Students step into business world with MELI

by Alison Day
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Connecticut College Downtown
created Micro Economic Lending
Institute of New London County
(203) 434-6575. Through the
funding of Citizens Bank and the
technical assistance of Alpha Devel-
opment, MELI will provide small
loans to businesses in south-
eastern Connecticut, offering an
avenue by which entrepreneurs and
small businesses can access the
commercial banking sector.

"The micro loan program offers
an upward path of mobility to the
self-employed and provides one of
the few alternatives to a minimum
wage job. It encourages entrepre-
naurial opportunities into an un-
tapped market," stated Stephanie
Collier, executive director of Alpha
Development.

Conn students will gain first-hand
knowledge of the micro lending
process by assisting the business
owners in writing their develop-
ment plans. President of the Col-
lege, Diana Wall trained entrepreneurs
"Contrary to popular belief, micro
lending is not necessarily risky...
but the focus is clearly on endow-
ments, continuing to
boost.

MELI will offer the needed foundation for
micro business owners. Peer groups of four to seven busi-
nesses, members will provide each other with support and
guidance, and also review, approve, and guar-
antee each other's requests for loans.

"To encourage prudent business
practices, peer group members will
attend orientation and training pro-
grams which will teach them how
to facilitate the micro lending program
and work together. In return, they share
clients, contacts, and ideas," said
James R. Claffee, chairman, presi-
dent, and chief executive officer of
Citizens Bank.

The loan amounts and interest rates will be decided through the
leadership of the peer group, and the loan will change in
amount from a few hundred dollars
to $1500, with a duration not
surpassing 12 months.

Conn's U.F.O. (Undisputed Funk Organization) offered services from ear piercing to the
Vanessa Campos '99 displays her newly pierced tongue
in the middle of Cru, Flats Tattooing of Groton,
sponsored by Conn's U.F.O. (Undisputed Funk Organization) offered services from ear piercing to the

Matt Cipriano elected new J-Board Rep for class of 2000

by Katie Stephenson
THE COLLEGE VOICE

This past week more changes
occurred within the Connecticut
College Judicial Board when elec-
tions were held on Monday for a
new class of 2000 representative.
Chairperson Craig Dershowitz
was quick to characterize these
changes as "positive and strength-
ing for the board."

Unlike the freshman class rep-
resentative elections held this fall
and the normal spring elections
eheld each year, this election
was conducted by Keena Depenbrook.
Cipriano competed for the position
against Jami DeSantis, Ethan
Stewart, and Shaun Foster.

Cipriano ran on the platform
that he wants, "do the best that I can do.
He added that he was interested in
getting involved and wanted to be
able to help "educate the student
body about the Honor Code and
doing so help to benefit the entire
student body."

Dershowitz added that "we are
delighted to have Matt as our new
member. He has a winning per-
sonality and quick witted intelligence
make the board not only as effec-
tive as possible but also dem-
strate the effectiveness to the entire
student body."

One concern brought to
the Board of Trustees in 1995, "A
Time to Lead: A Campaign for
Connecticut College" has a lofty
$125 million goal.

With this campaign, the college
hopes to increase immediately ex-
pendable support of the operating
budget by $30 million and increase
funds to support campus buildings
and renovations by $20 million,
but the focus is clearly on endow-
ment, which will hopefully increase
by $75 million. The main areas in
which the campaign seeks to in-
crease funding are:

- Athletics
- Library
- Science and Technology
- Residence Hall
- Performing Arts Center
- Student Union
News Column: Step Down Mr. President

It is clear to everyone that has followed the Monica Lewinsky situation that the President had sexual relations with "that woman." The President has been accused of having affairs with Jennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, and Monica Lewinsky. Hillary Clinton is free to attribute the latest scandal to a "vast right wing conspiracy," but really how many affairs have to occur before we believe that the President is a cheating husband. The question then becomes do we care that he had an affair with Lewinsky, and should he either step down or be impeached?

Personally, if the President wants to have sex with a 24-year-old woman in the White House, I don’t care, in principle. Having sex with a consenting adult is not a crime, nor should it be. However, in practice, the President’s alleged affair is certainly a problem, a big one at that. The press has attacked the incident with a ferocity reminiscent of the O.J. Simpson case, and the moral do-gooders of society have attacked the President’s alleged affair, the President’s himself, is the kind of mission people want to see succeed; they know it will make the college, the community, and the future a better place.

Beyond the criticism of the public, the legal system will determine the President’s guilt. What action against Iraq really is necessary? Will the President be able to garner the public support he needs in lieu of the other situation at hand? Maybe other countries are unwilling to associate themselves with a lying, adulterous President, leaving the U.S. no choice but to act unilaterally in Iraq.

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The updated College Voice Online (above). Left frame navigation allows users to access all sections of the paper, along with the Voice Message Board, the Feedback page, and other information about the College Voice Online. On the right, visitors can use the Java Chat and, soon, access CCRN RealAudio. Please visit the College Voice Online at: http://voice.conncoll.edu

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In addition to the forums that took place abroad, Connecticut College has launched its own discussion groups based on the handbook’s theme. There have been discussion forums in Chicago, Philadelphia, Scarsdale, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and New York City.

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$100 million mark at the end of last year and, during the last fiscal year alone, more than $17 million was raised.

Though, as Matthews explains, the last 16 months of the campaign are going to be "a real sprint" with $24 million left to go, she feels confident in its success. "The College is deepening its excellent academic and student life offerings. This makes alumni proud to see the College become increasingly strong. They want to contribute and be a part of it." To put it simply, people believe in what Connecticut College is doing. "A Time to Lead" is the kind of mission people want to see succeed; they know it will make the college, the community, and the future a better place.
Clintons removed from office: lithe but they cannot back Clinton because they can't support him because they want to see him suffer, continued from page six and told on Sunday that Lewinsky's lawyer, Sandy Berger said Sunday. "We would make that very clear - that we will do what we can at this point as far as diminishing his capacity" to develop press and media deflection. He said of a looming round of possible military strikes. "But we would make it clear that if we have evidence he is rebuilding, we would act again," Berger added on the NBC program "Meet the Press." He did not comment directly on a congressional report that Iraq had begun safeguarding chemical weapons and SCUD missiles to Yemen and Sudan shortly after Saddam's October 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The executive director of the U.S. House of Representatives Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare also said in a February 10 report that Iraq in 1992 had sent materials from its nuclear program, including 37.5 pounds of highly enriched uranium - to Sudan.

Clerides edges ahead in Cyprus election

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Conservative incumbent Glafcos Clerides edged ahead of independent challenger George Iakovou in the island's presidential election Sunday. With 26.2 percent of votes counted, Clerides had 51 percent compared to Iakovou's 49 percent. Pollsters had predicted a close vote to pick the man who will steer the island through talks on possible reunification and European Union membership negotiations after an inconclusive first round. An independent exit poll earlier predicted victory for Clerides by a two percentage point margin. "The final result we expect is 51 percent to 49 percent in favor of Mr. Clerides,"annis Papadopoulos, managing director of the private Amer World Research company, told a news conference. Last Sunday 470,000 people voted in the Democratic Rally party won 40.1 percent of the vote while former foreign minister Iakovou edged ahead with 40.6 percent. India girds for bomb attacks

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Eighty-one people were reported Sunday in a series of car bombings in southern India, while six militants accidentally blew themselves up during a attack Sunday. The previous death toll had been 49, it quoted the same sources as saying. Police had earlier told Reuters in Coimbatore that 47 people had died, including eight Sunday.
The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported that one person was injured in a new blast Sunday evening in the city, parts of which have been under a curfew after rioting and arson that followed Saturday's 17 separate bombings.

Two churches damaged by fires

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Two churches were damaged in separate fires late Saturday in Charlotte, where arson investigators were looking into a series of blazes at area churches this week, a fire department spokesman said. As firefigthers extinguished a blaze that gutted a newly renovated fellowship hall at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church in northwestern Charlotte, a day was reported about a mile away at the New Apostolic Church shortly after 11 p.m., officials said. Every fire is going to be investigated individually, but we'll see if there are similarities," Fire Department Captain Rob Bristow said of the two fires. "It's too early to say on this one here," he said from the scene of the blaze at the New Apostolic Church. The churches are located about a mile from the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, which was damaged by an arson fire overnight Thursday. The nearby Sunset Forest Baptist Church was destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

Infants send pre-speech 'blahs'

PHILADELPHIA - Infants recognize only one word by the time they are five months old, and that's their own name. Everything else, scientists say, sounds like "blah blah blah." By the time the typical middle-class American infant reaches her first birthday, her vocabulary will have expanded to about 36 words. Still not enough to start assigning her chores. But even if most of the adult conversation she hears means nothing to her, the child will be aware of a rich stream of vocal pitches, resonances, rhythms and forces of speech, which are crucial building blocks for the task of learning to talk. John Locke, speech science professor at England's University of Sheffield, says children begin to pick up on the rhythms of speech long before they are born. "Newborns prefer their mother's way of speaking not because it distinguishes her language from other languages, but because it distinguishes her from other people," he said in a paper to be presented Sunday to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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I sat next to Pinkus. Noff said.

I whipped it out. For a bet.

I dunno. I haven't been to class.

I fell asleep and had a nightmare. I woke up screaming. "Daddy, Daddy!"

Brought a drink with me to class and my teacher told me this really stinky joke, so I spewed all over my desk.

I hurried next to this cute girl and she knew it was me.

I was screamin' around with my lighter and I lit my textbook on fire.

I fell asleep with a pen against my shirt. When I woke up there was a big ink circle on my shirt.

I was humming something and my teacher told me to stop singing, which I won't, so I belted out, "Figure! Figure! Figure!" She kicked me out of class.

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Concert and Artist Series launched with *Fires in the Mirror*

by Katie Umalls

**THE COLLEGE VOICE**

The first in this year's Concert and Artist Series, Anna Devere Smith's theatrical piece *Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities* was performed by the Trinity Repertory Company on February 3. The play takes an enlashing look at a series of incidents that took place in August of 1991, as well as the emotional turmoil that was set off by those events, through a compilation of transcripts of interviews with people involved, both directly and indirectly, with the events.

The Crown Heights conflict began on August 19, 1991 when a car carrying a Hasidic spiritual leader hit and killed a seven-year-old black boy and seriously injured his cousin. After allegations that a Hasidic-run ambulance helped the driver and his passengers while neglecting the children, a group of young blacks murdered a Hasidic scholar from a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, his passengers while neglecting the collection showcases some rarely seen gems of the Museum's.

The play is a chance for multiple, often conflicting viewpoints to be presented and it gives great weight to the individual voice. *Fires in the Mirror* refuses to take sides or to offer easy answers. Instead, it has the quality of a discussion about it, yet unlike many discussions hasting of political correctness. *Fires in the Mirror* cuts straight to the rawest feelings of its characters. They do not walk on eggshells or circle one another cautiously; their voices are sharp and opinionated.

The characters range from a Lubavitcher rabbi to Reverend Al Sharpton, from the father of the young victim of the original accident, a Hasidic Jew, to the African-Asian American, a Hasidic-run bus, and the young black celebration of the young blacks.

**Upcoming Arts and Events Calendar**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**Art Lecture - Art Smarts**

Time: Lunch hour

Location: Lyman Allyn

**Art Seminar - The Develop Art: Artists: Grants and Hacks for the Working Artist**

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Lyman Allyn

Price: $45

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**Black History Month**

**Urban Poetry Performance**

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: 1894 Room

**Saturday, February 21**

**Recital: Senior Student Recital - Helen Todd '95**

(time)

Location: Harricks Chapel

**Sunday, February 22**

**Concert - Connecticut College Chamber Orchestra Concert**

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Dana Hall

**Lecture Presentation - Winter Sunday Lecture - East Meets West - The American Impressions of Connecticut and California**

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Bluestone Room

Price: $8

**Blues Brothers change their look**

*by Peter Gross*

**THE COLLEGE VOICE**

What song would you play to win a "Battle of the Bands," contest being held by a 130-year-old voodoo witch from Louisiana who was rumored to eat people? This is one of the many questions that Dan Aykroyd confronts in his new movie, *Blues Brothers 2000*. The movie starts 18 years after the original *Blues Brothers*. Elwood Blues (played by Aykroyd) has found that his brother is dead, and his band has disbanded; the orphanage he grew up in has been destroyed. Curtis, the one father figure in his life, and he gets settled with a 10-year-old troublemaker named Buster (J. Evan Bonifant). If it were Curtis' bastard son Cabel (Joe Morton), Elwood would be totally alone. The only problem is that Cabel is a commander in the Illinois State Troopers.

There are many people out there that feel as though the original *Blues Brothers* couldn't have been improved, and those people are very wrong. While it does forever enhance the iconic characters, Curtis and Elwood Blagues, the plot took longer to build, the musical sequences were few and far between, and most of the laughs happen in the second half of the movie, the time when the average viewer usually falls asleep. *Blues Brothers 2000* does a much better job of living up to its billing than you can shake a stick at. James Brown, Aretha Franklin, and the Blues Brothers all reprise their original roles, but the musical cast has been beefed up with song performances by Blues Traveler, Jenny Lang, Eddie Floyd, Wick Fociott, Erykah Badu, Eric Clapton, Paul Shaffer, Lonnie Brooks and Junior Wells, just to name a few.

A slight drawback to the number of celebrity performances is that, in order to accommodate them all, the storyline suffered a bit. The original *Blues Brothers* spent the first half of the movie setting up an elaborate series of jokes which unfolded beautifully in the last half hour, but left the viewer yawning for the first two thirds of the film. The new movie, *Blues Brothers 2000* his fast and hard with comic sequences that are usually resolved before the jumping starts. Almost some of the conflicts in the movie are wrapped up in an unusually impossible manner, but this is a comedy after all, and not expected to adhere to the laws of reality.

A special challenge comes when the desperate Dan Aykroyd and John Landis was dealing with Jon Belushi's death. Belushi played Elwood Blues' brother, Jake, and from the previews, it appeared as though John Goodman was going to step into his shoes just like George Clooney put on a Batman suit and hoped no one would notice. However, Goodman's character as the Bartender-turned-blues-singer "Mighty" Mac McTeer is refreshingly unique. Where Jake Blues was sure of himself and calling the shots, Mac McTeer is prudent and just following Elwood's lead, at one point letting a garish girl spill what he first hears his nickname.

Goodman, Morton, and Bonifant are all interesting additions to the band. Joe Morton's character Cabel is a policeman converted to singing by the "power of the blues." Their singing voices can't stop being astounded by the fact that he was living his life the wrong way. J. Evan Bonifant is the wise guy Buster who doesn't say much, but who would follow Elwood's lead to the ends of the earth. Together, the three of them put a new face on the Blues, redefining them for the year 2000. They show that when we enter the new millennium, it's okay not to smoke, it's okay to be insecure, and it's okay to wear sunglasses indoors.

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Puttin’ on the Ritz: Conn Prepares for the Winter Formal

Enigma theme adds mystery to night of glamour

An anonymous female student (above) opens a bottle of champagne in preparation for the Winter Formal, held last Saturday night in Cro (above right). Elegant hospitality, glittering dresses and poorly tied ties replaced the standard Saturday night keg party attire. Live jazz music entertained those who waited in line for drinks, while a DJ spun tunes for those not fortunate enough to be of legal drinking age, or have a good fake ID (below right). While men may deny their propensity, the rituals of formal preparation differ little from those of women.

The common thread of alcohol consumption, quality time with friends, and questionable romantic encounters seem to run through both sides of the gender line on this "special" evening.

Evans straps on dancing shoes, taps into Conn talent

by Christopher Mayo
THE COLLEGE VOICE

If someone said the words "tap dancing" to you, what would your immediate response be? "A dead art form" might be one answer.

Another might be "nonexistent on this campus." The latter might be true, but the former is far from it.

You need only to look at the hard work and enthusiasm of Jocelyn Evans '91 to see how alive tap really is.

It might as well be dead, though, as far as Conn is concerned. It is hardly recognized on this campus as a legitimate art form. This isn't for lack of interest. It is due more to the lack of performance or instruction. Evans is trying to put an end to this. She's giving all she has to put together a tap performance which she hopes to present at the Dance Club concert in May. Working together with eight dancers called from dance studios and dance club auditions, she has taken some existing pieces of choreography and blended them together. If that isn't enough to whet your appetite, the group is collaborating with the Jazz Ensemble to provide some live jazz accompaniment.

According to Evans, the hardest part in putting together these pieces is that they haven't studied tap the way she has studied it. She says the others have studied the more "Broadway, showy style of tap" whereas she has studied "old time, hoover tap." This style is harder to pick up and takes more time to get it right, to make the dancers move the right way. She compares the process to a full retraining of the dancers. The most important thing, above all, is to get the final product to look the way it did when it was originally performed. "It has to look right," she said. "It can't slide at all. It isn't my choreography." Despite all this time and effort, though, Evans is "loving it.

As of this writing, the group has only rehearsed once, but Evans will be working with them six more hours this week. On top of that, she needs to work with the Jazz Ensemble. As the group become more familiar with each piece, Evans will bring in her teacher, Judy the Lochie, to polish things up. "She knows more specifically what each piece should look like."

There are three pieces in all which Evans and her group are working on. The first is an intermediate level piece. It is a Dorothy Anderson shim sham with a Gregory Hines tag at the end, "a pretty classic piece." Second is a more difficult piece, which Evans performed herself at this year's First Night in Boston. It takes steps from different traditional dances, a collage of people's work. The piece "starts off slow, but really picks up. It's hard to get it just right, bring out the detail and the different sounds, but it's really fun." The third piece is a traditional finale, a shim sham with a lift chorus. It's "basic and not at all difficult. It's definitely a finale piece. You can bring it up tempo and really get the audience into it. It's fun to watch.

Evans has studied tap since she was four. "It was more Broadway stuff until about 4 1/2-5 years ago." Her studio brought Evans and her group are working with and around the tap. It's very important to Evans is that she have some student aid. It's fast free, and easy-

Evans performed her-
Flat’s Tattooing
sticks it to Conn
students in Cro
lobby

by Evan Coppola
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

The Undisputed Funk Organization, U.F.O., raised between $85
and $95, as well as a few eyebrows, last Monday afternoon by spon-
soring Flat’s Tattooing as a vendor in Cro. Small crowds of friends
and curious onlookers gathered as ad-
vventurous Conn students got pierced
anywhere they wanted. The Groton-
based company was unable to do
tattooing due to a New London ordi-
nance which prohibits it inside city
limits, but there were few com-
plaints and the piercing business
was still good as well as less perma-
nent. "We [U.F.O.] wanted an un-
common vendor and I like causing
a commotion. I like the shock
value," said U.F.O. President Jonah
Goldwater '01. He went on to say,
"I’m a little surprised they let us do
this."

Scott McEver, director of Stu-
dent Activities/The College Cen-
ter, commented that his overall im-
pression was that the vendor was
relatively well-received. "They were
one of the most interesting vendors
we have ever had," said McEver,
who said he was only a little hesi-
tant at first to grant permission for
the piercing because he first needed
make sure that it would be safe and
that the company had a good repu-
tation.

The piercing was originally sup-
posed to be done in the Alice
Johnson Room, upstairs in Cro, but
business was slow due to lack of
visibility, so the group relocated to
the usual vendor spot near the post
office, where business did pick up.

According to licensed nurse prac-
titioner Cathy Bryson, a part time
employee of Flat’s Tattooing, the
nipples are the most painful place to
get pierced, along with the tragus,
the small bump of cartilage oppo-
site the earlobe. "The tongue is the
least painful, and our most popular
piercing," said Bryson, who got into
the business when she came into the
shop one day to have a tattoo done
and started talking to the owner,
Guy Flatley, about her job as a
nurse at Planned Parenthood. Ac-
cording to Bryson, there is a law
that requires a nurse to do ear
piercings, though an R.N. is not
required to pierce any other part of
the body. Both Flatley and Bryson
agree, however, that it is a good
idea to have an R.N. on staff.

Getting pierced is not an inex-
pensive way to make a personal
statement however. While an ear-
lobe will only cost about 10 dollars,
having a barbell shaped piece of
jewelry placed in your tongue would
cost $60. Getting pierced anywhere
else would cost $40, unless a man
wanted his "Prince Albert," A.K.A.
his penis, pierced; that would cost
$90. Those prices include the jew-
elry as well.

A few of the strong of heart felt
light of head after being pierced,
but most said that it was a result of
being nervous, not from the sight of
blood or from pain. Most of the
procedures are almost completely
bloodless and most were suprised at
how little the piercing hurt. Flatley
and Bryson said that the most com-
mon problem associated with get-
ting pierced is that people do not
properly care for the pierced area
after they leave the shop and there-
fore it gets infected. "Everything
we do is sterile," said Bryson. "If it
gets infected it is because it wasn’t
cared for properly." Each customer
is given a list of written instructions
on how to clean and care for their
new piercings. These include use
of antibiotic ointments and antisep-
tic mouthwashes as well as warn-
ings to those with tongue piercings
to suck on ice and not give oral sex
for at least two weeks.
Let me begin by reiterating the words of the editor: "Editors' Note" in the February 2 edition of the Voice: "Drinkable water, reliable travel, and reasonable assurances of public safety are among the minimum requirements we hope will be guaranteed in these and other times.

While I'm sure the editor had only good intentions in emphasizing the safety and health care of Conn students, this is precisely what made this point in a disdainful manner that titters on the brink of ignorance. The note is written from an American perspective, which ironically contradicts one of the primary objectives of SAT and other study abroad "programs" (as well as the world at large). We're not the only people on this planet to worry about their public transportation workers strike in France prevent reliable travel? "Reasonable assurances of public safety" is actually a valid point. But this, again, depends on who is deciding if public safety is assured. In Cameroon, a woman walking at night (after 6 p.m.) alone or in a group can not be assured of her safety. Should no female college student ever step foot in Cameroon again?

What the editor neglected to mention is that even Harvard College, with its largely hallowed reputation, is vulnerable to the same types of conditions imposed on other less fortunate students. The student who had the Holiday Inn experience, for example, was a fellow resident of my floor in Freetown, as well as a fellow student in the same physics course. I especially remember Dean Coffin's speech. I thought along that I would thrive - that my mind would expand - when I was so closely grouped with X number of valedictorians and Y class presidents. There were oh-so-many Editors-in-Chief of their high school papers, and the class of 2001 has an archery champion and a student who carries his own leather belt. Where do all these wonderful colleagues go?

In senior year, when we filled out our applications for college, we wrote our essays in response to those unique questions, we had a sense of who we might want to be, and I have the sense that the Admissions Office, not being a bunch of dummies, had a sense of who we might want to be as well. And, just as we could think back long enough to remember, I can think back long enough to remember as well.

Go back to admissions. Spend a few minutes, and try to find out

Josh Friedlander '00

Connright's Freshman Experience

Well readers, my term with the Losers' Club is at an end. It wasn't much fun going action-less all last semester, but the good side was I had plenty of time to hit the books. I got A's in all my classes (except for three of them) and Columbia Law offered me Golub's spot if I wanted it. I declined so I could stay here and finish my G.E. requirements.

Shoring at the end of the fall semester, I've noticed some changes in people I thought knew. For instance: the seniors. Now, if you need to reach them, their new address is Bar 20720 High Ave.

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Letters to the Editor

Study abroad should not be limited by American expectations

Let me begin by reiterating the words of the editor: "Editors' Note" in the February 2 edition of the Voice: "Drinkable water, reliable travel, and reasonable assurances of public safety are among the minimum requirements we hope will be guaranteed in these and other times."

While I'm sure the editor had only good intentions in emphasizing the safety and health care of Conn students, this is precisely what made this point in a disdainful manner that titters on the brink of ignorance. The note is written from an American perspective, which ironically contradicts one of the primary objectives of SAT and other study abroad "programs" (as well as the world at large). We're not the only people on this planet to worry about their public transportation workers strike in France prevent reliable travel? "Reasonable assurances of public safety" is actually a valid point. But this, again, depends on who is deciding if public safety is assured. In Cameroon, a woman walking at night (after 6 p.m.) alone or in a group can not be assured of her safety. Should no female college student ever step foot in Cameroon again?
George does not understand Iraq situation

I'm certainly glad that Mr. George does not frame foreign policy for the United States. Reading his column I get the distinct impression that he has a very slight grasp of the issues and even less insight into them.

Using our "military muscle" to enforce U.N. policy must always be a last resort. Mr. George seems unaware that in post-war diplomacy sovereign nations do not go around bombing other nations as it suits their fancy. Moreover, the bombing of Iraq would not frame foreign policy for the world. It would not even help us, Mr. George, if we elect to oust a troublesome dictator. This is generally considered one of the perks of a small school unless you lead a somewhat unscrupulous and lurid life filled with deception and base wander disregard for others or do something stupid like get kicked off the J-Board. However, many alumnae have found that these four years of fame may follow you to the real world outside of these hallowed natural statesman. Except of course the one girl who is doing her thing on WPIX latenight Hall Monitor. She always gets his picks for future starlettes. But here are our picks for future starlets.

Paula Mattielean/60's Speech & Debate Coach: Paisan's forensics coach in high school. Mrs. Mattielean led Bridgewater Raritan H.S. to state and national victories three years in a row. Unfortunately enlightening troubled youth in the throes of puberty pays a tenth as much as her classmate Claire's job of presiding over 1600 troubled creatures on the verge of young adulthood.

Of course we've also given serious thought to the here and now. Just think, that guy in your econ class might be the next Bill Gates, or that beautiful baby in your Spanish class might marry rich and look really good driving around in a beemer next to that guy in your econ class. It could happen. But here are our picks for future starlets and success:

- Ben Bing '99/Senator: The Bing is doing a swell job at Plant's Senato so it just follows that he's a natural statesman. Except of course the other Bing.
- Chris Griffin '98/Rock Star: Some of these things are kind of self-explanatory.
- Dan Tompkins '98/Professional Hall Monitor: He always gets his name in the headlines. He always gets his.
- Tim Leigh '98/Hollywood Director: If he can pull off Pericles with the thespians at Conn, he sure as hell can do it with Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.
- Jay Galub '99/Chippendale's Dancer: We figure that after he fails out of Columbia Law, he can always fall back on doing what he does best.
- Trace Tisdale '00/Hoosier Leg Model: Just watch a field hockey game and you'll understand why we'd take out an insurance policy on those legs.
- Janie Keogh '99/00 American Gladiators: Nickname: the Nose Breaker. Mike Berkheim class of '76. Professor's assistant. He's back to stay.
- Silas Bauer '98/President of the United States: High school could one who's so good with little girls fail?
- Phil Easley '00/Nuts: He's working for the city.

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In the Stars...

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you’re looking for financial backing for a certain venture, this is the week to go for it. A tense situation could arise with friends later in the week. Seek ways to improve harmony.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you are feeling down lately, the company of friends is a sure cure. Single folks want to spend money, but married folks could argue. The latter part of the week brings peace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Renewed interest bring added success.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Enjoy your newfound confidence in love matters. Financially, the picture is also bright this week. Your personality and creativity bring added success.

LEO (July 23 to August 21) Higher-ups are watching you and taking note of your superb job performance. Your efficiency has caught their eye. Be prepared for a surprise business trip this weekend.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22) Why always follow the crowd? Do your own thing. Be confident and independent. You are likely to be surprised with the results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a sharp eye for shopping and financial matters. It’s the best time for these intriguing interests. Look into investment opportunities over the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While you sense that something is troubling a mate or friend, it is best to steer clear until the matter is fully explained. While you sense that something is troubling a mate or friend, it is best to steer clear until the matter is fully explained.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things move positively concerning your interests. Weekly horoscope by Carolyn Watton. Copyright 1997 King Features Syndicate, Inc.
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baby during the Sabbath (when Jews are not supposed to use electricity) without violating any rules. This monologue does a nice job of introducing a culture without a heavy hand or dry, scholarly tone. The initial intimate glimpses into the lives and views of both Jewish and black characters serve as a nice setup for the introduction of the actual events the play addresses. It is some time before the Crown Heights incident is mentioned and this delay has the powerful effect of drawing us into the worlds of individuals in a balanced way, so that we see the backgrounds and tensions that are already part of the backdrop against which the conflict is drawn.

The simple set added to the rough, honest feel of the piece. At one point, as the events are first described, chairs symbolize the people who were killed. The characters slam the chairs to the ground to represent the violent deaths, and the pure rage of these actions is intense and moving.

Fires in the Mirror is unconventional theater. It remains non-judgmental, not because it is too cautious to state a conclusion, but because the characters all state their cases with equal clarity and emotion. Fires in the Mirror sets out not to entertain, but rather to provoke thought and reflection, and on that account it succeeds brilliantly.

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- by Garrett Schect

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FLANNERY AND LAROCHELLE QUALIFIED FOR ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Lisa Flannery '01 and Katie Larocelle '00 each qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship in the New England Division I Championships at Williams College on Saturday (Feb. 7). Flannery qualified in the 500 meters with a school record time of 1:23.29 to place second in the event. Larocelle qualified with the winning triple jump at 33 feet, 6 1/4 inches. Meanwhile, Danica Kubickova '00 finished third in the triple jump at 31 feet, 7 inches to qualify for the New England Division II Championships. Cynthia Gordon '99 also qualified for the New England Division II Championships with a high jump of 5 feet, 8 inches and a triple jump of 39.6 feet. Conn finished fourth among six teams with a score of 70 points. Harvard took the meet with a score of 157.5 points.

DAVIS AND KRAZTINGER SET SCHOOL RECORDS

Diver Shavi Davis '99 and swimmer Ann Kraztinger '99 each had school records in Conn's tri-meet against Bates and Trinity on Saturday (Feb. 7). Davis broke her own record in winning the three-meter diving competition with a score of 267.55. Meanwhile, Kraztinger set a record in the 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 34.47. She placed second in the event while breaking the previous mark of 34.50 held by Laura Schriesser '76 and Louise Van Order '87. Jordan Gustafson '91 qualified for the New England Division III Championship in the 100 yard freestyle with a second place finish at 57.87. The Camels were defeated 106-34 by Bates and 97-43 by Trinity. Conn is 4-6 on the season.

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Camel Swimming dunks Salem State

Junior April Tobbs looks to the sidelines during warmup before the meet on Saturday. Both the men and the women handedly defeated Salem State, the women handing Salem State a 6-3 defeat and the men a 72-41 win.

Mini T.M. Hockey Update

by Baby Fran the Younger

This week marks the midpoint of the intramural hockey season, and with it comes our annual Intramural Office mid-season awards. Our first award goes to the league's top goal scorer, Essence of Birthbag's Mr. Brian Silt. Silt has worked wonders with his wand, managing to score 17 times in five games with robust men. Silt is not the only "Bag" to receive an award this week; the Stone-Cold Defense award is shared by "Bag" defensemen Jeff "The Hitman" Roach, Dylan "The Beefcake" "Bagto receive an award this week; the Stone-Cold Defense award is shared by "Bag" defensemen Jeff "The Hitman" Roach, Dylan "The Beefcake" McGowan, Scott Devlin, Matt Santo, Eliot Pitney, Bobby Driscoll, and Mitchell Potatis. This sextet of scorers would like to extend an open invitation to any single coed who wishes to attend this Saturday's night "Sextet of Scorsers Hall." For further information, call Mike Smith at 4409. Lastly, we here at the Intramural Office look to dedicate the second half of the season to our school's esteemed Judiciary Board. As a result, all league players will be required to attend games very drunk, exceptionally high, and naked.

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very cold."

Fortunately, by the time of the Cup the Camels will have played almost every team in the bracket, and have already beaten all of them except for Tufts. Conn also has a history of playing very well in this tournament, winning it in 1993. Saturday's mixed performance was often a struggle, but the Camels should be thankful because they had a chance to play two teams in one day, something that will prepare them for the rigors of playing several teams in at least one day, and more if they make it past the early stages. The team is excited and ready to see just how well they stack up in the NECASC.
Women's squash is playing well, and Howe! by Cyrus Moffett

For the women's squash team, the season is rapidly approaching its grand finale. With the post-season Howe Cup at Yale only a week away, Coach Garner-Perry and the team are looking forward to showcasing their skills. "I'm pleased with the way we're playing right now," said interim Head Coach Garner-Perry. "It's just been a matter of putting the ball through the hoop and building our confidence."

The team has a strong record of victories against Smith, with soundly defeating Bard 7-1 in their last game. Conn also split the day, losing 0-9 to Bard but winning against Smith, 9-0, with a shutout in each match. The Joymakers were on a roll, with an impressive five-game winning streak. As far as individual performances are concerned, Co-captain Doug Ratay "had a respectable 3:36 time."

Stick save, and a beau! Matt Prouds '99 makes one of his 25 saves in a 4-1 win over visiting AIC on February 6. The Camels, at 12-7-1, got goals from forwards/fence man Jeff Gallagher '98, forward Pete Hefter '01, forward Chris Voets '99 and defender Mike Morgan '99. Coyle Prouds '99 stopped all but one of the 26 shots he faced to improve his NCAA East record to 6-8-1. The next day, visiting UCs held off a late rally by the Camels to preserve a 2-3 win, their ninth in a row over the Camels. Trailing 2-0 in the third period, Mike DePlacida '99 scored his 14th goal of the season with 3:11 remaining to narrow the deficit to 2-1. However, the Camels were unable to tie the score despite two shots in the Jacks' zone in the final minute.

Elephants dump on women Camel hoopters by Todd Klarin

If they held a basketball game and no one came, would anybody win? Friday night's women's basket- ball game against the Tufts Jumbos was just such an experiment in progress. As the spiritless committee arrived and tried to pass out "gravel jugs," there proved to be way more jugs than spectators; in fact there were almost no spectators at all. Those that did come saw the women's team lose their sixth game in a row by a final score of 79-73.

Co-captain Eileen Sullivan '98 had one of her best games of the season, tallying 15 points and eight rebounds while shooting 6 for 11, especially notable because of the rest of the team only shooting 37.7 percent from the field. Tufts field goal percentage was easily dismal (32.4 percent), but the Jumbos were able to convert 19 out of 21 of their free throws in the second half, while Conn made only 14 of 32 for the game.

The Jumbos also made 40 percent of their shots from three-point range in the second half, while Conn was held to under 17 percent from beyond the arc. The half-time score was 28-27 with Conn down by just one point before the Jumbos exploded for 45 points in the second half. Co-captain Catherine Moody '98 moved into fourth place on the all-time women's rebound list after grabbing her first rebound in the game. Moody is averaging 8.9 rebounds per game.

Saturday gave the Camels another opportunity to break their streak. Against a tough team ranked fourth among NCAA New England Division III teams, Oddsmakers had Bates as 20-point favorites. Yet it was Conn that led 29-24 at half-time; perhaps encouraged by the flag-waving, face- painted women's basketball groupie who was among the least than 200 in attendance. Bates was able to make some second half adjustments and turned their game around in the first half. Bates had shot 29.7 percent from the floor, but shot 51.4 percent after the break. With two minutes left, the Camels were down by six points and had a chance to still pull out a win, but Bates turned the heat and showed why they were 13-3, outscoring Conn to a 68-77 final score. Hope Maynard '00 led the Camels with 18 points and four steals, playing all 40 minutes, and Jessica Nowlin '01 had eight points and seven rebounds in just 16 minutes. On the season, Maynard leads the team averaging 15.9 points per game and 3.3 steals.

"I'm pleased with the way we're playing right now," said interim Head Coach Garner-Perry. "It's just a matter of putting the ball through the hoop and building our confidence; if we continue to play like we did against Bates we should do very well [the rest of the season]."

Three of the five final games are against NESCAC teams. On February 3, Conn lost 83-69 to Eastern Connecticut despite Jennifer Brennan '00 putting on a clinic, scoring on a 16-point 18 points on three-pointers to tie all-time women's record for three-pointers in a game. Before the current losing streak, the team was off to a 6-3 start, like last year, when they finished the season with 13 wins. Since then, it has been a tale of two teams, with the men's team at 7-1 and the women in 6-7.

Men's track left running in circles by Lauren LaPaglia

Men's indoor track is trying to keep up with the big guys. This past weekend, at the 8th Annual Alden Invitational/USATF New England Championships, the Camels accepted an invitation to run beside some of New England's finest.

Conn competed with several Division I New England schools and Boston area running clubs. Brown University ran in the 4 x 400 meter relay, Track and Field, Cross Country, Sacred Heart and Eastern Connecticut. Track clubs like the Greater Boston Running Club also competed.

Catherine competition left Conn with points resulting from a lone second-place finish in the 4 x 400 meter relay. Co-captain Doug Ratay '98 was a competitor for the New Balance Track Club. However, this runner, who placed in the 800m race not just any alum, Corkery's experience is the foundation of the Connecticut College Men's Track and Field program over twenty years ago. Corkery transferred the club sport to the varsity level and still retains Conn track records in 1980, 1978 and 1978 respectively. This year's Camels may not have yet stepped through the finish line in record times, but the freshmen who came out for the 97-98 season are setting records of their own. Ratay explained, "We had a lot of freshmen come out, much more than in years past."