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The Alcohol Policy: Liability Awareness Stirs Campus-Wide Concern

by Jon Shambrun Features Editor

In 1990 one out of every four college students was named in a liability case regarding alcohol. That ominous statistic is being felt on campus nationwide as an increase in media coverage of collegiate alcohol-related accidents and lawsuits has heightened tension surrounding the issue of alcohol policy.

Our campus is now in the middle of a chain reaction. The administration's response was an unprecedented effort to educate student leaders about our existing alcohol policies and enforcement, and most importantly the involved liabilities. The student leaders are now painfully aware that the college, and they, and we, the students are liable and can be sued.

What's all this talk about new policy? The only thing that is new is the increased awareness of responsibility at the student level. With the exception of the new 'weekday keg' rule, which states that no kegs may be held from nine a.m. to five p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from nine a.m. to twelve noon on Fridays, all other current policies were in existence at the end of last year. The weekday keg rule was instated during the summer, and is now being re-routed through the Alcohol Policy and Recommendations Committee which has a majority of students.

The new education of our rules and their enforcement has changed the atmosphere on our campus. Some students say it feels like a little driller. Administration stated that education is the best approach to the situation. The host of a party is liable whether he knows it or not. So it is in everybody's best interest to know the rules. Sam Bottom, President of the Student Government Association, concurred, anticipating a "campuswide effort to provide resources and information." However, Bottom noticed that with all the attention the issue is getting, we should be careful not to drain ourselves. "It is an important issue, but it's getting bigger than it needs to be. Let's not waste all our time and energy on Alcohol Policy at the expense of other things."

Andy Sharp, SAC Chairman, holds a similar view. "We can't just drop everything because the administration is emphasizing alcohol awareness. Fear is acting up. The scariest thing is that you are liable, even for serving a 21-year-old."

The student leaders went through a leadership training program prior to the start of school which for the first time had an extensive component on alcohol, consisting of workshops, films, and discussions. Joseph Tolliver, Dean of Student Life, and a major figure in that preparation, made clear that the administration's attitude is not "No Parties," but rather "Here's what to do to be legal and minimize liability." He also said that the administration plans on holding workshops and educational events for students and student leaders year round in an attempt to decrease the level of irresponsible drinking.

The current alcohol policies delineated in the Connecticut College Handbook, also called the "C" book, as well as in the Student Activities Handbook, make responsibility very tangible. The activities handbook also contains clear, detailed registration forms required for all parties, indoor or outdoor, private or public. Previously nebulous distinctions such as the parameters of responsibility or guidelines for the event have been made unmistakable.

Registration forms state that the host or sponsors of a party "assume full responsibility for activities and consequences of the event, for the actions of the guests at the event, and for damage to College property, campus, or if responsibility cannot otherwise be assigned." As Tolliver summed it up, "No serving minors, no serving anybody who appears drunk, follow the Conn. regulations, and have the required number of student bartenders and campus security officers."

Julie Quinn, Director of College Relations, put it, "What happens here is a microcosm of society at large, which is becoming much more tuned in to the issue of alcohol."

Last year at least 25 students went to the infirmary unconscious due to alcohol intoxication, an equal number went directly to the emergency room.

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Gaudiani Announces New College Leadership

by Lisa M. Allegretto News Editor

In her first address to the entire Connecticut College community since her acceptance of the presidency in February, President Claire Guadiani announced some of the changes she has instituted including a new leadership structure for the college, a five year strategic plan, an emphasis on funded student research and an International Leadership Studies Program.

According to Gaudiani, she took the initiative immediately after accepting her appointment as the eighth president of Connecticut College.

"There was a great deal to be done early on so as not to lose a year in the cycle," said Gaudiani.

Gaudiani said she began meeting with the administration, the faculty, and the support staff right away so as to enable progress to be initiated at the start of this year.

Over 1,000 pages of letters from members of the Connecticut College community aided Gaudiani in making these immediate changes.

As of August 1, 1988 Gaudiani restructured the leadership of the College. An academic and an administrative cabinet were created with the new president as their chairwoman. According to Gaudiani, each cabinet will carry equal weight.

Tudiani also appointed a new college marshall, Professor George Willauer, with new responsibilities.

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The Chaplain Search Committee, composed of three faculty members, three students, and three administrators, chose Schmidt from an applicant pool of 136 candidates from all over the United States.

"The students on the committee were very impressed by Steve Schmidt," said Jean King, Associate Dean of the College and Chairwoman of the Search Committee. "Steve had more experience than any of the other candidates." See Chaplain, p. 4
The Destruction of our Environment: We Must Account

by Frederika Brookfield

Our environment; the first thing that used to come to my mind on that subject were the raging battles over the lobbyist, environmentalists and congressmen on Capitol Hill. No longer. The environment and its deteriorating condition became my growing interest and concern this summer. The environmentalists tell us about the earth and all of her natural treasures—the seas, the forests, and the air—have been infested with noxious chemicals and gases that are going to be the end of us all. The most extreme threat to date, as stated by the environmentalists, is that we cannot remove the world as we know it to end.

Do you remember those science fiction films 10 years back when all human (and non-human) life lived underground or "in vitro"? They all walked around in tunnels protected from the atmosphere. No more sun or natural light. Well, I believe if we are not careful there is no reason why that will not happen to us.

As the summer slowly rolled by, I read more and more on the "green house effect" the inevitable warming of the earth due to the global canopy that mankind, that we, have created with gases like carbon dioxide (CO₂) and chemicals like chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). CFC's are primarily found in air conditioners, refrigerators and those little styrofoam peanuts. CO₂ is emitted from cars and industrial factories. What captured my attention so strongly was that what I was reading had direct bearing on my actions as never before. I read the blood coated syringes flowing up on the beaches on the northeast coast, and the beaches were closed. (A result of thoughtless dumping of waste into the oceans). I heard warnings on the early morning broadcasts about the extremely low level of air quality, and I stayed indoors. My family had to come to terms with the part of extreme heat due to the lack of rain and extreme heat.

I wanted to cry out for someone to take emergency measures immediately. I was definitely experiencing an extreme attack of ecophobia, a new term coined this summer. The advent of technology has been amazing. It has allowed us to excel and surpass the quality of life in third world countries. Wonderful, but why didn't anybody put more thought into how we were destroying and polluting our environment, that wonderful gift we have been able to enjoy since Creation. If we do not take action, our generation and the ones that follow will pay the consequences.

In Groton this summer there were 10 days that exceeded the national air quality standards for CO₂ levels. The standard AQ level is 125 parts per billion. On July 11 the levels were up to 181 parts per billion. As a cloud of ozone envelops the earth's surface, ultraviolet rays are allowed in but harmful gases and heat are prevented from escaping. What this means, particularly on days when AQ level is up to 181 is that we are breathing in destructive levels of pollution with our air. Scary, to say the least.

Finally, thanks to Mother Nature's warnings and extensive media coverage people are realizing just how important it is to protect our environment. It is not just a job for the environmentalists.

I am ashamed at how little I knew of our environment before this summer and where we, as humans, fit. God gave us this land to share. It is not our role to dominate nature and our environment through our man made creations. If we do not learn how to coexist, hopefully then we will pay severe consequences.

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Farewell Dr. Feelgood, Greetings Dr. Dull

DULL, better known as boring, is something we always try to avoid. What is worse than a dull speaker, a dull book or dull vanilla ice cream?

I used to agree that dull was truly something to hide from, something to stamp out. Now I am no longer sure.

In 1980 we began a decade of entertainment, as Ronald Reagan became the first actor ever to be President of the United States. A vote for Ronald Reagan was a vote for excitement—and a vote against all that was dull. He was a prime time entertainer, and all Americans tuned in to watch.

It was like having John Wayne in the Oval Office. When he donned his worn-leather cowboy hat, Americans nodded in appreciation. This was a joy to listen to. His voice was gentle and warm, and it swamped our love and affection. So much so, that soon we were following him blindfolded all around the globe.

When he marched us into Lebanon, we followed dutifully. When he marched us into Central America, we followed obediently.

When he marched us into Grenada, we followed automatically.

We followed him even as our debt spiralled out of control, as civil rights took a backseat to bigotry, and as corruption overcame our government.

Yes, we followed. We followed because at the time it all seemed entertaining. He was Dr. Feelgood, and like a dose of valium he made us feel better. Sure enough, nothing was boring under his administration—except war, yes, tragic yes, but boring never! Now Dr. Feelgood is leaving us to our own. There will be more consulting radio talks. No more TV broadcasts. The show's over folks. Dull is back.

We can't define it but we know it is there. It's slowly enveloping us. Dukakis is dull. Things have gotten so dull, so boring, that we can no longer follow him blindfolded any more on the northeast coast, and the beaches were closed. (A result of thoughtless dumping of waste into the oceans). I heard warnings on the early morning broadcasts about the extremely low level of air quality, and I stayed indoors. My family had to come to terms with the part of extreme heat due to the lack of rain and extreme heat.

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Administration Stresses Education of Alcohol Policy

Finally, the college must be able to predict student conduct to an extent, based on past experience. However, in the court case of Bradshaw vs. Rawlings, the court held that "the historical duty of the college, exercise control over the student's conduct, as would the parent has been abjured," and that "College is not the insurer of the safety of its students."

New student life administrators Chris Koutziouni, Coordinator of Residen
tial Life, Trudy Flanery, Coordinator of Student Activities, and Ted
lives are another reason why now is the time for increased awareness.

Though the importance of the issue was certainly felt last spring, having
new administration join the College while it was in a period of adaptation and learning about the community and how every
thing works. Plus, as Sharp pointed out, "you can't teach school leaders
during the year."

Now is the time for the students in a community that is largely student run,
based on an honor code and a bonfire student government, to realize
liability. Three years ago Bradley instated student bartenders to identify
legal drinkers, gain control of the environment, minimize liability, and
organize parties.

Hal Pratt, Coordinator of Student Bartenders anticipates an increase

in demand for these bartenders. One student bartender is required for every

250 students, but 100 students would be considered too many. Bartenders have the responsibility to check I.D.'s, to decide when somebody is drunk and cut them off, and when to shut down a party in an extreme case. Pratt says "When push comes to shove, bartenders have to make the call."

"They're the ones who control the tempo of the party. Bartenders are the last link of the ladder." BIBULOUS

To help deal with alcohol issues, Bottom and Sharp have created an Ad Hoc Committee on alcohol, in addition to the APRC, the Alcohol and Policy Recommendations Committee, which consists of eight students and faculty advisors. The idea behind the ad hoc committee is to bring together a representative from each group of student leaders - a House floor, a House Senator, a House Senator, a House Senator, the Judiciary Board Chair, the SAC Chair, and the President of the SGA. Such a collection will help foster a common understanding of student reactions. To drink or refresh by welling or

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The third area is simply as a property owner. The college is responsible for knowing what is happening on the premises. Such is the case for an outdoor party, or a "B.O.B." party. The responsibilities in the ownership
of commercial property are set to the minimum standards of care. This includes the registration procedure, and educating the hosts to the guidelines of the College. Hosts must wear sto at their party of potential dangers and problems. This especially applies to situations which are similar to any previous accident. If a student has fallen off a balcony, the host of any future balcony parties must be sure to assess the dangers of the environment to those at the event.

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New Chaplain Begins 'Coffee: A Grounds for Discussion'

Schmidt has already begun to make changes in the running of the chapel. He intends to create a Chapel Advisory Board consisting of two faculty members, two administrators, and four students which will meet once a month to discuss chapel programming.

The new chaplain has also organized a discussion group called 'Coffee: Grounds for discussion.' The group will meet weekly in the library to discuss current issues and drink tea and coffee.

"Coffee is a free, open discussion group on a variety of topics," said Schmidt.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Harkness Chapel and Schmidt will assist in the planning of those festivities. As part of the celebration, a weather vane which had been in the original sketches of the chapel, will be placed on top of the steeple.

"I like the size of Connecticut College, recalls the moral community," said Bredeson. "The chaplain is concerned with the moral and ethical concerns of the entire college community," said Schmidt. "I see my task here for the first year to be to see what Connecticut College is like. It will take time."

Trustees Name Academic Prize For President Ames

by Lisa M. Allegrutta

The Connecticut College Board of Trustees has approved a new academic prize in honor of former President Oakes Ames and his wife, Louise. The Ames Prize was created in recognition of the quality of academic achievement that was present during the 14 years that the Ames were part of Connecticut College.

The prize, which is funded through an endowment, will be awarded annually at commencement to the senior who has completed the most outstanding Honors Study.

"Oakes and Louise Ames both prize intellectual engagement, and this award is a fitting tribute to their keen encouragement of the life of the mind at Connecticut College and their belief in doing the very best scholarly work," said Britta McNemar, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"Louise and I are very pleased that the trustees have provided the college with this way of encouraging honors study in our name," said Ames. "We both have always taken special pleasure in the academic achievements of our students and are proud of those who have excelled."

Gaudiani Stresses 'Teamwork'

at Opening Convocation

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opposite. This position was designed by Gaudiani to help guide the development of the college.

On August 7, 1988, Gaudiani, with the Projects, Planning and Budget Committee (PPBC), set out to devise a five year strategic plan for Connecticut College. A preliminary plan has already been completed and will be presented to the college community on September 21, 1988. The final draft of the plan is scheduled to be completed in one year.

"We will chart our course together," said Gaudiani. The new president also intends to meet with the campus support staff every other week for lunch and to hold open office hours for students two hours each week.

"I will continue to count on you to lead me in a collegiate way."

At the close of the Convocation Gaudiani stressed "teamwork" and the need for the entire college community to "help each other in all of our new ventures."

"Sometimes we will fail," said Gaudiani, "but we will pull together. Our adversaries are not on this campus, they are prejudice...[and] laziness. I and the 17,000 other alumni call on you."
Area Big Producer of Radioactive Waste

by Nancy Grudis
New London Focus Editor

Over three-quarters of the low-level radioactive waste generated in the state comes from southeastern Connecticut, contends a report from the Connecticut Hazardous Waste Management Service. The report states that most of this waste comes from the Four nuclear power plants in the region: three in Waterford and one in East Haddam. In addition, Pfizer Inc. in Groton and United Nuclear Corp. in Montville also generate significant amounts of low-level waste.

The report, the 1988 Connecticut Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Plan, stated that there were 23,856 curies of radioactivity in the low-level waste shipped for disposal in 1987. This figure is up since 1986.

The Nuclear Waste Management Plan also stated that the actual waste produced by Northeast Utilities, Mystic Nuclear Power Plant, in 1986 was 7,773 curies. A curie is a measure of radioactivity.

On a good note, however, the report also stated that the actual volume of waste shipped out of the state dropped over 10,000 cubic feet, thanks to the reduction of waste produced by Northeast Utilities. Millstone Nuclear Power Plant, which operates the state's nuclear power plants. The Connecticut Hazardous Waste Management Service is in charge of finding a low-level radioactive waste disposal site in Connecticut. Kathleen C. Gelas, its chairwoman and executive officer, said it has not been decided whether the fact that most of the waste is generated here will play any role in deciding whether the facility is located here.

One advantage to disposing the waste in this area would be the small distance the waste has to travel, since transportation costs are expected to triple when the state is forced to open its own disposal site required by the federal government before the end of 1993.

State Representative Jay Levin feels that the area has to be willing to make compromises. "We have to move away from this 'not in my backyard' mentality," said Levin. If the project is done in an ecologically sound way, and the commission decides that this is the best site, then, so be it," added Levin.

"The most important point we all have to recognize is that its a nationwide problem, and we can't be parochial about it."

Once the site is located, five disposal options are available, including earthen trenches, above-ground vaults, buried vaults, modular concrete cisterns, and earthenmounded concrete bunkers. Of the five, only two have already been used. Earthen trenches are used at United States disposal sites, including facilities in North Carolina and Washington, where Connecticut currently ships its low-level waste. Earth-mounded concrete bunkers are currently being used in France.

Aids Problem Serious In NL Area

by Nancy Grudis
New London Focus Editor

"A lot of people still don't believe it's a problem in the area," said Jack Forsythe, community outreach coordinator for the New London AIDS Program. "Southeastern Connecticut does have a problem, and it's getting much worse."

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a fatal disease spread through contact with contaminated blood or body fluids, such as through dirty hypodermic needles shared by infected addicts, or by having sex with and infected person.

AIDS affects the body's immune systems, making recovery from diseases impossible. Although the disease surfaced several years ago, there is no known cure, and there are no documented recoveries.

The AIDS program in New London is one of 12 state-supported clinics doing anonymous testing and counseling for AIDS. In addition to opening the clinic 24 hours per week, the program's staff has spoken about the disease to an estimated 3,500 teenagers and adults. "Education makes a big difference," said Forsythe. "We reach people who are willing to acknowledge that there is a problem, but we have no real way of knowing if people are actually changing their behavior."

"Making people aware of the danger of AIDS and the importance of practicing safe sex, however, is the beginning in changing people's behavior and practices," added Forsythe.

If a client is tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS, he or she is given free counseling and referrals to other area specialists, as well as other people carrying the AIDS virus. "Some people need special help dealing with their diagnosis," said Forsythe. "We let them know who's out there to help them."

Current figures say that 2,500 to 4,000 people have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS in the New London area. The virus has hit especially hard in the female and Hispanic community. "AIDS is not just in New York and San Francisco," added Forsythe. "We're in it as deep as the rest of the country."

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11/12 at New England Meet (SMU)

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MEN'S SOCCER
9/17 vs Tufts
9/20 vs Coast Guard
9/24 at Bowdoin
9/30 vs Wesleyan
10/5 at Amherst
10/6 at Newpo
10/13 vs Clark
10/15 vs Colby
10/19 at Rhode Island College
10/22 vs Trinity
10/25 vs Assumption
10/29 vs Williams
11/1 vs Nichols
11/5 vs Middlebury

WOMEN'S SOCCER
9/10 vs scrimmage Mitchell
9/13 vs WPI
9/17 vs Amherst
9/20 at Tufts
9/24 vs Eastern CT State
9/28 vs WPI
10/1 at Trinity
10/3 vs Mount Holyoke
10/5 vs Newport
10/11 vs Trinity
10/16 at Bowdoin
10/18 vs Williams
10/22 vs Wesley
10/29 vs Bates
11/1 at Wesleyan
10/27-10/29 at New Englands

FIELD HOCKEY
9/10 at Smith Play Day
TBA
9/17 at Wesleyan (V/JV)
2:00 pm
9/20 at Mount Holyoke (V/JV)
3:30 pm
9/24 vs Bates
1:00 pm
9/27 vs Southern CT (V/JV)
3:15 pm
9/28 at Yale JV
4:00 pm
9/29 vs Becker
4:00 pm
10/1 vs Wesley
3:00 pm
10/6 vs Smith (V/JV)
3:30 pm
10/8 vs Amherst (V/JV)
10:00 am
10/12 vs Dean
3:30 pm
10/15 at Trinity (V/JV)
11:00 am
10/18 at Western CT
7:00 pm
10/20 vs Mitchell
3:30 pm
10/21 vs Bowdoin
3:30 pm
10/25 vs Williams (V/JV)
3:00 pm
10/28 vs Tufts
3:00 pm

WOMEN'S TENNIS
9/13 vs R. Island College
3:30 pm
9/14 at Clark
3:00 pm
9/22 at Trinity
3:00 pm
9/24 vs Bates
1:00 pm
10/4 vs Wheaton
3:00 pm
10/6 at Amherst
3:30 pm
10/8 at Wesleyan
1:00 pm
10/10 vs Fairfield
3:00 pm
10/12 vs Dean
3:30 pm
10/13 vs Mount Holyoke
3:00 pm
10/23 vs Newport
1:00 pm
10/25 vs Williams
3:00 pm

The Origin of the CONN Camel

Chosen in 1969 as the Connecticut College mascot, the camel serves as the symbol of endurance and fortitude on the playing field in all college sports. Down through history, the camel has been a fierce competitor with its opponents. True to the camel’s characteristics, Connecticut College teams hold their heads high on the playing field in fierce competition with opponents.

Fall Intramurals
Flag Football
6-aside soccer
3 on 3 Basketball

Referees wanted for intramurals
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