Students collecting signatures outside the post office

'Gloved hand' Appears in Lambdin Shower Over Break

by Craig Timberg
The College Voice

A security alert was posted on Saturday, October 15, following a report of an intruder in a fourth-floor bathroom of Lambdin Dormitory.

A female student, who has requested that her name be withheld, entered the shower on the fourth floor of Lambdin, an all female floor, at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 15. "I was kind of nervous already. I thought I heard somebody right by the [shower] door," said the female student.

According to the student, she noticed a pair of "tan suede work gloves" under the door to the stall and asked "who's there?" The intruder immediately ran away.

Although the intruder was "never in the stall," the student recalled, "he must have been kneeling down... I assumed that it was to look under."

After she "waited for a few seconds," the student returned to her room and called Campus Safety.

The intruder has not been apprehended nor is there any evidence or description that might lead to an arrest. According to Bruce Ayers, Acting Director of Campus Safety, "it could have been a student, it could have been an outsider." Although Ayers described it as an "isolated incident," he also stressed that the incident is "definitely a cause for concern."

Shortly after the incident occurred, security alert sheets were posted around campus to warn students about the intruder. The alert system, devised in March, 1988, after a Domino's Pizza delivery man had been caught looking under a shower stall, serves to warn students when there is an intruder on campus.

According to Joseph A. Toliver, Dean of Student Life, the system is "to be used for intruders or trespassers... not [members] of the college community."

Dean Toliver noted that before the alert system was implemented, when there was an intruder on campus students "heard about it through the grapevine... it got blown out of proportion."

He further explained that Campus Safety and the administration "get as much information as they can" and post the alert within an hour after the incident.

Although Dean Toliver said that "it's really hard to tell" how well the system works "on the communication side, I think it works pretty well." He also noted that suspended Joseph Toliver, dean of student life, and M. Gerrude McKeon, acting associate dean of the college, about J-Board's recommendations.

"The president doesn't always agree with the J-Board recommendations. It is her right and responsibility to judge on suspensions and expulsions with or without J-Board input." The dean's have confidential information that they bring to the forefront that helps the president come to her decision," said Dean Hampton.

What that information the deans have is unclear. A source revealed that one out of the three rulings was changed by President Gaudiani. The expulsion decision was revised, to allow the student to return after his activities during suspension from the college are reviewed. If allowed to return to Connecticut College, he will only be allowed to attend classes, having no social on campus.

Julie Quinn, director of college relations, refused to directly comment on any changes President Gaudiani made to the J-Board's recommendation, and said "in matters of student life, we [the administration] have a responsibility to the students involved. This is a confidential matter between those students and the college."

Joan King, associate dean of the college, although not directly related to this particular case, commented that "it is not easy to make the best possible decision. The president agonized over her decision as I am sure the J-Board did. You have to be fair to the students involved, yet fair to the other students in the community. The final decision sends a message to others."

The message sent is that the college will not tolerate vandalism. "This was unfortunate. We all lost something. [Vandalism] does a lot of damage to the community and is expensive. It costs us several thousands of dollars a year," said Dean Hampton.

Budget Proposal Passes Student Government Assembly

by Michael Berovski
The College Voice

Student Government Association (SGA) Vice President Blair Taylor finally saw her Finance Committee's budget proposal swept through round one. The SGA Assembly voted 25 to 3 at the October 13 meeting to send the proposal to the student body.

Taylor, who chairs the SGA Finance Committee, was "excited" about the evening's outcome. "I think this budget is extremely fair and extremely reasonable under the restrictions, which are budget restraints."

"We [the Finance Committee] went back and revised the proposal, which we feel is justified," said Taylor.

Taylor announced that BLATS had been allocated an extra $550 to cover half of the magazine's production costs and to expand to five issues. Taylor also announced that The Gallery would be allocated an additional $300.

Upon revealing that the $750 of new allocations to the two magazines would come from The College Voice Publishing Group, Inc., Taylor explained the Committee's rationale. In regard to last week's idea to cut Voice Magazine altogether, Taylor said that that was "completely unfair. Voice Magazine is as necessary as the other small publications," she said. Taylor noted that last week's "general concern was to give more money to the smaller publications. This took priority over Magazine.

Speaking on behalf of The College Voice Publishing Group, Brian Field, publisher, remarked that last week's supposed "general concern for the smaller publications..."
Confidentiality Jeopardized by Guilty Students

There has been much controversy these past weeks regarding three students who, on the night of September 27, 1986,3 vandalized two campus buildings by using flashlights and paint spray to cover areas of pavement. The initial sentences passed down to them from the Judicial Board were: one student to be expelled, one student to be suspended for a year with residential probation and one student to be suspended for a semester. A minority of people thought that these punishments were "too soft," most, however, thought the punishments adequate. A few days after these sentences were decided upon, the accused, and their friends drew up a petition in an attempt to make an appeal to the College.

I have been a member of the Judicial Board for two years, and I have found that it is necessary to back up or turn your back on the entire situation, but then realize the creation that you have been elected to decide. The buck stops with you.

The buck should stop with the Board. There is no way one is going to argue that the decision has been made by the College. The buck should stop with the members of the Board. It is the Board members who have had to live with the consequences of the decision.

The buck should stop with the Board because people's moral issue here. There is a right to know. However, this right cannot be used to the point of building self-esteem. It cannot be used with the consent of the individual. The buck stops with the Board because the buck stops with the people who are the ones who are going to be affected by the decision. The buck stops with the Board because the buck stops with the people who are the ones who are going to be affected by the decision.

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CONNNTHOUGHT

The Art of Listening: Is it Still Practiced?

We are living in the epoch of the battle of the ears, and this warfare is threatening the Art of Listening with annihilation. Listening is as much as those who climbed before us. We didn't create the Midgetman missile, but we will soon be responsible for it, so it is all the more important to learn how to take responsibility for new streams we will one day be held accountable for; and this is an ideal place, complete with ideal resources, to learn how to do just that.

Perhaps our tragedy as a culture is that we are always trying to outdo one another-in the battle for land or the battle for the ears, and in the process we forget to listen; to hear, to communicate, to the Bards of our day, to the Bards of this campus. They have seen the most of this world, and it is they who may have something to offer us. Their audience is dwindling, but we need not let their intelligence and wisdom die out. We need only surrender to the same mis-

A woman's right to have an abortion is one of the most important issues today, yet George Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, is one of those who wish to take this option away. Some people feel that the debate over abortion is a social, religious or moral one, but the largest argument here is the one of the right of the mother to decide what she does with her own body.

Michael Dudukas supports a woman's right to decide if she wishes to have an abortion. He feels that neither the government, the state, nor anyone else should interfere with this right. While Michael Dudukas is not in favor of using abortions as a solution to unwanted pregnancy, he believes the women should still be able to make this decision.

On the other hand, George Bush and the Republican party have been out of step with the issues of Women's Rights and needs. They have and still oppose the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment which has been called unnecessary by many conservatives. Republicans have, in the past, opposed the female right to have an abortion and currently seek to take that right away altogether.

George Bush claims that America is unnecessarily killing millions of innocent children each year, but Vice President Bush fails to suggest what would happen to these children. Many would be born into poor homes which are already overcrowded. Others would be born to teenagers who might have to drop out of school in order to raise a child. Some would be abused and neglected by parents who do not want to care for children.

George Bush feels he is saving the fetus, but when an unwanted child is born it must face poor child care and large cuts in educational programs due to the Reagan/Bush admini-

minded of me that the faculty wunder in the wake of the Bard, unable to reach us. Their ruminations of the world in terms and values. We are the descendants of the age of fear, the inheritors of a seemingly incomprehensible deluge of dollars and values. We have a formidable mountain before us, and without listening, we will be doomed to repeat the same mistakes that those who climbed before us.

The issue of abortion is one that inevitably will strike an emotional chord in everyone. Abortion arouses the concerns for government's role in everything from state's rights to religion. The answer rests, however, on the fundamental moral values of the American people. George Bush is the man who best exemplifies such values.

George Bush opposes abortion. He has said to many times. His position on this issue stems from his belief that the life of a child begins at the moment of conception. However, the complexity of his belief grows to a more mundane theory.

Walker Percy, an M.D. and novelist of distinction, notes that "the life of an organism begins when the chromosomes of the sperm fuse with the chromosomes of the ovum to form a new DNA complex that therefore directs the metaphysics of the organism" producing the undeniable "continuum that exists in the life of every individual from the moment of fertilization of a single cell."

One can find substantiation for George Bush's beliefs through religious, moral, and scientific means. When comprehensive brain surgery can be performed on a fetus, there is no doubt that it is a living child. It is society's duty to protect those who are completely helpless.

There are obvious instances that provide exceptions to this belief. Rape, incest, and situations that endanger the life of the mother would make abortion indubitably essential. George Bush feels strongly for provisions that would allow for these situations and he made sure they were included in the Republican platform. What he opposes is the relentless elimination of more than 1.5 million children each year.

Roman Catholic Archbishop John Sheahan of Hartford, Connecticut assails the Democratic party and its candidate for being "officially in favor of executing unborn babies whom only crime is that they temporarily occupy the mother's womb." George Bush does not support these principles. Nor does Lloyd Bentsen. And certainly, abortion is not the values of the American people.

George Bush seeks a Constitutional amendment overturning the Supreme Court case Roe vs. Wade, which re-

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Student Leaders Push College Students to Get Out and Vote

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Republicans Monopoly Game Worries Parker Brothers

Monopoly "Chance" Card

(CPS) - Parker Brothers, Inc. wants the College Republicans to stop using Monopoly-like "Get Out of Jail Free" cards to take jobs at democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. Parker Brothers, which manufactures and markets Monopoly, sent a "cease and desist" letter to College Republican National Committee (CRNC) last month, but at least one campus chapter—at the University of Arizona—has kept using the cards as a way to satirize a Massachusetts jail furlough program.

"As far as we're concerned," said Parker Brothers spokesperson Patricia McGovern, "they're in violation of our copyright. We do not want them using the logo."

The CRNC originally planned to sell the cards, but in the wake of the threatened letter from Parker Brothers, apparently held campus chapters they could give the cards away without fear of being upset. Reportedly Arizona—has kept using the cards as a way to satirize a Massachusetts jail furlough program. "I do understand that Parker Brothers' chairman is a Republican, so I think that's why we're allowed to use them," Rossi told the Arizona Daily Wildcat, the campus paper. "Parker Brothers says that's untrue. I don't know the political affiliation of anybody at Parker Brothers," countered McGovern.

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The card calls Dukakis, who in fact opposed the Massachusetts furlough plan the Bush campaign has blamed as pre-criminal, "the killer's best friend, and the decent, honest citizen's worst enemy." McGovern said Parker Brothers will allow "due time" for the College Republican National Committee to inform campus chapters to stop distributing the cards.

"We have no reason to believe the national committee will defy our request," she added.

If the College Republicans continue to distribute the cards, the company's legal counsel may take legal action, McGovern said, "but it's difficult to say what we'll do."

Monopoly "Opportunity" Card

USSA's 30-campus tour will reach about one million people," Harris hoped.

The Illinois Student Association has tapped up posters reading, "Lawmakers think students don't vote. Surprise them. Register to vote on campuses around that state."

But history is hard to beat, and "there is a general malaise in the population," asserted Alabama's Carmichael. "People may be satisfied with the way things are."

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Boston University Changes Alcohol Policy:
New Policy Bans the Delivery of Alcohol

When Boston University officials announced controversial new policies banning overnight guests, they also announced rules concerning student possession of alcohol. In conjunction with the administrative policy, the Boston Licensing Board passed a new ordinance banning the delivery of kegs, cases, or large amounts of alcohol to students in university dormitories, fraternity and sororities.

The new Boston University policies, implemented immediately, allow students 21 years of age or older to bring into and store in their dorm rooms no more than 72 ounces of beer (one six-pack) and one liter of other alcoholic beverages. In addition, guests regardless of age are prohibited from bringing alcohol into dormitories.

Ronald L. Carter, Boston University Dean of Students, explaining the rationale of the new alcohol policies, said, "the University grants a privilege to students age 21 or over to possess certain amounts of alcohol in their rooms. It should be noted that there is a distinction between the right to purchase alcohol and the privilege to possess or consume alcohol on private property."

Although the alcohol policies only affect those students over the legal drinking age (about 20 percent of Boston University’s 8,000 on-campus students), this administrative action has drawn severe criticism from students. As rent-paying members of the community, they feel the school's policies are an administrative attempt to impose their morality on the student body.

In a recent telecast from Boston University's television studio show Donutize, a student said, "I was admitted to this university for my academic record, and responsibility and maturity I assumed were criteria also."

Additionally, students believe this is a violation of their civil rights. In an editorial to Boston University’s student newspaper, The Daily Free Press, Mark Silver, '90, summed up student attitude towards the rules by saying, "this is an issue of citizenship, and it is of the utmost importance that the university realizes that we are citizens, with full rights of other citizens, and the fact that we attend an institution of higher learning should not remove any of our rights."

In conjunction with Boston University's new alcohol policies, the Boston Licensing Board imposed a new ordinance on all city colleges and universities. The ordinance prohibits the deliveries of kegs and large amounts of liquor "not intended for the personal use of the person ordering the beverages" to dormitories. City officials cited community complaints as justification for the ordinance.

Andrea W. Garzagli, chairman of the Boston Licensing Board, said during the Donutize telecast that the ordinance was to keep students from "urinating on doorsteps." However, upset students and community members have pointed out that consequently students will move their parties 'en masse' to area apartments.

Boston University's new alcohol policies have drawn severe criticism not only from current students, but from the national media, parents of Boston University students, and the University alumni as well. The media has pointed out the University's autocratic nature. The mother of a student stated "it is our job as parents to teach our kids to make responsible choices.

A 1984 graduate of Boston University wrote "I feel these policies and the way in which they were implemented [are] an embarrassment to the integrity of B.U ... I cannot encourage high school students to attend a university that does not value individual freedom."

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Student Activities Committee: Derek Modwin Weston Suh 150 Votes

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The Finance Committee's budget proposal was the focus of discussion at the September 13, 1988 Student Government Assembly (SGA) Assembly meeting.

At the meeting, big in the proposal was passed by a vote of 21 to 3, allowing the budget to go to the student body for the dormitory vote.

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The proposal will next go to the dorms for a vote on October 26, and ultimately make its way back to the SGA Assembly floor for the SGA vote.

In other SGA Assembly business, according to SGA President Sam Sommation, the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVC) will receive $300 per year from the Ralph Davenport Fund. This news came to SGA after Jav Levin, former mayor of New London and a current trustee of Connecticut College.

House Senate of Student Affairs, Amy-Simone Erard, discussed the Jamestown Fund. The drive to get together a CARE package follows the destructive hurricane that tore through Jamacia.

Although the CARE package was sent out October 14, Erard hopes that this form of relief will not be a one-time event. "There has been millions of dollars worth in damage. Just as Reverend Lawrence LaPointe sponsors a girl in South America, so too should we regularly donate to the Peace Corps," insists Erard.

Erard charged that the SGA budget to augment what the Connecticut College is already sending, and later repays the loan by collections taken for the Jamestown Fund, SGA coordinated the initial collection of funds.

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Case I
Chargr: Social breach of the honor code in the form of plagiarism.
Description: An individual submitted a paper which had clearly been plagiarized.
Decision: Guilty
Recommendation: The individual was assessed a $20 fine.

Reason: The Board believed that a monetary penalty would serve as a deterrent to a recurrence of the incident.

Case X
Chargr: Social breach of the honor code in the form of student work that was not properly cited.
Description: An individual was accused of not properly citing references in a research paper.
Decision: Guilty
Recommendation: The individual was given a grade of 'D' on the paper and was required to visit the writing center to better understand plagiarism.

Reason: Although plagiarism was deemed unintentional the Board believed that the action required strong consequences.

Case VII
Chargr: Academic breach of the honor code in the form of plagiarism.
Description: The student was accused of plagiarizing more than fifteen pages in a research paper.
Decision: Guilty with intent 6-0
Recommendation: The individual was given a grade of 'D' on the paper and was required to visit the writing center to better understand plagiarism.

Reason: Although plagiarism was deemed unintentional the Board believed that the action required strong consequences.

Case VIII
Chargr: Social breach of the honor code in the form of stealing a book that was not properly cited.
Description: An individual was accused of stealing a book to sell back

Decision: Not guilty 6-0

Reason: Lack of sufficient evidence.

Case IX
Chargr: Social breach of the honor code in the form of student work that was not properly cited.
Description: An individual was accused of not properly citing references in a research paper.
Decision: Guilty
Recommendation: The individual was assessed a $20 fine.

Reason: The Board felt that a financial statement would prove an effective deterrent to a repetition of this incident.

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Decision: Guilty
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Visit the Peace Corps
The Stormy Past and Rocky Future of Ocean Beach

by Stasi Alexander

Who would have thought that a mere sand dune could evolve into a sought-after vacation spot, and years later, a summer recreation place of the rich and varied history and, hopefully, an equally illustrious future.

Local historian Alma Wies grew up and lived on Ocean Beach all 78 years of her life. Her tales of the Ocean Beach of the past are filled with historical facts and nostalgic memories.

Ocean Beach was first published in 1887 by a local businessman, Joseph Burr. He owned a horse-drawn bus line whose route passed by the scenic shore, so he decided to advertise his bus service in direct relation to his bus rides.

Pretty soon houses started appearing along the beachfront, owned by the wealthy who wanted summer getaways. By 1912, Ocean Beach was dubbed the "Little Newport," in comparison to Rhode Island's Newport. No doubt about it, Ocean Beach had become a successful summer resort.

Alma Wies related, "Eventually, it wasn't just folks in New London. People got wise in Hartford, Springfield, and other places. Families came down to the shore for vacations."

Ocean Beach was also a place of romance. Wies recounts many love affairs, including the romance of her then unmarried mother and father.

"You don't know how many people I talk to of my generation who met their spouses on Ocean Beach," Wies proudly disclosed. "That's where I met my husband," she added.

But the magic and class of old Ocean Beach was not to last.

Gradually, stores started to appear on the residential shore and the quiet, relaxing atmosphere for which Ocean Beach had become famous was slowly disappearing.

In its place, a "very commercial" beach appeared, said Wies. "It became a honky-tonk and too noisy for the residents. Slowly, they started to leave."

However, the Great Hurricane of 1938 stopped the expanding commercialism invading the beach, for the hurricane totally destroyed everything on the beach. "The hurricane was a godsend," declared Wies. "Like I said before, the beach just became too honky-tonk."

After the Great Hurricane of 1938, Ocean Beach reopened in 1940, but as a city beach. There were no residences or private businesses. It was just a day beach, and remains as such to this day.

Contemporary features and attractions of the beach are public bathhouses, an Olympic size swimming pool, kiddie pool, boardwalk/museum, and a restaurant. But the bathhouses are condemned buildings, the pools are rotting, and the parking lot is a sea of potholes. These desperately-needed repairs are only some of many on a list which has a total tab of approximately seven million dollars.

The city of New London faces a dilemma. It needs help from the state of Connecticut, but as Wies noted, "If we take too much money from the state, they'd be selling us what to do... I think they're (Ocean Beach Park Board) crazy if they give it to the state. New London shouldn't give it (the beach) up."

Sheila McCarthy, chairman of the Ocean Beach Park Board, said, "We have put together an Ad Hoc Committee whose task is to recommend what exactly needs to be done to the beach, in terms of replacing, repairing, or constructing. At that point, the city would choose to accept some of the suggestions made."

"Attendance was down this summer, due in part to a pollution scare from Long Island and the closing of the pool in the middle of the summer," said McCarthy, "So as far as what's going on now, there is nothing."

"We are waiting for notification now (from the Committee) and we'll see in what direction the people want to go," McCarthy said.

New London Man Hit and Killed By Amtrak Train

by Craig Timberg and Jacqueline Soteropoetos

A 29-year-old New London man was struck and killed by a northbound Amtrak train at 9:49 last Thursday night.

The victim, identified by police as Richard Allen of East Lyme, was hit by the train at the Pequot Avenue overpass at approximately seven miles from the scene of the accident.

According to Lt. Detective William Gavitt, the engineer saw a "head pop up between the ties and the bridge divider. He tried to stop the train and couldn't... and there was contact on the front of the train and on the side."

Lt. Gavitt reported that the body had been "mutilated and mangled extensively."
The body was removed from the tracks shortly after midnight.

The other man, whose name has not been released, called the New London Police Department from "The Grandstand," a bar on Pequot Avenue, approximately a quarter mile from the scene of the accident.

He was later taken to the police station for questioning and release.

Although autopsy reports are not yet available, Detective Terry Brown reported, "his buddy had been drinking... his condition was questionable... Most likely, both of them had been drinking."

Lt. Gavitt called the overpass a "treacherous place," and said "you could slip down and break your leg... or get caught in there."

However, Lt. Gavitt also stated that "he had been in decent physical shape and aware of his surroundings, he possibly could have jumped over the divider... and gotten on the other track."

Detective Brown agreed that "they unfortunately got caught in an area where, in their condition, they couldn't get out of the way."

The train, number 178, was travelling from Washington D.C. to Boston and had slowed in order to make a 9:42 stop in New London at the time of the accident.

According to Richard Powers, a New Londoner who was travelling on the train, "the train just stopped very abruptly." Powers also recalled the engineer saying "I think I hit someone... I may have hit somebody."

The engineer was questioned by police following the interview, but Lt. Gavitt described the interview as "unremarkable." Powers also stated that the engineer was driving his train "at normal speeds under the conditions." He also noted that the engineer had agreed to submit to testing for substance abuse. There are no charges pending against the engineer.

The train was stopped for approximately two and a half hours after the incident before continuing to Boston.

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Movie Review:
Gorillas in the Mist is Saved by Sigourney Weaver's Acting

by Rebecca Clifford
The College Voice

Gorillas in the Mist, directed by Michael Apted, is a biographical film on the late Dian Fossey who worked with the mountain gorillas of Rwanda, battling for their survival against poachers. Sigourney Weaver stars as Fossey, a woman obsessed with her creatures that she ends up cutting herself off from the human world and risking the lives of others as well as herself.

Her admiration and dedication to the animals in the beginning is admirable yet, as the film progresses, becomes a little terrifying. Throughout the years that Fossey is working in the mountains she becomes more attached to her gorillas, and more isolated from the rest of the world. Eventually she is driven to near madness, threatening the lives of tourists and natives, and she demands to have the mountain shut off from outsiders. The gorillas become a part of her and she is a part of them, and no one can stop her from doing what she wants to protect them.

The film is too long and it takes a while to become involved in it. The beginning is slow—each scene seems to move at an awkward pace and the dialogue is stilted. By the second hour, however, the pace picks up and Fossey's character becomes increasingly absorbing.

There are moments in the film that lie on the brink of being corny, however, and they do sometimes go a little overboard. When Dian and her photographer, Bob Cambell, played with great warmth by Bryan Brown, romantically reduce each other in her hut, the genuine love that they have for each other is apparent. Yet the scene is filled with soap opera-like dialogue, which almost made me groan out loud. There are few scenes that escape such guilt. The most engaging and emotionally charged are the ones where Dian is mimicking and making her initial contact with the gorillas. The combination of Apted's sensitive direction and Weaver's acting makes you feel as though you are taken into a special world.

The potential strength of this film is undermined by Maurice Jarre's music, which is perfectly awful. It is a highly-synthesized version of music, complete with cute little pipes every now and then. Stuff creeps into almost every scene, adding a mawkish tone to the film.

It is Sigourney Weaver's brilliant portrayal that Dian that gives the film real substance. She is shown as an isolated woman against the backdrop of an entirely foreign notion. Her mass of hair, her height, and overall stunning yet ungainly appearance make her stand out among everyone else in the film. She is an entirely self-absorbed and obsessive woman who will not let anyone else rule her life.

Weaver slides into her role with such ease that she becomes Fossey. She deftly shows, from the start, the obsessiveness this woman had with these animals. Her first sighting of them between the bamboo stalks is full of awe and yet deep fascination that is wonderful to watch. Her slow descent into madness, and her mimicking of the gorillas, is done with near perfection. There is also something intoxicating about Weaver, with her dominating physical presence and passion-filled eyes, that gives the film and her performance, a real edge.

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Women's Cross Country Places Eighth at NESCAC Championship

The Connecticut College women's cross country team responded to the challenge posed by the top teams in New England and finished eighth in the NESCAC Championship at Hamilton on October 15. The team also placed second in their home invitational on October 8.

At the NESCAC championship, Bishop, coach of the women's cross country team, was pleased with the team's effort in view of the competition.

"I think we were the one team that collectively improved more than the rest of the teams at NESCAC's," Bishop said, "It says a lot about how our training is going and how hard we are working.

"One of the things that was really good that we did was that we had run five of the teams before and did better relative to them than we did before—we were closer to the ones that had beaten us and we were farther ahead of Wesleyan, which we had beaten before," Bishop said.

The team was led by Kristin Kissell, '89, in 20th place. Maria Gluch, '89, in 20th place, and Kelly Benesi, '90, in 28th place.

"One of the things we wanted to do individually was to stay ahead of everyone we had beaten before and the top five [CONN] runners did just that," Bishop said, "Between them there were fourteen people that had beaten them before that we beat this time. We didn't lose any places and we gained several.

One week earlier, CONN ignored the poor conditions on their home course and kept their minds on the dirty job at hand, placing second out of nine, only barely nudged out of first place by SUNY.

Faced with cold, wind, rain, and mud, Bishop wanted the team to "forget about the conditions and just think about the race, I just want it to be fun, even having to deal with stuff like that.

Bishop said that although the team did have the advantage of running on their home course, it also had the added challenge of being the defending champion, the team all the other teams were comparing to.

"Hopefully, that motivated them, but this is a team that runs well every week and has not needed extra motivation," Bishop said, "They were pretty pumped because it was our invitational.”

Despite the fine running by the top three runners, Bishop said that the reason for CONN's high finish was the quality races by the fourth and fifth runners. Vicki Hawkins, '92, in 17th place and Emily Siege in 19th place.

"The reason we did well is probably on the strength of our fourth and fifth runners," Bishop said. "Against a lot of the teams we've... beaten—but it was close—our strength has been that our top three runners were running stronger than their top three, but here we turned the pattern and we got our fourth and fifth runners in before anyone else did."

"They were running in about 30th place halfway through the race with a big pack in front of them at about one and a half miles. But they passed all of the pack and finished 17th and 19th. They are getting closer to the first three; I'm not saying that the first three aren't doing well—they are—it's just that the fourth and fifth are getting better and running really outstanding races."

Bishop was surprised that the conditions didn't seem to be a factor for any team, especially CONN, which had a few runners get their best time on the course.

"The race was remarkably well-run and fast considering the lousy day, but everyone realized there was a race to win," Bishop said.

"I was happy with the way we did. I know we tried as hard as we could. On another given day we can beat SUNY because they were only four points ahead. This was just their day to win," Bishop said.


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**Women's Volleyball Team Takes Second at CONN Invitational**

by Chris Brecke and Rick Denton

The Connecticut College women's volleyball team placed second in the Connecticut College Invitational on October 6. The five-team event saw the Camels finish ahead of Trinity, Roger Williams, and Albertus Magnus with Williams taking first.

The team was seeded second after first-round wins over Albertus Magnus (15-1) and Roger Williams (13-15, 15-8). CONN split with Trinity (13-15, 15-9) and lost to Williams (15-8, 16-14).

In the final round, CONN missed the opportunity to win the tournament by losing (15-0, 15-10) to Williams, the fifth-ranked team in New England.

Tod Cochran, coach of the women's volleyball team, and his players believe that the change in the teams' practice format had a lot to do with the team coming together in time for the Connecticut College Invitational.

"The week prior to our invitational, I changed the format of our practices, and I think that had incredibly tough team, and I think things are going to be better for us," Cochran said.

and we were finally able to play to our potential," Joelle Patten, '91, said.

**Men's X-Country Finishes 2nd at CONN Invitational**

by Kelly Bernard

The Connecticut College men's cross country team experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in their last two meets.

On Saturday, October 8, the squad overcame inclement weather to garner a second place finish with 81 points at the annual Connecticut College cross country invitational. SMU won the meet as top runner Tom Tracy crossed the line in 28:00 for a first-place finish.

CONN was the only team to have no finishers in the top ten.

"This shows that we have no single star," said Jim Butler, coach of the men's cross country team. "In four races, we have had three number-one men. It proves we have a lot of depth."

Butler was extremely pleased with the team's effort, especially considering the unfavorable weather conditions. He was especially impressed with the performances put in by four "unbelievable" freshmen who led the team to the second-place finish. The freshmen were Matt Desardins (14th, 30:13), Peter Jennings (15th, 30:14), Ian Johnston (16th, 30:15), and Jeff Williams (17th, 30:27).

"It was an excellent day for our freshmen and we are delighted with their first-time performance."

The team finished 2nd at the invitational, showing that they have the potential to compete with the best teams in the NESCAC. With a total of 303 points, the team finished second in the conference and seventh in the New England region.

Butler said, "We did not focus on the meet as we should have." We did not focus on the meet as we should have." He added, "We were disappointed, but we are looking forward to the next meet."
**SPORDS**

**Women's Soccer Team Now Ranked 15th in the Nation**

by Christina Racone

The College Voice

The Connecticut College women's soccer team, this week finds itself ranked third in New England. They've also improved their national ranking from twenty-eighth to fifteenth, making the top twenty for the third consecutive week. Racene victories over Clarkson, Bowdoin and Williams continued to propel CONN upward through the rankings.

On October 13th The Camels defeated Clark by a score of 4-0. The first goal was scored by Katie Kline, '90, on a pass from Jen Fulcher, '90. Ann Carberry, '90, ended the first half with a goal on a direct free kick. Kristen Supko, '90, finished the game with the last two goals. The first goal was assisted by Jamie O'Connor, '91, and the second by Diane Cincotta, '92.

Men's Soccer Notes and Quotes

The team's run against Rhode Island College tied the official Connecticut College record for most goals in a game set in 1986 against Anna Maria. Geddes' goal, 3 assists, and personal best, was one point short of the single game scoring record. Jim Luce, '79, had 10 points in a game against Roger Williams in 1978. Tapihn's 4 goals was also a personal best, but the effort was also one shy of Luce's 5 goals against Roger Williams.

Women's Tennis Splits Two

by Vicki Hawkins

The College Voice

The Connecticut College women's tennis team lost to Amherst, 6-1, on October 6 and defeated Mount Holyoke, 7-2, on October 13 in their only two matches since September 24.

CONN's match at Amherst ended early by a score of 6-1 before the last two doubles matches could be played.

"Amherst had beaten Trinity 5-4, whom we had lost to 9-0, so we knew they were a very strong team," said Sheryl Yearly, coach of the women's tennis team, "I felt we were a lot closer in Amherst than Trinity, which shows a certain amount of progress for us."

Sarah Hurst, '91, contributed the lone win for CONN in her singles match. Number three singles player, Karen Melkonian, '90, played a tough, close match losing in the third set.

One week later, the Camels defeated Mount Holyoke, 7-2, to bring their record to 3-3.

Number one through five singles players Hurst, '91, Melkonian, '90, Marla Kerr, '89, Tina Canzon, '92, and Pinar Taskin, '91, were all victorious. Yearly felt that this was a real accomplishment on CONN's part.

"I haven't coached too many teams that have won an entire match because of the singles matches," Yearly said.

Casson played a tough match. She won the first set in a tiebreaker and the second 7-5.

"She's been struggling as the number four singles player, and it was a very good win for her," Yearly said.

Taskin also had an impressive win, winning in three sets.

Yearly has started to look ahead to the New England Championships at Amherst on October 27 through 30. Last year, CONN finished tenth out of twenty-five teams.

"If we can come close to that," Yearly said, "we've had a fantastic season;"

Yearly is pleased with the team's performance so far this season.

"We are doing as well as last year, which was the best year I've ever coached," Yearly said. The Camels are preparing for a busy week as their regular season winds down to an end.

The next five matches proved to be the biggest of the season for CONN. Geddes and Taplin combined for two beautiful goals during this span. Tapihn scored on a cross from Geddes just 30 seconds after Trinity's goal. Four and a half minutes later, Tapihn intercepted a Trinity pass and crossed an excellent ball to a streaking Geddes who converted to make the score 2-1.

Early in the second half, Smith took a nice pass from Ed Schuster, '86, and scored to increase CONN's lead to 3-1. It was Smith's second goal of the season.

Five minutes later Tapihn would score again on a penalty kick which was awarded after he was brought down in the penalty area.

John McBride, '92, rounded out CONN's scoring with a header late in the game. It was the freshman's first goal of his collegiate career.

"We didn't let down," Geddes said. "They scored, but we played tough and got two quick ones back. This was without a doubt our best effort to date. It was a great win for us."

Lessig echoed Geddes' sentiments.

"I'm very pleased with our play today. We were moving to the ball well. It gives us momentum going into next week."

**Men's Soccer Notes and Quotes**

by Jeff Burton

The College Voice

The Connecticut College men's soccer team put in New England top 10 ranking on the line three times this week. On Saturday, 10/15, they came out on the short end of a 2-1 score against Colby, but rebounded on Wednesday, 10/19, and defeated Rhode Island College 10-0. Then, this Saturday, 10/22, in the Homecoming game against NESCAC rival Trinity, the Camels played their strongest game of the year, defeating the Bantams 5-1.

In the Colby game, the Camels outplayed the Mules, but were not able to out score them. The game was very similar to the Wesleyan game of a week earlier. In that game CONN fell behind in the first half, 1-0. They put the offensive pressure on for much of the second half, but failed to score on several good opportunities. Against Colby, CONN scored first, but trailed at halftime, 1-2.

"We out played them," Coach Bill Lessig said. "We just were not able to convert our chances. I thought we could have scored 4 or 5 goals against Colby."

Like many of their goals this season, CONN's only goal came as a result of a corner kick. Tim Smith, '89, took the kick which was tipped by Sal Blangiardo, '90, to senior co-captain Jeff Geddes, who put it in the back of the net. Colby was able to tie the score several minutes later on a mistake in the penalty area. Colby would score an eventual goal 45 minutes later.

With the score tied at one, CONN saw a golden opportunity to move into the lead go by the boards. Geddes missed a penalty kick after he had been brought down in the penalty area. Colby would score again before halftime to round out the scoring.

In the second half CONN did mount heavy pressure but could not convert.

"It seems like when we get behind we start to panic a bit," said Smith. "We try to force it too much instead of just letting the play develop."

The game against Rhode Island may have to be blown over, but it allowed CONN to get back on the winning track.

"That wasn't a bad game for us," Lessig said. "We had as many opportunities to score in the Colby game as we did against RIC. It showed us if we keep playing the goals will come."

Leading the scoring attack for the Camels was Geddes with 3 goals and 3 assists and Todd Taplin, '89, who had four goals. Joe Carbe, '90, scored his first goal of the season 17 minutes into the game. Scoring the first goals of their collegiate careers were freshmen Dawn McHale and Sung Kim.

"The game gave us some momentum going into the Trinity game," Lessig said.

The Camels used this momentum to knock off the Trinity Bantams, who had come into the match with a 7-3 record. Both teams knew that with the season more than two thirds over, the outcome of the game would have significant ramifications on post season play.

Before the game Geddes would say, "We can't afford another loss. This is a big one for us."

Early in the first half Trinity was able to put a shot behind Cutillo.