Welcome to the second issue of the Keene State College Health and Safety Committee’s Newsletter. Many thanks to Brendon McCarthy, chief editor and senior majoring in Safety Studies. If you have a safety related suggestion or concern that you would like to share please contact Sylvie Rice (srice2@keene.edu; ext. 82879) or any of our members.

Pedestrian, Vehicle, and Bicycle Safety

For Pedestrians:
Although pedestrians have the right of way when crossing in a cross walks and at intersections, the pedestrian should never assume that a driver has seen them in time to stop. Make sure you make eye contact with the driver and that they are planning to stop for you! Remember—it is the pedestrian that will get hurt—not the car.

Do not dart out between parked cars.
Always use designated cross-walks and look both ways before entering.
Pay attention when walking through parking lots—drivers backing out of parking spaces may not see you.
When walking along a road without a sidewalk, also walk towards on-coming traffic.
When crossing at a roundabout, remember that most drivers will be looking towards the left for oncoming traffic, so they may not see you if you are approaching from the right.

For Drivers:
Be on the lookout for pedestrians at all times, and yield to pedestrians.
When possible, park your car facing out (but staying within the designated parking space) so that you don’t have to back out—watch out for other cars and pedestrians.
Keep your windows clean for maximum visibility.
Always look to your left for cars and to your right for pedestrians.

For Bicyclists:
Wear your safety helmet—numerous studies have demonstrated that they save lives and prevent head injuries (go to http://www.helmets.org/henderso.htm for more information).

Keene State Safety Students Honored

Five Keene State Safety Studies students were recently awarded scholarships from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). They are:
Joshua Besnoff, Junior: ASSE Construction Safety Scholarship.
Katherine Burke, Senior: CNA Foundation Scholarship.
Brendon McCarthy, Senior: Greater Boston Chapter Leadership Award.
Travis Brenner, Junior: New England Area Future Leadership Award.

Julian Washington, Senior: UPS Diversity Scholarship.

The Granite State Chapter of the ASSE also awarded scholarships to Katherine Burke, Senior and Matthew Norton, Junior, and named Dr. David May the Region VIII Safety Professional of the Year.

“Dave has been a true supporter of the safety profession as […]both a professor and faculty advisor for the student section of the Chapter who has excelled this year. (from The Granite Stater)
**Roundabouts** (from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation)

**Statistics**
- 40% fewer collisions compared to intersections
- 80% fewer injuries
- 90% fewer serious injuries and fatalities

**Safety**
- Accidents occur at slower speed
- Accidents occur at slight angles rather than right angles or rear end collisions
- Allow U-turns

**Productivity**
- More cars can enter roundabout
- Less time is needed for drivers
- Can process 30% more traffic compared to other types of intersections

**Aesthetics**
- Island in center of roundabout creates area for landscaping opportunities
- Much easier on eyes compared to concrete and manholes

**How to Drive in Multi-Lane Roundabout**
- Wait for safe gap in traffic before entering
- Stay in your lane
- Don’t stop in the roundabout

- Left turns- use left lane
- Straight- use right lane or left lane
- Right turns- use slip lane
- Always yield to emergency vehicles

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**Reminder to Students:**

As you wrap up your projects and assignments please be careful and always follow your instructor’s instructions.

Keep your hair tied back, wear appropriate clothing, shoes, safety glasses, gloves, etc. when working in the lab or studio, and never work alone when using power tools or chemicals.

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**Construction Site Safety**

There will be upcoming construction projects at the College in the upcoming months, including the demolition of the Adams Technology Building and most of Butterfield, followed by the construction of the new TDS building.

Take these precautions when you are around these sites. Always look carefully for any potential dangers when walking near a construction area. If attending the site as a visitor, speak to the person in charge to find out about any immediate dangers or areas where you should not be. Do not allow yourself to be distracted and always remember there may be unseen dangers.

Watch where you walk.

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**Media Arts Condensation Piping**

As you have probably noticed, we have been experiencing problems with the conditions of the underground piping around the Media Arts Center. Each leak releases very hot treated condensate return (steam).

Excavations have been underway to address this issue. We are using barriers and cones to keep pedestrians away from the area.

Walking in the affected area can be very dangerous as the condensate water is about 180°F and could burn you.

Please understand your surroundings and do not enter barricaded areas under any circumstances.

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Example of barricade at MAC.