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Tuesday, December 7, 1971

Faculty Abolishes P.E. Requirement

by Allen Carroll

At a meeting on December first, the faculty voted to abolish the physical education requirement at Connecticut College.

A "large majority" 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 phys-ed 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 phys-ed for graduation. A decision was not reached 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 admittance 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.

These two issues were the only ones discussed at the meeting, which lasted an hour and 40 minutes. The faculty will meet again tomorrow afternoon to consider the remainder of the agenda.



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Preliminary Utility Work Begins for New Interchange

by Allen Carroll

Preliminary utility work is now under way south of Connecticut College for a planned approach and interchange for the Gold Star Memorial Bridge.

According to Ken Sterry, engineer for the Connecticut Bureau of Highways, lines for telephones, 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 state," and that "no major construction will begin until sometime early spring."

Although Sterry said that only "extremely rough estimates" had been made for construction costs and that the Bureau "can't divulge an estimate," another official stated in an interview last year that the approach should cost approximately \$20 million.

Land acquisition by the state is complete, and includes a crescent-shaped area that extends from the Lyman-Allyn lawn across I-95 between Williams Street and Briggs Street to Main Street, adjacent to the Winthrop housing project.

During the fall of 1970, Robert Neiser of the Bureau of Highways made available a map of the planned interchange, which will provide

improved traffic circulation for Interstate 95 (including the new Thames River bridge) and route 32. A series of ramps and a divided highway connecting Mohegan Avenue directly with Main Street will replace the existing interchange and traffic circle on Williams Street (see map, page 2).

The Mohegan Ave.-Williams St. connector will cut across a 200-by-700 foot section of the lawn in front of the Lyman Allyn Museum. Construction "will extend approximately four to five hundred feet north of the museum to ease the curve (on Mohegan Ave.)," 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 by the Bureau of Highways on December 15th in Hartford. After that, the Bureau will analyze the bids for a 45-day period.

According to present plans, the project will be completed 1000 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.



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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. Consent has been granted, and \$1500.00 has been promised by Mr. Knight.

WUWH of the University of Hartford has given their assistance in filling out the FCC 340 form 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 Bill Hall, will cover an eight-mile radius including New London and most 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 nature of the station would allow for new types of programming; the faculty will hopefully become involved, and programming would also include higher education and provide a cultural component 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 simulcast 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 air play 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, and in an attempt to bring WCNI closer to the campus, the radio club has requested admission to the upstairs of Crozier-Williams. In reference to this, Stan Sneath, General Manager, stated, "To put it 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 to Cro.



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Meetings Concerning Academic Reform Reflect Campus-wide Student Opinion

by Wendy Dolliver

Campus-wide dorm meetings concerning academic change were held on December 1. These meetings were led by randomly selected students, most of whom had been directly involved with academic reform or student-faculty committees. Neither the students selected nor the meetings themselves were intended to direct students' thoughts toward a particular philosophy. It was the intention of those organizing these meetings, and specifically Jay Levin's intention, that the meetings be completely open to student opinion.

The purpose behind these meetings was threefold: 1) students' problems 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 Phys. Ed. 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 no further explanation.

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

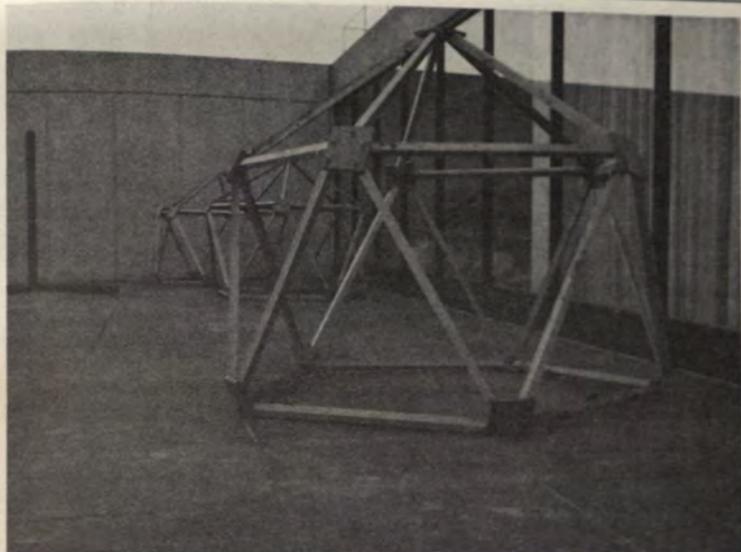


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Conn. Survival Group Initiates Projects

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 telephoning system will be discussed; when any type of legislation is pending a series of phone calls will be made immediately to community members informing them of any news. The legislation could concern consumer complaints, environmental issues or overpopulation.

After winter vacation, six domes 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.

Zero Population Growth Surveys Students on Population Problem

by Jane W. Erlandson and Donna J. Burkholder

During October two hundred randomly selected students were asked to participate in a survey conducted by Zero Population Growth (ZPG) in conjunction with the infirmary. The sample included students from each class and a proportional representation of men and women. Results from this sample should give a fairly good estimate (statistically speaking) of campus attitudes towards the population problem, contraception, abortion and campus facilities.

The results were as follows:

Population

1. Do you feel there is a population problem in the world today? 97% yes, .5% no, 2.5% undecided; in the U.S.? 89.5% yes, 8.4% no, 2.1% undecided.
2. How many children in your family? only 35% had 2 or less.
3. How many children would you like to have? 72.7% want 2 or less and 12.7% have considered adoption—a significant difference from their own families.
4. In your opinion, which socio-economic class is most responsible for the increase in population growth? lower 73.9%, middle

26.3%, upper 9.5%. Catholics 4.2%, all 3.2%.

Most people failed to see that all of us are responsible for the present population problem.

5. Do you think the government should have any say in population control? 61% yes, 36% no. The answers to this question, in most cases, were qualified. On one hand, the "yesses" emphasized education, the distribution of information and the availability of contraceptives. On the other hand, the "nos" emphasized the infringement on personal freedoms. Others suggested tax incentives and the liberalization of abortion laws.

Contraception, Abortion and Campus Facilities

1. Are you using a form of birth control? 41% yes†, 59% no. †82-89% are using methods which are considered effective.
2. Who would you go to for advice on birth control? over 50% said they would go to the school infirmary.
3. Do you have any objections to birth control for religious reasons? 3.1% yes, 94% no; for moral reasons? 1.5% yes, 89% no.
4. Are you aware of the various

abortion procedures? 61% yes, 35.9% no.

5. Who would you go to for abortion advice if you needed it? again over 50% would go to the infirmary.
6. Are you in favor of legalized abortion for a woman if she has the consent of a physician? 89% yes, 11% no.
7. Do you object to abortion for religious reasons? 11% yes, 80% no; moral reasons? 13.7% yes, 69% no.
8. Are you aware that there is a morning after pill? 78% yes, 17.9% no; that it is available at the infirmary? 64% yes, 26.4% no.
9. Would you like to see a handbook pertaining to the above published on this campus? 92% yes, 6.3% no.

Although there seems to be an increasing awareness and responsibility on the campus, as well as a growing confidence in the school infirmary, there are still those that seek more answers and alternative sources.

p.s. ZPG is presently attempting to compile a guidelist which would provide students with additional information and sources.



jon cotton

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"... Mary DeGange has worked for this college for forty-four years, ever since her own graduation here in 1927—which was before the administration of Katharine Blunt. 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 Allen 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 the exceedingly successful Class Agent Chairman for her Class of 1927, and, with her husband John, has been one of the strongest sports enthusiasts on this campus, a tireless rooter for the Connecticut College Camels."

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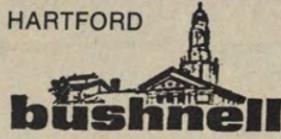
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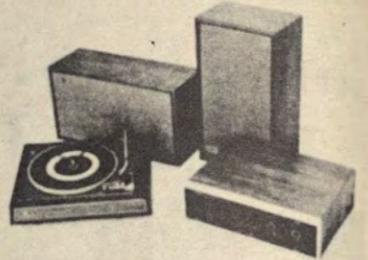
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