Faculty Abolishes P.E. Requirement

by Allen Carroll

At a meeting on December first, the faculty voted in favor of abolishing the physical education requirement at Connecticut College. The proposal was voted in favor of abolishing the requirement and in support of a modified version of a proposal presented by the physical education department in November. President Shain stated.

The physical education department's proposal stated that students could elect a physical education course on a pass-fail basis for two academic credits. The academic policy committee recommended that such courses be taken for only one academic credit. (Students completing a normal college course receive four credits.) The faculty voted in favor of this proposal.

As it stands now, the faculty's decision affects all students at the College except seniors, meaning that students who are now freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are not required to take physical education for graduation. A decision was made as to whether seniors must fulfill the requirement. This question will be discussed at the next meeting.

Also considered was the question of student attendance at faculty meetings. Dave Clark, Vice-president of student government, spoke in favor of the attendance of students in a non-participatory manner to faculty meetings. The faculty voted to affirm the present policy of prohibiting student observation of faculty meetings.

When these two issues were the only ones discussed at the meeting, which lasted an hour and forty minutes, the faculty will meet again tomorrow afternoon to consider the remainder of the agenda.

WCNI Formulates Plans For FM Expansion

by Mary Ann Sill

The proposed expansion of WCNI's present carrier-current facilities to a 10 watt education FM station is well on the way to becoming a reality. The club, led by a few impassioned members, has been scrambling for administrative approval and sufficient funds. Content has been granted, and $150.00 has been promised by Mr. Knight. WWUH of the University of Hartford has given their assistance in filling out the FCC 340 form for the application for gaining FCC recognition and a license to broadcast. Contingent upon the expected FCC approval, WCNI will become a 10 watt FM station. It is estimated that the 10 watt transmitter, to be located atop Hill Hall, will cover an eight-mile radius including much of Groton and Waterford. WCNI FM would be the only educational FM station in this part of Connecticut, the only other being WESU, broadcasting from Wesleyan.

The educational aspect of the station would allow for new types of programming; the faculty will hopefully become involved, and the station would include educational components since it will be the only station in the area to broadcast classical music.

WCNI has elected to go FM mono as opposed to FM-stereo due to the complications, let alone high cost, of stereo. All new studio equipment would have to be purchased as well as an expensive stereo transmitter. The radio station would also need to employ a first class engineer to be on call at all times.

Technical additions have already been purchased for a second studio. Most broadcasting will be done in a simultaneous fashion over both AM and FM, however it will be possible to split the two so that taping may be done in the studio, live broadcasts not intended for a wide range of airplay may be broadcast over the AM, and so that new disc jockeys may be trained and gain experience over the carrier-current facility.

Aware of the increasingly serious security problem in Holmes Hall, WCNI, in an attempt to bring WCNI closer to the campus, the radio club has requested admission to the upturns of Groton-Williams. In reference to this, Stan Sneath, General Manager, stated, "To put it more simply, the move would make it easier to run a good station. Security could be improved, and equally important, the station would be accessible, both to students in general and to the radio people, who now have to put up with a mile hike down to Holmes Hall." There is nothing definite as yet about the move.

Preliminary Utility Work Begins for New Interchange

by Allen Carroll

Preliminary utility work is planned for a proposed interchange in the Gold Star Memorial Bridge. According to Ken Sterry, engineer for Connecticut-Faculty of Highways, lines for telecommunications, electricity, and gas are being relocated in preparation for construction of the interchange. Utility work is being done by Connecticut Light and Power, Hartford Electric Light, and Southern New England Bell Telephone.

Sterry stated that the interchange project is "still in an extremely preliminary stage," and that "no major construction will begin until sometime early spring.

Although Sterry did say that only "extremely rough estimates" had been made for construction cost, and that the Bureau "can't divulge an estimate," another official stated in an interview last year that the project approach should cost approximately $50 million.

Land acquisition by the state is complete, and includes a crescent-shaped area that extends from the Lyman-Allyn Museum to the Mill Hill Loop resort. The interchange will extend approximately four to five hundred feet north of the museum to ease the curve on Mill Hill Loop, according to Sterry. The College campus will not be directly affected by the construction.

According to Sterry, contractors for the project have yet to be chosen. Bids for construction will be received at the Bureau of Highways, on December 15th in Hartford. After that, the Bureau will analyze the bids for a 48-hour period.

According to present plans, the project will be completed 100 days after construction begins. The length of time "can be altered, depending upon problems encountered," Sterry said.

Although construction projects for the interchange and for the new Thames River Bridge are "closely related," they are being treated as two divisions, he stated.

Meetings Concerning Academic Reform Reflect Campus-wide Student Opinion

by Wendy Dolliver

Campus-wide forum meetings concerning academic change were held on December 1. These meetings were lead by randomly selected students, most of whom had been directly involved with academic reform and the faculty committee.

Neither the students selected not the meetings themselves were intended to be selective, said the faculty committee, specifically Jay Levin's intention, that the meetings be completely open to student opinion.

The purpose behind these meetings was threefold: 1) students and criticisms were to be identified, 2) each dorm was to offer solutions to the problems in the form of a general statement or recommendations, taking votes where necessary; and 3) in order to continue the effort, contact was to be made with students who were willing to become involved.

Among the issues discussed were the residency requirement for a Conn College degree, the calendar, the time requirement for the completion of an incomplete, and the language requirement. (The physical education requirement was abolished on December 1.)

Currently a student must attend Connecticut College for four semesters, one of those semesters being in the senior year, in order to receive a Conn College degree. Recently petitions have been distributed requesting that this requirement be altered so that the semester required in the senior year could occur in either the junior or the senior year.

The new ruling concerning the course grade of incomplete is that the professor and the student will be given four weeks to complete the work for the course. The time allowed for the student to finish the work for the course and for the professor to grade the work is not clearly delineated. The abolition of the language requirement has been discussed at length and requires further explanation.

Criticisms and suggestions which came out of the dorm meetings will be compiled in a Student Programme for Academic Change.
Concrete and Steel

The Alumnus lawn is not the worst of the engineers' sins. A large grove of willow trees near the existing interchange is doomed. What was once a lovely group of homes and large trees south of I-95 on either side of Williams Street will be gone, replaced by exits, ramps, signs, and treeless median strips. The Mohagan Avenue exit, long with the Winthrop housing development to connect with Main Street, is no more. Naturally, nothing can be done at this late date. The houses are gone, and the lawn has been dug up. Only the trees still stand, but not for long. Well, don't tell any more tears. New London is ugly all ready, who cares if it gets a little uglier. And imagine how much fun it will be to zoom up and down those neat ramps, and swoop at sixty miles per hour over to a newly- replaced Main Street.

To The Editors:

I must take exception to Jim Stackford's comment in the Nov. 23 issue. He claims that the Larabee "cheetah incident" was "healthy." For those who may not know, the chair was not the only object of this prank. The sculpture which was removed from the Castle Sculpture Court and replaced with the chair is owned by me, and is on an extended loan to the College. The piece might easily have been destroyed, and the damage would have been mine alone to repair.

What is decided unhealthy about this "healthy prank" is confusion, lack of direction, and, worse, creating a curious atmosphere about art objects on campus which makes them fail game to sophisticated pranksters. In the past two years a number of sculptures have been stolen or vandalized. One sculpture of mine, "Sedanette II," which I gave to the College some years ago was stolen this autumn. The large sculpture by Mr. McCoy which is displayed near the campus was vandalized in the spring. I have enjoyed the fact that2 problems which are considered an important addition to the campus. It now appears as if that may no longer be true.

David Smallay
Dept. of Art

Dear Pundit,

Last Tuesday night, I went to see the Earth Theater, a cocky-agichtig group from Manchester, Vermont. The Earth Theater is made up of seven or eight young actors concerned with pollution, over-population, and most other aspects of suprathermal living. There were, as most, thirty people seated in Palmer for the performance, and not all these people were concerned with a band of concerned individuals. It was not only sorry for the actors, who almost seemed to expect a turnout like that (no doubt it had happened before), but I also felt disappoiitied in fellow young people. The drubbing turnout struck me as analogous in many respects to just how much trouble anybody really is.

Now, I'm not overwhelmed with emotions enough not to realize that many people probably had work to do, and I know that I can't really judge the ability of a cogent ecologist by just seeing how many people turn up for a bit of theater, but it seems to me that if the right number of people concerned with this issue had viewed a performance of the Earth Theater, there would be an excuse to show their colors and to attend, half for enjoyment and half to show their concern, Palmer would have been jammed.

Janet Cottoc

To The Editors:

It appears that the idea of grades at Connecticut College has greatly cut back on the student's exposure to the practice of talking with other students. The pressure to get "good grades" has really overshadowed the idea of learning, which is what we are here to learn and to grow as individuals. It seems that every time I have sat down to eat, someone is talking about a grade they got on a paper or how they are going to get a good grade in a course because it is in their major field, or because they want to exchange with another school. There is a limited talk on what actually matters: just the class or in the reading, of whatever.

The learning process shouldn't start the minute one gets out of class. Unfortunately the emphasis on grades has stifled this. The theory of college is to open one's mind and learn. Learning for one's own education and development is an old one, I will not belabor the point. To the students: I say, "Think about it, you might breathe a little easier before and after tests. Who knows, you might get more out of your courses and enjoy living a little more."

To the faculty: I say, "Think about it. You have the power to change it."

Arlie Furey '75

To The Editors:

We live in Blackstone our Freshman year. When that time the washing machines and dryers were malfunctioning. It is not just that we could be removed from the situation has not been remedied - a result of countless replacements. The laundry system is now a moderately acceptable process. We no longer live in Blackstone, we think it only fair that something be done about this problem soon.

Thank you,
Wendy Winfield '73
Joan Byrne '73
Marita Quinn '72

Anthro Club Activities Organized by Students

by Karen Gordon

The Anthro Club has organized the Anthropology Club thinking it was "just another club" but will have to offer a great choice of the most active and unusual clubs this semester. The club was informally organized last year and under the leadership of students interested in majoring in Anthropology. Questionnaires were sent out last year, and from the overwhelming response of the student body, it was decided to create a formal club. The enthusiasm from club members and faculty has generated a sincere interest in the field.

As one may have activities, activities included the following: a talk and film on the "arts and crafts" and anthropology student at Wesleyan, an organized trip to a lecture at Brown, and a film on The Earth Theater, a ecology-acting group from Manchester, Vermont. The Earth Theater is made up of seven or eight young actors concerned with pollution, over-population, and most other aspects of suprathermal living. There were thirty people seated in Palmer for the performance, and not all these people were concerned with a band of concerned individuals. It was not only sorry for the actors, who almost seemed to expect a turnout like that (no doubt it had happened before), but I also felt disappointed in fellow young people. The drubbing turnout struck me as analogous in many respects to just how much trouble anybody really is.

To The Editors:

I'm writing to express a surprise at the unkind and thoughtless comments made by the student who wrote the letter "Murdered by Meskill" which appeared in our last issue, the one entitled "Murdered by Meskill". Our apologies for any confusion which resulted from this mistake.

Wendy Winfield '73

Correction

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Conn. Survival Group Initiates Projects

by P. Wallis

The Survival Group at Conn has initiated a variety of ecological type projects. Most recently, Survival members are organizing a citizen's lobby group that is affiliated with the Connecticut Citizen's Action Group (CCAG). This is a Nader pilot project which is operating only in the state of Connecticut.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1971 there will be a meeting at 7:30 in New London Hall 113. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. A hot line will be constructed on campus for the storage of recycled paper. These domes will be student built, and paper collection will be on a weekly basis.

In conjunction with the Marine Technological Society, Survival is setting up a water quality testing station. The stations will monitor fluctuations in the river due to the effluence from local factories. Reports will be compiled from the data gathered and used in legal proceedings against polluters of the Thames River.

In conjunction with the Connecticut Clean Air Commission, Survival is working to set up an air quality monitoring workshop. This is a state-wide drive being coordinated locally so that people can learn how to monitor air quality. Conn will be hosting a regional organizational meeting in Dana Hall on January 17 for this group.

Planning is now in progress for a Natural Foods Kitchen at Conn. More information on this will be available at a later date.

Mrs. John DeGange, administrative assistant, has officially retired after 44 years of service to the College. This following tribute from a note given by John Detmold last May suffices as a tribute to her. And since she came to work for us immediately after four years of undergraduate work, her career at this college really extends to almost half a century. And what a history of this college Mary could write! The easiest way to describe her contribution to our administrative tasks would be to say that she has run the office of the Business Manager. Thus much of the credit given to Alan Lambdin and the young fellow who succeeded him here ten years ago probably belongs, if the truth be known, to Mary. In addition to all that, she has been one of the strongest sports enthusiasts on this campus, a tireless booster for the Connecticut College Cards.

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