SGA Approves Security Cameras By 15-14 Vote

By NIKHIL A. IYENGAR
editor-in-chief

Sarah Armstrong '07, current chairwoman of the Connecticut College Republicans (CC Republicans), says the Ronald Reagan Award for Activism is one of the most recognized awards in the country. "I think the community recognizes him as the one faculty activist for the Republican cause," said Armstrong.

Despite the SGA's approval, the proposal still needs to be presented to the Connecticut College Republicans group around the area. "We couldn't be happier for him," Armstrong said.

Common Hour: Harnessing the Mississippi

By THOMAS P. MCCVEY
staff writer

Doug Thompson, Chair of the Physics, Astronomy, and Geophysics Department and American Professor of Geology was the featured speaker at this week's Common Hour. His talk, entitled "Life on the Mississippi River Delta," drew an enthusiastic crowd.

"This is my first time doing a presentation on the Mississippi River Delta," Thompson explained. "I've been working in the field for the last 10 years, and it's been a fascinating experience." Thompson went on to discuss the unique geology of the region, as well as the impact of human activity on the natural environment.

"The Mississippi River Delta is one of the most important ecosystems on the planet," Thompson said. "It is home to a diverse array of wildlife, as well as a rich cultural heritage."

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Voice Exclusive: Professor Despatie's Speeches

By BLAKE CASS
staff writer

Professor Mark Despatie, of the Italian Studies Department, has recently published two books pertinent to Italian literature, society, and culture. His courses include "Politics of Popular Culture in Italian Cinema," and "Music and the National Identity in Italy.

In what follows, Professor Despatie touches on themes that are of immediate importance not only to our college community, but also to the larger community at large. For those who are not familiar with the work of a professor such as Despatie, it may be helpful to have some basic information about his background and interests.

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A&E

Are you ready for the winter season with the latest movies and music, and a look at the hottest television shows? Check out Page 4 for all the details.
SGA's Vote Defends Honor Code

After a semester of senseless, immature behavior impacting the entire campus community, the College received a holiday present for its patience. Just last week the Student Government Association (SGA) voted in favor of installing security cameras.

Many may say that security cameras undermine the College Honor Code - that installing the cameras reflect a distrust on the part of the Administration towards students. Did these people never enter the Plex in the past months? Clearly, a small portion of the Campus cannot be treated to act according to their own judgment when the College accumulates a $19,000 bill in vandalism over the course of a six-week period. Indeed, students are already failing to act in accordance with the Honor Code, either by committing these acts or by failing to report those that they witness. So should the College simply sit idly by and wait for the Plex to fall in pieces?

The proposal for installing security cameras has also been deterred by the idea that they will be concentrated in one location, while vandalism has been a campus-wide phenomenon. But what is wrong with making small steps towards a larger goal of a campus free of vandalism? Not only will the cameras be located in the area hardest hit by vandalism in recent years, they will hopefully have the effect of creating an aura pervading throughout the entire campus that the Administration will understand the magnitude vandalism has had on the campus, realize the absurdity of the claims that cameras would undermine the Honor Code, and acknowledge that their installation is only a step in the right direction of fighting vandalism.

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The final vote of the SGA, that was nearly tied, strongly reflects the concerns that remain. At the same time, the administration has yet to put their stamp of approval on the SGA's vote; the cameras will not be installed without administrative approval. Nevertheless, hopefully the Administration will understand the magnitude vandalism has had on the campus, realize the absurdity of the claims that cameras would undermine the Honor Code, and acknowledge that their installation is only a step in the right direction of fighting vandalism. The Voice applauds the results of SGA's vote, and we hope that the Administration will heed the assembly's decision.

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Corrections/Retractions

The many grammatical and spelling errors found in Adam Brilliant's review of Rent, published in the December 2 issue, were not the responsibility of the writer, but that of our editorial staff. We apologize for the mistakes.

The College Voice wishes all members of the College community a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy Kwanzaa!
See HOLIDAY GIFTS To The Earth

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This holiday season I’ve been encouraged to give gifts that are green. I’ve been a tree hugger for many years, but I believe this year there is a need to think bigger and ask ourselves if we can’t do more. We’ve just passed the halfway mark of the year and the holiday season, which is a time of giving, yet there is no way I can do it.

First of all, how much CO2 is worth? At the rate we are burning oil and gas, we are going to have global warming. Here are a few numbers: If you own a car that gets 20 miles per gallon, you are producing 1,900 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) per year. If you own a car that gets 30 miles per gallon, you are producing 1,260 pounds of CO2 per year. In the United States, one acre of forest can absorb 5,300 pounds of CO2 per year. In the United States, one acre of forest can absorb 1,700 pounds of CO2 per year. In the United States, one acre of forest can absorb 7,800 pounds of CO2 per year. In the United States, one acre of forest can absorb 11,700 pounds of CO2 per year. In the United States, one acre of forest can absorb 15,600 pounds of CO2 per year.

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** Aphrodisiac: A Theatrical Turn-Off **

BY ADAM BRILLIANT

Strange is my story, and I'm sure many a story has been, but no one as to prove the existence of a play that recently opened at the Long Wharf Theater in New Haven, falls short of an amazing performance. Aphrodisiac is a play about the disappearance and murder of a little girl, and it is written by the same author of the much-lauded The Game. It is a dark, thought-provoking piece of theater that challenges the audience to consider the nature of love, as well as the power of the mind.

The play is set in New Haven, Connecticut, and opens with the discovery of a body. The play follows the investigation of the murder, as well as the psychological effects of the crime on the community. The cast is led by a group of talented actors, including a standout performance by Ms. Dundas as Jennifer, the child who was murdered.

Despite the play's critical acclaim, I found it to be a difficult and unsettling viewing experience. The overall tone of the play is dark and disturbing, and it is not for the faint of heart. I would recommend this play for those who enjoy intense and challenging theater experiences.

**Fire and Sadness Make For Sinfully Good Rock**

BY CLAIRE DOWD

The up-and-coming duo began their career with a double-disc album, but it did not take long for me to realize the potential of this band. Zox is a Providence-based reggae-rock band that contains a unique blend of genres. Their music is a fusion of reggae, rock, and reggae, and it is sure to captivate fans of all ages.

Zox's sound is characterized by catchy rhythms and an uplifting spirit. Their music is filled with positive messages and encourages listeners to enjoy life and be happy. The band's music is perfect for any occasion, whether it's a party or a quiet evening at home.

I highly recommend checking out Zox's music and seeing them live. Their upcoming tour is sure to be a hit, so don't miss out on this incredible musical talent.
What’s Next for Joaquin Phoenix?

BY BLAKE CASS

Joaquin Phoenix epitomizes the man in Hollywood today. And then there is the rising Coppola, the youngest and feminine version, of course.

Beyond everything though, this picture is a solid work. Joaquin Phoenix epiphanizes the man in Black, but his performance goes beyond mere impression. Had this film not been about Cash, but rather some fictional character who sings in a voice that is deep and slow and who just happens to sing his guitar, the quality of Phoenix’s performance would still be hot. Reese Witherspoon equally holds her own, balancing out an apparent feminine version, of course.

On the film moves in a linear fashion, being directed with fine acting and a well-developed eye for what truly matters to the story.

The camera sweeps through the prison where it finally comes to the stage of Cash, who is being over a similar now, his thumb delicately turning the wheel. From here we are

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Caffe NV: Food That Won’t Turn Your Face Green

BY RYAN HAWKINS

A little trip down the road less traveled sometimes results in a fine discovery. Everyone knows the main drag on Bank Street, but what about the other way? Slightly south of New London and just over the Waterford line lies a little gem of a restaurant called Caffe NV. Rumor has it that the name came from the fact that the restaurant would inspire envy among its competitors, a future correctly forecasted. Tucked away behind a giant stained glass window is Caffe NV’s dining room. I had the pleasure of sitting right next to the window, but the room is small enough to enjoy the ambience from any table.

Caffe NV’s menu is filled with Greek specialties mixed in with eclectic American fare. The inclusion of spicy buffalo wings as an appetizer along with a side of ranch dressing and Greek salad tempted me into trying the chicken, Gyros, souvlaki, and other American items were spectacular. At Caffe NV, the pecan salmon with maple glaze found fame as a side dish, but the real strength is in the Greek food. Baked is not traditionally Greek, but wrapped in phyllo dough and served with almonds, it could almost pass as a Greek dessert. The bruschetta is a festival of flavors, where fresh tomatoes, feta cheese, basil, and balsamic vinegar and just enough garlic blend wonderfully.

The house salad is typical and comes with the entire, but Caffe NV offers many interesting alternatives. Classic avocado with garlic butter and chicken tops the pasta list, but the buffalo stuffed chicken caught my eye in the entire. It arrives with a wall of herbs, but looks roughly done. A sort of potato nest comes as a side and neatly tops the chicken. Gyros, souvlaki, and sandwiches, super fresh with crispy red onion, smooth lamb, and cooling cucumber sauce, are also offered. The dessert menu is also a scattered mix of American and Greek desserts. Pastry with coffee, the Greeks do it well.

Overall, I enjoyed this half-ethnic, half-American food experience (even though the service was a little slow on the uptake), but I feel as though Caffe NV should get over their skepticism and stick to what they do best—Greek food. Sandwich prices hover around $5.00 as do the full plate salads. Entrees range from $13.18 for paus to $17.23 for everything else. They are open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For reservations call (860) 444-8111.
Killer Coke Campaign Continues
Despite Setback From SGA
By Joanna Gillis
associate news editor
Throughout the semester, stu-
dents affiliated with CCLeft have been petitioning for a boycott of all Coke products on Campus
of Connecticut's campus. In a campaign flyer CCLeft notes that "Every time you purchase a 24-ounce bottle, you're encour-
gaging Connecticut College to be associated with Coca-Cola because of its human rights abuses. However, SGA has already voted against such a motion. Still, 18 other colleges have ended their contracts, and another 21 are considering termination. Quite
naturally, the Indian Parliament has voted to boycott all Coke products.
In lieu of the students' numerous allegations, in April of 2004, the
Common Hour concept was invited to the campus of Connecticut.
Throughout the semester, stu-
dents and faculty debated about the merits of a Freshman Seminar Plan. As a result, on April 7th, 2004, the faculty, with permission from the SGA, proposed and adopted a new model. The model, which has been the official Common hour plan since April, 2004, involves a mandatory component. For the Freshman Seminar, it also includes a mandatory component. As with the other mandatory components, it was placed on curriculum. Additionally, the model includes natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. The forms of expression included verbal-literary, dramatic, painting, etc. Professor Hammond noted that although the planning has been going on for a long time, it was implemented, with the exception of the freshman seminar.

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"Plan's Republic: Some Remarks on the Liberal Arts," Four of your colleagues, Professors Woody, Mooren, Kimmell, and Atterton have delivered lectures dealing with this topic. Attendance? 14 faculty members and 12 students!!! Need I say more? Of course, we serve no one if we do not have students and faculty. Our mission is to deliver the best possible education to our students. We want to make this holiday season a form of activism, but if you want to make the gifts more personal, a small amount of online research will do the trick. And all of that comes at a cost. But giving gifts where you can personally give a gift for your family or friends, just search on google.com. For example, if you want a gift for your teacher, there are gift funds that give books that they would not get, and you could give your mom a certificate saying you have bought kids for them. This is a great gift, and you can really begin thinking about how to make your gift more personal and give back to the world. Their gift catalog is at http://www.belles.org, which is a catalog of the best gift ideas in the world. These are just two of many examples of ways to make your gift personal and give back to the world. For example, if you want a gift for your teacher, there are gift funds that give books that they would not get, and you could give your mom a certificate saying you have bought kids for them. This is a great gift, and you can really begin thinking about how to make your gift more personal and give back to the world. Their gift catalog is at http://www.belles.org, which is a catalog of the best gift ideas in the world.

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EG: It's surprising how much freedom you have away from home.
CV: What has been the craziest thing you have done on campus so far?
EG: I am planning on sled-boarding on the green when it snows, and mud sliding when it melts.
CV: What is your favorite food in Harris?
EG: Hummus.
CV: Are you in any clubs?
EG: Conn Chords.
CV: Do you have a favorite band?
EG: ColdPlay.
CV: What about a favorite movie?
EG: Empire Records.
CV: Thank you for your time.

Campus Safety Log
December 1 - December 8

12/1 0201 hrs Alcohol incident – Blunt
12/1 1830 hrs Suspicious person – Freeman
12/1 2225 hrs Alcohol incident – Plant
12/2 0015 hrs False alarm - Windham
12/2 0236 hrs Criminal mischief - Hamilton
12/2 1312 hrs Larceny – Holmes Hall
12/2 2127 hrs Contraband/Candles – Windham
12/2 2327 hrs Contraband/Candles – Freeman
12/2 0126 hrs Criminal mischief – Freeman parking lot
12/3 0126 hrs Criminal mischief - JA
12/4 0041 hrs Criminal mischief – Main St.
12/4 0043 hrs Alcohol incident – Marshall
12/4 0114 hrs Criminal mischief – JA
12/5 0157 hrs Larceny – College Center
12/5 0349 hrs Criminal mischief – Marshall
12/5 2152 hrs Drug incident – Larrabee
12/7 2209 hrs Found property – College Center
12/7 2353 hrs Arrest – non-student – Rte. 32
12/8 0206 hrs Alcohol incident – Marshall
Top Ten New Year’s Resolutions We Make
But Won’t Keep:

10. Shower daily.
9. Stop stealing cups from Harris.
8. Recycle The College Voice instead of leaving it outside my door for two weeks.
7. Spend more time sleeping than surfing the facebook.com.
6. Walk to the AC...and then exercise.
5. Stop vandalizing things on campus.
3. Do all my WebCT readings...well, some of them.
2. Park in area designated by sticker and/or pay outstanding parking tickets.
1. Write for The Voice (ccvoice@connoll.edu)

JOKES OF THE WEEK

Q: What did the woman say to the tweezer salesman when he asked if she needed help finding anything?
A: “No thanks. I’m just eye-browsing”

Quotable Camels:

Nobody’s perfect. Not even the camels. So this holiday season, what’s your New Year’s resolution?

Dylan ‘06:
“To leave college with no regrets.”

Brenna ‘07:
“I don’t have one. I’m perfect.”

Misha ‘08:
“To learn how to meditate.”

Victoria ‘09:
“To not get kicked out of my house this summer.”
Squash
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Robertson, and Lucy McAllister ’09 fifth on a disputed call. Sunday afternoon, Conn rolled over Mount Squash
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with the Red Sox and Yankees keep playing each other in October, Bud Selig

two

Overrated

placed lower than Mexico. Well I’m riled up about it at versus as the U.S., after last Cups brilliant run has been already come out and immediately there’s some contro-

find chemistry. And as an added bonus the World Cup

the Giants make the playoffs, and the Knicks and

playoffs around the comer, baseball trade talk and rumors. Ryan, Burnett, and Ricciardi too

Never doubt the matchmaking power

Where are the Yankees and their yearly spending? Hopefully Vazquez and then we’d be through

It’s the most wonderful time of the year. The play-

for the life of me I don’t understand why Jeff Bagwell

two things: First, they are a team that is in transition, or

Clemens, but I think they made the right decision.

has his share of health problems isn’t a good invest-

ment of money no matter how great the talent. Don’t

make no mistake about it, Thome and Konerko are

him to retire today, along with Clemens and Piazza the Hall

of Fame class of 2010 will have quite the star-studded

Chicago did do something for him but

up for good is Mike Piazza and Frank Thomas.

It

looked like the Marlins

will be forced to count on Hanley Ramirez to live up to the tremen-

dous hype he generated while in Florida’s farm system. Judging from what I saw watching him a few times this summer, things aren’t

looking so good for poor Dontrelle.

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by December 30

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front early as they scored two goals in the first eight minutes of the

Clemento waited till May to re-sign with the Astros

ofFame class of 2010 will have quite the star-studded

rounds at 1-800-KAP-TEST

Higher test scores
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A Few of My Favorite Things

You know what really grinds my gears? It's .

Paula Craig

The Colts rule while the Texans sputter.

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