distribution of alcohol - *found not responsible*  
 8.5 - Tampering with fire prevention, fire safety or fire fighting equipment - *found responsible*  
 13.9 - Violation of any portion of the greek life risk management policy - *found not responsible*  
 13.10 - Violation of any party management policy - *found responsible*  
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## Database connects administrative offices now, students later

JAMIE MORRISON  
The Equinox

By the middle of October, Keene State College will be ready to begin the first phase of its new and experimental Datatel Student Information System.  
 The system will contain information on all Keene State students.  
 The college has been working for the last 14 months transferring all data on students and converting the information to the new system, Dwight Fischer, director of information access/administration and the project manager for the new computer system, said.  
 Students shouldn't expect to notice major changes any time soon though, Fischer said.  
 Students won't be able to independently access the system for a year, he said, but eventually they will have access to their own information using a user name and password, in the same way they can log on to computer accounts now.  
 However, for now the system will be limited to a few administrative offices while it is tested and the bugs are all

worked out, Fischer said.  
 "We will build additional access as the system stabilizes," Fischer said. "This is a highly complex process. It has to be precise."  
 The registrar's office is one of the many administrative offices at Keene State which will undergo the switch to the new system. Starting Oct. 20, the registrar will begin using the new system, Keene State Registrar Susan Sielke said.  
 "The new system is going to completely change the way we [registrar's office] do business," Sielke said.  
 Sielke hopes the new system will eventually allow students to access information that is currently only available at the registrar's office. If students could serve themselves, traffic at the registrar would decrease and staff would have more time to spend with the students who really need help, Sielke said.  
 The timing of the first phase of the project coincides with the choosing of spring semester course selection. When asked if the new system will have any effect on students' course selection, Fischer said it shouldn't.



Equinox photo by Lynn Kirmieck

Bette Hebb, student loans and collections official works to put student records into the new Datatel system. The Datatel system is expected to be on-line for students next year.  
 "It (course selection) may not be smooth, but students shouldn't see much of a difference," Fischer said.  
 The new system will also be used in aiding students' faculty advisors.  
 Eventually students will be able to make changes using the new system instead of having to travel to multiple offices to take care of their business, Fischer said.  
 Students can expect improvements within the next two years, Fischer said.  
 Installing the system was not easy or cheap, Fischer said. Software costs alone for the project totaled \$700,000.  
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# Opinion

## Revived Plymouth rivalry good for school spirit

### Editorial

A rivalry is a good thing. Think of the famous, long-standing arch rivalries in collegiate sports. Notre Dame versus Boston College. Army versus Navy. Harvard versus Yale. Florida versus Florida State.

Now, add Keene State College versus Plymouth State College to this list.

It may not be a nationally known rivalry, but now that the old Keene State-Plymouth State rivalry has been revived, New Hampshire sports fans will be caught up in the struggle as both the Owls and the Panthers fight it out over which school will take home the Presidents' Cup.

The Presidents' Cup, a competition initiated by Keene State President Stanley Yarosewick and Plymouth State President Donald Wharton, will go to whichever school which, at the end of the academic year, has the most wins against the other in the 11 sports in which they compete.

This is one of the best things that has been done in regards to athletics at Keene State since the move to Division III. Keene State

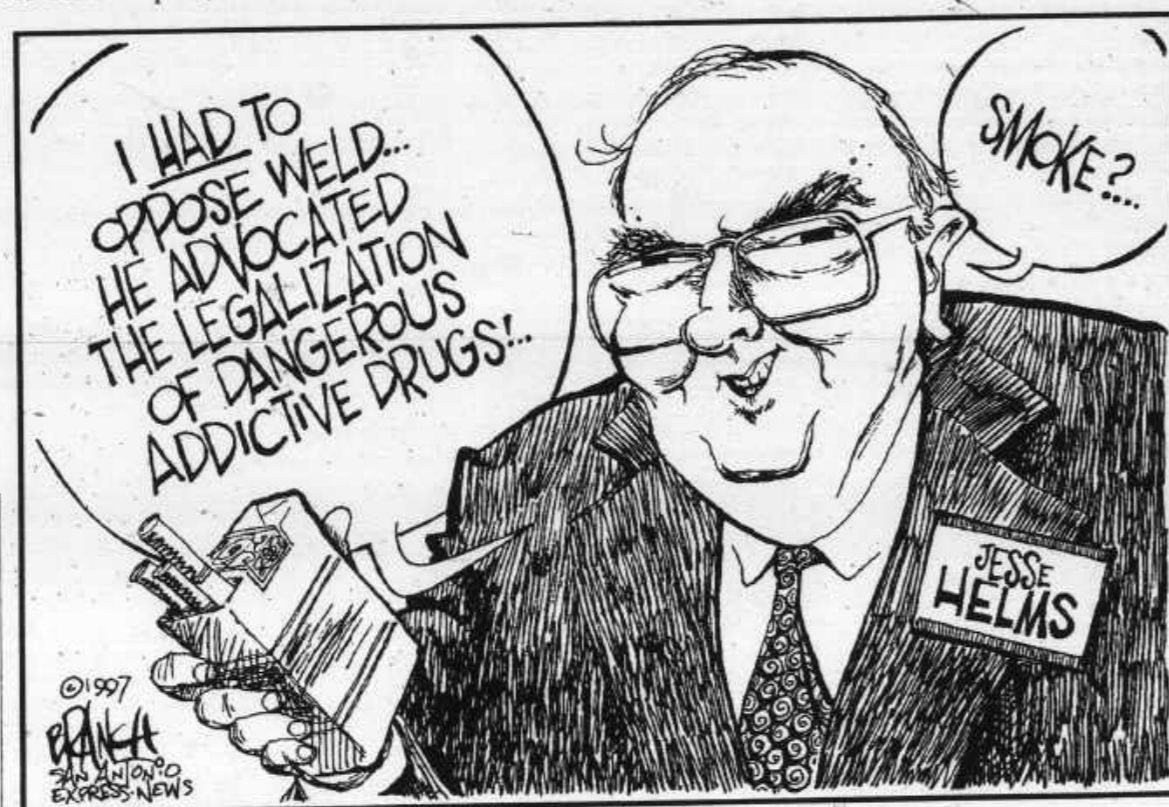
and Plymouth State are both state schools, about the same size, and both have athletic programs just itching to get after the other. The chance to start up a rivalry was ripe; Plymouth State has been a rival of Keene State since the first game was played between the sister schools generations ago. Old rivalries die hard.

Hopefully, the Keene State-Plymouth State games will be a much-needed shot in the arm for school spirit, which seems to have been

lacking in recent years. It was hoped that the games would draw so many fans that they'd be hanging from the rafters, and that is our hope as well. We have a great school here, and should take more pride in it.

So turn out and support our athletic teams. Cheer them on as they fight to win the Presidents' Cup. The score is currently tied 1-1, but we've not yet begun to fight.

Go, Owls!



### Soundoff

Photos and interviews by Sheila Griffin

"What do you think about the Homecoming activities?"



"Finally the school got some good music."  
•Jay Retkevitz  
sophomore  
undecided



"It was nice, it was organized pretty good and catered well to the students."  
•Craig Davis  
freshman  
undecided



"It's been nice to come back."  
•Linda Merrill  
class of 1988  
psychology/safety



"Well thought out, lots of energy and enthusiasm, I liked the diversity of activities."  
•Paul Levine Mellion  
class of 1972  
education

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## Students suffering under the high cost of education

### Guest Commentary

Classes have started again, and with the start of classes comes the pressure of deadlines and grades, homework and exams. For students like me, this kind of pressure is much more welcome than the stress that has been plaguing us not only during the college term, but every minute of our lives: the challenge of paying for college.

I grew up in a family where "debt" is an evil word. I do not borrow money, nor do I own a credit card, and I never spend money that I do not have.

But because I am not fortunate enough to pay for my education, I am left with only one choice; I can sign myself into the same debt that I have worked my whole life to avoid. Without that signature, education for me is impossible.

I am not the only one in this predicament. This is evident when I talk with financial aid administrators, as they have obviously heard everything I have to say before.

Standing before them with a pitiful, angry face, I represent just another file of incoherent forms, letters, arguments, appeals. There are no questions like, "How much do you want to be here?" or, "How hard are you willing to work?" or, "How will you succeed?"

the core of college life. Kids with money do not spend their summers worrying about appeasing the masses of college clerks who hound us for paperwork, documentation of our financial status, and checks that we cannot write. Kids with money do not struggle to write

country will soon pass its breaking point. Logistically, we cannot afford to maintain a system that depends on student debt and the liquidation of retirement funds and pensions to educate the young people of our country. The stakes are high, colleges are losing good students, students with brilliant minds and a passion for changing the world, simply because their parents cannot pay.

In the midst of the bankruptcy of the middle class, one question must be answered: Is education truly a way to better ourselves, instill values, and give us hope for a happy and fulfilling future, or is it simply a degree-selling business in which the power of the pocket far surpasses the power of intellect?

In three years, I will graduate from college and be prepared to act on my dreams and fulfill my goals. Among the endless uncertainties I will face, one thing is already set in stone; I will enter the world with debt on my shoulders and will be very good at signing my name.

*Eagun Anderson is a Keene State College sophomore majoring in English.*

"...colleges are losing good students, students with brilliant minds and a passion for changing the world, simply because their parents cannot pay."

I have always had a naive vision that if I could only make them understand these things - that I want to be in school more than I have ever wanted anything in my life, that I thrive on hard work, that I will succeed, that education is my passion and obsession - then they would wave the magic wand of "poor kid pity" and produce a ticket for me to finish school.

But deep down I know how silly, how unrealistic this is, and I know that this is not how the system works. More than anything, I know what it's like to want. The great "class divide" is evident to

papers between eight-hour shifts of warehouse work, or worry about how they will buy books for their classes.

This is not an attack or judgment against any student's financial situation. It is an attack on the system that fails to categorize me by my accomplishments, my talents, my goals and dreams, and instead encourages me to lightheartedly sign myself into thousands of dollars worth of debt.

It is an attack on the system that keeps me filed in a drawer with the rest of the beggars.

The state of higher education in this

### Letters to the Editor

#### T-shirt sends the wrong message

I'd like to comment on a t-shirt I recently noticed a Keene State student wearing which described Keene State College as the only college where your "blood alcohol level is greater than your G.P.A."

For those students who are concerned about their education and their personal reputation as well as that of Keene State College, I suggest that when you see these types of messages you request that the person refrain from maligning you and your school. After all, when you enter your first job interview and state you are from Keene State, what do you think the chances are of getting the job if the future employer believed some of these messages that misrepresent Keene State as a "party school."

It is only when students who are tired of seeing Keene State misrepresented in such a manner and who are tired of dealing with the small but high profile minority that is intruding on their education due to their high risk alcohol consumption. It is only when these students decide to speak out about their concerns that we will see a significant change in the dangerously high consumption of alcohol and other drugs at Keene State College.

By the way, the Louisiana State University student who recently died from serious alcohol poisoning is reported to have had a b.a.l. of .58. The highest recorded b.a.l. that someone was able to survive is approximately .54. If, as the t-shirt suggested, your G.P.A. is lower than those b.a.l.s, I suggest you save yourself and perhaps your parents a significant

amount of money and reconsider your choice to attend college.

*Jim Matthews*  
special assistant to the vice president for alcohol and other drug programs

#### Rock the vote for city council

A cosmic event occurred this morning at dawn, Friday, September 26, 1997. As I left Hannaford's Superstore with my daily dose of Typhoon Blaster, I saw *The Equinox*.

No, you astronomically minded space cadet, I mean the Keene State student newspaper. Quite possibly the finest college newspaper in the nation. I've come to expect no less from KSC. Heck, my 82-year old pal Irving still calls it

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## Moose deserve more respect, admiration

Go up to Pittsburg, New Hampshire, some weekend. It's a long way from here, probably about four hours, but it's a nice drive.

Somewhere up there, on the side of the road, there is a 99 percent chance that you will spot one of New Hampshire's most famous living tourist attractions.

No, I'm not talking about Lamar Alexander or any one of a dozen presidential hopefuls. There's a 100 percent chance of seeing them.

I'm talking about moose, the largest member of the deer family, and one of the least respected animals on earth. Heck, you don't even have to go to Pittsburg, there is a bunch of them around here. One even ran around downtown Keene last summer.

If you were to ask a person what his or her favorite animal is, what would you expect him or her to reply? Probable answers would be a tiger, a horse, maybe an eagle, possibly a golden retriever. A moose probably wouldn't make the top ten.

You'd probably get laughed at, or at least get quizzical

looks, if you ever said that your favorite animal was the moose. Moose are big, smelly, awkward looking, really stupid animals that spend their entire day eating moss, pooping, and walking into moving cars. Right?



Peter Lambert

Wrong. Well, OK, partially right. Moose are big. Really big. A fully grown *alces alces* (their scientific name, though I doubt any moose speak Latin) can grow up to ten feet long, 7 or 8 feet tall at the shoulders, and weigh up to 1800 pounds.

That's pretty large, and when you consider that a large male can have a rack of antlers five to six feet across, it's hard to believe anything could get that big eating plants. You'd think it must order a steak every once and awhile, or maybe an occasional tourist, but no, it's just a vegetarian.

To maintain such a huge bulk, they constantly eat, mostly aquatic plants, and young birch or willow branches are favorites. They don't have to wait a half an hour after finishing to go swimming, either. They are remarkably good swimmers. A moose

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# Save our country from destruction - teach kids kung fu

As the millennium approaches, and society spirals further and further out of control, it becomes obvious that some drastic measures must be taken in order to maintain sanity.

Thus, I have thought long and hard on the subject and I have at last come up with the ultimate solution to our problems. Teach your kids kung fu.

Yeah, you heard right. If you have kids, when they turn about six or seven, enroll them in a kung fu school. Hey, why not? A lot of kids ask to learn martial arts anyway, and this is the perfect way to build a better world and a balanced child.

Remember when you were small, and a bully tried to clean up the playground with your lips? Didn't you wish you could have busted out some fu on them? Maybe a little Drunken Shadow Thunder Strike action? Sure you did. We can all relate.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg with this revolutionary plan. There are tons of reasons everybody should learn some kung fu, and the fighting is only one small aspect.

What if the delinquents of this nation had grown up with the knowledge of how to reverse a hold and headbutt their

enemies? A shot of self-esteem, some empowerment for these pre-pubescent punks?

When it comes to robberies, I'd rather have some kid beat the crap out of me with a Flying Tiger Napalm Fist, than to have him pull out his nine and bust a cap in my ass.

But if we did enact my daring little plan, I don't think this kind of thing would happen at all. The ultimate crime prevention tactic: teach everybody some fu and the fighting actually stops!

I've made it my business to watch a truckload of kung fu movies (article research, man) and the first thing they try to instill in the students is a sense of harmony. I'm talking monk-type stuff here, not that kind where the gangs have a big rumble in the street.

And wouldn't that Shaolin monk thing be cool for your children? Think about it, the Buddhist chic is huge right now. Do unto others, and all that. I'm not the most religious guy in the world, but I can see the logic behind "butterfly scrapes wood with southern river." Uh, okay, maybe I don't totally understand it yet, but I'm

trying. As the I Ching (pocket edition, don't leave home without it) says, "When dragons battle in the fields, their blood is dusky yellow."

Let's hit the fashion side of things here too. Check out those monk haircuts, shaved to the scalp. How cool is that? Not only that, American pant legs are at their widest since 1978. I think those monk's robes are the next logical step in trouser evolution. The beads, the comfortable footwear. Let's face it, Shaolin monks are looking GOOD.

Touching base once again on the kid side of things, don't our children cry out for guidance? Don't they need something to explain what the world is all about?

Now, I'm not saying you have to chuck that Gideon Bible by the bed and go Buddhist, but your kid needs some life philosophy, and how many parents can supply it? "Go to bed, Chauncy," or "Brush your teeth, Moesha."

These come easily, but when your son or daughter comes home from school wondering about life and death, will you

be able to tell them to balance their yin and yang? Do you know the proper time to tell them that tranquility helps the emperor marry off his younger sister for good luck? I thought not. Better leave it to the experts.

Kung fu isn't just for the holy anymore. With violence so bad your kids have to play in a one-block radius, and confusion about humans' place in this vast universe at an all-time high, maybe it's time to do this.

Let your son don the robes of enlightenment. Let your daughter learn that Cultured Crane Typhoon Kick. Their mental and physical strength will be higher. Their wardrobe will be the envy of the neighborhood. They'll do stretching and breathing exercises at the kitchen table. They will be well-behaved. They will sleep on hard reed mats on the floor.

And, perhaps most importantly, you could be saving our country from utter destruction. Think about it.

*Tim Hulsizer is a senior at Keene State College majoring in film production and is a columnist for The Equinox.*



Tim Hulsizer

## Letters

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"the teachers' college." Ask a history major why.

Anyway, yeah, I know how lame MTV is, but remember "Rock the Vote"? Sure you do. You kept George Bush from getting re-elected. You kept pineapples and pot out of the White House. But why live on the dole with hemp? And if you've been a student here more than a week, you know at least one fact: that the government of the city of Keene is dumb and cruel.

Here's your chance to make it kind, smart, and compassionate. The Keene City Council, I mean.

How? Easy. Just make sure you are registered to vote legally in the city of Keene. Ms. Patricia Little, a jewel of a woman and a crackerjack city clerk, can give you all the dope on the voting rules.

Then, on October 7, go to the polls and vote for me. Then do it again in November. I'm running for councilor-at-large. In my opinion, I'm the man for the job.

Of course, there's nine others running at large, so, who's chasing who?

Yeah, I know, if I'd been born female, I'd have to say I'm the woman for the job. But I ain't been politically correct since 1991. Had to give it up. Bad for my liver. Oh, well.

Do you really want a Keene city councilor who lets themselves be quoted in The Keene Sentinel as being less than ecstatic to be council liaison to the local conservation commission? Of course not!

A don't you think it would be just way too cool to have a Keene city councilor who lives off line, off the grid, and off the wall? Well, do you know anyone who lives on a line, on a grid, or on a wall? Why not?

And remember, if you vote against me, somebody else will vote for me, and I just may get elected anyway. So don't rock the boat, rock the vote. If Spaceship Earth runs out of gas, who's going to get out and push? How far is it to the next gas station? And yes, I can intelligently discuss stuff, and no, I don't usually talk or write this way, but Freya Tag is supposed to be a fun game. So, try not to party harder than you study. Give me a break, I am an adult, after all. Thanks for reading my first amendment opinion.

*Bradford S. Hutchingson  
Keene, NH*

## Equinox comics were homophobic, divisive

I am writing in regards to The Equinox September 25 issue. I am disappointed in the insensitivity of the editors who allowed the publication of three comics, which glorify and express homophobia. The Equinox, being our campus paper, represents the student body: our morals and views...The Equinox is a reflection of us. Is this campus all heterosexual, and homophobic? Do these comics represent our frame of mind here at Keene, if so I am ashamed to be a member of this student body. Keene in my mind is a very liberal, and PRIDEful campus and community. Now, I am beginning to doubt its sincerity.

I am a first year student, very active in womens' rights and human rights. To me, these comics are distasteful and inconsiderate to the gay and lesbian population. How can you advocate comics that represent hatred that exists in today's society?

To be a mindful, fully encompassing society we can not create gaps and divides between the people themselves. We are still fighting to create unity and understanding in our world - the ideal society of compassion and acceptance is

obviously far from near. Every action, thought and deed reflects society, and in our society exists a great population of diversity. To find humor in such obvious hatred and fear of a member of our society simply creates anger and invokes divides, the first things we try to abolish when building a unity between all. Acceptance, and open minds, for everyone.

I hope my disappointment is not taken as anger. I understand that in life we all overlook things or forget that others may look at the same thing differently. I hope my concern is seen in future members of The Equinox, I hope that when editing for the paper you now consider the entire student body at hand. I greatly enjoy reading The Equinox, and thank those who put their time and effort into its publication. I hope I have shed light on another point of view, which will now be included in the future issues.

*Paige Lussier  
Keene State College  
freshman*

## Accountability to God needed in America

In response to your [Arpad J. Toth's] letter I read, I don't understand your zeal to discredit ministries. Please, in all sincerity, excuse my ignorance. I had always believed that our founding forefathers of this country built this nation on the precepts found in the word of God.

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, men who wrote and signed our Constitution believed in building this nation for freedom and justice for all - coming from the ministry of what was already written in God's word.

Daniel Webster could quote the Bible by verse, and attended his church of choice with freedom. Separation of

church and state then, and now, is the protection of church, so that no one can impede sanction upon the God given human belief system that once ruled England.

Hence, the United States were birthed, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Whether God exists, how we worship, believe and coexist together is up to the individual. I believe and have a relationship with who I believe is God. You believe you are God and you are responsible to yourself; that is yours and mine to choose. The state does not force you to believe otherwise, nor me, that is our freedom.

Since 1962 the states have taken the separation of church and state literally, no more ten commandments on the walls of schools, no more prayer or Bible reading. Since then, drugs and guns have been the offense in classrooms instead of chewing gum. Grades went down while the kids got high.

Teenage pregnancy and violence are still on the rise, if you ask me we need God in America again. We need to be accountable to someone other than ourselves. Not religiosity, relationship. If we are here by accident and believe otherwise, would not our society at least be safer and better to live in if we followed biblical standards?

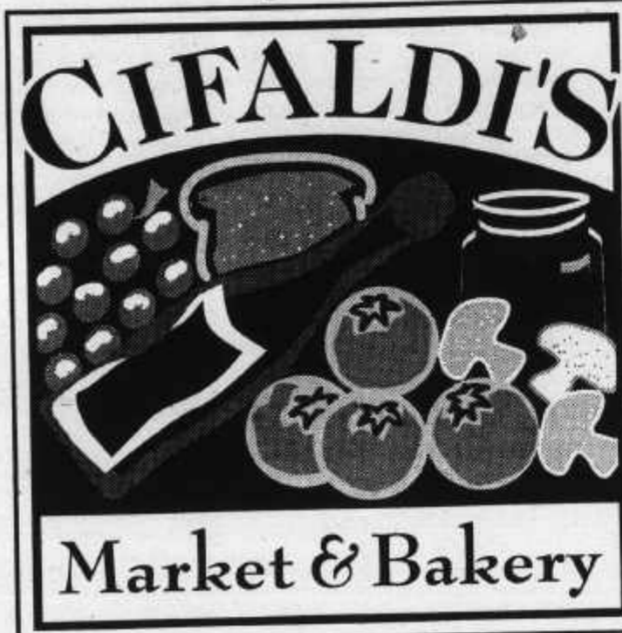
And yet, if we were created by a loving God, and Messiah has come, and we are living contrary - where does that leave us? Separated?

*Kathie Warme  
Keene State College class of 1995  
Keene, NH*

**CORRECTION:** In the story about STSS on page 9 of issue 2, the picture identified as John Parson, a manager of STSS, was actually a picture of Paul Cullity, campus minister and adjunct history professor. The Equinox regrets the error.

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## U. California considers eliminating SAT from admissions criteria

KAREN BRANDON  
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SAN DIEGO, Calif. - A new law in Texas guarantees students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class admission to the state's public universities, with no SAT or ACT examination required.

A new proposal being considered by the University of California system would eliminate the SAT from admissions criteria.

With new policies banning racial preferences in both states, the use of test scores faces renewed scrutiny by educators and policy makers seeking ways to help the rapidly growing minority populations gain admission to the top tiers of public education.

At the heart of the debate are questions about the value of standardized tests.

"Let's look at the definition of what constitutes merit," said Charles Rooney of FairTest, the Cambridge, Mass.-based organization that is the chief critic of standardized tests. "It's pretty clear that test scores do not equal merit," he said.

Such tests are closely tied to the affirmative action question because of the racial, gender

and class disparities that often emerge in the scores. For instance, blacks, Hispanics, women, and students from low-income families generally score lower on the SAT than whites, Asians, males and students from high-income families.

The College Board, the non-profit organization of 3,200 schools and educational organizations that sponsors the SAT test, says the proposal is to eliminate it is not appropriate.

### "Let's look at the definition of what constitutes merit."

• Charles Rooney  
FairTest

"The recommendation is like breaking the thermometer because you don't like the temperature," the College Board said in a written statement.

In California, the proposal was made this month by a task force convened five years ago to find ways to bring more Hispanic students into the university system.

Four percent of all Hispanics who graduate from the state's high schools meet the university system's admission standards.

The demographic trends in

California, the nation's most populous and diverse state, suggest that 500,000 additional students will seek entry to public colleges and universities by 2005, with an increasing percentage of them minority students.

In a report released last week, Rand, a think-tank based in Santa Monica, Calif., said the situation poses "a grave danger to society."

"The college degree has replaced the high school diploma as the entry card into productive employment," the report concluded. "If this degree is increasingly out of reach for large segments of the California populations, then a revolution in education is essential to avert increasing social unrest."

The recommendation to eliminate the SAT would increase the number of students of all backgrounds eligible for admission to the University of California.

At present the state guarantees admission to the top 12 percent of high school seniors, but without the SAT up to 18 percent of graduating seniors would be eligible, said Carla Ferri, director of undergraduate admissions for the University of California system.

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## Moose

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was once spotted swimming across one of the Rangeley lakes in Maine. How many people have ever done that? (How many would want to?)

Yes, moose are pretty awkward looking. Yet they are quite agile for an animal the size of a Volkswagen walking on tooth-pick legs. Deep snow gives them some problems, though, but the moose have come up with a way around that. Though solitary animals, they will gather in small groups in the winter, and trample down all the snow in a small area. This is called a moose yard, and gives them not only access to any plants buried beneath the snow, but gives them room to maneuver in case they are attacked by wolves.

Quite a clever move on the part of the moose. Which brings me to the point I wish to refute: that moose are stupid. They aren't. Granted, no moose will ever be taught to speak in sign language, or paint, or play chess. They'd

probably eat the chess board. But moose aren't dumb. This misconception is probably to be blamed on the cartoon moose Bullwinkle. Now, I like Bullwinkle, I don't know of anyone who doesn't like Bullwinkle.

But Bullwinkle wasn't the sharpest knife in the drawer, if you catch my meaning. One moment it's "Hey Rocky, watch me pull a rabbit outta my hat," and the next thing he knows he's making puns and holding a tiger by the ears.

But even Bullwinkle graduated from college (Wossamatta U.) and he is still smarter than a lot of cartoon characters today. (Heh heh heh, heh heh heh.)

So if moose aren't dumb, why do they cross the street without looking both ways, to invariably walk into moving cars? The plain and simple answer is: they don't care.

Think about it, what roamed the wilds of New Hampshire first, cars or moose? When the two meet at a crossing, who should have to stop for who, moose for cars, or cars for moose?

-Peter Lambert is a Keene State sophomore majoring in history and the editorial editor of The Equinox.

## Fast-food firms, book sellers become big trend on campuses

MARIA HALKIAS  
The Dallas Morning News  
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Services

FORT WORTH, Texas - College freshman Rusty Simmons eats at Pizza Hut two or three times a day.

"I can get a pizza, an order of bread sticks and a drink for \$5.88. You can't beat that anywhere around here" on campus at Texas Christian University, he says.

Back home in Woodbridge, Va., Cindy Simmons is glad to hear that her son isn't going hungry.

"Oh, it's a mom thing. I want him to eat the food he likes rather than sit in his room and be sad," Simmons says. "There are enough other adjustments to make. I don't want Rusty skipping any meals."

Fast-food restaurants have invaded student centers, catering to a generation of kids who can't remember life before food courts, think all households have two careers and automatically run to the garage when parents announce it's time for dinner.

"We want to eat where we know what it's going to taste like," said Emily Bonney, a TCU sophomore from Overland Park, Kan. "I know what Pizza Hut tastes like."

In recent years, as college students began taking their food dollars off campus, budget-conscious administrators began swallowing the privatization trend.

Many have turned all or some of their food service operations over to major corporations such as Marriott and Aramark, which, in turn, have license agreements with the Burger Kings and Blimpies of the world.

When a national brand restaurant replaces a no-name one, sales increase 40 percent to 60 percent, said Hal Ritchie, an Atlanta-based consultant who specializes in international brands.

That's one reason, he said, that more than half the nation's 3,500 campuses now have at least one national brand restaurant.

As a trade association, "it's the No. 1 issue we deal with every day," said Manny Cunard, executive director of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services.

Cunard, a former administrator at Chicago's Loyola



Equinox photo by Matt Daly

The McDonald's on 317 Winchester St. in Keene is one of the many fast-food restaurants in the area. Keene State College remains one of the campuses without a fast-food restaurant in the Student Center.

University and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., said colleges have been dealing with the food issue for some time.

In the 1970s, they were forced to quit bundling meal plans with dormitory fees.

They were losing students who wanted to live in their resident halls but wouldn't if they were required to pay for a meal

"They finally realized that they couldn't hold a gun to students' heads saying you have to eat this."

• Manny Cunard  
executive director of the  
National Association of  
College Auxiliary Services

plan they didn't want.

Students were taking more of their food dollars off campus just as these institutions were looking for new revenue sources, Cunard said.

"They finally realized that they couldn't hold a gun to students' heads saying you have to eat this," he said. "Now no one disagrees that branding (bringing in national brands) is a way to keep more student food dollars on campus."

At the same time, colleges are getting out of the bookstore business. More and more universities are letting companies run the main retail operation on campus.

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## Black law student jumps into Affirmative Action debate

V. DION HAYNES  
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BERKELEY, Calif. - Eric Brooks doubts his name will carry the same weight in history as James Meredith, the black student who integrated the University of Mississippi

during the heyday of the segregated South more than three decades ago.

Yet as the only African-American student in the first-year law school class at the University of California at Berkeley, Brooks recognizes that he is a symbol for some in the civil rights movement of what can happen when the

safety net of affirmative action is snatched away.

His was the first class to reflect a decision two years ago by the University of California Board of Regents to repeal all race- and gender-based preference programs that were aimed at remedying past discrimination.

The number of African-American, Native American and Latino applicants plunged 26 percent this year, a drop many attribute to the anti-affirmative action policy.

Brooks was among 15 black students accepted for the incoming class at the Berkeley law school, known as Boalt Hall.

All the others opted to go elsewhere, citing what they felt would be a hostile atmosphere at the university.

By coming to Boalt, the Bloomington, Ind., native thrust himself into what is becoming a nationwide battle over affirmative action.

It is a battle that, to his surprise, has propelled the admittedly soft-spoken, politically apathetic, controversy-avoiding 27-year-old into the role of a campus leader struggling to pick up where the defunct affirmative action policy left off.

"In my opinion, it's important that the school have some African-Americans here (in the first-year class), even if it's just one," said Brooks, adding that his father's positive experience as the only black student at a New England prep school encouraged him to keep his commitment to Boalt Hall.

"On my first day here, I really wanted to be left alone. I didn't want to stick out," he said. "Now that I'm more educated about what's going on, I can't just think about myself. My focus is on the larger problem: For (the regents) to cut off affirmative action and to do nothing else to replace it doesn't seem right."

Brooks is attacking the controversy on several fronts. Last month he joined the Rev. Jesse Jackson in a march along

Golden Gate Bridge protesting California's recently implemented anti-affirmative action law. He plans to participate in another rally in Sacramento, Calif., next month.

He also has become heavily involved in a student effort to press the university to adopt a series of policy changes: new admissions criteria, aggressive recruitment efforts and a heavier emphasis on character traits that are aimed at boosting the number of minority enrollees.

Thanks to his suburban upbringing, Brooks says, he is comfortable in mostly white settings and doesn't feel isolated at Boalt Hall.

Still, from time to time he seeks support and camaraderie from the Law Students of African Descent organization at the school.

On a recent afternoon, he and some friends—an Asian-American man and two white men—studied together, kept one another updated on a Giants-Dodgers baseball matchup and mimicked golf swings in the courtyard. Brooks said he has been treated with respect by faculty and fellow students.

"I'm very proud of Eric," said first-year student Scott Birkey, 26, who is white. "The stress of being a first-year student at Boalt Hall is bad enough. But he's really managed to hold up under this as well as the added pressure of taking on the diversity issue."

"Eric has said he is in an unenviable position, and he is right," said William Tran, 24, an Asian-American first-year student.

"To have to speak for a larger (racial) group is difficult," Tran said. "I would hate to be in that position."

Brooks has yet to decide what kind of law he will practice.

He developed an interest in the legal profession after taking a law class during his undergraduate years.

An Indiana University graduate who worked several years at a sports marketing firm, Brooks deferred his enrollment

for a year.

He was the last minority to have benefited from the school's old system of preferences.

"No one treats me like I didn't earn the right to be here," said Brooks.

A few minutes before the start of his tort class, Brooks chatted in a corridor with several classmates about cars, the Giants and after-school social activities.

He seemed to be the magnet that drew people together.

He was gracious and generous, talking little about himself while encouraging others to discuss their interests.

Moments later, Brooks was sitting near the back of a paneled lecture hall that contained about 90 first-year students listening to a lively discussion of negligence law.

The room included whites, Latinos and Asian-Americans, but Brooks was the only African-American student.

He says he believes classroom discussions involving racial issues will suffer from the lack of black voices.

"The O.J. Simpson case demonstrated how differently whites and blacks see law-enforcement issues," he said. "Unfortunately, race plays a factor in how you experience life," he added. "As a lawyer, one of your clients may be a minority. It would be nice in your education process to get the experience of working with different people."

Brooks says he spends several hours a week on various efforts aimed at improving Boalt Hall's racial diversity.

He serves on various committees and student organizations that are seeking to overhaul the school's admissions policy.

As California has become a laboratory for a nation anxious to learn whether racial equality can be achieved without artificial safety nets, the students say they believe their proposals could serve as a blueprint for schools seeking alternative methods for boosting their minority contingents.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Fat Bag brings Boston to Keene

This year's Homecoming Concert was just what the doctor ordered



Equinox photo by Lynn Kirmieck

Fat Bag plays their jazzy hip-hop at this year's Homecoming Concert. The band's musical talent and creative style made for a show with which the audience could identify.

**STACEY ANDERSON**  
The Equinox

As the first words of Friday night's Homecoming Concert were spoken, an unusual tone was set for the night.

"If you've got a fat bag, break it out. How many of you got high before you came out tonight?" said Alexander (as he prefers to be called), Fat Bag's lead singer and saxophonist.

Over 250 people came out to see Fat Bag and Brown Factory perform on the lawn of the Young Student Center lawn.

From the first note played, right through to the last, most people couldn't resist succumbing to the beat and dancing.

Fat Bag, a jazzy hip-hop band with a funky beat, has certainly proven their worth to the people of Keene.

They have shown their worth to the rest of the nation as well, as the opening act for Jamiroquai a while ago.

The group, which has been

together for about four years, was brought to Keene State College for the first time by the Social Activities Council and the Athletic Department.

Fat Bag is a Boston-based band, but they seem to be moving more toward the New York area. They play primarily on the East Coast and often can be found in New York City or Boston.

**"It's great that [Fat Bag] is such a diverse group. They bring a totally different sound to Keene."**

• Katie Paddock

Alexander showed off a full range of skills with his instrumental ability as well as his vocal talents. DJ Yooter added an extra touch to the music.

"The DJ lit 'em up!" said Keene State student Mensah Moody.

In addition to the band's musical talent, they put on an exciting visual show.

"[They're] very talented ... They have great stage performance," noted student Sheri Pappajohn.

Katie Paddock summed it up when she said, "It's great that they are such a diverse group. They bring a totally different sound to Keene."

Fat Bag's opening act for the night was Brown Factory, a band consisting of Keene State students.

Brown Factory often performs in this area, and has attracted quite a fan base, especially with their peers at Keene State.

Keith Kreutler, Steve Kreutler, Sam Davis, Sam Lehman, Kevin Roper and Dan Hunt are the members of Brown Factory, which has been together for about a year.

They say that their goal is to get everyone to "get down and dirty."

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### A & E THIS WEEK ...

• Fat Bag performs for the Homecoming Concert

• Trinity Irish Dance Company kicks off the season at The Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond

• John Britz tells you which movie you need to see - Man Bites Dog

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### Video Pick of the Week, Trust me... I know

by  
John Britz  
**Man Bites Dog**  
(C'est Arrivé Prés de che Vous)



If you loved "Gone With the Wind" and "A Clockwork Orange"... if you cried at the end of "Bambi"... you'll love "Man Bites Dog."  
A subtitled, independent, black and white french film, this is a joyous romp through the life of a poetry reading, philosophizing homicidal maniac. The whole film is seen through the eyes of the film crew documenting him.

An absolute classic piece of cinematography by Rémy Belvaux, this film begins with an awe-inspiring train scene and corpse disposal lesson, and keeps you hooked all the way through to its glorious, thought-provoking ending.

"Man Bites Dog" takes place in modern day France and revolves around our hero Benoit. Benoit is the misunderstood homicidal maniac longing to be accepted by his peers. He is accompanied by a film crew that is making a documentary of his daily activities, led by Rémy.

A multi-faceted story, "Man Bites Dog" addresses many of life's pressing questions. Moving to such social issues as urban renewal and the benefits of killing postmen, it also sheds light on the mysteries of relationships with women as well as the correct technique of weighing down bodies in water.

This film exposes the "truth" about why the Japanese have nice homes and how lack of a course of action is an action in itself.

What starts off as an objective look at Benoit's profession, soon becomes a collaborative effort to survive as the roles of the observers and the observed become entangled and the line of objectiveness is crossed and forgotten.

This film will appeal to those of you who enjoy gaining a little something more from a film, something above and beyond simple entertainment... knowledge. That's right! Why go all the way to class when the answers to some of the little curveball problems life throws your way are right here in the confines of this film?

Pressing questions and basic survival skills are patiently waiting to be gobbled up by eager minds! Learn the cutting edge techniques of ballasting corpses! Learn why midgets require more weight than children and why old people require the most (their bones are more porous). Consider it a "Life's Little Instruction Book" on film. A must for all those who will soon be entering the job market!

John Britz is a Keene State College sophomore majoring in history and a columnist for The Equinox

### Fat Bag

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That they did on Friday night. It was obvious from the moment they stepped onto the stage that they were loved by all in attendance.

Comments about the band were nothing but wonderful. Sophomore Jeremy Griffin said, "[Brown Factory is] the greatest band in Keene - no question about it!"

Jeff Prive said that they are his "favorite local band." He is not the only one who feels that way.

Fellow student Amy Castonguay said they are "Dreamy."

When I asked the band

where they see themselves in five years, Brown Factory replied, "Rock stars."

They said they will go wherever the music takes them. If this show is any indication of their talents, it will take them quite far.

**FAT BAG'S next show will be tonight at Paradise in Boston. More information about FAT BAG and their concert dates can be found on their web site:**  
[www.fatbag.com](http://www.fatbag.com)

**BROWN FACTORY will be playing with The Hethens at 80 Roxbury St. on Oct. 30 for their Halloween show.**



Equinox photo by Matthew Daly

The Trinity Irish Dance Company rehearses their program on Saturday afternoon. Their show was well received by the full house at The Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. This was the second week of their five-state New England tour.

## Trinity thunders into Keene

COLIN REILLY  
The Equinox

For all of us who yearn to someday leave behind the mountainous terrain of New Hampshire, fulfillment was close at hand this Saturday.

The Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond, through the magic of The Trinity Irish Dance Company, transported all in attendance to the green rolling hills of the Emerald Isle.

The Trinity Irish Dance Company, predecessors of the wildly popular productions, "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," is the world's lone outlet for dancers to graduate from the competitive circuit to a professional career in Irish dance, while still respecting and spreading ancient Celtic traditions.

At the age of 17, Mark Howard, former North American Champion Irish Dancer, founded the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, consisting of just 20 students. In 1990, at the age of 29, Howard created the Trinity Irish Dance Company, now the largest school of Irish dance in the world.

The performance company is currently made up of 22 dancers between the ages of 16 and 24.

They have thrilled audiences in all venues, ranging from NBC's *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, to the Royal Family of Monaco and Mary Robinson, the president of the Republic of Ireland. Saturday's performance in

Keene was no exception to the standard of excellence.

Following arts center Director Patricia Piper's warm welcome to kick off the seventeenth season, the audience was given its first glimpse into the world of Celtic fairies and creeping mists as the group performed "The Mist."

Twelve dancers exhibited the group's diversity as they began with a snake-like modern dance set to a haunting piano melody and performed in front of a golden moon. As the music escalated to a more modern Irish tune, so did the dance, becoming an amazing spectacle of synchronization and flawless technique in Irish tap.

**"What a great way to start off the season!"**

Patricia Piper  
director, Redfern Arts  
Center on Brickyard Pond

The crowd was then introduced to the group's musicians for the evening. They were guitarist/vocalist Jim Dewan, percussionist Jackie Moran and Patrick Broders, who played the Scottish small pipes and a variety of Irish whistles. They accompanied four dancers in the presentation of "Blackthorne," another speedy Irish tap.

"Step About," featuring a dozen dancers, was the first piece to really exhibit some of the brilliantly colorful costumes that are such an inherent part of the dance and culture. It also marked the

night's first appearance of the 1997 World Irish Dancing Champion, and lone male dancer, Darren Smith.

Smith, now 21, has been with Trinity for a year, and has been dancing since the age of four.

Smith said it was nice to see a crowd so "tuned in," and added, "It's nice to have an audience clap in the middle of a piece, without sitting there waiting politely for the end."

Perhaps the most impressive piece of the night was Rebecca Cisse's solo performance of "Bansidhe."

Surrounded by smoke and atop a small staircase, she descended to offer a powerful modern dance, a portrayal of a struggling fairy being struck to the ground while trying to ascend.

Her movements were often spastic, but always precise, while drawing feelings of dread and anxiety over the outcome from the audience.

The show continued with an Irish favorite, "Mountains of Pomeroy," performed by the trio of musicians. This was followed by "Johnny," a high energy, up-tempo stomp featuring two children no more than eight years of age.

The first act concluded with "Just Shannon," featuring Shannon Malee. She performed an incredibly fast jig and was then joined by the rest of the company. This piece highlighted the synchronization of the group as they executed every-  
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Equinox photo by Lynn Kimiecik

A climber stands on the top of Mount Monadnock overlooking the Monadnock region. Keene State students will be climbing to the top on Saturday, October 4.

### Trinity

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arm, head and leg movement perfectly.

After leaving the stage, Shannon rejoined the group to conduct the massive, synchronized downbeat stomp, complete with smiles and laughter to end the piece.

The company showed their proficiency in drama as well, by opening up the second act with "The Mollies," a three part piece telling the story of the hardships of Irish emigrants fleeing the Great Potato Famine, only to find oppression in the mining towns of Pennsylvania.

The first movement, "Schuykill County," showed the shabby looking miners flashing their mining helmet lights one at a time until they all focused on the rapid, pounding feet of one angry miner. Behind the dancers, slides of smokestacks, factories, and the inside of mines were flashed onto the backdrop.

Part two, "Irish Eyes," was an ironic piece, depicting the rejection and beating of a miner, while the lighthearted "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'," played in the background. The depiction of the beating was quite impressive as four dancers powerfully and flawlessly stomped around the beaten worker.

The final movement, "The Ancient Order," brought all of the dancers together and had them all perform complicated arm and head movements to signify worker unity and then depart, leaving only a single, dejected worker.

The musical trio was again

highlighted as they performed an original song entitled "Seneca River," featuring a beautiful melody on the Scottish small pipes and percussion played on a Turkish dumbek, a small drum that slightly resembles a bongo. One of the more beautiful dances followed. The dancers wove their way through a modern dance, the only one of the night to be performed barefoot.

It highlighted fluid body movements as each dancer "presented" the next to the audience for their solo portion, and was accompanied by the music of Enya.

A true taste of the Irish culture was then offered. Percussionist Jackie Moran was spotlighted on center stage for his remarkable bodhran solo. The bodhran is an ancient Irish frame drum used in all Irish musical settings.

Jackie returned to the "pit" and was joined by the guitar and whistle to accompany an amazing performance by Darren Smith.

The remainder of the show was the dance "Celt Thunder," a trademark of the group, and also a chance for Darren Smith to steal the show. Either by himself or trading steps with others, his timing was perfect, enthusiasm unmatched, and his feet just plain amazing.

His final flurries were so complicated and fast that all were in amazement that human feet could be producing such an intricate sound. Finally, he was joined by the entire company and he took his bow along with Rebecca Cisse and Shannon Malee as the other dancers pounded away the dying beat.

After the show, 19-year-old dancer, Kate Shaughnessy, who has been with Trinity for 11 years was pleased with the performance, especially after a grueling week of performances in New York City. Shaughnessy noted the past week as one of the best things the group has ever done and said she is glad to have the 1997-98 tour start off so well.

An interesting aspect of the performance was the practice of dancing the traditional pieces with their arms at their sides.

"While the English were trying to forcefully wipe out all Gaelic tradition, dancing was prohibited," Shaughnessy said.

Half doors (open at the top, closed at the bottom) were in the Irish homes.

"If they kept their arms down at their sides, the English couldn't tell they were dancing," she further explained.

While tradition runs deep in Trinity, a modern culture is also obvious. Traces of hip-hop and American dance music are apparent in the choreography of MTV-like synchronized head bobbing, and leg and ankle movements.

"We're mostly just American kids, so ignoring our own culture would be impossible," Shaughnessy said.

Both Piper and Brendan Denehy, arts center manager, agree: "What a great way to start off the season!"

So, if you didn't get a chance to start your season off with a magical trip to the mystical land of the Trinity Irish Dance Company, make sure to catch them on their five-state tour of New England.

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**October Highlights**

**Parent-Family Weekend**  
Oct. 18-19

**Pumpkin Lobotomy**  
Oct. 24

**Dahlia in Concert**  
Oct. 10 Night Owl Cafe

**October Home Sports Schedule**

Home Team	Visitor	Time
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October 11	UMass Lowell	7:00 p.m.
October 18	UMass Lowell	7:00 p.m.
October 25	UMass Lowell	7:00 p.m.



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Thursday, October 2, 1997

Equinox

The Equinox, September 27, 1972. Lead Story: The student senate passed a vote for an "over 21 club" on campus. The club, later known as the Keene State Pub Club, later took over the commuter lounge on the second floor of the Student Union, now Rhodes Hall. Debbie Neuhauser, then the student senate president, said the club would be a way of "curbing drunken driving of some college students." The club opened in 1974, and closed in 1992.

Happy Birthday Equinox! 25 Years & Counting!

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# Equinox

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## Welcome to our new section

Forty-eight years ago, Vincent Russell and Don-ald Averill had an idea. Keene State College didn't have a newspaper, and he set out to alleviate this problem, founding The Monadnock, a four page out of his room in the Kappa Delta Phi house.



tors decided it was time for a change, and chose the name The Equinox, a symbol for the fair representation of all sides of the news. This year, we are proud to wish the newspaper a "Happy Twenty-fifth birthday," and to bring you this page, a trib-ute to all former Keene State students who worked hard for The Equinox.

This paper would eventually grow and evolve into the paper you are holding in your hands. In 1972, a group of edi-

## Yesterday and today

### Equinox celebrates 25th anniversary



Equinox photo by Sheila Griffin

Candace Perreault, advertising manager, along with former Equinox staff members Joel Kastner, Robert Woliner and Jonathan Cooper reminisce about old times in the production room of The Equinox.

## A masthead with feeling

Basically, the reason we have changed the name of this newspaper is because we couldn't get them to change the name of the mountain, the school, the region, and the fifty organizations and businesses with Monadnock in their titles. It got to the point where we were getting calls meant for the Monadnock Ledger, Monadnock Hall, and just about everything else. Someone would mention the word "Monadnock" out on Appian Way, and nobody would know what the guy was talking about. So, we have decided to strike out on our own, and give ourselves a new identity which we feel is more in tune with the basic philosophies of this newspaper.

The new masthead, as you probably have already noticed, is "Equinox." Equinox, as any junior astronomer knows, is when the sun is in such a position so that day and night are of equal length. We feel, however, that the word can connote much more than that. It signifies to us the principle of fairness in journalism, similar to the representation of jus-

tice by the balancing scales. Besides, we think that the word is sort of neat sounding. However, if you do not like Equinox, we will happily represent to you our alternatives. At first, we struck out for something with dignity, like the Keene Statesman, or The Review. However, there was something missing in the tone, so we went on to lighter things like the Keene State Chimes (Chimes, Times — get it?) or cq (an inside joke). These didn't satisfy us, so we went even further with Portnoy's Complaint, Pink Freud, The Keene Picayune or the Paper Radio ("the radio you have to read.") Anyway, unless they rename Mount Monadnock Mount Equinox, we finally feel as though we are something original.



Twenty-five years ago The Monadnock's staff changed the paper's name to The Equinox. Six days ago most of the current editorial staff along with 18 former members of the college newspaper from both eras met in the Madison Street Lounge of the student center to shake hands, drink coffee and recount their memories of events which shaped the newspaper during their time. The founding of the paper was recounted by Vincent Russell, who, along with classmate Donald Averill, wrote the first issues of The Monadnock in his room at the old Kappa house when it was still located on Appian Way. Russell, now retired from the American Federation of Teachers, said he started the paper to give students a voice. He said he chose the paper's name simply because that's where he grew up. "I just grew up there [the Monadnock region] so that's what I called it," Vincent said. The newspaper was supported and encouraged by former Keene State President Lloyd P. Young, Vincent said. However, setting a precedent which many future staffs would follow, Vincent recalls landing himself in the hot seat

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Equinox photo by Sheila Griffin

Lou Kolivas, former photography editor for 1972-74 attended the 25th anniversary of The Equinox, Saturday.

\* This item originally appeared in the September 27, 1972 issue of The Equinox.

# Universities teetering on the brink

*Are schools doing enough to identify and intervene with mentally distressed students?*

JANET SINGLETON  
College Press Service

It was spring at Harvard University, a time when graduation caps sail through the air symbolizing the flight of lives headed to lofty places.

Yet the season of promising beginnings was marred by tragic ends in 1995, when two third-year students collided in violent death.

Trang Phuong Ho awoke that May 28 to find her roommate Sinedu Tadesse hovering above her with a large knife. Tadesse stabbed Ho 45 times before hanging herself in the bathroom.

After the deaths, questions flew: What could possibly drive a Harvard student to stab her "best friend", then kill herself? Could anything have prevented the tragedy?

Both Ho and Tadesse were model students at an Ivy League school. Media reports portrayed the two as stereotyp-

ical, hard-working immigrants. Over and over again, the question was posed: What went wrong?

These are the driving questions behind a newly published book, "Halfway Heaven" by Melanie Thernstrom, which explores the murder-suicide. In the year Thernstrom spent researching her book, her primary mission was to uncover the reasons behind the killings.

Yet in the end, the most crucial question posed by Thernstrom's book could be whether Harvard and other schools have re-examined and re-drafted their policies in the wake of the Ho-Tadesse tragedy, and whether change is really necessary in order to better identify and help mentally troubled students.

"All schools I know about looked at the event and said, 'Could it happen here?'" says Morton Silverman, director of the University of Chicago student counseling service. "It

caused people to increase their surveillance and ask what kind of situations might precipitate such an event."

In her book, Thernstrom, who once taught creative writing at Harvard and whose father still teaches in the university's history department, delivers a stinging indictment against Harvard, accusing the university of being more intent on its reputation and liability than on the truth.

She claims Harvard was too busy defending itself to consider re-enforcing its own programs that may provide a safety net to troubled students.

"There may have been some important changes," she says. "But publicly the university put so much effort in denying there was a problem in the first place, they made it impossible to discuss the mental health issue."

Harvard spokesman Joe Wrinn tells a different story. "Our only comment on the

book is we think Melanie is a very good storyteller. But we wish she had included all the facts."

The crux of Thernstrom's case against Harvard relies upon Sinedu Tadesse's diaries.

"Through finding those diaries I felt I was able to know what happened," Thernstrom says. "I think Sinedu gives a full, detailed and convincing account of what happened. The diaries are several hundred pages long."

Those intimate journals chronicled Tadesse's struggle against insanity and her pleas for help from Harvard, Thernstrom says. "She kept diaries the whole time she was in college and she started to write about the killings a year and half before they happened."

Tadesse had led, it seemed, a generally meticulous life. Born in Ethiopia in 1974, she'd worked relentlessly in school and won a competitive scholarship while in the 8th grade to the American School, considered Ethiopia's finest.

Tadesse later was accepted to all 24 American colleges to

which she applied and felt that getting into Harvard on a full scholarship was the happiest day of her life.

Her victim, Trang Phuong Ho, born in the same year, led a parallel existence a continent away in Vietnam.

After the war, her parents were interned in a Viet Cong re-education camp. She too sought hope and safety in school and books.

Ho's family escaped Vietnam as boat people and settled in Massachusetts, where she excelled in high school.

When she and Tadesse met and then became roommates in Harvard's Dunster House, the lonely Ethiopian woman saw Ho as a savior. "A girl I would make the queen of my life," is how she described her new friend in her diary.

"On the surface, they had a lot in common," Thernstrom says of the two women. "But externally they had a lot of differences. Trang had lots of social resources. Sinedu very much wanted a friend but didn't know how to be a friend."

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# Working on a computer can stress eye sight

KATHLEEN DONNELLY  
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Services

After 20 years in the work force, Suzanne O'Connor had come to expect arriving home in the evening with tired, dry eyes and an aching neck.

"I just thought this stuff was part of the job," said O'Connor, a department administrator at Stanford University Hospital who spends about 80 percent of her day in front of a computer monitor. "Neck aches and eye-strain anyone who has a desk job expects it."

Like O'Connor, millions of Americans who work in front of video display terminals have symptoms of what the American Optometric Association calls "computer related vision syndrome": tired, irritated eyes; sore necks, backs and shoulders; headaches; blurry or double vision; and difficulty focusing after long days in front of the screen.

The association estimates 12 million people a year visit eye doctors for computer-related problems. That makes eye-strain and vision complaints by

far the most common health problem reported by computer users, said Dr. James Sheedy, a clinical professor at the University of California-Berkeley and director of professional development at SOLA Optical in Petaluma, Calif. Sheedy has estimated that in 1993, computer users spent about \$1.15 billion on eye exams and special glasses for computer work.

But vision problems haven't received as much attention as other health problems associated with computer use, such as carpal tunnel syndrome and repetitive stress injuries. That's because vision problems, while uncomfortable, are not usually debilitating. Often, people don't associate their aching backs and blurry vision with computer use at all.

"The eyestrain problems are here today and gone tomorrow, so to speak," Sheedy explained. "You go home; you get a good night's sleep; you wake up the next morning and the problems are gone, only to return the next day."

Experts say there's no evidence that using computers will permanently damage eyes,

and California's new ergonomics guidelines, which went into effect July 3, do not cover computer-related vision problems because they are not musculoskeletal in nature.

But computer-related eye problems can be serious. "I've seen some patients where their vision problems end up being so severe, they really can't continue their work," said Sheedy. "I guess we would call that debilitating."

Even if the problem doesn't keep a worker away from the computer, Sheedy said, "You've got a productivity decrease here. When you've got people who are uncomfortable, they aren't going to be as productive."

Trouble seeing the screen can lead to other maladies as users contort their bodies to get a better look. Hunching forward to read the small print ruins posture. So does tilting your head back to look through the bottom lens of a pair of bifocals.

"They say, 'Oh, I'm tired,' or 'Oh, my neck hurts,'" said Thomas L. Lim, a San Jose, Calif., optometrist who has set up a computer work station in

his office so he can see exactly how his patients work, and then make eye-friendly adjustments. "The big question we ask is this: 'Do you notice this on the weekends, too?'"

In Silicon Valley, said Lim, close focusing on minute objects is the norm for many workers. As people reach their late 30s and 40s, the age of many baby boomers, their ability to focus quickly often declines.

"In the high-tech industry, people are always looking at computer screens and through scopes," said Lim. "There's a lot of demand on close vision. It's the nature of work in the valley."

Spending long hours in front of a computer monitor can exacerbate existing vision problems as well, said Sheedy. Those problems may not become obvious, he said, until a person begins working on a computer.

Combine constant close focusing and existing eye problems with other computer-related behavior, and problems ensue.

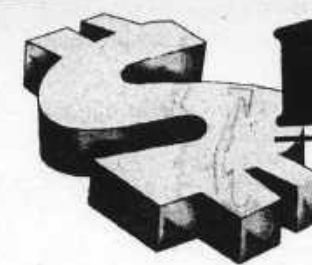
For example, said Sheedy, studies show that people blink much less frequently when

working on computers one study found the normal blink rate to be 22 blinks per minute and the computer-work blink rate to be just seven blinks per minute. In addition, people tend to open their eyes wider while staring at the screen. Both behaviors rob eyes of moisture, causing irritation.

Improperly arranged work spaces also contribute to the problem. Glare from windows or overly bright lights can tax eyes, as can improper positioning in front of the terminal. The problem has spawned a variety of products that claim to help prevent vision problems, from special computer-only eyeglasses to software programs that remind users to take breaks and work through eye exercises.

Suzanne O'Connor decided to skip the software and take advantage of Stanford Hospital's ergonomics specialists first.

She had her work space analyzed. Then, she got a new desk chair and changed her position in front of the monitor. Now she makes sure she gets up from her desk and focuses her eyes on distant objects at least every hour or so.



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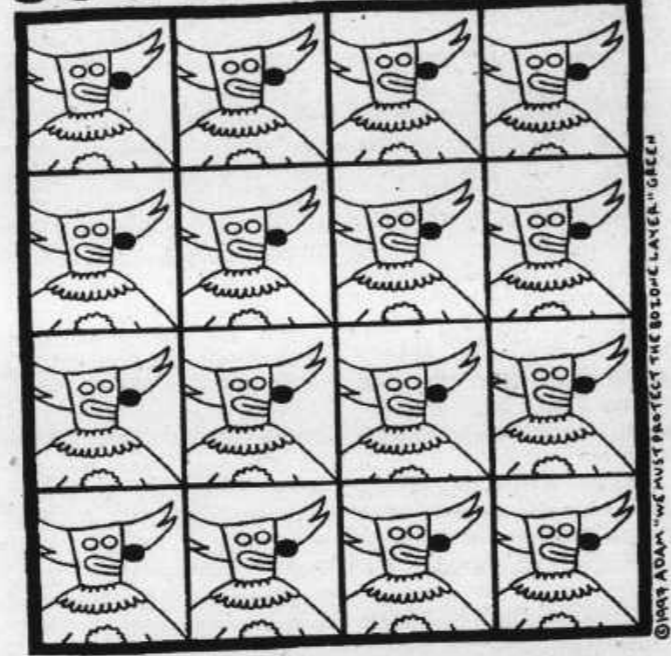
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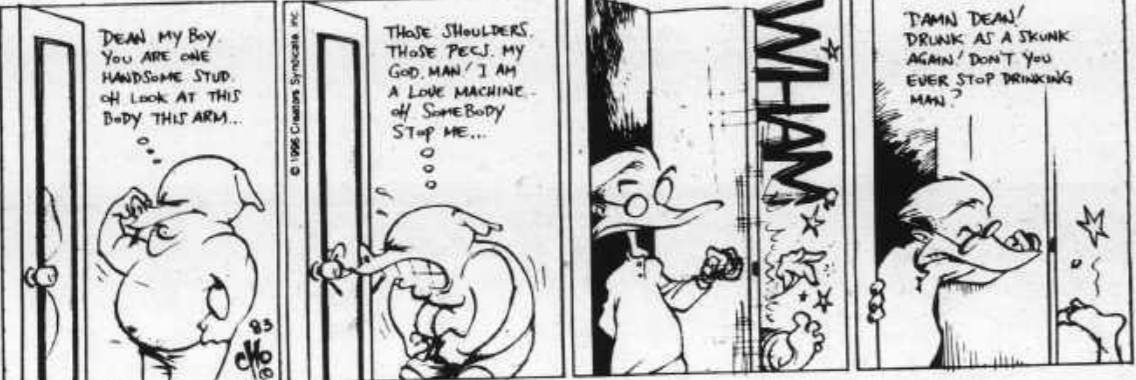
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to November 21) You have a new outlook on life and restored self-confidence. This helps you attain what you have been looking for. Creative thinking helps accent romantic harmony this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Something that's been troubling you is resolved. Private talks with those involved provide the best route for success. Pay attention to details.

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This Week In History

October 5, 1813, the U.S. won the Battle of the Thames, Ontario, and broke the Indian allies of Britain, making Detroit frontier safe for Americans; however, the U.S. failed in their invasion attempts into Canada... October 1, 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T car, pricing it at \$850... October 5, 1915, as a result of the backlash from the United States concerning the sinking of the Lusitania, Germany issued an apology and promised compensatory payments... October 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first black U.S. Supreme Court Justice... October 1, 1995, 10 Muslim militants were convicted in New York on conspiracy charges stemming from a failed plot to blow up UN headquarters and other buildings and assassinate political leaders... October 3, 1995, after a televised trial that galvanized national attention, former star running back O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman... October 1, 1996, Federal Judge Thomas Hogan dismissed a suit by Reform Party presidential candidate Ross Perot, who had sought to be in the debates from which he had been barred; Hogan said the courts had no authority to decide who should be included and rejected a similar suit by John Hagelin, candidate of the Natural Law Party... October 1-2, 1996, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestinian National Authority, and King Hussein of Jordan met with President Clinton at the White House following the deadly violence in Jerusalem in late September.

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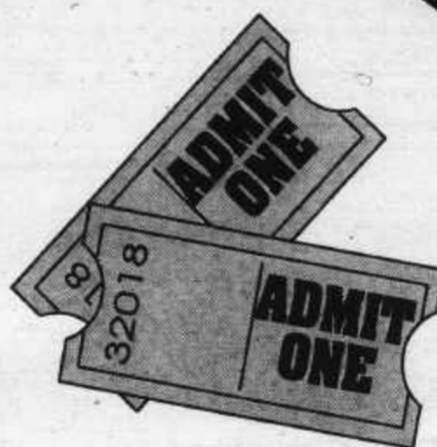
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**Reunion**

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with the administration after printing an April Fool's spoof edition featuring a front page story about a phony communist cell group operating out of a wine cellar in the Hale Building. The group was led, the article explained, by the college's registrar.

"We were summoned to the president's office immediately," Vincent recalled. "He [Young] told us 'Boys, I didn't tell you this but I've been sending copies of your newspaper out to every legislator in the state'. This of course all happened during the McCarthy witch hunts in the '50s and he told us his phone had been ringing off the hook."

But Vincent, who spent most of his career advising teachers unions to defy court injunctions ordering strikers to return to work, said he thinks a good newspaper isn't afraid to tackle tough issues or take an adversarial role.

And the paper has had its fair share of controversial material over the years.

When the nation and many of its college campuses were embroiled in the Vietnam War in 1969, former Editor in Chief

Ray Miller remembered The Monadnock becoming intimately involved in the conflict to the point of overshadowing everything the paper did.

"It was a chaotic time in America," Miller said. "If there was a protest in Chicago, we wrote about it. Locally we covered protests in the area and a moratorium. When they began drafting by lottery we covered that, too. All the men were subject to the draft, you know? We were all affected and the paper was affected by the activism in America."

Miller, who is now a technical writer in New York, said it's important for college newspapers like The Equinox to question everything as much as possible, while maintaining a constructive role in the college community.

How college newspapers should fulfill their constructive roles has been a traditional disagreement between newspaper editors, college administrations and other student organizations.

Speaking at the beginning of the alumni reunion, Equinox advisor Craig Brandon said some recent disputes affecting college newspapers nationally include funding controversies with the student government and the conflict most writers and editors feel about being

too critical of an administration which holds power over grades and funding.

"How do you report when they control the grades?" Brandon asked.

At Keene State, recent controversies over coverage of last April's "pot rally" and disclosure of the Department of Campus Safety logs have engrossed The Equinox.

Former photo editor, Lou Kolivas, also remembered facing off against the administration during his tenure at the paper.

Kolivas, who worked at the paper from 1972-74 and now works for C + S Wholesale Grocers, said he remembered a professor who was in trouble with the administration and in danger of losing his job.

"We highlighted the case and the administration was forced to shut down. It went the other way in fact. The faculty and the students really rose to the occasion and stood behind us," Kolivas said.

The paper's name also changed to The Equinox while Coleeuvus was at the paper.

"I can't remember exactly why we changed it," Kolivas said with a smile. "I think it was just because everything in this region has the word Monadnock in it and we wanted to differentiate ourselves."

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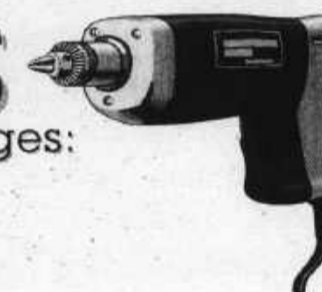
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# Brink

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"Halfway Heaven" illustrates that the student herself was sadly aware of that. In her diary, she tried to coach herself in etiquette with "a book of social rules." Among the self-reproachful comments Tadesse wrote included, "If you are talking about something serious, make your face serious."  
 "She was struggling hard to deal with her problems and to fix them," Thernstrom says. Yet Tadesse wasn't completely alone in her battle. Secretly, she saw a campus counselor at Harvard's University Health Services once a month since freshman year. But she wanted more frequent appointments. "You are my last chance and my only hope," she wrote to her therapist.  
 Such pleas didn't do much good, implies "Halfway Heaven." Tadesse received no medication. Appointments weren't increased in frequency. During her work on the book, Thernstrom shared Tadesse's writing with a series of psychiatrists. "They all said she was clearly suffering from a major depression. Ninety percent of depression responds to treat-

ment."  
 Tadesse became so desperate she sent a letter to various strangers whose names were culled from the city directory and also posted the same missive on the Internet. "Most of my days are long and boring and I drag through them with sigh after sigh," she wrote. "The problem is that I am not bonding with people. I do not make friends, not even with my relatives... I am very shy. I blush at every little thing."  
 "The mention of Harvard might make you think, 'OK, she is one of those successful people who made it in life.' Unfortunately, I don't feel one tiny bit of the success... I live in pain... As far back as I can remember my life has been hellish." Meanwhile, Tadesse's relationship with her roommate was eroding. Tadesse, who'd been neat when she first moved in with Ho, was withdrawing deeper into depression and leaving rotting fruit in her room. The two argued. (According to Thernstrom, earlier speculation about the women's sexuality appears to be without foundation. Apparently, neither woman was sexually active and both placed school far ahead of romance.) Ho chose another roommate for the next year.

Tadesse felt enraged and betrayed, according to Thernstrom.  
 "The bad way out I see is suicide and the good way out, killing, savoring their fear and then suicide," Tadesse wrote in her diary.  
 A few days before the violence, Tadesse sent her picture to the "Harvard Crimson." Thernstrom writes, with a note that said: "Keep this picture. There will soon be a very juicy story involving the person in this picture."  
 "In my opinion, this was an aberration, a rare event," says Silverman, of the University of Chicago, of the Harvard murder-suicide. He is preparing a paper about suicides at top universities.  
 Silverman says a murder-suicide is extremely rare on a college campus.  
 He adds that there are too many pieces to the puzzle to second guess now whether the Harvard tragedy was preventable. "There are just too many factors," he says. "Obviously Melanie found a whole book's worth of material. So it's a complicated event in which unusual circumstances came together to produce a rare tragedy."  
 Silverman says the Harvard case merits concern but not

alarm. Most students will find themselves safer from violence in college than at home, he says. "Suicide rates are lower among college students than for populations comparably matched in age, race and gender," says Silverman, who labels the notion that suicides occur at higher incidence on college campuses than in the general population as "folklore."  
 "More attention is paid to young adults in a university setting. There are more trained professionals who know how to identify problems," Silverman adds. "We have campus counselors, chaplains, coaches, mental health specialists and faculty. A support system exists here. We have a higher sensitivity and responsiveness (than the rest of the world) to the needs of young people."  
 Thernstrom, however, says she wishes some sensitivity had been used to identify the plight of Tadesse. "Sinedu wasn't evil. She was mentally ill," she says. "College is a difficult time. People are adults, but they're young adults. The early 20s is the onset age for most mental illnesses."  
 Harvard's Wrinn says Thernstrom lacked all the facts

before drawing her conclusions. While the author is critical of Harvard for not releasing Tadesse's psychiatric records, among other things, Wrinn says the decision was made out of respect for student privacy.  
 "We're not going to discuss a person's medical care or medical treatment," he says. Wrinn also says the university won't comment on Tadesse's diary entries. "It was the private writings of a student," he says. Just after the murder-suicide, the school didn't even know Tadesse's diaries existed, Wrinn adds. They were made public through the Boston district attorney's office because of their involvement in a criminal case.  
 Thernstrom still questions whether there were lost chances to listen and to help. "It's valuable to look at what happened here. It's clear that there were missed opportunities for intervention," Thernstrom says. "We need to look at this situation in hopes of preventing such tragedies in the future."  
 But she admits that even with intervention, maybe some tragedies are inevitable. "It's just that we don't know whether this had to happen or not."

Due to the timing of the changover to the DATATEL system, registration for 1998 Spring semester will not take place in the Harry Davis Room, but will be done by staff processing registration forms completed and submitted by students to the Office of the Registrar.

Registration materials were mailed to students' KSC box/ local address October 1st.

Students have been assigned a registration group as usual based on total number of credits earned as of September 26. Forms will be processed in group order.

All registration forms will be submitted to the Office of the Registrar and processed in the office. Course Schedules for each student will be mailed to KSC Box/ local address as each class level has been processed.

Class	Registration Forms Due	Schedules Mailed
Seniors	Friday, October 17	Friday, October 24
Juniors	Thursday, October 23	Tuesday, October 28
Sophomores	Wednesday, October 29	Tuesday, November 4
Freshman	Tuesday, November 4	Wednesday, November 13

Bills will be mailed the week of November 17.

Schedule adjustment will be the week of November 17 in the Academic Advising Center.

# Calendar ~ October 2 - 8

## Thursday, 2 October

**Mind/Body Healing:** runs through Nov. 6  
 7 p.m. @ Lahey Hitchcock Clinic  
 590 Court St., Keene, NH  
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Greg Osby  
 7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
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**The Quiet Room**  
 7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall  
 Redfern Arts Center  
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## Friday, 3 October

Road Trip '97:  
 David Grisman Quintet  
 9 p.m. @ Somerville Theater  
 In The Garage, Harvard Square  
 (617) 625-4088

John Hammond  
 7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
 20 Center St., Northampton, MA  
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Percy Hill  
 10 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
 20 Center St., Northampton, MA  
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Sue Andrea Band  
 @ Mole's Eye Cafe  
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**Austin Powers**  
 7 & 9 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall  
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## Saturday, 4 October

**Pinocchio**  
 2 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre  
 95 Main St., Keene, NH  
 (603) 352-2033

Road Trip '97:  
 Hypnotic Clambake, Schleigho  
 9 p.m. @ Somerville Theater  
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Louise Taylor & Kelly Joe Phelps  
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Hopkins Center Film Special:  
 The Great Warner Bros. Cartoon Show  
 2, 7, & 9 p.m. @ Spaulding Auditorium  
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Mole's Eye Reunion  
 @ Mole's Eye Cafe  
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**Women's Soccer**  
 vs. Rhode Island College  
 3 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

## Sunday, 5 October

**Carousel**  
 7 p.m. @ Colonial Theatre  
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Tom Rush  
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 7 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
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## Monday, 6 October ~ Wednesday, 8 October

Temperament: A Tool For Parents  
 7 p.m. @ Lahey Hitchcock Clinic  
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Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers  
 7 & 10 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
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## Tuesday, 7 October

**Austin Powers**  
 7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall  
 Redfern Arts Center  
 (603) 358-2168

**Feeding Your Child; Myths & Realities**  
 7 p.m. Lahey Hitchcock Clinic  
 590 Court St., Keene, NH  
 (603) 355-3806

**Field Hockey**  
 vs. Springfield College  
 5 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

**Men's Soccer**  
 vs. Bridgewater State  
 7 p.m. @ Owl Stadium

**Austin Powers**  
 7 p.m. @ Putnam Arts Lecture Hall  
 Redfern Arts Center  
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**Pediatric Safety**  
 6:30 p.m. @ Lahey Hitchcock Clinic  
 590 Court St., Keene, NH  
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Michael Brecker Quartet  
 7 & 9:30 p.m. @ The Iron Horse  
 20 Center St., Northampton, MA  
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**Volleyball**  
 vs. Plymouth State  
 7 p.m. @ Spaulding Gym

Vaughan Recital Series:  
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Austin Powers, a comedy starring Mike Meyers and Elizabeth Hurley will be playing at the Putnam Arts Lecture Hall this week. Tickets for Keene State College Students will be \$2.

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### MIT student in coma after frat party

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BOSTON - A student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology remains in critical condition and in a coma after collapsing at a fraternity house Sunday from acute alcohol poisoning.

Authorities say 18-year-old Scott Kruger is a pledge at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house. They say Kruger consumed a large amount of alcohol in a short period of time, but not as part of an initiation ceremony.

University officials are conducting an investigation.

Meanwhile, officials at the University of Massachusetts are investigating the death of a 21-year-old student at the Amherst campus over the weekend.

Adam Prentice died when he fell from the third floor of a dormitory and through the roof of a glass greenhouse early Saturday morning.

U-Mass officials are trying to determine whether alcohol was involved in the accident.

### Datatel

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which the college will be paying over the course of the next year.

Training for staff was also expensive, Fischer said. No additional staff were hired to use the system, but every member of the various administrative offices on campus need to be educated to use the system.

Staff at the registrar have been training with Datatel and an education orientation team specializing in training staff for over a year, Sielke said.

The daunting amount of technology and training required to get the system off the ground hasn't got Sielke worried though.

"You never expect problems, but hopefully there won't be any," Sielke said with a laugh.

When asked about the new computer system, first year students Nicolette Burns, Christina Arzilli and Jed George said they look forward to the new computer system.

"It sounds like a really great idea," George said.

Burns said she was eager for any improvement that makes college life less complicated.

### Fast-food

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cating. If a company like ours runs their bookstore, they still get the revenue but don't have to worry about it," he said.

There's one small area inside SMU's student union that Julie Wiksten, SMU's director of auxiliary services, isn't worrying as much about anymore.

A Blimpie and TCBY Yogurt shop are operating in a space where other businesses, such as a candy and coffee store, failed before, she said.

"It's become extremely productive space now."

Students can use their "Pony Express" card, a debit card accepted throughout the campus, at these national brand outlets as well.

"All universities are reviewing how they do business right now, and branding is a hot topic," Wiksten said.

There is one caveat: "We have to be prudent because sometimes brands are short-lived with the students."

And fast-food restaurants had to modify their rigid standards to build outlets in the limited space available to them inside student unions.

"They realized there was

good business to be had, even though they might have to create a smaller version with a limited menu," Cunard said.

In fact, some high schools are allowing branded outlets, but at that level nutritional issues get more attention.

The restaurant companies also have to consider franchise operators that already operate near campuses, industry analysts say.

*"Oh, it's a mom thing. I want him to eat the food he likes rather than sit in his room and be sad."*

• Rusty Simmons  
Texas Christian University  
freshman

In College Station, Texas, Aggie Bucks, the name for Texas A&M's debit card, is accepted at Chick-fil-A and Whataburger restaurants a mile from campus after two of the same restaurants opened inside the student union.

"They asked for it, and it seems fair," said Ron Beard, director of food services at Texas A&M.

Two and a half years ago, A&M opened its first four

national brand restaurants, and now those outlets take in 8 percent to 10 percent of the total food dollars spent on campus, Beard estimates.

"We just opened our fifth and sixth, another Chick-fil-A and a Stone Willy Pizza on the south side of campus, and now they're asking for it on the west side," he said.

Keeping up with students' demands is a challenge. Marriott Management Services, which operates the food court for TCU and works with 500 campuses nationwide, surveyed students recently and found that a growing number prefer vegetarian selections.

For example, American University in Washington, D.C., experienced an 8 percent increase in the number of vegetarian students last year, so Marriott has had to respond with more meatless hot entrees.

"They want more than just a salad bar," a spokeswoman said.

Meanwhile, TCU freshman Rusty Simmons' mom, who remembers not even being able to get "just a salad" 30 years ago as a student at Kansas State, trusts her son "isn't going to eat junk food all the time. He'll get tired of it."

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For the past year, many offices on campus have been involved in planning for, and training on, a new system purchased from Datatel. The offices most affected by the transition are:

- Academic Advising
- Admissions
- Bursar
- Continuing Education
- Student Financial Management
- Registrar
- Residential Life

These offices have been open fewer hours this fall while staff is trained on the new system which will go **LIVE Monday, October 20**. Input into the old system will cease Monday, October 13. We're calling this week **Launch Break** because it will be a period of time between the old and new systems. You will be able to get answers to questions, but transactions cannot be completed during the week of Oct. 13.

The new system ultimately will allow students greater access to student records and quicker answers to questions. Please be patient with Student Service Offices while we make this transition.

## GET INVOLVED!!!

Open Positions for Representatives

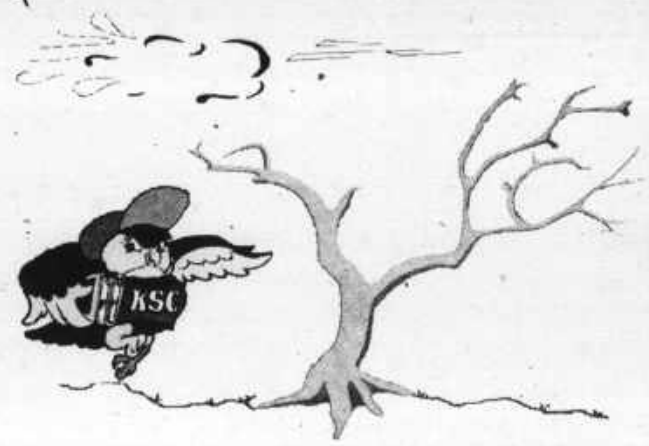
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- 3 Non-Trad.

### Make a difference...



Stop by Student Assembly Office for a petition

? ? Questions? ? ?  
call Student Assembly at x 2640



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**The Keene State College Bookstore**  
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### SAT

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Raymund Paredes, associate vice chancellor for academic development at the University of California Los Angeles and a member of the Latino Eligibility Task Force, said the group settled on the recommendation after finding little correlation between Hispanic students' score on the SAT and their success in college.

"How well are we measuring merit? My answer is I don't think we do it nearly as well as we could," Paredes said.

The biggest concern, he said, was not so much possible test bias as the inability of the test to forecast with any accuracy how Hispanic students would fare in college.

The College Board argues that the way to help Latinos and all students better prepare for college is to improve elementary, middle and high schools and to correct the staggering socioeconomic conditions that affect children's readiness for school.

Others contend that dropping the SAT requirement would be tantamount to lowering admissions standards. "It seems to me that the rec-

ommendation is driven by the desire to simply increase the number of Latinos or to simply increase diversity," said Ward Connerly, the U.C. regent who championed the university's new policy against racial preferences. "I believe our admissions criteria should always be driven by the desire to increase quality."

He and others said they believed that eliminating the test would only lead to grade inflation at high schools.

The broader question raised by the task force recommendation, and by other critics of the national test, is whether the SAT and other standardized tests really do provide a benchmark.

A growing number of colleges and universities have chosen to make the test optional. The number of such schools has risen from 189 to 284 in the last three years, according to FairTest.

The ACT (formerly known as the American College Test) is used primarily by schools in the Midwest.

The SAT, which is taken by more students, has been more widely studied.

Though no one argues that certain minority groups receive lower scores, no one study has been able to pinpoint why.

Researchers speculate that the timed nature of the test hurts students who are not native English speakers, presumably because they need longer to read the verbal section and the math section, which contains many word problems.

Students from families with higher incomes have an advantage in part because they can afford to take courses that coach them on strategies for taking the test.

But the results of the tests often defy explanation.

For instance, in California, Asians in the lowest income group scored higher than blacks in the highest income category.

Students themselves say they feel enormous pressure about the tests, believing that much of their academic future can hinge on the results.

Ann Campbell, a 16-year-old at La Costa Canyon High School in suburban San Diego, would like to attend UCLA and study psychology there.

To help her do well on the tests, she is taking a preparation course that runs for 12, three-hour sessions and costs \$695.

"It would be better if the test weren't so important," she said.

## Mountain Day at Keene State College

Saturday, October 4, 1997

with geological footnotes  
by KSC Professor of Geography Klaus Bayr

### WHO?

- Students
- Faculty
- Staff
- Families
- All of the above

### WHAT?

- Climb Mount Monadnock.
- Get exercise.
- See foliage.
- Take pictures.
- Bring lunch.
- Dress in layers to accommodate changing temperatures.

### WHERE?

- Get on a bus at Spaulding Gym Parking Lot. (Students will be asked to sign a liability release form prior to boarding the bus.)
- Ride to the mountain and return to Spaulding Gym.



KSC Mountain Day - 1995

### WHEN?

- Saturday, October 4
- Bus will leave from campus at 9 a.m.
- Expect to return to campus by 3 p.m.

### WHY?

- It's a New England and KSC tradition dating back to 1919 and Keene Normal School.
- It's time to do it again.
- We had fun last year.

### HOW?

- Reservations are needed. Call 358-2114 and make your reservation.

Mountain Day is sponsored by the Division of Finance and Planning, the KSCEA, and the Student Government.

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To Help You Find Balance in Your Life...  
 Consider One of the Counseling Center's Groups and Classes...  
 GROUPS BEGIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 AND END DECEMBER 12 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

<b>Counseling Center Staff</b>		<b>Interns</b>	
Tamera Zimmerman	Judith Putzel Price	Alexa Berton	James Moratto-Ruge
Beth Mundahl	Mona Anderson	Forrest Seymour	Tori Tillson
Emily Noyes	Baibes Peterson	Sylvia Anderson - Receptionist	
Bette Norlund - Administrative Assistant			

Please stop by, (third floor of Elliot Hall) or call the Counseling Center, ext. 2437, to sign up. If you have a time conflict, let us know; other sections of groups may become available. Most groups will begin the week of OCTOBER 6th, and will need a minimum of 4 participants.

<b>Introductory Yoga</b> Emily	<b>Tuesday 4:30-5:20</b> October 7-November 25	<b>Family Housing Center</b>
No experience necessary. Join this class to reduce stress and give balance to your life. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a pillow.		
<b>Disabilities and Self Esteem</b> Tori	<b>Wednesday 9:00-9:50</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
Tired of making the extra effort? This support group is for people facing academic/physical/social challenges. With the support of peers we will build on the strengths you have.		
<b>Writing Therapy</b> Judith/Alexa	<b>Tuesday 3:00-3:50</b>	<b>CC Annex*</b>
This group is for people who already write, or want to write, as a vehicle to get in touch with themselves and feel (better?). Focus will be on expressing/communicating feelings, getting to know yourself better, and taking the risk to share and connect with others in a non-judgmental setting.		
<b>Let's Talk</b> James/Tori	<b>Wednesday 11:00-11:50</b>	<b>call x2437 for location</b>
Confused? What is it about sexual identity that is such a big deal? What is there to be afraid of exploring? Have you labeled yourself as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual or simply don't know? Choices...attraction. Well, let's talk!		
<b>Culturally Diverse</b> James	<b>Wednesday 1:00-1:50</b>	<b>Family Housing Center</b>
Finding yourself dealing with culture shock? Having difficulty adjusting to a new community? Join us and together we will explore ways of confronting these issues and more. You are not alone!		
<b>Depression Management</b> Judith/Forrest	<b>Thursday 3:00-3:50</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
Learn to manage feelings of hopelessness, restlessness, sadness, and emptiness. We will focus on how to cope with sleep disturbances, lack of motivation, isolation and other feelings of depression in order to help you live a happier life.		
<b>Abortion Support</b> Judith/Alexa	<b>Monday 4:00-4:50</b>	<b>CC Annex*</b>
group #1, 5 weeks - October 13-November 10 group #2, 4 weeks - November 17-December 8		
These groups will provide support around issues of courage, grief, loss, guilt, anger, and other feelings involved in having an abortion.		
<b>Male Survivors of Sexual Assault and/or Sexual Abuse</b> Forrest/James	<b>Please call x2437 for day, time and place</b>	
This group is for men who have experienced any kind of childhood sexual assault or sexual abuse.		
<b>Self Esteem</b> Beth	<b>Wednesday 1:00-1:50</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
Do you wonder about your self esteem? The benefits of increased self esteem will enrich all areas of your life, including creativity, athletic and academic abilities, and relationships with yourself and others.		
<b>Women, Food and Body Image</b> Mona	<b>Call Mona at x2435 for day, time, and place.</b>	
"I think about food all day." "I'll do anything to be thin." "I'm so tired of worrying about how I look all the time." If this sounds familiar, join us to explore your relationship with food, your body, and your spirit.		
<b>Sexual Violence Survivors Group</b> Mona	<b>Call Mona at x2435 for day, time, and place.</b>	
This group is for survivors of sexual assault, rape, or any other unwanted sexual contact. We will look at ways to heal and rebuild confidence and a sense of self.		
<b>Family Matters</b> Beth/Tori	<b>Monday 2:00-2:50</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
Are people pushing your buttons? Do you come up with excuses for why you don't have to take care of yourself first? Take the first step and join us and receive support from others who grew up in a difficult, dysfunctional, or alcoholic family.		
<b>Meditation</b> Mona	<b>Wednesday 12:00-12:50</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
This group is for anyone interested in beginning or continuing a mindfulness meditation practice. Meditation can help with health, healing, personal growth, and feelings of being overwhelmed. It is a practice that you can use the rest of your life.		
<b>Surviving and Thriving: for sexual abuse survivors</b> Judith	<b>Wednesday 3:00-3:50</b>	<b>CC Annex*</b>
This group is for women who have experienced any kind of childhood sexual assault or sexual abuse. We will focus on your life today, on being a survivor, the influence of your past abuse on present relationships, and getting support in the healing process.		
<b>Relationship Violence/Anger Management</b> Emily/Forrest	<b>Thursday 10:30-11:20</b>	<b>Counseling Center</b>
This group is about anger and violence in any relationship and is open to men and women.		
<b>AIDS/HIV Support</b> Tamera/James	<b>Please call ext. 2437 for day, time and place</b>	
This group is open to individuals with AIDS or HIV, family members, significant others and friends.		
<b>Parents With Mental Illness</b> Judith/James	<b>Please call ext. 2440 for day, time and place</b>	
This group is for anyone with a parent with a mental illness. We will talk about how confusing life has been and how to take care of yourself while caring about (and for) your parent.		
<b>Information Session</b> "Choices Around Abortion": Information about pregnancy options, procedures, what to expect emotionally, physically and spiritually before, during and after, involvement with friends, partners and family. How to be a friend to someone who is considering or has had an abortion. This will be solely an information session. The first Abortion Support Group will meet starting October 13 and will run for five sessions. A second support group will start November 17th and will run four sessions.	<b>Monday, October 6 7:00pm</b>	<b>CC Annex*</b>
One time discussions: "When Love Hurts" focusing on emotional/physical/verbal abuse, "It Happened One Night" focusing on date rape, "What's Alcohol Got To Do With It?" focusing on risks, use and abuse, and "No More Dieting" focusing on issues around food, body image, and eating disorders. Call ext. 2437 for dates, times and locations.		

\*CC Annex is the Counseling Center Annex located in the basement of Huntress Hall.

# Dave's World - Some thoughts on sports

DAVID HALEY  
The Equinox

Some questions at the table for Uncle Tommy:

This year finds us in the Little East. The NECC seems to be going on with life without us and we are now the big fish in a small, or Little, pond. There are some things I will miss about the NECC though.

I'll miss driving through the quaint New Hampshire countryside to Rindge and the Franklin Pierce campus to watch my Owls lose a soccer game to 11 guys from Germany, Russia and Bolivia.

I'll miss watching the hoop players from New Hampshire College and Southern Connecticut dunk at Spaulding (pre coach Phil Rowe of course), and most of all I will miss the elusive quest to find out what the heck NECC stands for anyway.

So let's see what we have here with our new conference. The Little East. First of all is there some sort of agreement with the Big East? Do they steal our lunch money or something? Why the need to incorporate the word "Little" into any description? Anyhow, I digress.

So let's meet our neighbors. We start with Plymouth State College. Solid sports program, ugly uniforms (dark green?) and do a wonderful job of grooming our future head coaches.

Coaches Rowe, Ron Butcher and Keith Boucher all formally bled the dark green, anyway. Plymouth State is still best known for being ranked the number one party school in the country years ago.

So here we have some school with a party reputation and no regard for public safety in the eyes of a administration who - on second thought I better leave this one alone.

Next. In sports there are an abundance of great rivalries. Notre Dame vs. USC, Red Sox vs. Yankees, Yale vs. Harvard but there is only one Western vs. Eastern Connecticut. First of all they really need an east and a west? Will one bad mouth the other when we play them?

I can see the bumper stickers now, a Western alum will have a "My red headed stepchild went to Eastern," sticker plastered on the rear of his Volvo.

If you can't get into Western or Eastern, do you go to Central Connecticut State. Food for thought I guess.

Next. Now here is a school with an identity crisis. Picture yourself in a bar. It's loud and you meet this sweet girl, she politely asks, "Where do you go to school?" Your reply is simple, "I go to UMass-Dartmouth."

"You go to UMass?" "No, UMass-Dartmouth." "UMass where?" "I go to UMass-Dartmouth!" "You went to Dartmouth." "UMASS-DARTMOUTH?" "Are you drunk or something?" You quietly walk away knowing there is no way to describe where you attend college, a budding relationship is lost forever.

So here is the question, where do you go to college? And how did these two schools get thrown together? Jack Kerouac searched for his purpose in life, I have found mine. We continue.

Rhode Island College. Ahh, no conflict here. Rhode Island is way too small to have an Eastern and Western. They recently had the entire state carpeted. This could be my favorite opposing school. I mean its so simple. It's in Rhode Island, and it's a college. Rhode Island College. It's not Rhode Island-Princeton, it's just a college in Rhode Island. Good people down there.

Next. Here is another weird one, I miss Rhode Island College already. Southern Maine. Okay, I've been to Maine. I went to prep-school for a year in Maine. Folks there is nothing southern about Maine. Even if you are, for arguments sake, in southern Maine-you northern everywhere else! And finally.

UMass-Boston. Dam it if UMass doesn't stick there nose everywhere. You know Calipari was behind this. If Keene State and Plymouth State battle for the Presidents cup, what do UMass-Dartmouth and UMass-Boston compete for, "The Marcus Camby Cup"? I'm sick of all these wanna be southern's and UMass's. Bring me 18 games of Keene State vs. Rhode Island College and let em' split nine apiece. Good people down there in Rhode Island. Good carpet job too.



KSC's Kevin Chevalier and Chris Brunette chase a PSC player during Saturday's action. Equinox photo by Steph Majewski

## Confident

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"The lack of production from the midfield has been a big concern to me. Ben Rayder, along with Charlie Owosu, played a strong game for us on Saturday," Butcher said.

"I have every confidence that we will be in a postseason tournament."

• Ron Butcher  
Owls head coach

"What we need right now is to solidify the backfield and

## Track

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The Lady Owls scored only three minutes into the game, starting with a nice midfield pass from senior midfielder Dow to Brown, who took it the rest of the way.

Brown and the Lady Owls kept the pressure on the Warriors, as they kept the ball in the zone and bombarded Merrimack keeper Jen Conway with an onslaught of shots. Freshman Smith made the score 2-0 in favor of Keene State at the 28:21 mark, with the assist going to sophomore midfielder Carrie Trudeau. The game remained fast-

solve our problems at the midfield position.

We also need our strikers looking to get themselves better scoring opportunities, get ourselves in team shape and have 11 guys playing on the same page," he said.

Butcher put his words into action on Monday as the team prepared for a Tuesday night game against Rivier College. The moves seemed to have made an immediate impact.

"We had a really good practice on Monday," noted senior tri-captain Dave Stuart. "There were a lot of changes all around and we ended up with one of our best practices of the year. We are just going to move forward from here and not let what happened on Saturday keep us down."

With seven or eight teams

paced, as Merrimack's Erin Rogers came right back to make the score 2-1.

However, it would be the lone score, as well as the lone offensive threat of the night for the Warriors.

Brown gained her second goal of the night at the 27:00 mark to bring the count to 3-1, at which point Merrimack's head coach Paula Picarillo became understandably upset with her club.

With 15 minutes still remaining in the first half, the small but enthusiastic crowds energy kept out the chilly fall air, and the Lady Owls were dominating every aspect of the game.

The second half began the same way as the first half had ended; Keene State was in control.

ranked ahead of the Owls Butcher concedes the need for a five or six game win streak, but also admits his team must turn the corner now.

"We need a personality to step up and lead the way for this team and as of yet we haven't gotten it. There will be changes."

• Ron Butcher  
Owls head coach

"I have every confidence we will be in a postseason tournament. I don't think I have over-estimated the ability of this team," Butcher said.

Bradley added the exclamation point at the 19:35 mark to make the score 4-1 in favor of the Lady Owls. Brown, the hero of the night, assisted on the goal.

Sophomore goalie Courtney McKay came into the game with three minutes left to replace a seemingly bored Keene State keeper Bonner, who had only seen four Merrimack shots on goal all night.

On the other end of the field, the Lady Owls kept Merrimack's Conway awake with 22 shots on goal.

The Lady Owls will travel to St. Michael's today, and continue their road-trip on Saturday against UMass-Dartmouth.

The Equinox needs sports reporters for this semester.

If interested call Mike or Jake at ext. 2413.

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# KSC gains 2-0 Homecoming victory

PAUL SILVERFARB  
The Equinox

Homecoming is a festive time of the year at Keene State College; alumni returning to see their old school, school spirit shining brightly, and red and white colors nearly everywhere.

The women's soccer team was also very festive, as they took care of Plymouth State College at Owl Stadium on Saturday.

This game was the first game of the "President's Cup," a tournament between Plymouth State and Keene State, a renewed rivalry since Keene State moved to Division III.

When the two meet in a head-to-head competition, the winner gets a point and whoever gets the most points at the end of the year wins the coveted award.

Plymouth State came into this game perfect, blowing out opponents with their hard-hitting defense.

Their defense had only let up two goals all year and the

Plymouth State goalie was virtually a brick wall.

With a record of 6-0 going into the match, Plymouth State was confident.

Keene State has a fiery offensive line that sends home the opposing team wondering what just happened.

They are a hard-working, great passing and shooting club, who have found the chemistry to a lead them to a winning season.

With a record of 6-1-1 going into the match, Keene State was also confident.

"We knew it was a big game going in," said Amy Zombeck. "This is the biggest game of the season."

With the stage set and play-off atmosphere in the air, the capacity crowd was expecting a great game and that is exactly what they got.

The game started off powerful. Keene State was able to keep the ball in the Plymouth State zone early on and that was a big key.

With 38:10 remaining in the half, Zombeck had a free kick

at the left side of the goal, but it went wide.

A minute later, Tia Meiler placed a beautiful pass to Celena Chickering, but her shot went wide left.

Keene State was getting the ball through the tough Plymouth State defense, but their shots all went wide.

Finally, Keene State struck gold, as one bad play actually turned out good for the Lady Owls.

With 36:30 remaining, Keene State had all the breaks and Plymouth State had to count on their defense to keep the game close.

Keene State played great defense and kept the score at 1-0 going into halftime.

In the second half, both teams tried to keep the ball deep in the others' zone.

Keene State was still trying to keep the one goal lead. The Panthers, on the other hand, were trying to attack Daly, but the Lady Owls defense kept the coast clear for Daly.

All throughout the second

Kristen Daly got a lot of action later on in the match, as Plymouth State decided that it was time to play and not just sleep walk through the match.

Daly made the save, but she mishandled the ball and gave Plymouth State a chance to score on a corner kick.

Daly doesn't make mistakes twice, as she made a great save to preserve the lead.

"I was really nervous," said Daly. "I was glad to make the save and help the team."

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half, Zombeck was keepin' it real, as she was all over the field, attacking and fighting for the ball.

"Amy was everywhere and creating opportunities for our forwards," said head coach Denise Lyons.

With 23 minutes remaining in the match, Hucker collected her seventh goal on a second effort rebound.

With the Lady Owls up 2-0 with under 20 minutes left, the smell of an upset victory was in the air.

"All together this was a team effort. We came to play today," said Lyons. "The team stuck to their game plan and we were successful because of it."

This game put the Lady Owls in first place in the Little East, with a 7-1-1 record.

Their sixth victory was on last Thursday went Chickering scored an overtime goal to push Keene State past Westfield State 2-1.

Keene State will face-off against Rhode Island College in a Little East Conference game on the turf Saturday.

## KSC still confident after weekend loss

DAVID HALEY  
The Equinox

In talking to head coach Ron Butcher the past two weeks you got the distinct impression he could see this one coming.

In his 27th year as the Owls head soccer coach, not a lot gets by Butcher.

His team was walking a tightrope of inconsistent play for weeks and on Homecoming Saturday, Plymouth State College gave them a good hard shove.

"What I saw on Saturday was the same thing I'd been seeing in practice, and that was a team that was unemotional and sloppy," remarked Butcher.

It wasn't apparent from the beginning that this was a lifeless soccer team.

Butcher gave what assistant coach Liam Daly called "A great pre-game speech to the guys," before the game and in fact the Owls played well early.

"The first 20 to 25 minutes of the first half we had opportunities, we just didn't take advantage," noted Butcher.

Plymouth State forward Danny Gilbertson broke into the left side of the Owls interior to head a Milton Medea pass into the onion bag for a 1-0 lead.

"The life seemed to drain out of us after that first goal, although I still felt very confident going into halftime. A 1-0 lead in soccer is nothing we did not react the way good teams must react," Butcher said.

The score remained at 1-0 until the 78:39 mark when a Brett Scaccia shot deflected off Keene State goalie Matt Andrulot's hands and rolled in the proverbial nail in the coffin.

"What we were lacking from a mental standpoint was leadership. We need a personality to step up and lead the way for this team and as of yet we haven't gotten it. There will be changes," Butcher said.

Changes indeed. Butcher wasted no time in moving Ben Rayder to midfield from the defense and giving more responsibilities to some of the younger players like sophomore Tim Graham.

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## Equinox Staff Picks

These staff members are not trained professionals, you should not bet the farm on their picks!!!

### NFL LINES

USA Today  
Sept. 30, 1997  
Home teams are bolded.

Favorite	Line	Underdog
Dolphins	3	Chiefs
Packers	8.5	Bucs
Cowboys	7	Giants
Bills	3.5	Lions
Steelers	2	Ravens
Eagles	3.5	Redskins
Jaguars	7	Bengals
Raiders	7	Chargers
Cardinals	1	Vikings
Seahawks	5.5	Oilers
Jets	3	Colts
Bears	3	Saints
Broncos	4.5	Patriots



Mike DeFina  
Sports Editor



Jake Mical  
Sports Editor



Keith Moriarty  
Executive Editor

### Last Week's Record

Mike DeFina	2-11
Jake Mical	7-6
Keith Moriarty	9-4
Overall Record & Win %	
Mike DeFina	10-16 .394
Jake Mical	15-11 .577
Keith Moriarty	17-9 .654

Dolphins	-3	Chiefs	+3	Chiefs	+3
Bucs	+8.5	Bucs	+8.5	Packers	-8.5
Cowboys	-7	Cowboys	-7	Giants	+7
Lions	+3.5	Lions	+3.5	Bills	-3.5
Steelers	-2	Steelers	-2	Ravens	+2
Eagles	-3.5	Redskins	+3.5	Redskins	+3.5
Jaguars	-7	Jaguars	-7	Jaguars	-7
Chargers	+7	Raiders	-7	Raiders	-7
Cardinals	-1	Vikings	+1	Cardinals	-1
Seahawks	-5.5	Seahawks	-5.5	Seahawks	-5.5
Jets	-3	Jets	-3	Jets	-3
Saints	+3	Saints	+3	Bears	-3
Patriots	+4.5	Patriots	+4.5	Broncos	-4.5



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# The Equinox Sports



Equinox photo by Robin Oelkers  
Senior co-captain Johanna Dow slips her way through defenders during Saturday's Homecoming game against New England College. KSC won the game 3-0.

## KSC back on track; two game win streak

JACOB MICAL  
MIKE DEFINA  
The Equinox

The Keene State College field hockey team has had a rough start to its first season in the Little East Conference.

Most expected the Lady Owls to have a better than .500 record before this weekend.

Unfortunately, last second defeats have discouraged the Lady Owls from jumping above that mark.

Standing at 3-3 going into the Homecoming weekend, Keene State was looking forward to a chance to defeat the 4-2 New England College Pilgrims in front of the Owl Stadium crowd.

The Lady Owls kept the pressure on NEC from the start of the first half, firing shot

after shot at the Pilgrim goalkeeper. Kate Bradley was the first Lady Owl to break the wall NEC had set up in front of the net.

Her fourth goal of the season gave Keene State a 1-0 lead.

Bradley and the other Lady Owl forwards continued to apply pressure in the second half.

Chrissy Brown, Carrie Moura and Kelly Smith positioned themselves for shots all around the goal, yet it was Bradley who took advantage with her second goal of the game.

With a 2-0 lead, Keene State settled for keeping the ball off their side of the field.

The defensive stand was lead by senior midfielder Johanna Dow.

She, with the help of others,

didn't allow the Pilgrims but one shot on goal.

Kara Suhie added a penalty shot to finish off NEC 3-0, boosting the Lady Owls record to 4-3.

Erin Bonner recorded her second shutout of the season.

The Lady Owls began their transition on Thursday night against Merrimack College in fine style, with help from Brown.

The senior forward sparked the Lady Owls to a commanding 4-1 win, as she put away two goals and assisted on another.

Keene State was in control from the early going, as the Merrimack Warriors could not find a way to break the defense or subdue the relaxed play of the offense.

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## Women's soccer team continue excellent season

The Lady Owls improved their record to 7-1-1 with an impressive Homecoming victory over newly acquired rival Plymouth State College, 2-0. The win gave Keene State an early lead in the President's Cup race.

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## Rugby collects impressive win

Equinox staff

About one year ago, the Keene State College men's rugby club had one of its toughest games to date; an 8-7 win over the University of Vermont-Montpelier.

This Saturday, Keene State would host the rematch of this challenging game. However, the results would be very different this time around.

The club's a-side jumped in front of UVM by a try scored by Pat Crowley. The extra kick was missed and Keene State held a 5-0 lead.

UVM fought their way back downfield, and it appeared that the game might turn out much like last season's. UVM scored a try of their own to tie up the game.

The first half ended in a 5-5 tie, but it wasn't going to last for long.

Keene State looked the best they have all season in the second half.

Scores by club president Pete Waterman, Tim Green, Nick Green, Dave Fortier and two conversions by Crowley contributed to a second half rout of UVM.

The club's a-side collected their first victory of the season with the 29-5 win.

"Overall, we kept up the intensity the entire game. We didn't get frustrated after mistakes and kept our heads in the game," said fly half Robin Oelkers.

The Keene State b-side which featured seven rookies, did not have such an easy time with the UVM second team.

The "killer b's" battled with the more experienced UVM team but could not keep them from scoring.

Keene State's only score was a penalty kick that ended the scoring. UVM won the game 10-3.

Keene State travels to Johnson State this Saturday.



Equinox photo by Jacob Mical  
Travis Aho and Robin Oelkers tackle a UVM player Saturday.

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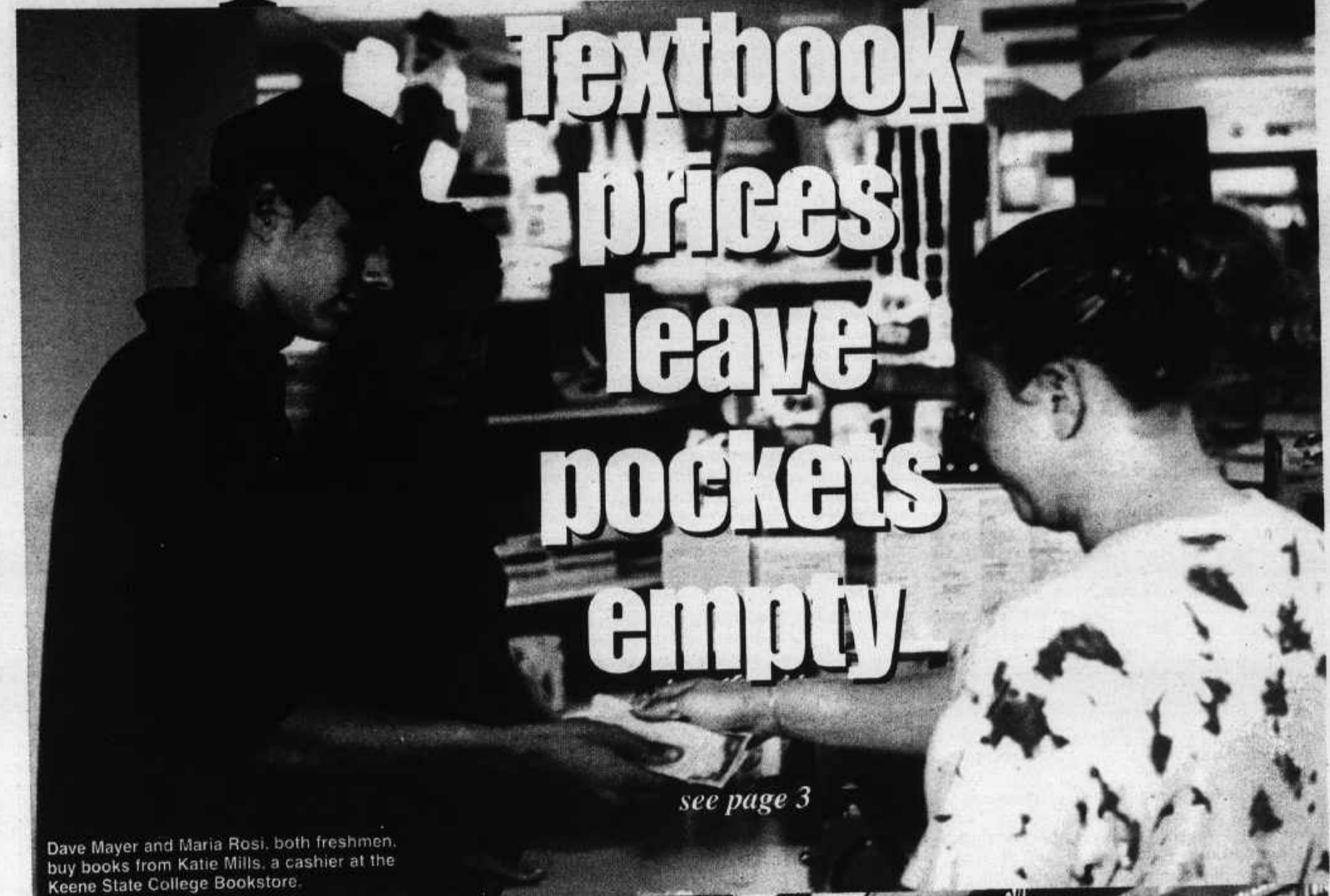
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Our 25th year!



# Textbook prices leave pockets empty

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Dave Mayer and Maria Rosi, both freshmen, buy books from Katie Mills, a cashier at the Keene State College Bookstore.



Stacks of books line the walls of the KSC Bookstore.

## TEXTBOOKS

Equinox photo by Elizabeth ...  
The Keene Book Exchange, on Main Street, is the major competition to the KSC Bookstore.