College re-evaluates need-blind admissions policy

BY NEELU MULCHANDANI
SGA vice president

The college's current policy of need-blind admissions, in which the students' need for financial aid is not considered with their application for admissions, is currently under review. According to Philip T. Barnes, the college's VP for planning and budgeting, the current need-blind admissions policy will be replaced with a need-sensitive admissions policy.

The need-sensitive policy would take into consideration an applicant's financial needs, and the financial aid form would no longer be merit-based, but would be need-based. This means that the college would take into consideration an applicant's financial background, and the financial aid package would be tailored to the individual student's needs.

Neelu Mulchandani, SGA vice president, said, “Our peer institutions are giving up these need-blind policies. We’re growing, they’re growing... we exist in a vacuum... we exist in part because of the financial aid form is not considered with the admissions. The teams have not used as a whole body, so the option being discussed have not been formally brought to the entire team for consideration.”

Mulchandani compared Connecticut College’s financial situation to that of its peer institutions. “Although Connecticut College has doubled its endowment, so have other colleges,” Mulchandani said.

Mulchandani said, “Our peer institutions are giving up these need-blind policies. We’re growing, they’re growing... so we need money.”

“We don’t know if the college can have need-blind anymore,” Mulchandani said. “Do we value need-blind, or do we push ahead and gain students we’ve been losing... students who have been lured away by academic, merit-based aid,” Simmons said.

Mike DellaMonaca, house senator of Freeman, said there were reasons why he did not apply to other schools, but need-blind admissions were a major factor in his decision.

“I can’t stress to this community enough the value of need-blind admissions,” DellaMonaca said.

Connecticut College was stereotyped as a school of white, upperclass women in the 60’s, but “we’ve come a long way in the last 30 years,” DellaMonaca said. He stressed the fact that the administration has to sustain certain aspects of Connecticut College which distinguish it from our peer institutions.

“There is always a way (to continue in need-blind admissions),” DellaMonaca said. Claudine Johnson, house senator of Brantford, said, “Basically I wouldn’t be here without need-blind admissions.”

Johnson said, “I’m feeling like I’m a poster child right now. Not only am I on financial aid, but I was wait-listed, I feel like if I was 10 years younger, I would never have been admitted into this school.”

According to Maniar, the policy of need-blind admissions was originally instituted in order to make admissions to the college accessible to students of all financial backgrounds.

However, while it has been touted as a means of diversifying the student body, Neel Mulchandani, SGA vice president, said, “need-blind admissions may need to be reevaluated this policy, perhaps investigating the option of need-sensitive admissions.”

There are a lot of people on campus who relate need-blind admissions to diversity without really knowing what need-blind admissions are. The more I hear about need-blind and need-sensitive, the more I think need-blind may not be right for us,” Maniar said.

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A performance well done

The San Francisco Symphony graced the halls of Palmer auditorium with music by Janacek and Bruckner. See story, p. 13.

Speech Codes:

Assembly discusses racial, harassment policies

BY BEN RUBIN
Associate News Editor

As other colleges and universities have recently reevaluated their speech codes, the Student Government Association discussed the policies surrounding free speech on campus.

Opinions varied between two extremes during a discussion led by Lee Rawles, house senator of Park, examining the possibility of reevaluating the “C” Book’s “incidental and sexual harassment policies and procedures.”

According to Rawles, these racial and sexual policies and procedures, as found on pages 56-67 in the “C” Book, can be construed as speech codes which inhibit the right given to individuals to express their opinions under the first amendment.

“We should not be able to punish people who use their fundamental freedom to state their mind,” said Rawles.

Rawles informed the Assembly that “we are not bound by the first amendment because we are a private college.”

But he added, “There is a movement in the past few months and over the past year to reevaluate racial harassment policies and speech codes on college campuses and to really take a close look at them in seeing whether or not they are actually violating the constitution and violating our rights.”

Rawles said the first amendments

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It was not fun, pretty, or popular, but it got the job done. Last year’s budget shortfall forced the school into a panic mode, and this year’s budget estimation from the board is a mere 20% of last year’s. In order to assure that we avoid a crisis situation in the future, the PPPC has been charged with evaluating the change’s effects and targeting programs that were restricting us from focusing on the core of our operation. In addition, we need to focus on the core of our operation in order to make our work more efficient and effective.

In retrospect, the restructuring process has had an extremely negative effect on students. While the college has combined with the School of Knowledge Dining Hall for dinner, it has resulted in a deterioration of the overall quality and quantity of campus dining. Even the termination of something like the relatively low-cost (and low-quality) lobster dinner series has had a negative impact. It has caused us to be more deliberate in spending and to evaluate the feasibility of various food options.

Acut isa cut

The student activities fund was not restructured — it was hacked and teamed into the college’s cookie jar. Students must recognize restructuring for what it is, and fight against further backhatching of integral aspects of student life. Students cannot be expected to bear the burden of another round of budget cuts. It would sound easy to cut something small here and down something there. However, there are not a lot of things that make this institution distinctive; what we do have are a number of attractive facets and intangibles that create a special institution. We, of course, will never know the KB Deli. “Closed” might not mean an underestimate for future members, among other things. It is wise to question whether in many cases decisions made are permanent and will continue to be around for all the classes to come.

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Letter to the Voice:

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Conn’s telecommunications system is flawed  

ASPEN’s “Instant redial” not an efficient means of procuring concert tickets

We pay (or rather Daddy pays) tons o’ money for these nifty phones every year and I must admit that during my time spent here I have enjoyed such little delights as sending belches to my friends marked “urgency.” Since these phones have done everything for me up to this point, I figured that they wouldn’t let me down for this latest task: I needed Aerosmith tickets real fast.

You see, Aerosmith is performing two shows at the Boston Garden (New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Night), and it would have been a dream for a little Boston nightlife like myself to go worship his heroes in concert. I realized that you college people aren’t exactly crazy about Aerosmith (Popular group? Ooh-icky!). I still tremble at the memory of sitting in Freeman living room two months ago watching Aerosmith—perform on the MTV music awards with a bunch of guys in plaid boxes throwing beer cans at the TV screaming, “We want Pearl Jam, they’re P.C.!” Anyway, back to my point. To accomplish this task of getting through to Ticketmaster that fateful Saturday, I needed a phone with rapid redial. Most ordinary phones have a feature where you press a button and your number is redialed instantly. I thought to myself, “Gee, these phones have got to have some fast dial feature! Heck, they probably have a ‘super warp speed’ redial which automatically intercepts one of the cables going into Ticketmaster offices and holds the operator hostage until I get four tickets, LOGE section, row E!” Guess again, O’lovers of Blind Melon. It was 9:50 that morning. Tickets were to go on sale at 10 a.m. I frantically searched for that list of phone numbers which Roberta Carroll printed up (you know, the pound, pound, pound, seven lady). I found the list and sure enough, found a section entitled “speed dialing.” “Oh boy, oh boy! But wait, what’s that? I have to program in the phone number and to redial it press ‘**’ plus ‘77’ plus code number plus my PIN number??” The clock strikes Ten. Iumble along, succeeding only in hearing the SNET “all circuits busy” recording. Meanwhile, Carla from Dorchestah (whodunnit) called my number. “Aerosmith tickets?” I asked. “Sure, but where’s your press button?” I pressed one button on her $20 Radio Shack phone and got tickets. Is this justice? (Finnimore, help me out here.) Furthermore, besides failing to perform a basic phone function, I’ve discovered that these phones don’t perform well in the clutch. I would go to hang up in my latest unsuccessful attempt only to release the hang-up button and find the SNET recording still blaring in my ear. I had to hold the phone down for a couple of seconds each time and this delay further eroded my chances for success. Particularly there were so many of the shortcomings of these phones, it was only able to obtain the phone number information. I could not converse with them because the phone numbers were probably didn’t understand that last term). So I’ve come to the conclusion that these high tech voice modules might be adequate for sending out bullshit broadcasts and the like, but for real-world applications, they fail way short of ordinary telephones... By the way, does Lori Kramer’s daughter still go here? You think she could get me good seats?

Michael Della Monica  
Class of 1994

Amnesty International effects change through words, not force

Amnesty International is not a well-known group at Connecticut College although internationally it has over a half a million members. Few people seem to understand what Amnesty is about. Amnesty is an international organization concerned with human rights. It is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948. Amnesty receives information about individuals called prisoners of conscience who have been detained by their governments for their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion, and have not used or advocated violence. Amnesty members from around the world then contact the governments responsible for these detentions, demanding the unconditional release of these political prisoners.

This method may sound ineffective, but Amnesty’s history proves otherwise. Last year alone 150 prisoners of conscience were released as a result of Amnesty’s work. The sheer mass of letters has an impressive influence on the governments of officialdom. This quote from a released prisoner of conscience from the Dominican Republic is an example, “When the first two hundred letters came, the guards gave me back my clothes. Then the next two hundred letters came, and the prison director came to see me. When the next pile of letters arrived, the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming and coming: three thousand of them. The President called the prison and told them to let me go.”

Amnesty is not a political organization, nor is it affiliated with any political organization (despite SOSA’s stubborn ignorance on the subject and their reputed wishing of the group). Impartiality is not merely a side note in the Amnesty mandate, it is the source of Amnesty’s strength in the international community. It allows Amnesty to work for Human rights anywhere across the globe, transcending national, economic and religious affiliations.

There seems to be a sense in modern society that human rights are an outdated subject, and that the violations of human rights that do currently take place are confined to developing nations. I contend that human rights violations are much more common across the globe than any of us would like to admit. The United States itself is not immune of human rights violations. Last year there were at least 60 prisoners of conscience in the United States. In fact, the U.S. has a consistently poor record in supporting international human rights agreements. The death penalty is a violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that is still present in the United States’ judicial system, and in 1992 there were more than 2,600 people on death row.

What exactly does an Amnesty Chapter do? Letter writing constitutes the bulk of our work and it is the source of Amnesty’s effectiveness. In addition to this, Amnesty is mandated to educate people as to the continuing status of human rights in the international community today. Our chapter organizes information tables, speakers, movies, write-a-thons, and debates.

William Olds from the American Civil Liberties Union recently came to speak on the death penalty. We will be hosting a Coffee Ground on December 2 and we will be showing the film Closest Land on December 8 in honor of Human Rights Day on December 10. The spring term will bring a death penalty debate, a campaign dealing with violations against women, a campaign against the mistreatment of children and other informative activities.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at extension 5716. Thank you.

Jenn Hiltz  
Class of 1996  
Amnesty International at Connecticut College

Lesbian and Gay Studies should make it onto the academic agenda

Letter to the Voice:  

The controversy surrounding the poster in JA suggests the need for an open, honest, respectful discussion of Lesbian and Gay issues on campus. This discussion needs to occur in various ways and in various places. One of these places could be the classroom. Lesbian and Gay Studies is a growing field in many disciplines. People are writing about the topic and in some colleges and universities offering courses in the field. This is an opportunity begin an intellectual dialogue.

Lisa Wilson  
Associate Professor of History  
and Acting Director of Women’s Studies
DAD SAID, “YOU DON’T GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.”

WELL, GUESS WHAT? HE WAS WRONG.

These days you need all the help you can get. That’s why we offer a $1,000 credit line and no annual fee. There, that ought to increase your cash flow.

If you don’t got it, get it.”
Lawrence and Lee debate NAFTA’s effect on U.S.

BY JAMES SANTANGELO
Features Editor

After all the debate and campaigning, it’s all over. The North American Trade Agreement passed the House 236-204 Wednesday, but before the debate commenced, Connecticut College hosted the two speakers in the last Barbara Holgate-Ferrin lecture series on Tuesday.

Robert Lawrence of the John F. Kennedy School of Government began his lecture by saying, “I am going to talk in favor of the NAFTA.”

Lawrence started off by immediately defending the agreement against the accusations that NAFTA will adversely affect the U.S. economy.

Referring to the question of job loss in the U.S., Lawrence said, “That is totally implausible. Mexico’s GDP is five percent of the U.S.’s. Very little could happen in Mexico that would have a large effect on the U.S. economy.”

Lawrence explained that NAFTA is expected to create a “net creation of 100,000 jobs in the U.S. over the next five years.”

“...For the longest time,” Lawrence said, “the Mexicans did not want the increasing influence of the ‘gringos.’ In the past seven years, they have privatized business and now look to the United States. President Salinas only wishes to insure that changes he has made are permanent. We want a Mexico that looks to us; that is a market for our goods.”

Lawrence responded to Lee’s argument that Mexican wages will force U.S. wages down as well as attract U.S. industry out of the U.S.

“...Wages in Mexico are about 10 percent of the U.S. wages. It’s foolish to think that such a difference will cause a mass exodus of U.S. wage-earners. People did not move to Mexico in the 1930s.”

Lee spoke against the agreement by first defending her right to do so. Lee said, “People who are against the agreement are looked at in several ways: First of all, they must be very selfish. They must also not be very smart. And they also had to have been absent the day the teacher taught that free trade is good for everybody. Well, I think that is unfair.”

Lee spoke of NAFTA’s projected detrimental effects on U.S. jobs.

“In the short run, NAFTA will cause much distortion, 800 to 900 thousand jobs will be lost,” Lee said.

Lawrence responded, saying that with a country which employs 120 million workers, such as the U.S., 800 to 900 thousand is not a large number, especially when a large amount of it is Mexican workers returning to Mexico.

Lee went on to explain the problems she sees with “wages in both the U.S. and Mexico.”

She believes that “low-skilled workers will be hurt. If we look at Bureau of Labor survey’s we find that workers who lose their jobs go on a pattern of downward mobility. NAFTA creates a lot more losers than winners, having no compensation plan.”

“I hope we can talk about the options,” Lee said. “I feel we should turn down this NAFTA and negotiate a better one.

And my decision has nothing to do with those aforementioned reasons; I know free trade is good and I am not selfish.”

The NAFTA debate has never been about free trade. The product we have is very responsive to business. It isn’t that the people of the US aren’t smart enough to know these things. It’s that the people who drafted it were not very responsible. If the content of the agreement were different, then I feel the vote would be close, but I feel we should turn down this agreement,” said Lee.

Lawrence responded to Lee’s comments and said, “I find it hard to believe that we had a Republican administration and a Democratic administration, both negotiated this agreement and both ignored the wishes of the people. What NAFTA has become is a pretext to further other agendas.”

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Financial planning team discusses merit of need-blind admissions

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said.

Simmons and Mulchandani explained how need-sensitive works within the admissions process.

“You can only project to what you’re going to have for financial aid next year,” said Simmons.

Simmons said, “I cannot see the college accepting a lower student who can pay.”

Chris McDonell, house senator of JA, expressed his concern that the need for financial aid would become one of the intangible considerations on a student’s application.

Mulchandani said, “Our team itself is debating that issue right now.”

Is it necessary for us to report (financial aid) on the application?”

Simmons cited specific examples of colleges that have already dropped their need-blind policies, according to Simmons.

Browns, Rice, Smith, and Wesleyan were just a few schools Simmons mentioned whose need-blind admissions.

Simmons said that some students would be wary of applying to a school that does not have need-blind admissions.

“[Students] feel if [the college] is not need-blind, they don’t have a chance,” Simmons said.

Simmons emphasized the fact that the schools he mentioned could maintain their enrollment because of their name recognition, but members of the college community have been skeptical about whether Connecticut College can survive solely on the strength of its reputation.

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Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

There was chaos today at the White House as pro- and anti-legislators converged to collect on their various deals...

It is still not clear just how much the administration gave away to win critical votes...

But members of Congress seem determined to secure the political trophies for which they bargained so hard!

Where's my tax break?

I was promised a trip to Perry and a new TV.

What about with Hillary?

I demand whatever the others are getting!

Um... who did you say you sold your vote to, sir?

We've heard that Congresspeople out there who never talked to us!

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Giant Chucking Sound
Students report glitches in phone system:

**Might secrets be safer with your sister than in your voice mailbox?**

BY ALY MCKENZIE

Managing Editor

Jane, the vocal personification of the Connecticut College ASPEN voice messaging system, has been causing some confusion as of late.

Bizarre messages and calls from Jane can be extraordinarily amusing, but the side effects are becoming a cause for concern since, in a few incidences, Jane may have breached confidentiality.

A sophomore related an incident in which a message from the voice mailbox of a person he had just gotten a message from was forwarded to his mailbox.

"My friend who went to 1-J board... left me a message, and when he hung up, his message from [Sara Spoomheim, 1-J Board chair] kicked in. [to my mailbox]," said the sophomore.

Under the college's Honor Code, speaking of a 1-J Board case to another person constitutes a breach of confidentiality. But how does one punish Jane?

"Obviously, we are not going to take Jane to trial. But, this is definitely a concern," said Spoomheim.

Senior Rebecca Flynn spoke of an instance in which she tried to call Yvonne Watkins, but entered Watkins' mailbox instead. Said Flynn, "And I have no idea what her password was."

Robert Carroll, supervisor of telephone services, and Thomas Makefoxe, director of computing and Information Services, were unaware of the problems until late last week.

"If our lines are working, it might look good to us, but the only way we hear about problems out in the field is through the help line," said Makefoxe.

Many have reported receiving others' archived messages in their mailboxes. Sophomore Jennifer LeVan told of an incident in which her archived message from a man she was interested in played on the voice mail of her romantic competition.

Many have become accustomed to the occasional nonsensical message, "To erase, press seven, to reply, press eight. End of new messages." Explanations like, "What is this random message from Janice?" or "Jane must be having PMS!" have become so unusually common on campus.

Likely, however, Jane is not satisfied with simply leaving a message — she calls to chat.

"We were in the Voice office, and the phone rang. It was somebody's voice mail greeting. When the message beeped, we screamed and then hung up. It turned out that it was Jon's [Finnimore, publisher of The College Voice] voice mail," said a sophomore.

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**Misdirected urine becoming a serious problem in Morrison hallways**

BY MEGHAN CLAY

The College Voice

One of the few pluses for living on an all women's floor is way pee-free toilet seats.

However, the residents of Morrison's fourth floor have been literally walking into another problem. Recently, their hallway has been littered with toilet paper on the floor.

One of the few pluses for living on an all women's floor is way pee-free toilet seats. On a number of occasions, an unidentified male student there has been literally walking into another to cover the area with toilet paper. - Appalled, she asked him to clean it up and he, reluctantly, managed to.

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Assembly discusses freedom of speech on campus

Members debate speech code versus harassment policy terminology as set forth in Connecticut College Handbook

Another issue in Assembly was whether or not Connecticut College has actual speech codes or merely a harassment policy.

Amyi Simons, house senator of Smith, said that she was against speech codes, but felt that our school merely has a problem with racial slurs and verbal abuse. "PM is trying to set up a list of examples which include 'using racial slurs,' 'name-calling,' and 'insulting behavior.'

Simons spoke in favor of the harassment policy. "They are for the protection of the people on this campus," said Simons.

Ravi Malhadi, SGA vice president, stated his opposition to reexamination of the college's speech codes.

I don't think we should be discussing this. I don't think this is something that we need an adhoc committee for..." said Malhadi.

Neil Maniar, senior class president, held an opposing view. "They (C Book policies) are not promoting education, they are preventing it...the only way you can fight it [racism] is if it is cut out in the open," said Maniar.

Rawles agreed with Maniar, saying, "We are perpetuating the problem by continuing to have speech codes at this college. We wouldn't have the harassment that the speech codes are trying to prevent [if the codes were lifted]."

"I don't think we shouldholiday anyone from saying anything...we don't limit people to be able to say anything and backing them up," said Rawles.

"I honestly don't believe that by getting rid of the list we would be doing harm to the educational environment at Conn," said Rawles.

College budget: PPBC restructuring budget now in order to maintain low rate of tuition increase

This year, the PPBC plans to structure the budget so that the college will be as prepared as possible to meet unexpected financial circumstances.

"We are trying to save costs that are in a year without wasting expenditures that a few years ago, we didn't think of as wasteful expenditures," said Barnes.

Barnes noted that balancing the college's budget, each year you would be easier, if the tuition rates could be raised, even after hard work. However, this is not an option, according to Barnes.

"There's real pressure on keeping the rent in tuition fees down...families are asking, can we afford this?" said Barnes.

Barnes said that although in recent years the cost of tuition has risen faster than the cost of inflation, it is now perceived that tuition rates are coming down in relation to interest rates.

The college has engaged itself in the process of budget restructuring in an effort to keep tuition costs and fees low, Barnes said.

"Budget restructuring is that you find some way to minimize the impact of [unexpected costs] by reducing costs elsewhere in the college," Barnes said. "If we can find, within the college, a way to save money now, that will allow us to be more flexible later."

Barnes emphasized that the PPBC is restructuring the college's funds, not cutting resources.

Frasure said, "Annual restructuring is something that is going to be ongoing. Private Liberal arts colleges are going to be doing all the time. There's not money to burn."

Barnes said that an individual's perspective determines the way one perceives the restructuring process.

"If you're sitting on the PPBC and seeing a $54 million budget, you're seeing where we have money and where we can redistribute it to meet Strategic Plan goals," said Barnes.

The PPBC is currently working on a schedule for the cost restructuring, and although they are now concentrating on the financial implications of the process, Barnes hopes to have "synergistic feedback" from members of the community focusing on the personal effects of cost-cutting.

"I think that things like sending out the letter will keep the process as open as possible and solicit responses from the community."

In the spring, the PPBC will be asking for feedback from the college community according to Barnes.

"Our main goal is to get suggestions, see how the changes are working, and to make sure people aren't adversely affected by these changes," said Barnes.

"We're going to look at all the ideas that came in last year," said Barnes.

According to Barnes, open input to the community, the PPBC is "using existing structures and committees such as the Cost Savings Task Force to examine and collect data on restructuring proposals."

"I wish our problems could be solved with a Frank Sinatra concert," Frasure said.

"What's that, a TREE?"

A mysterious tree now adorns the top of the Olin construction site. 
Sullivan's speech reviews Clinton's health care package

BY YUKI TESSITORE
Assocate News Editor

Louis Sullivan, president of the Morehouse School of Medicine and former U.S. secretary of health and human services under George Bush, opposed many tenets of the Clinton health care package in a speech to the college community last Tuesday night.

Sullivan, who was initially scheduled to speak at last year's commencement, agreed to make a rescheduled appearance after the class of 1993 protested his selection as speaker. The class of 1993 was opposed to Sullivan in part because they objected to his political views.

Sullivan came both to review President Clinton's health care plan and to receive an honorary degree from the college which he would have received at last year's commencement, according to Sullivan.

In presenting the award, Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, honored Sullivan and recognized his strength of character as well as his professional achievements.

In addition, Stephen Loucks, provost of the college, said that Sullivan is a "model. Why, he was not hesitant to commit himself to helping others in need."

Sullivan outlined the goals and features of Clinton's plan for health care reform, and noted the plans which he believed would "impair the high quality and innovation we presently enjoy from our system."

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Sullivan supported increased federal excise tax on tobacco, since it puts the patient first from a public health standpoint and from a financial perspective. Sullivan also believed that this measure would "improve the quality and innovation which we presently enjoy from our system."

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**Calvin and Hobbes**

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**Calvin**

*I don't think a deadline is a due date.*

**Hobbes**

*The deadline is the date you are due.*

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**Calvin**

*How much more do you have to do?*

**Hobbes**

*I just have to write it.*

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**Calvin**

*I mean, I could do this. You know, I just need a little more time.*

*Why wouldn’t I be good for it? I’ve been good for it before.*

**Hobbes**

*You’re just doing this to make me feel bad.*

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**Calvin**

*Miss Wormwood was going to give me a “D” on my paper, but I talked to her after class and told her how I ran out of time and couldn’t write all I knew about tyrannosaurs.*

**Hobbes**

*She said I had plenty of time to do the assignment, but she admitted that maybe I’d picked too complex a subject.*

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**Calvin**

*So she raised my grade to a “D” and told me I should try to pick realistic goals and plan my time better.*

**Hobbes**

*I guess we learned a lesson, huh?*
Comm romance scene:

Dating Game provides jump-start for college love-life

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE
Associate A&E Editor

Does your love life need help? You can now rest assured that you are not alone. On Friday the senior and freshman classes co-sponsored the “Dating Game” thus proving that there is help for the loveless among us.

The evening, hosted by sophomore Brian Sena, got off to a rocky start because of a few technical difficulties, but eventually the audience was able to hear the entertaining responses of the contestants.

There were two rounds of this fun, the first round involving a male contestant and three bachelorettes. Sena began the round by first choosing the three lucky ladies from the audience. There was a little reluctance but eventually three contestants came on the stage.

The contestant Chris (‘I’ll only use first names–why embarrass these people any further?’) picked questions out of a basket that were written by members of the audience. They ranged from sappy questions like “what do you see in my future?” to blatant ones like “Do you prefer ribbed or studded?”

The third bachelorette, Courtney, Allison and Amanda, though occasionally bold in their answers, for the most part lacked imagination, though occasionally bold in their answers, for the most part.

In the end, Chris the brave contestant, chose bachelorette #2, Allison. She had a couple of interesting replies as well, but none that matched #1’s jokes comment. Hopefully the two will have fun on their date.

A second round followed, and I know you’re thinking this is way too much fun for one evening. However, being the dedicated A&E reporter that I am, I braved the excitement just so all my many readers (thanks Mom and Dad) could hear about the second round.

The second round involved a female contestant, Jessica, and three bachelors. The three bachelors were Chad, Beavis and Greg. This round it was the answers not the questions that were the most interesting.

Bachelor #1, Chad, was asked if he was more like Elvis or Fabio. He then proceeded to give an excellent rendition of one of Presley’s many songs.

The best answer of the entire evening came from Chad when he was asked about his most embarrassing moment.

Chad said his most embarrassing moment was “Freshmen year during Secret Santa work. My Secret Santa had me strip down to my boxers, blindfolded me and then had people finger-paint my entire body. They also took pictures and to this day I don’t know what happened to them.”

Bachelor #3, Greg, gave a couple of interesting responses though he seemed a little nervous. His answer to the question “What three things would you want on a desert island?” was definitely more appealing than the answer given by #2, Nigel.

Greg said he would want “slow music, champagne and you.” This was a little more inviting than #2 who said “shit, fuck, oh, and barbecued ribs.”

This round ended with a question to all the bachelors. In answer to “Is it bigger than a baby arm?” Chad and Greg honestly said “no.”

Nigel attempted to be creative, and said “does this baby eat peaches and pineapples cause if it does then yeah.” Huh? Thanks for playing Nigel, but I think you’ll be receiving the consolation prize.

Finally the big moment came and Jessica got to pick her bachelor. She picked #3, Greg, and they both seemed pretty excited about it.

In all seriousness the event was a successful collaborative effort on the part of the senior and freshman classes. It was most certainly a diversion from the usual Friday night events. Who knows, maybe there will be a follow-up article in this and we can all find out how the dates went.

Well, whatever the case, good luck to the contestants and thanks for playing.

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New collection at Shain celebrates O'Neill biography

BY NATALIE HEDST
The College Voice

A nationally-recognized biographical collection has recently been added to Shain library.

A tribute made to Louis Shaeffer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of Eugene O'Neill, American playwright and Nobel Prizewinner, who in 1991 began searching for a home for his biographical collections.

Connie Dowell, a librarian new to the college this year, gave the opening remarks as the ceremony on Friday. Dowell spoke of how fortunate the college is to get such an vast and significant collection.

Excited about this new resource for the college, Dowell said primary source documents such as these, "can fire the imagination in a way that text books never can.”

A tribute to Shaeffer's life, the ceremony was attended by about sixty people including professors, community members, and friends of Shaeffer. Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, said a few words at the ceremony.

Shaeffer worked and lived for most of his life in New York City, where he published college, said about a year or so. Shaeffer spent much of his time in the New London area, as had his subject. While Shaeffer worked on his masterpiece, Hazel Johnson, Connecticut College librarian, and Linda Harr, professor of theater, drove the writer to interviews with friends of O'Neill.

Shaeffer and O'Neill both loved the New York City area, as had their New York City apartment turned into a personal archive of the life of O'Neill, Shaeffer never married. Slung said, "His essence is here,” said Slung.

Brian Rogers, director of special collections at the library, was instrumental in getting the collection for Connecticut College. Rogers said that the Shaeffer-O'Neill collection will be organized and ready for use in about a year or so.

Humano plays to small audience

BY CAROL SCHULTZ
A&E Editor

The normally serene West Loft in Cro turned into a steamy tika festival when the ten-man band Humano graced the stage last Wednesday.

Presented by La Unidad in conjunction with Latino Awareness Month, the band performed for a little over an hour to the delight of a regrettably small handful of Conn students. Humano is comprised of a fantastic three-piece horn section, three percussionists, a bassist, an absolutely amazing keyboardist, and two vocalists.

Hailing from Puerto Rico to just outside Boston, the members brought their unique musical backgrounds together to produce a distinctive sound that makes their fast, happy music eminently danceable. The band’s rhythm section is impeccably tight, the sax/trumpet/trombone section energetic and bright, the vocals convincing— they put Gloria Estefan to shame.

Those who attended were even lucky enough to get free lessons in the cha-cha and merengue. The lead vocalist came right into the audience and showed the small crowd various steps.

Though his coaching was great, few were able to capture his rhythm and vivacity. It mattered little—everyone still had a good time. Humano provided a night rich with culture as well as a much needed study break. Unfortunately, there were more band members than attendants, but no one seemed to mind. Everyone left with a smile on their faces and a funky Latin beat in their heads.

Congratulations, Josh Adler!

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Even in 6th Century, "Kilroy was Here"

BY CARL SCHULTZ A&E Editor

A surprisingly large crowd gathered in Bluhm to hear Oberlin professor Robert Harris' lecture Elegy for a Dead Crane, a description of Chinese rock art. Harris discussed the Chinese practice of carving characters into rock itself.

"Elegy for a Dead Crane" is a description of a crane from the 6th century. The owner buried the crane on an island near Chien-chiang, where the meryl is located. The original meryl was said to have been struck by lightning during the 12th century. The pieces fell into a river, where they remained until 1973 when they were recovered.

Sadly, the entire inscription was not found, and it is possible that the text is still submerged. Many, including Harris, have worked hard to put together the missing pieces and the mysteries of the Elegy for a Dead Crane.

The art form seems almost a type of graffiti, as visitors to the meryl leave their names engraved behind, striving for their own shot at immortality.

The characters themselves are fantastic, at great care is put into having them meld in with their surroundings, making them appear almost as if they had been there from the beginning.

Harris delivered a fine lecture showing many slides of those who made it there last Thursday.

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Sports

Camels sting Yellowjackets, outrun by Huskies:
Men's hockey team defeats AIC 4-3 but falls to UConn 3-1

Associated Sports Editor

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BY NOAMI GOLDBERG

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Sports

Winter sports preview:
Swimming and diving teams anticipate successful season

This year of time, most people can put away their swimsuits and gorge on Ding Dongs, as the summer season of high surf and hard bodies, is over.

The Conn College women's and men's swimming teams, led by head coach Doug Hagen, and the diving team are getting out their bathing wear to prepare for the season.

The season is expected to bring back a lot of the same from last year's season, but look to improve this season with something old, something new, and something blue (nothing borrowed, however).

The team, of course, will be the sparkling pool water.

The old will be returning tri-captains: senior Carol Fishbone, junior Amy Dunham, and sophomore Emily Anderson, all of whom made New England's last year.

There are seven old members not returning, including Laura Ewing, who also made the federal league, and junior Toby Balsamo whose qualifying time last week set a school record, finished the 5000 meter race in 19:05 for a 77th place finish.

The diving team, in the second year of its existence, does not lack numbers.

But they are missing something else: a coach.

With Jeff Zimmerman on sabatical, they are currently searching for a skipper.

The team does not, however, lack numbers.

Freshman Konyanta DaCosta, senior Toby Hilgendorf, freshman Diana Webster, and freshman JoAnn Gates should help make the team's second season better than its first, when they only had two women and one man.

"We will definitely improve from last year," said Fishbone. "Hopefully, with a new coach, we will do a lifting program. Now, we are doing one spring and three-meter dives.

While it may be growing colder outside, it is always warm at the Connecticut College Natatorium. It is always warm at the Connecticut College Natatorium.

Because of the numbers on the team, said Fishbone, captain of the divers, "This will help us where we were just missing points last year.

Even without a coach to instruct them, the team is putting a great deal of effort into their preparations for the season.

"We are practicing seven days a week," said Fishbone. "Hopefully, with a new coach, we will do a lifting program. Now, we are doing one spring and three-meter dives.

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Sports Shorts...

CROSS COUNTRY: Two local athletes traveled to the Division III Women's Cross Country Championship in Grinnell, Iowa on Saturday. Conn's Lyn Balsamo whose qualifying time last week set a school record, finished the 5000 meter race in 19:05 for a 77th place finish. Coast Guard's Tammy Wilcox, this year's ECAC champion, ran the course in 19:25 for a 102nd place finish.

MEN'S SOCCER: Williams College fell to the University of California at San Diego in the finals of the NCAA Men's Division III Soccer Championships, ending their season with a 1-1-1 record. What you may ask, does this have to do with Conn College soccer? Besides USCD, the Camels were the only team to put a blemish on Williams' record, as they tied them 0-0 in the finally game of the regular season. In the first year NESCAC schools were eligible for the NCAA tournament, Conn almost beat the team who almost won it all.

Schmoozing with Josh and the Donut:
Upset of the week: Schmoozing may attend men's basketball games

BY JOSH LEVINE
The College Voice

Who is #I? Now that another powerhouse has choked, Schmoozing is at a loss. Thirty un- defeated teams are left in the nation and who the hell will occupy the top slot? Nebraska was ranked third but they should leap over Florida State. West Virginia and Auburn should jump dramatically but we think that Nebraska will be number one.

By the way, an unbeaten 11-0 team, is still under NCAA sanction and cannot play in any bowl game or televised event. First year coach Terry Bowden has already amassed a better single-season than his father.

What a crazy week it was! Notre Dame, Miami, Alabama and Ohio State all suffered losses. This has thrown the bowl system for a loop. We believe that Nebraska will meet West Virginia in the Orange Bowl to decide this top-ten-tourney season.

Surprise of the week: The Connecticut College basketball team pulled off a major upset this weekend. Their upset win over Curry College has stunned the nation.

These three young ladies have the fire to put the ladies Camels over the top.

The men's hockey team also showed a great deal of heart in this weeks trials and tribulations. This young team appears to have a great deal of raw, untapped talent. New assistant coach Jeff Legro seems to have added a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and team unity.

We have been really impressed with the early season performances of Chris Ruggiero, Skip Miller, Dave Roberts, and Kyle Meek. However, team play is a new concept and if the unit continues togel, they will surprise the ECAC East-West.

On a different note, the men's club hockey team posed an impressive 6-5 defeat against Coach Robert's Senior Elite team. This squad played four or NHLers and ex-collegiate all-star's, pushed the Dromedaries to the hill.

The biggest improvements this season have been the pipes, where George Devito impressed with a magnificent performance. Ray Flynn's four goal performance led the team while the Donuts assisted on three fly痰 tiers.

The men's rugby team traveled to Providence and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Led by the Donut, the team posed impressive victories over Division II powerhouse Roger Williams, and a pathetic team in green and black. The Donuts added to his career scoring total with one impressive try.

The team finished fourth out of ten teams. MVP Jon Zaff played four terrific games, helping the Camels place highly. Speaking of the men's rugby team, we'd like to invite the college community (those of proper age) to The Brown Derby Lounge in Montville for the season opener.

We encourage all to enjoy the pleasure. For a mere $15, all the beer and food desirable may be consumed from the hours of 5:00 to 10:00. Dave and Charlie's Buffet cover band will be playing for your listening pleasure. We encourage all to forsake the miserable Harris food and enjoy the company of your spring tour to Nassau. The Bahamas.

SPORTS MOVIE TRIVIA QUESTION
How many goals did Nedic Braden and how many more how did he need to lead the federal league?

This week's winner gets a free skating lesson from Bob Thomas and Daryl 'Face Plant' Jones.
Sports

Women's basketball plays a sweet tune against Trinity

Camels defeat Bantams 67-55 but lose to Middlebury 73-50 in last weekend's NESCAC Tournament in Hartford

BY MATT BURKE
Sports Editor

This may seem to be stretching it, even for a sports writer's analogy, but the 1993-1994 women's basketball team is a lot like a new CD (Connor, stick with me on this one.)

Have you ever gone to a store and purchased a CD you hadn't heard a few songs from?

You know some of what you will get, but you're never sure how the entire disc will turn out to be.

In senior co-captains C. J. Stuart and Marnie Sher and junior Bern Macca, the Camels have three excellent players (i.e., songs) who had a lot of playing time last year (i.e., air-play. Hey, I said this was a sports writer's analogy.)

But most of this year's team did not get much court time when Conn rolled to a 22-2 record last season, and freshmen Dana Carran, Jessica Aigner, and new coach Kathy Gailor were not here, (i.e., the songs you haven't heard. See how much fun analogies can be if you give them a chance?)

When the Camels took the court for the first time this season at the New England Small College Athletic Association Tournament at Trinity this weekend, no one was really sure how they would play against other teams (i.e., a new CD).

The first game (song) does not seem destined to be a hit: Conn lost to Middlebury 73-50 on Saturday.

But if the Camels play like they were playing on their home court.

But Stuart's 33 points, on 10 for 16 shooting and four steals spoiled Trinity's hopes for a 2-0 weekend.

"She had a great all around game for us," said Gailor. "She carried us for a long time."

Somebody had to carry the Camels, because Macca, who wound up with 15 points, was in foul trouble towards the end of the first half and had to sit most of the first 10 minutes.

The Camels only trailed 31-27 at the intermission, but their opposition outscored them 42-23 in the second half to pull away. Middlebury made 33 field goals for the game.

Among those were five lanes beyond the three-point arc, including three by Kasey Hubert, who had 19 points.

Chris Pagano led all scorers with 25 points.

The Camels were led by Stuart's 18 points and Macca's 17.

Conn had 11 points and six rebounds.

Combined with her totals on Sunday, it added up to 20 points and 17 boards for the tournament and a fantastic debut for the freshman from New Jersey.

"She had a good weekend for us all around," said Gailor.

The Camels record stands at 1-1 (one good song; one bad; you're trying to drag out this stupid analogy as long as I can) with plenty of songs (whoopee, I mean games) left to be played.

Conn, along with the rest of the college, has break until November 30.

They will play at Pine Manor then, with their home opener on December 2 against Wesleyan.

The basketball season is not like any CD, but more like a double-length one: there are plenty of games left on the schedule. If the Camels continue to play like they did on Sunday, their CD will certainly be one worth buying.

The puck stops here: Men's hockey splits first two games

BY KAT WILSON
The College Voice

Many people worry that college teams comprised of freshmen will not be competitive. They were proven wrong this past weekend at Dayton arena.

The Connecticut College men's hockey team got off to a positive start this weekend, beating American International College 4-3, then losing a tough game to number one-ranked University of Connecticut, 3-1.

On Saturday night, UConn came to town, and the general consensus was that the mighty Huskies, who went to the ECAC semi-finals last year, would pummel the young Camel squad. This scenario did not transpire. Instead what took place was a hard-fought match between teams with equal potential to win, 13-14. Stuart scored the first goal.

With 17:18 to go, Ryan Fuggle beat Conn goalie junior Tom Dinan with a shot, assisted by Bryan Quinn and Brian Sutherland. Conn had a lot of good shots on goal and dominated much of the game in the first period, but failed to score.

In the second period Conn tied it up on a shot by freshman Mike Burkhoff with 14:50 left to go. He was assisted by junior Dave Roberts and sophomore Ben Smith.

Dayton Arena came alive with cheers, as the score was 1-1.

The euphoria felt by the Conn fans did not last long, however. With 4:29 remaining in the second period, UConn got a goal by Mark Miller, assisted by Mike Price and Scott Jason.

UConn scored again in the third period with 7:23 left to go in the game. DJ LeBlanc got the goal, assisted by Scott Jason. Conn failed to score in the remaining minutes, and UConn got the 3-1 victory.

On the whole, the team thought they did their 67-55 victory over Trinity on Sunday, they could go straight up the charts to #1.

"The first win of the Gailor Era was especially impressive considering the Bantams had whipped Hamilton the day before 68-46," and

"The defense stepped up a notch and really won the game for us," said Gailor. "It forced them to take shots they didn't want to take."

She had 17 points for Conn, and Carran added nine points and six rebounds.

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They will play at Pine Manor then, with their home opener on December 2 against Wesleyan.

The basketball season is not like any CD, but more like a double-length one: there are plenty of games left on the schedule. If the Camels continue to play like they did on Sunday, their CD will certainly be one worth buying.

Athlete of the Week

This week's Athlete of the Week award goes to senior C. J. STUART. STUART scored 23 points in Conn's win over Trinity on ten for sixteen shooting and 18 in the Camels' loss to Middlebury in the NESCAC Tournament. STUART is co-captain of the women's basketball team.