**Open hearings launch budget process**

**Largest audience numbers eight students**

by Jon Flandrore
News Editor

Finance Committee hearings ran over 20 hours this weekend as the first year of open meetings made its mark on the proceedings. Jackie Soteropoulos, '92, vice president of SGA and Finance Committee chair, opened the meetings to the public in an attempt to stimulate interest and understanding of the budget process.

She said overall attendance was low with the largest crowd peaking at eight students. However, she added, "I'm glad the option [to attend] was there, and I think it should always be there."

She noted that treasurers and presidents of various organizations attended others' hearings to learn more about the process. Soteropoulos said this "really helped the question and answer period."

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Grade Inflation

The great Student Government Association GPA debate is over for now, and, well, not much came of it because the real issue was only side-awarded.

In a close vote, SGA decided that serving the student body is a privilege, not a right, and therefore should be extended only to those students who have maintained a fair grade point average: 2.5, or the equivalent of a C+/B-.

On the surface, it looks like a bad call. Student government should represent every student on campus and should be available to everyone on campus. By setting a minimum GPA, SGA excluded itself from one of its most stringent regulations for all student organizations—open membership.

One of the reasons senators voiced for keeping the 2.5 minimum was placing an emphasis on academics. But the underlying message was that anything less than a 2.5 really means sub-standard academic performance. Meanwhile, Matt Coen, house senator of Windham and the proposal's sponsor, argued that the college sets academic probation at 2.0 and that's where, if anywhere, a line should be drawn. Both sides are right, but neither hit the nail squarely on the head.

Grade inflation has run rampant across Connecticut College. The norm at Connecticut College is closer to a 3.3, a B+. Sixty percent of the student body makes Dean's List each year's graduating class earned Latin List than an honor to them.

It is disturbing to us that although there are many outstanding female athletes at Conn and elsewhere, rarely are they mentioned in the column. Even more disturbing was the type of attention paid to Monica Seles this week. Monica, a brilliant athlete, was reduced to a sex object when she wore a T-shirt containing the open's decision not to play by Monica Seles who played the Open was not played by Jimbo Jimbo Martinez, '92.

Perhaps the most disturbing fact is that although most people are concerned about sexual assault, few understand that Monica's body much more important than her playing ability. Perhaps the most disturbing fact is that although most people are concerned about sexual assault, few understand the significant correlation between sexist attitudes and rape and gender behavior. Seeing sex as women objects is dehumanizing, insulting, and intellectually limiting.

We hope we are not alone in our concerns about the exclusion and objectification of women in our culture. Again, we are only writing to express our concerns. The more men and women strive to overcome sexist attitudes, the greater chance we have of seeing eye to eye.

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Tina Abbott, '92
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Anah T. Hirshen, '92
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Caryn Grober, '92
Molly Smith, '92
Chuck Jones, '92
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Janet Cardona, '94
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The nomination of Clarence Thomas:

What does he have to hide?

Since President Bush nominated Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court last July, most Americans have come to recognize his name and face. Yet as the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings began last week concerning his nomination, we still have little knowledge of the real Clarence Thomas. President Bush calls him "the best person for this position," but how are we to judge him?

At age 43 and with just over a year's experience on the federal court, he has written little to let us understand his judicial reasoning. Our only insight into his public record comes from his tenure as Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights.

As Assistant Secretary, he admitted to violating a court order for timely investigation of discrimination in education. During his time with the E.E.O.C. thousands of complaints of age discrimination were ignored. He also failed to take any action in important complaints of intentional sex discrimination.

The American Bar Association gave him the lowest rating of any Supreme Court nominee ever. Is he really the most qualified person our country has for the Supreme Court?

In speeches and articles, Judge Thomas has declared his support for "natural law," a theory which threatens to turn back the clock on constitutional rights. Natural law is the concept that there is a higher moral code or value system that can be used to interpret the Constitution. It is once used by the Supreme Court to deny a woman's license to practice law and to limit the work hours of women. Thomas has also criticized both Roe v. Wade and Griswold v. Connecticut, the decisions which are the foundation of reproductive rights and the right to privacy.

Thomas' career appears particularly shabby when viewed in terms of the people who have served on the Court. When you look back at the makeup of the Warren Court at the time of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case you see three former senators, two former attorney generals, a former governor, and a former solicitor general among its ranks. These men had already established distinguished records of public service to the country before they joined the court. Few, if any, questioned their qualifications for the job. The same thing cannot be said of Clarence Thomas.

Thomas does not follow the trend of Reagan-Bush nominees who are distinguished mostly by their lack of public record. He has a long and controversial paper trail from his days at the EEOC. But Thomas has repudiated almost every position he stated in almost every speech over the last ten years. Furthermore, after refusing to grant interviews this summer, Thomas continues to remain an enigma by dodging senators' questions at this week's confirmation hearings.

If Clarence Thomas truly is "the best person" for the job, then what's he got to hide?

By Matt Coen, '92
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FEATURES

Author connects past and present

by Christ Sprunger
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At a time when Conn students are working to expand the recycling program, North Cottage has become the environmental house, and SAYE is an established club on campus, the choice of William Cronon's Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecological Transformation of New England for the 1991 summer reading program seems very relevant.

William Cronon, former Rhodes scholar and currently a history professor at Yale University, is an environmental historian, which means that he looks at the history of people’s interaction with the natural world. Cronon defines it as “anthropology which extends its boundaries beyond human institutions — economies, class and gender systems, political organizations, cultural rituals — to the natural ecosystems which provide the context for these institutions.”

“...to the cultural consequences of the European invasion... we must add the ecological costs as well,” writes Cronon in the preface of Changes in the Land. The book examines the ecological change that occurred after the Europeans arrived in this country, from 1600-1800.

Cronon describes 18th century New England as barren of many of the animals who had lived there in earlier days. Species of certain trees were becoming scarce. Streams drying up, and the soil was not as fertile as it once was.

Cronon concludes that the colonists’ economic relations were ecologically self-destructive. “Capitalism and environmental degradation went hand in hand,” he writes.

Changes in the Land received excellent reviews in both the New York Times and Newsweek. The book also won the Francis Parkman prize given by the Society of American Historians for a work that combines literary and scholarly writing.

When asked about the timeliness of the book’s choice for the summer reading program, Cronon said that Changes in the Land “suggests that the kind of problems that confront us today have a long history beneath them. These are not new problems.”

Cronon emphasized the importance of adopting a stronger perspective on everything. “(Getting) a long term historical view is always a valuable thing to do,” said Cronon.

It was in a seminar at Yale that Edmund Morgan suggested to Cronon that he do a project on the landscape. After Cronon wrote a 70 page essay, Gaddis Smith, then chairman of Yale’s history department, tipped off Arthur Wang, the publisher of Hill and Wang, about the essay. Wang signed Cronon on, and the essay became Changes in the Land.

Cronon received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1976, his M.A. and M.Phil. at Yale in 1980, and his Ph.D at Oxford University in 1981. At Yale, Cronon teaches history of the Americas, and a course in environmental history.

Cronon has a new book titled, Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West, released this year. Cronon will read from Changes in the Land and also participate in a panel discussion about the book on Saturday, September 21.

by Yvonne Watkins
The College Voice

What did you do over summer vacation? It’s the world’s oldest essay question, but this summer fourteen seniors have given it a new twist. There are the students in the International Studies Certificate program of the Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA), who have recently returned from their internships in Europe and Asia.

The program, launched in 1989, “designed specifically to meet the country’s urgent need for a new generation trained to solve problems, think creatively, and enter the international arena with a good academic base of knowledge, foreign work experience, and language fluency.” The criteria for acceptance includes proficiency in a foreign language, a 3.5 GPA and an essay.

Finding internships is the hardest part. As Mary Devins, assistant director of the program explained, “You go knock on doors. Ask anyone you know if they can help.” This year, she said that her "Mission Impossible" was Nicole Clayton, ’92, who studied the healing properties of traditional medicinal plants at the Tongli Medical University in China.

Devins was thrilled with the outcome of the internships, and said that, although “Everyone was scared to death,” there were no major problems or accidents. There were, however, a few unanticipated circumstances. For example, one student’s parents were offered 10,000 camels in exchange for her hand in marriage. They accepted and the couple married.

Maria Recchia, ’92, who interned at the Stazione Zoologica ‘A. Dobri’ in Naples, Italy, took her studies in an entirely unexpected direction. She had originally planned to examine the effects of industrialization on the marine ecosystem of the Mediterranean. Instead she conducted a study of the developmental stages of copepods, a tiny crustacean common throughout the oceans. She found the lab work very interesting because she was basically on her own, facing challenges such as growing species in a lab.

Recchia had to adjust to the odd hours of the lab and shopping malls — everything is closed from 12:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon. and, more importantly, the role of women in Italian society. Young women in Italy don’t walk anywhere by themselves, for example.

Kate Hamre, ’92, who was going to write a comparison of the Soviet legal system before and after Glasnost, was forced to alter her project to study the criminal and civil courts in the USSR. Hamre had already spent her junior year abroad in the Soviet Union, so she had no difficulty adjusting to the culture and language. Her internship was also easier because she was living with a family in the country where it was possible to grow food, so she didn’t have to spend as much time in the food

town hall in Voronezh, where she was able to explore many different facets of the legal system, from chasing down witnesses and measuring and documenting evidence to sitting in on closed trials and, on one occasion, serving as the court secretary. Hamre found the lax attitude of the system very disturbing. “They feel that the law is something you have to get around in order to succeed, and it is going to take a long time to change that,” she said.

Alex Barret, ’92, also went abroad his junior year, and feels that it had a positive effect on his internship experience. He admitted, “it was strange arriving in Paris and feeling like I knew the place.” He said the only “culture shock” he felt was in adjusting to the nine to five work day, and having to cook for himself. Barrett studied managerial and executive occupational stress in France as compared to the United States. He found out, that, while, France had no such thing as domestic help, that they did have no difficulty adjusting to the culture and language. His internship was also easier because she was living with a family in the country where it was possible to grow food, so she didn’t have to spend as much time in the food


FEATURES

Student Profiles:

Four first year students break the mold

Remember senior year of high school, frantically pleading with people you barely knew for a college recommendation? For at least four members of the class of '95, stellar letters were no problem. For Max Kellerman, the fact that Dustin Hoffman wrote one for him, in addition to recommending him for the lead role in the upcoming movie "Billy Bathgate," is nothing so extraordinary.

Max Kellerman is headed for Hollywood. He has his own half-hour cable show every Thursday night called "Max on Boxing," where he takes live calls and discusses his favorite sport. Despite Hoffman's interest in Kellerman's starring as Billy in "Billy Bathgate," a film about the Jewish mafia in the thirties, the director thought he needed more...

Kellerman says Dave is a great guy. Hoffman, a theatre major, has been impressed by Conn so far. He hopes to take advantage of the opportunities and curriculum here before he hits the real world. It would not be surprising if a few years down the road Kellerman is back at Conn for the premiere of his own movie. Confident and resourceful, Kellerman seems well on his way to an exciting career.

Meet Marla Blye, age 17, born in Bel Harbor, New York, an Olympic hopeful in kayaking. Blye attended Ramymount School in New York. An exceptional athlete, Blye raced country and track in high school, was on the swim team for two years, and having never played basketball before, made the varsity team in her senior year. Next on her agenda are the '96 Olympics.

Bryce is a top skater on the Chinese National Team and headed for the Olympics, she sought to improve her skating by studying ballet. She was offered a one-year full scholarship by the Hartford Ballet Company which she immediately accepted.

The fact that Conn is a small college with a large community makes his decision to come here. Impressed by Conn when she first visited, Bryce is sure she will receive a good education. She plans to major in math and has enjoyed her classes so far. Hard work and a great time commitment are in store for Bryce, but certainly with a little luck and a lot of skill she will be game for the gold.

Re-entering school was a challenge for Wang. As a professional athlete in China, she had only completed elementary school before she began to train full-time with the skating team, and participate in national and international competitions. Being unfamiliar with the culture and the language, Wang was at a distinct disadvantage. It took a lot of hard work, but she overcame her difficulty, graduated in the top of her class, and came to Conn.

Many things attracted Wang to Connecticut College. Of these, the most important was the strong emphasis that the school puts on diversity and the programs for international students. The fact that Conn has a skating rink on campus was an extra plus, she said. In the future, Wang plans to concentrate on the International Studies Certificate Program and become as involved as possible in the college community. Wang will be sharing her skating expertise this winter as an instructor of the sport. "Conn College has offered me so much, I want to give it back," she said.

Joe Markow of Stoughton, Massachusetts, is an extraordinary member of the class of 1995. While in high school, he was extremely active. He boxed as an excellent middleweight and was an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts, and was involved in the school's newspaper, literary magazine, math team, and several small exclusive bands.

Above all, Markow's major interest is biology, chiefly zoology. He plans to concentrate in this area at Conn as a biology major. After completing the course of his high school career he participated in numerous state and local science fairs, including the M.I.T. State Science Fair, and took home many prizes. His greatest accomplishment came in his senior year when he was awarded the Bauch and Lomb Science award for excellence in the sciences.

In choosing a college, he looked for a strong science department and a learning environment where he would feel comfortable. He made his decision quickly, and applied here on the early decision option.

Markow is already taking full advantage of the plethora of activities available here. Even prior to the annual "Club Night," Markow had become involved in the Ornithology Club, the orchestra, church services and ban plans to do much more.

In his freshman year in high school, Markow became good friends with a German exchange student and through him learned much about his homeland. Markow has decided to do something about the deplorable state of Germany's environment. After graduation, Markow plans to travel to Germany and aid in "cleaning up" their badly polluted pond. He plans in order to rehabilitate the environment and prevent further damage to the aquatic...
A center of recyclable resources for children hides in East Lyme

by Elizabeth Miller
The College Voice

Past Mr. G’s, beyond the shells of several burnt-out supermarkets, and directly under Interstate 95 in East Lyme, there is a small brown building. Weeds and high grass wind around its signpost, which reads, beneath pink graffiti, Ye Olde Towne Mill.

Despite the mill’s unassuming architecture, it has become a second home to Sheila Skahan. Skahan’s pilot project, the Children’s Resource and Recyclable Center, uses the historic mill as a warehouse. Inside, the tiny rooms are cluttered with barrels filled with egg cartons, cardboard, wood scraps, and other supplies to make crafts for children.

The Center’s primary goal is to offer day-care providers recyclable materials as well as child care equipment and toys. The project is a collaborative venture between Project LEARN and INFOLINE.

The Center relies on the local business community to “stock the shop” with its surplus goods: paper, styrofoam, ribbon, plastic remnants, and other leftover materials.

Doreen Marvin, coordinator of Project LEARN, urges companies in the East Lyme area to look around their stockrooms and identify consumable materials that are no longer being used, and ask, “would a three-year-old find something to do with this?”

“Just think,” she adds, “your trash donation of today may become the future refrigerator artwork of tomorrow.”

In the past, it has been difficult for Skahan by Ellzabeth Mil...
The problem was compounded by the fact that Physical Plant, which is in charge of cleaning the dorm in the summer, was overburdened with a heavy workload and could not immediately spare custodians. Eventually, the students began the cleaning process themselves.

The mess in Abbey House, a co-operative dorm where students split the chores of cooking and cleaning, started to grow during the last few weeks of school. The house normally maintains a job chart assigning chores, but exams and senior week activities took their toll.

When summer resident Mike Peck, '92, arrived, he found his room in good condition, but described other areas as deplorable. "The kitchen was covered with food, trash and mold. Making them unfit for use.

The mess in Abbey House, designed for cooperative living, was left a mess during last year's Senior Week.
Soviets share coup experiences

by Sarah Huntley
Editor in Chief

It was evident that recent events in the "Soviet Union" have not gone unnoticed at Connecticut College as community members assembled on Thursday to hear visiting Soviet professors and students share their first-hand experiences and thoughts.

Olya Grishina, visiting professor from the Moscow Linguistic Institute, was in the Soviet Union throughout the coup attempt. Hoping to convey her emotions on August 19, she asked audience members to envision a warm, spring day after a long period of gloomy weather. Visualize, she said, your excitement at the thought of spending time in the fresh air, finding your jacket, happily lacing up your shoes and walking past the Kremlin on her way home from work. Bolko said she was struck by the unity of people against the tanks. "The most frightening thing was there was no information at all," she said. Bolko's husband, led the discussion several weeks before we were informed. We were told about it the week before it went to vote," said Joel Kress, '94, house governor of Bradford.

The proposal, which was designed to maintain the efficiency of government within the dorms, was defeated by the Assembly after strong opposition from the Board. "It makes sense to have a seat on the Assembly. Otherwise we are powerless when there's a threat," said Marc Freiberger, '92, house governor of Smith. Gerard Charmou, '93, parliamentarian and former student government attention has turned toward the issue of a direct position on the Assembly. Unlike organizations such as SAC, I-Board, and BAC, the chair of the Board of House Governors does not sit on the Executive Board of the Assembly; the concerns of governors and house councils are supposed to be represented by senators or expressed through participation in committees.

When the Ad-Hoc Committee introduced a proposal to disband the board of House Governors last year, many governors said the representative did not convey the concerns or views of the majority of the student body. "The governor who was supposed to be representing us on the Ad-Hoc Committee knew of the coup but didn't comprehend that democratic reforms had changed Soviet society," said Bolko.

"People who were plotting against the tanks were not allowed to go," she said. "But what struck my husband was the pleasant unity." She said the protesting groups were inspired by a feeling that "they had something to protect." In response, proponents of Smith governance "are afraid for their jobs, their privileges and their country houses .... They opened and publicly criticized Mr. Gorbachev," he said.

Choucroun, '93, parliamentarian and former TIU! College Voice September 17, 1991 Page 8, "The minimum grade point average for student government associations positions remains at 2.5 after much debate Thursday. The proposal to eliminate all GPA minimums, sponsored by Matt Coen, '92, house senator of Windham, failed by a vote of 10-15. [See story p. 1] A proposal sponsored by Molly Embree, '93, makes the J-J Board liaison the chair of house council hearings. The proposal, endorsed by the Board of House Governors, passed 25-0-2. A recommendation from the Assembly, sponsored by Sean Spicer, '93, house senator of Harkness, requests that the college install hook-ups for cable television in individual dormitory rooms. He noted that the procedure would not cost the college any money, and vastly improve room reception. Committee elections were held this past week. Space is still available on some committees. Contact your local Assembly member for more information.

Residential Life - Gerard Charmou, '93, Yellin, and Walker
Housing - Dan Rossmann, '94, Leistinger, and Gaffney
Interdisciplinary Majors - Garcia
Lecture and Monographs - Damon
Career Counseling and Profession - Gibson
Telecommunications - Manning Weir, '94, Hughes, Leistinger, and Damon
Environment and Science - Jackie Soteropoulos, '92, house governor of Blackstone, believes that the house governors are fairly represented. "Governors are represented on all committees which affect them, and they work in close contact with the senators. Even though they do not have a vote in Assembly, they have a strong voice in government," said Charmou.

Mike Goldban, '92, house governor of Harkness, is disappointed in the lack of representation the governors receive through the senators. "The senators are too often concerned with their own interests to convey ours impartially. It's positive that we have a voice in committees, but there is no good reason for the [Assembly] vote to be withheld from us," he said.

Jackie Soteropoulos, '92, vice-president of the SGA, explained that prior to 1987 the position of house president covered the duties of the house governor and senator, but that the office was split. The split allocated the jobs of presiding over house council and collecting dorm funds to the house governor, while giving Assembly responsibilities to the senator. Soteropoulos expressed his view that if the chair of the Board of House Governors sat on the Executive Board, the senator's position would become obsolete. According to Choucroun, the Ad-Hoc Committee will be reviewing all the positions again this year. "It's a problem we still have to look at, and one which the committee will be focusing on."
A groundbreaking ceremony will be held Friday at 4:00 p.m. at the Athletic Center to commemorate the start of the renovation of the facility. Holding the shovel will be Katherine Wenk Christofers, '45, a major donor to the college projects, especially the Athletic Center. The event is open to the entire college community.

Organizations file for funding

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members of the Finance Committee explaining the situation. Both Mass and Soteropoulos declined comment on the matter at this time.

Included in the $8,447.43 request by the Student Government Association is a new xerox machine, which will be open to use by other clubs and organizations.

The copier currently in use, located on the second floor of Cro, breaks down often and will soon be moved into the office of Conferences and Scheduling.

Vin Candore, '92, presidential associate, called the purchase a necessity because of the maintenance problems and the fact that most student office activity occurs after Conferences and Scheduling closes at 5:00 p.m.

This year, SAC requested $69,927.53, up from $69,485 from last year. They received $65,500 last year.

Blitz magazine, which received a $2,600 allocation last year, asked for $5,513.14. They plan to publish two special issues as well as provide alternative activities.

Students Concerned About Metal requested $45,503. Since they are a first-year club, however, they are eligible only for $200.

A $45,782.42 from the Sports Clubs marked a significant increase from their $24,416 request and $19,000 allocation last year. A total of approximately $360,000 was requested by almost 50 campus clubs and organizations.

Because of late budgets for senior breakfast and senior week, no request from the freshman class, and various changes to clubs' budgets, a final number could not be tallied.

The Finance Committee is responsible for distributing the pool of money gathered by the student activity fee of $443.

Since a final enrollment is not set, Soteropoulos was not able to say how much money the committee had.

Christopher Cory, director of public relations, said the campus population is about 1,681. This enrollment would put the budget at around $240,000. The target date for Assembly budget debates is October 3.

SGA maintains GPA regulation

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still much too large a group to exclude.

"There are many different ways to measure a candidate, and academics is only one of them," he emphasized. Molly Embree, '93, chair of the Judiciary Board, disagreed. "I don't think having a GPA requirement is discrimination," she said.

Correction:
The College Voice, September 16, reported in "SGA scrutinizes governors' role in house council trials" that legislation sponsored by Molly Embree, '93, J-Board chair, would create co-chairs at house council hearings. The liaison will be the newly chair. Also, the liaison and the house governor are responsible for filing a report together.

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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

vs.

Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau

**Calvin and Hobbes**

Calvin: Calvin! I signed up for the swim team lessons.
Hobbes: TOO LATE! PADDLE LETS GO!

Calvin: What about swimming lessons? No, it's not something you can just quit.
Hobbes: I'll take out the lessons and we can still swim.

Calvin: It's the only thing I can possibly stand. No more swimming. Just get me out of here!
Hobbes: YOU'RE NOT LETTING ME CALL THE SHOTS!

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**Doonesbury**

Buns: You're doing this all over again.
Man: I can't believe my name is still on this sign.
Buns: Oh, it is? I thought it was gone.
Man: It's been a while.
Buns: I'm not going to let you do this to me again.
Man: No, but you have to let me do this to you.

Calvin: Do you know what a '401k' is?
Hobbes: No.
Calvin: It's when you sign a towel and make up a story about it. It's how the ancient Romans called their tax money.

Calvin: I've always thought life seemed more fun if you only maintained the things you could buy on credit.

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**Academia Crunch**

Waitaminute! Pin number? I'm supposed to dial a PIN number?

Ah, why aren't you a student here?

Oh, well, no wonder! Here, lemme give you my PIN number...
Students urge college to respect religious commitments

by Rebecca Flynn
Associate News Editor

Because of the combined efforts of some campus diversity groups, the emergence of a picket line protest of Fanning Hall this week was narrowly avoided. According to Russ Yankwitt, '92, the fact that classes were held on Yom Kippur, the highest of Jewish holy days, is only one sign of "a complete lack of sensitivity towards Jewish holidays" on the part of the administration.

In addition, a field hockey game has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, which would make going home or even going to synagogue impossible for players unless they skipped the game.

In comparison, Yankwitt said, "There would never be a ski match on Christmas Day." Yankwitt spoke with Mabel Chang, '92, chair of MSCR, and Neil Maniar, '94, president of SOAR, about the possibility of a protest either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Both groups agreed to back the message and participate. Yankwitt took his concerns to Robert Hampton, dean of the college, Philip Roy, associate dean, and Daphne Williams, director of Residential Life.

The officials agreed to send out a letter to all faculty stating that if any student misses classes for religious reasons they will not be penalized, and any missed work can be made up.

"The reason I think the deans were so receptive was because the different diversity groups were willing to help out," stated Yankwitt. In order to avoid such incidents in the future, Yankwitt stressed the need for a diversity officer on SGA who could initiate legislation on behalf of cases such as this.

As further example of insensitivity, Yankwitt recalled that last year's Parents' Weekend was scheduled on Rosh Hashanah, adding that he wrote a letter in complaint and received in reply a letter stating that "This was the first Rosh Hashanah I had missed in twenty years - because I had to go to psychology lab."

-Jeffrey Bock, '92.

Jewish parents were "only missing one and a half days" of the weekend because of religious observations. As for the present year, Yankwitt stated, "This was the first Rosh Hashanah I had missed in twenty years - because I had to go to psychology lab."

Yankwitt added that "For the short run, [the letter] was the best thing that could be done.'

SCAM request forces issue of $200 limit

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"I think we're the biggest club on campus," said Jen Most, '93, a member of SCAM. "This was the first Rosh Hashanah I had missed in twenty years, and any missed work can be made up.

"I have real questions about what SCAM has done," she added, "because of religious observations."

"That's not at all what [the rosters] were intended for. They are intended to determine active membership," said Williams. "I like the idea of students saying, 'I'm going to put up the money back to SGA.'"

At last Wednesday's Student Activities Fair, members of SCAM began collecting signatures of new members on a club roster.

Jen Most, '93, signed the roster. "They told me it didn't mean anything, they wouldn't call me, they just wanted me to sign and help bring these bands to campus," Soteropoulos said.

Bock would not comment on rumors that SCAM's rosters would be required to vote down the budget if funding was not approved.

Soteropoulos said that in the event the budget was voted down, the Finance Committee would have to reroute the money.

"I genuinely like the idea of the budget policy. I'm willing to help look for alternative ways of funding," she said.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sting tour offers audience upbeat, soulful evening**

_by Carl Scholz_  
The College Voice

Gordon Sumner is traveling again. By plane, train, and automobile; he’s visiting America. But unlike other travelers, he stops every few nights to play a little music under a more familiar name—Sting. Hailing from London, and recently coached by Bernstein to the安全 of his most recent stops, at New York City’s Madison Square Garden, was a success story for everyone.

The opening band, Special Beat, delivered a set of fast, danceable reggae tunes, and even dedicated one to the security guards. Sting’s band percussionist, Vins, who has just released his own solo album, played a few songs of his own, armed only with a bongo drum.

But, of course, the night belonged to Sting, and from his bouncy opening version of "All This Time," the momentum never stopped.

In the months since the beginning of the tour, Sting has made some changes, primarily in his attire. He is playing a very different show. Unlike the early shows, only select songs are taken from his most recent album, such as "The Wild Wild West," and an extended version of "Why Should I Cry For You?" complete with a small detour through "Be Still My Beating Heart," a track from the Nothing Like the Sun album.

Most of the evening was upbeat, and after the first few songs Sting shifted gears and revisited the early eighties with a string of Police classics. Starting with " Roxanne" and continuing with "Walking on the Moon" and "King of Pain," he brought the audience to its feet and kept them there for most of the remainder of the show. Chances for audience participation were plentiful, and although Sting did not engage in much conversation with the crowd, he did inform everyone when Jimmy Connors, playing in the U.S. Open Quarterfinals in N.Y.C., won the second set.

The event ended with a terrific version of "Message in a Bottle," sung by Sting and Special Beat, and a chilling, single song encore of "Frags." With a final pluck of his mandolin to send his message home, Sting waved, wished everyone peace, and left the stage, ready to travel once again.

As he continued to tour the Northeast, Sting also made his way to Mansfield, Massachusetts, for two performances, on September 13 and 14. He also made his way south to Hershey, Pennsylvania, September 17. Having done only one New York show, however, it is likely he will return to the Northeast in the future. Sting fans can only hope that any of these concerts will surely have an opportunity in the future.

**Garde proves to be cultural mecca of New London**

_by Hillary Adams_  
The College Voice

Although few students realize it, just five minutes from the Connecticut College campus lies the opportunity to see an internationally acclaimed dance troupe, watch a classical musical, and listen to one of the most talented pop musicians around. The Garde Arts Center, located in downtown New London at 325 Captains Walk, begins its third full season of production this year with such greats as Shirley Jones, star of Oklahoma!, Carousel, and the well-known television series from the 70s, "The Partridge Family,"

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A capella singing for "wo and bo?"  
_Students attempt to form new co-ed singing group_

_by Elizabeth Miller_  
The College Voice

The posters can be seen all around campus; Come try out for Connecticut College’s first co-ed a cappella group. Although Conn went co-ed in 1969, it has taken twenty-two years for this musical transition to take place.

Two sophomore, Amy O’Neill and Kristen Shriver, have decided that is it time for a change. "It is high time for a co-ed a cappella group," said O’Neill. "I think that it will add to the sound of the other singing groups on campus. Funding such a group, however, could prove to be difficult. We are unsure of the group’s future," O’Neill admits. Two years ago, some students tried to form a co-ed a cappella group but failed because they lacked the necessary budget.

The Shiff and Conn Chords, two female singing groups, and the Co Ed A Cappella group’s male singing group, have established themselves as popular campus representatives for a capella singing, parking the chapel for concerts.

Hopefully, the new group will inspire a lot of musical interest on campus and by adding its voice to the Connecticut College community soon.
SPORTS

Crew strives for N.E. Championship

by Geoff Goodman
The College Voice

The Connecticut College Men's Crew Team will accept nothing less than success in the upcoming 1991-92 season. Despite the graduation of several key seniors from last year's varsity boat, including Evan Lewis, '91, the team's most valuable oarsman, the crew program is looking as strong if not stronger than the team which last year placed second at the New England Championships.

There are many freshmen trying out, twelve to sixteen of whom will get to row. Several of them have even rowed in high school, a real help when on the average more than 50 percent of the incoming freshmen have never rowed before. As team captain Tim Young, '92, said, "There is no such thing as a rebuilding year."

The 1990-91 season was a very successful one for the team. At the New England Championships the varsity heavyweight eight placed fifth, the varsity and freshman fours placed second and the Junior Varsity and Freshman eight boats stroked to their first place finish in their respective divisions. The freshman eight also won national acclaim at the Cambridge Winter regatta. The Camels are looking forward to the upcoming fall season.

"The object of the fall is to develop lungs and power," Young said. "You've got to get a good start, keep them from reaching their potential, they are sure to be a force in the NESCAC."

Clayton Kunz, '94, a member of the champion boat, recalled, "It was the most incredible race of my life. We'd never rowed like that before. It was one that highlighted the tremendous teamwork the Camels are going to have again this season." Young said.

Knowing that the National Championship in May is often decided by how hard the team works now has everyone working hard, practicing daily.

"All [of the NESCAC teams] are evenly matched," coach Ken Kline said. "We played better than we expected to, but we still have a lot of work to do."

The 1990-91 season promises to be a very exciting one for everyone involved with the oarsmen.

Women's soccer triumphs with two wins

by Jonathan Zaff
The College Voice

The Connecticut College women's soccer team has started off the season with two impressive wins over stiff competition. The first came last Wednesday at Mount Holyoke College. The second victory was captured three days later, on Saturday, at Amherst College.

Connecticut's 1-0 season opening victory at Mount Holyoke was one that highlighted the tenacious Camel defense headed by co-captain sweeper Kristen Supko, '92, and sophomore stopper Chrissy Haywood. The Camels' defense allowed a mere three shots on net which were all stopped by the persistant Amherst offense.

The second game, against Amherst, was another hard fought match. The Camels were able to control the ball and outscored the Coast Guard Academy, but according to Young that loss will be avenged.

"Our big goals this year are to win the National Championship and especially to have the team win the New England Championships. We've been second to the Coast Guard for the past two years, but this year we'll take it from them." Young said.

A lot of the team's success is of course due to their coach, Ric Rici. Rici has eighteen years of coaching experience behind him, the last four here at Connecticut. Rici, an accomplished oarsman himself, "brings a lot of experience to his work, but it is continually developing his rowing style," said senior captain. The outstanding records of his boats are certainly a tribute to his guidance and coaching.

The success of the boats is also a tribute to the hard work put in all year by members of the crew team. "There are no superstars, but everyone has a burning desire to be the best, and we constantly are pushing ourselves to achieve. We are a tight team that knows what it takes to win, and doesn't allow itself to lose," Young said.

"The Camels are looking forward to an upcoming fall season. They have already begun working hard, practicing daily."

"We played better than we expected to, but we still have a lot of work to do," said coach Ken Kline.

There was one main difference in the season opener and the second game. The second game was against a NESCAC opponent. "All [of the NESCAC teams] are very competitive. There is no chance for a breather," Kline said.

Though the Camels have won both of their games, there is still something that is missing in the team's performance. "Something hasn't quite clicked yet," said sophomore Marnie Sher.

Once the Camels begin to click, and find the missing factor that has kept them from reaching their potential, they are sure to be a force in the NESCAC.
Women's crew begins preseason
by Debra Napolitano
The College Voice

Lately, many women at Connecticut College are hearing their alarm clocks chime at 5:30 a.m. No, they do not have to face early biology labs, nor are they delivering the Voice. The crew season has begun, and these sleepy-eyed women are ready.

This fall the team will compete in six regattas. The first regatta, Head of the Texarkana, will be held on Sunday, October 6. The fall regattas are actually conditioning for the spring, when the true season begins.

A normal head race in the fall is three and one half miles. In contrast, the races in the spring are only one and one quarter miles. According to the captain, junior Kelly Grady, the one and one quarter miles is more of a sprint race and tougher. Therefore, the main objective this fall is to get ready for that sprint of a race.

"Waking up at 5:30 is worth it," said Grady, "especially when they compete." Grady feels the team is really close and better off for it.

An additional strength is the fact that the team has brought back many experienced rowers. The varsity team has enough women to fill more than three eights. Also, there are many eager freshmen. The freshman even get special races at the end of the season at Yale University and Wesleyan University.

From the Intramural Department:
Football kicks off season
Flag football competition kicked off the 1991 intramural season on Tuesday. The league features six teams in two divisions which will compete on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for the right to participate in the coveted November 17th Super Bowl. The Bredeson Division consists of Legion Of Doom, Smiling Assassins, Four Horsemen, Soul Train Team, G Urbke, The Men From Narucket, Off, Team Yank. The Toller Division consists of X-Can, The 90'er, The Sting, Moondogs, David, Elvis Grbac, the Hamilton Hamsters, and EM Airlines.

In flag football openers, veterans were the key to victories for their respective squads. Senior Jon Krawczyk's two TD tosses led Legion Of Doom to a 21-0 drubbing of the Tolliver Scum. In less dramatic fashion, Smiling Assassins won by forfeit over the Men From Narucket.

In addition to flag football, team tennis competition is underway and six-a-side soccer games will commence on Monday. Rosters aren't frozen until the second game in any league, so if you have any questions, call the Intramural Hotline at x2549.

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SPORTS

Wesleyan team dominates Conn volleyball tourney

Camels fall to three schools

by Geoff Goodman

The College Voice

The Connecticut College Women's Volleyball Team was wireless on Saturday in their annual home Invitational Volleyball Tournament. The Camels were outplayed and seemingly outmatched in their three games against Amherst College, Bowdoin College, and Wesleyan University.

The Camels looked forward to the season with great expectations, but their hopes were crushed as they lost their first match of the season to Amherst 3–1.

The Camels looked to come out strong in their second match against the Polar Bears of Bowdoin, but they dropped a hard-fought first game 15–10. In the second game the Camels burst out to a 2–0 lead and were leading 6–5 when Bowdoin was forced to use its first time out. The score fluctuated the rest of the game until Bowdoin pulled out a close 15–13 victory.

The Camels found themselves down, two games to none as they entered the crucial third game of the match. They were determined to make the match a close one. After the Polar Bears jumped out to a 5–0 lead, the Camels regrouped and rallied off nine unanswered points of their own, playing the best volleyball of their young season. It seemed as if the momentum had swung in the Camels' direction but Bowdoin battled back and took control of the game again as they went up 10. The Camels quickly called a timeout to hopefully swing the momentum back in their favor.

The Camels came out of the timeout fired up and subsequently went on to win five out of the next six points. They found themselves serving for the game when a side out turned possession back over to Bowdoin. The margin remained one point until a serve by Lynn Kees, gave Bowdoin a 17–16 victory.

The Camel's last match was against a powerful Wesleyan squad. Wesleyan had already beaten Amherst and Bowdoin and they were hoping to make a clean sweep on the day.

The Camels came into their third match inspired and jumped out to a quick 4–0 lead. But after a Cardinal timeout, the rest of the game was all Wesleyan and they went on to win the game by a score of 15–5.

The second game was all Wesleyan again as they dominated the set en route to a 15–1 victory. The third game was closer but Wesleyan took that one as well 15–9 giving them a 3–0 victory over the Camels.

Wesleyan finished the day with a perfect 3–0 record. Their tenacious play carried them to a tournament victory.

Despite being on the losing end, the field hockey team looks strong, and seems it will keep field hockey strong at Conn for years to come.

The season is off to a good start for the Connecticut College field hockey team. The Camels have launched the year with two wins, over Assumption College and longtime rival Wesleyan University.

The first game, against Assumption, was a very close season opener. Last season, the Camels beat Assumption 3–0, evening out the teams' head-to-head record at 2–2 in their last four meetings.

The first half was evenly fought, defense being the key ingredient to either team's success. The Camel offense picked up.

The most recent game, against Wesleyan, came on Saturday at home, on a wet and cold Dawley Field. The first half was characterized by a sluggish offense from both squads. However, nearing the end of the half, the Camel offense picked up.

This energy carried over into the second half, and the Wesleyan defense was continually pounded. This surge climaxed with a shot from Martha Buchart, '95, that managed to get by a strong Wesleyan goaliekeeper. Buchart was assisted by another freshman, Becky Hiscott, in the only goal of the game.

Buchart was a defensive player in high school, but has quickly become an offensive threat in the college ranks. Anie Lane Byrd rounds out the freshmen starting on the varsity squad.

The JV squad played after the varsity game, in fast-paced action that resulted in a 2–0 victory. The JV squad looks strong, and seems it will keep field hockey strong at Conn for years to come.

Fifth-year coach Anne Parmenter is pleased with this years turnout, saying that the team will fall into the grooves as the season progresses. Parmenter continued by saying that the team still needs to tighten up and play as one unit, but that will come with experience.

She is also concerned that the team is a little scared and anxious about acting decisively and passing the ball around. Once these minor faults are overcome, the players should comprise a team that will be tough to beat. Strong competition this year will come from Trinity, Williams, and Tufts.

Field hockey team beats Assumption and Wesleyan

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SPORTS

Women’s Tennis trounce Clark and Bryant

by Don Levine
Sports Editor

The Connecticut College Women’s Tennis Team has jumped out to a perfect 2-0 record this season, playing some excellent and consistent tennis.

For their season opener, the Camels travelled to Worcester Massachusetts last Tuesday to face Clark University. In years past Clark has never posed a real threat to the Camels and thus Conn went into the match very confident.

The Connecticut women outplayed Clark and won the match easily, 7 matches to 2.

Jennifer Preuss, ’94, senior co-captain Carter Laprade, Kat Jennings, ’93, Christine Widodo, ’94, Heidi Syzcher, ’95, and junior Beth Grossman swept the six singles matches, and the doubles pair of freshmen Daniela De Sola and Amy Malkin notched the Camels seventh victory for the day.

“We knew we had a very good chance to win,” Laprade said. “We beat them last year and so we played all of our players, 1-12, to give experience to everyone on the team.”

Last Thursday the Camels travelled to Bryant College to face another lackluster tennis team. Conn dominated Bryant, beating them 8 matches to 1.

“We had a good win over them last year and we were very confident we could win again,” Laprade commented.

Again, all twelve members of the team played against Bryant to gain experience. In the singles matches winners included Preuss, Laprade, Widodo, Syzcher, and Grossman. The Camels swept all three doubles matches as the pairs of senior co-captain Suzanne Larson and Kim Elliot, ’93, Widodo and Michele Lechance, ’94, and the freshmen De Sola and Malkin won.

The Camels’ next match is on Tuesday at home against one of their toughest rivals, Trinity.

“For this match we need to get tough,” Laprade said. “We will be more conservative and we will use our best combinations for the doubles matches.”

On Thursday the line-up will probably consist of Preuss, Laprade, Widodo, Jennings, Syzcher, and Grossman playing singles, and Preuss will team up with Holohan, Widodo with Grossman, and Larson with Elliot to round out the doubles matches.

On Saturday the Camels travel to Bates for another difficult match, then return home to host the University of Rhode Island Tuesday.

Conn sailors rank fourth nationally

Four members net special distinctions

by Carolyn E. Ulander
The College Voice

Last June at the College Sailing National Championships at Tulane University in New Orleans, the Connecticut College Sailing Team proved that it was one of the strongest teams in the country.

At the championships Connecticut College sailed against the best college sailing teams in the country and finished fourth in Women’s Nationals, fourth in the Dinghy Nationals (co-ed), and seventh in the Team Race Nationals.

As there are no ‘divisions’ in college racing like there are in other sports, this is an especially important achievement for a small school like Conn. College which has to compete against all the other big universities in the country.

This is easily the best finish at the Nationals that the Camels have ever had. In addition, the Camels had a record number of sailors gain national distinction, as voted by the All-American Committee for College Sailing. Senior Karl Ziegler was named an All-American, Jennifer Coolidge, ’91, and Carolyn Ulander, ’92, were named Outstanding Women’s Sailors, and sophomore Rob Summer was named an All-Star Crew.

Although some of Conn’s outstanding sailors have either graduated or are taking time off from school to pursue Olympic campaigns, the team is looking forward to the upcoming season and will again be under the direction of coach Bill Park and crew captain Sarah Butler.

The varsity team finished seventh last weekend at the Harry Anderson Intersectional hosted by Yale University in Branford, CT. Sailing ‘A’ division was nationals veteran junior Ben Marden with Summer in ‘B’ division was senior Dave Friedman and senior Justin Palm, with crew sophomores Sarah Butler.

Athlete of the Week

This week’s award goes to the DEFENSE of the WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM. The tenacious play of the defense held Amherst and Mount Holyoke, both of Conn’s opponents, scoreless and spurred Conn on to two 1-0 victories to start the season.

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