Fainstein Speaks on Strategic Planning for Conn's Future

On Tuesday, December 2, President/Interim President of Connecticut College, Dr. Carol T. Fainstein, held a press conference to discuss recent developments in the strategic planning process. The fundamental principle of strategic planning emphasizes an assessment of the school's values and principles of shared governance. This includes the process of involving a wide range of stakeholders in the decision-making process.

Fainstein emphasized that the strategic planning process is iterative and requires input from all members of the community. She mentioned that the planning team has engaged with students, faculty, staff, and alumni to gather insights and ideas. The process involves a series of workshops, focus groups, and online surveys to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the community's needs and aspirations.

Fainstein also addressed the concept of the "community" in the context of strategic planning. She stressed the importance of inclusivity and diversity in the decision-making process, ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.

The strategic planning process is designed to be a collaborative effort that involves all parts of the campus community. It aims to establish clear goals, priorities, and strategies that will guide the college in the next several years. Fainstein concluded by expressing her confidence in the process and its ability to create a more vibrant and dynamic Connecticut College for the future.

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Additional Notes:

1. The strategic planning process is an ongoing effort that will continue throughout the academic year.
2. The planning team is actively seeking input from the broader community through various channels.
3. The results of the planning process will be presented to the full Board of Trustees for approval.
4. The planning team is committed to transparency and will regularly update the campus community on progress and developments.
5. More information about the strategic planning process can be found on the Connecticut College website.
**EDITORIAL&OPINION**

**Cars on campus an essential right**

Connecticut College is not located within walking distance of a town or city. This, while it may be acceptable for other more economically located schools to impose limited parking regulations on students, is not fair for Connecticut College. It is a prestigious college such as Conn.

At a school with limited instruction, it seems only fair that students be afforded the opportunity to move personal things. However, if they do not, New London does not offer a convenient means of public transportation, and even train travel to neighboring cities like New York and Boston are quite expensive. It is important in a flourishing environment for students to freely move around the college and be able to park their cars.

**Commentary**

In a recent editorial in the local newspaper, it was stated that if students were to own cars on campus, it would be to one’s own detriment. These types of opinion are based on personal biases and do not consider the potential benefits of parking.

Parking on campus is an essential right because it allows students to have the freedom to move around the college and be able to park their cars. It is important for students to be able to move around the college and have the freedom to park their cars.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent article in The College Voice that discusses the issue of parking on campus. I believe that the article overlooks several important factors that contribute to the need for parking on campus.

Firstly, it is important to recognize that Connecticut College is located in a region that is not easily accessible by public transportation. This is particularly true for students who do not have access to a car or who are unable to afford the cost of transportation.

Secondly, it is important to consider the impact that parking restrictions can have on students' ability to participate in extracurricular activities and other college events. Parking restrictions can limit students' ability to attend events on campus or to participate in activities that require transportation.

Finally, it is important to consider the impact that parking restrictions can have on students' mental health. Limited access to parking can create stress and anxiety, which can negatively impact students' well-being.

I urge Connecticut College to consider these factors when making decisions about parking on campus. It is important to ensure that students have access to parking that is safe, convenient, and affordable.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
OPINION

THE DANGER OF IGNORANCE

Thomas Jefferson, at his home Monticello, once wrote that "God has made life too short to waste it on hate or on contempt." Yet in our society today, we seem to be wasting much of our time and energy on hating and contempting that which we do not understand.

The news media, in general, has failed to do its job. I argue that the national media is no longer interested in promoting actual news, but rather, news that will bring viewers to the stations, and newspapers to the stands. The result is that we are not being adequately informed about the world today.

The danger of ignorance is severe. Ignorance causes us to be myopic, to confuse our enemies with our allies, and to fail to appreciate the complexity of world events. It leads us to make decisions based on incomplete or erroneous information.

We need to work towards a society that values knowledge and understanding over ignorance. It is only through an informed and educated populace that we can hope to create a more just and peaceful world.

I encourage everyone to do their part in combating the danger of ignorance by staying informed, seeking out diverse perspectives, and engaging in open and respectful dialogue with those who may hold different views.

Let us strive to be the generation that understands and values the importance of knowledge and wisdom over ignorance and prejudice.
Unity Gospel Choir Sings Heavenly Harmonies

By Andrea Lorig
Art Editor

Cone's myriad of talented a cappella groups on campus often overshadow the musical scene, but the Unity Gospel Choir, with its unique blend of powerful singing and spiritual melodies offers audiences something a little different. This Thursday, students at the Cone's Nest witnessed the choir's musical stylings, as they were treated in both traditional and contemporary versions of spiritual songs. The choir's harmonious blending of genre-defying voices, the College Voice talked to the Choir President for their fan favorite performance, held Thursday, December 4.

C.V.: What is the history of the Gospel Choir at the College?
C.P.: When was the group founded?
C.V.: Since their formation in 1996 Catch-22 has typified the brassy sound of the genre's backdrop, including horns and redundant chords. Other than The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Catch-22 has typified the brassy sound of the genre's backdrop, including horns and redundant chords. Other than The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, many music fans hear the word "ska" and cower at the thought of this music. It is often confused with reggae, which is a combination of jazz and reggae with lyrics describing a hopeless relationship.

Drama Not Missing from Ron Howard's Latest Flick

By Laura Miller

The movie, The Da Vinci Code, starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou, is a welcome change of pace from the formulaic and high-budget action motion pictures of late, such as X-men, Spider-Man, and the upcoming live-action version of The Hobbit. Adapted from the Dan Brown novel, the film tells the story of a British journalist named Robert Langdon, who stumbles upon a secret society that is trying to restore a lost civilization.

C.V.: Does the group only perform gospel classics, or do you have modern influences as well?
C.P.: The Unity Gospel Choir, known for their spiritual and uplifting music, sings with an emphasis on more contemporary songs.

C.V.: What are your responsibilities as the leader of the Unity Gospel Choir?
C.P.: I ensure that music and spiritual melodies offer audiences some-thing new.

If you are a fan of eagons and larger-than-life story telling, and now is a great time to go to the movies. Recent innovations in digital effects, computer animation, and miniature models would work to make the epic epics and fantasy epics of the 1960s and 1970s more accessible to modern audiences. Although the movie is technically classified as a Western, it actually falls into every conceivable genre, including mystery, thriller, science fiction, and the supernatural.

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Two other noteworthy supporting characters emerge in the story of The Matrix. The Matrix takes place in a dystopian future where the human species is reduced to mere slaves for an alien species known as the 'Matrix.' The Matrix is controlled by a group of powerful 'agents' who seek to enslave humanity.

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The best aspect of the album is without a doubt the eclectic styles of the band. In addition to the radio single, Catch-22 also made their first music video for the track "Rocky," which is a combination of jazz and reggae with lyrics describing a hopeless relationship.

For those who are skeptical about the "ska" label, Catches-22 offers their own upbeat and high spirited CD is the perfect thing to add a little fun, bouncy love song that showcases one of ska-punk's rare guitar solos, and in this regard is a great time to go to the movies.
Love Affair With Toni Morrison Continues With Recent Connecticut Appearance

Nothing But Love For Morrison's Latest Novel

The Postal Service (Guy Ly- Featuring Ben Gibbard from the band, Death Cab for Cutie, the Postal Service's debut album displays a highly unique and adventuring sound. It's best defined as indie or electronic pop and provides a nice contrast between Gibbard's wonderful vocalism, simplistic lyrics and a soothing instrument. Check them out for something totally new.

Outkast Speakerboxxx/The Love Below - At first glance on releasing the shows as separate solo projects, Big Boi and Andre 3000 decided to do both Beck and Outkast. With Speakerboxxx, you get the more commercialized version of the two, and The Love Below, the more experimental. You would think the latter would win but the former is a little drier, but it's quite a lily to their backbone. This double disc album is highly recommended by the author for years to come.

Treat Yourself To Jibaro Chisme

Get your taste buds ready because for the first time in the history of the band, The Postal Service has released a double disc album featuring two separate discs. The Love Below features the more experimental side of the duo and the Speakerboxxx album is a more commercialized version of the duo. The band is comprised of Moby, Jeff Bhasker and members from The Residents and The Roots. Yet another live release, but clocking in at three hours and thirty minutes, this CD/DVD combo delivers on every level.

The author, Paul Schur, was extremely impressed with the show and had the privilege of catching the sold out event at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City.

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Our city is known for its southern coastal town of Up Beach. It's a beautiful place that has inspired many artists and musicians to write about or explore as a setting for their stories. Perhaps one of the most notable writers to explore this locale is Toni Morrison, whose work has been a love letter to the region. With her latest novel, Why We Love It, Morrison continues this tradition.

Morrison's favorite self-written book, Beneath The Skin, was one of the first works that introduced the world to her unique voice and lyrical style. Since then, her writing has evolved to include more complex and nuanced themes, but her passion for exploring the human condition remains steadfast.

In Why We Love It, Morrison explores the theme of love in a way that truly captures the magnificence of the emotion. Morrison's descriptive abilities and attention to detail allow her to introduce a new angle on examining the topic of love. And, as in Morrison's other novels, characters and each phase is thought with creative and sheer literary passion that I often found myself dwelling on one passage for a long time. Though it's not exactly easy reading, it is one of the most recent novels that have captured my imagination.

Without giving away too much, the story follows a young man and woman named Maggie and William as they navigate the complexities of love and relationships. The characters provide the emotional backbone of the film. However, their increasing isolation and self-centeredness point to the pitfalls of modern love.

Morrison's signature looks and characters are present in this latest novel, but the tone is lighter and more whimsical. The setting is the same, but the atmosphere is different. It's a unique portrayal of a topic that every reader can relate to.

Beneath The Skin, my favorite novel of hers, is a challenging read, but it's worth the effort to fully appreciate its depth. Why We Love It, while not as intense, is still a captivating story that will leave readers pondering its meaning long after they've closed the book.
Professor Burton: Renowned Author, Researcher and Teacher

By ABIGAIL MACK

Professor Burton is renowned for his accomplishments in the field of Anthropology (Holt). Burton has spent a great deal of time researching foreign civilizations, notably a group of native people, 'hlt<)1 Atouut people, incredibly positive step because they feel that sweat shop labor is extremely inhumane. Also, members of the club of political activism, with an environment that fosters outward expression of everyone's different political views.

Among other things, John Burton is modest. In regards to the number of contributions he has made to Connecticut College's campus as well as the field of Anthropology, Burton stated that he would like to think that he is known for his love of teaching.

"I am very happy being a professor in an environment where teaching and learning are important. Several students of his say it is a distinct and sacred place. Anthropology major Theodore Yates '04 marked Burton as a captivating and truly inspirational professor. She stated that his farming style 'brings students into his lectures.'

Another student, Alaina Brown '08, stated, "What makes this class truly special is the concept that the majority of his stories and lectures revolve around first-hand experiences and encounters.

Professor Burton also feels that his fieldwork and research make him a bit of an expert and former professor and he strives to make Conn students more involved with the fieldwork and research instead of reading about it. "I don't need to have attention drawn to myself," he stated, "I've just grown another view of life."
President Fainstein: Outside of strategic planning? I think that what we would like to achieve, number one, is a sense of not overly depicting the battle of the sciences versus the liberal arts community on the campus. We have a number of committees that are working on very specific things, but the overall community committee, we must tomorrow, Monday, is the first meeting, at 5:30. We would like to see more forward this year, and will move into the process. So what will this kind of committee be? I think we’re going to be thinking about the role of life on the campus, the physical environment. I think the process is something in which we’ve been thinking about how we can reform general education and improve general education on the campus. If there are things that we want to think about, I think that it will be a very good year for the college.

President Fainstein: The part that you want to enhance the campus.

President Fainstein: I don’t know, yes, same thing that involves conversation. This is part of what the strategic planning process is going to help us with, and I believe, much more important to me is to have a sense of this beautiful campus in getting better. It’s kind of like thinking about your flower garden. I think it’s important that we do that, and now we have to strategize what we’re doing.

President Fainstein: This is a question perhaps for Dr. Regan. You’re involved in the capital plan for three major facilities projects: a residence hall, the science center, and class. As you’re working on understanding how to improve this campus, we’re doing things on campus, we’re working on platform and diversity on the campus, we’re working on strategic planning process.

President Fainstein: There’s an array of things that people now find themselves. I think this is an area that hopefully he or she will make a significant point where hopefully he or she will make a significant contribution to how do we see the college going forward. This is something which Norman’s been working out. It’s going to be a meeting. I think that this will be a very good year for the college.

President Fainstein: That’s right. I’m interested, you know, I would like to see more forward this year, and will move into the process. So what will this kind of committee be? I think we’re going to be thinking about the role of life on the campus, the physical environment. I think the process is something in which we’ve been thinking about how we can reform general education and improve general education on the campus. If there are things that we want to think about, I think that it will be a very good year for the college.

President Regan: The university, the college, diversity, our multidisciplinarity, internationalism, learning in community, learning in the workplace. This all seems to be emerging for us. She was here last week and actually met with the faculty, and it is in the process, and in a very real way, is going to set the stage for our entire strategy for the college moving forward. This will be the jumping off point for any significant group at the college, to decide how to time things, and to help us understand what needs to come first.

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President Regan: Cheers. Some of us need to do some very serious reflection on what are the specific goals that we need to achieve in a specific timeframe. And they will be realistic.

President Fainstein: And we're going to have that document, and it is my hope—that that document will be developed around the priorities, and that’s going to be the planning priority and budgeting committee and henceforth. That’s what I would like to see move forward this year, and will move into the process. So what will this kind of committee be? I think we’re going to be thinking about the role of life on the campus, the physical environment. I think the process is something in which we’ve been thinking about how we can reform general education and improve general education on the campus. If there are things that we want to think about, I think that it will be a very good year for the college.

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President Regan: In a smoke (re-)emoji message you mentioned the capital campaign. How does that relate to the strategic planning?
President Fainstein: Your question is a very good one. The second answer to it is part of what we're looking at in general education and that first year experience, and how to create the first year experience to be more coherent and accessible to all of the students. Thirdly, you're certainly right that any planning process ought to look at the accessibility of the academic program. Having an academic program which is not accessible to students at the right time for them to put together coherent majors and a general undergraduate experience is just not the best academic program. And we are certainly going to be looking at that. One of the things that we're going to be doing is, at the same time as the strategic planning process is going on, the administrative group are taking a look at some of the specific quantitative issues like accessibility, and so on, and try to see what those choices are and what are the ways to improve.

Regan: We've done actually what we call an internal scan, which is kind of like looking at a lot of data about where the college stands. We've done an external scan which is kind of like looking at a lot of data about what these choices are and what are the ways to improve. So the plan is is going to be looking at that. One of the things that we're going to be doing is, at the same time as the strategic planning process is going on, the administrative group are taking a look at some of the specific quantitative issues like accessibility, and so on, and try to see what those choices are and what are the ways to improve.

President Fainstein: It's the hardest thing to shape a new residence hall. Because we don't have any extra space on the campus we need to move students out of each of those halls, and it can't be done during the summer. It requires a whole year. Right now we are exploring funding possibilities, both from alumni, and from other sources for building a new residence hall. We've already gone through in the last year a planning process, we have a location chosen, and we have some schematic plans and even rendering of the building. And now we're going through the fundraising analysis for that.

Lefkowitz: Can you tell us the location of that?

President Fainstein: Sure, the location chosen is where those rather decrepit cottages are near Winthrop. They would be used, it wouldn't be among the dormitory cottages. The residence hall would look rather like Becket House with the New England timbered vernacular, but it would fit with those two buildings out there. So the plan would be that it would be used as swing space and first it would add to the total amount of residence hall space, so it would reduce some of the issues that are crowded.

"Future Connecticut College: An Open Forum on Developing Strategic Plan" will take place from 2:30-3:30 on Thursday, December 11.

See you in January.

Classes start on campus on the following dates:

- **LSAT** begins Saturday, January 10th
- **GRE** begins Saturday, January 31st
- **GMAT** begins Sunday, February 1st

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Holiday Party
Cameleer turns to the Unioho Holiday Celebration to
learn how the African community celebrates the holiday
season. In addition to a dinner served among African
dishes, events include a keynote address and discussion
by professors David Canton and Reginald Flood, fashion
shows, and musical performances by the Connecticut College
College Choir and Tanjum Clayton. Tickets cost $10 for students,
and can be reserved by calling extension 25:34.
5:30-6:00pm, 1941 Room, Conv.

Sounds of Music
Friday nights usually bring upon an array of musical
performances to Conn, and tonight is no different. Allegriella хозяи can see the Williams Street Win Fall Concert at 8:00pm in the Chapel, while fans of jazz will want to stop by Evan Hall in Connings to see a per-
formance by the Connecticut College Jazz Ensemble, also at 8:00pm. Finally, Conn sous chant band Obidale (a Party "Saloon" during their days on campus) takes the stage in Cigno at 10:30pm as part of the
Friday Nights Live concert series.

Saturday, December 4
More Music
If you had a blast to do on Friday and couldn’t
make it to one of the previously mentioned perform-
ances, you can still see some music on campus this
weekend by attending tonight’s Connecticut College
Orchestra performance, conducted by assistant professor
of music James Manuelli. In fact to Conn students with
ID, 6:00-9:00pm, Evans Hall, Convings

Presidential Strategy
President Faust will lead a discussion outlining
the college’s vision for the future at today’s Open
Forum about the Developing Strategic Plan. All are
invited to attend and lend their comments and perspec-
tives about the early drafts and goals of the plan.
Refreshments will be served.
1:00-2:30pm, Stimson House and Unity House

Information about each event is taken from
the "Weekly at CC" emails, and campus
postings.

"You must show no mercy--nor have any
mercy what-soever in how others judge you for your
greatness will silence them all."

(Credit for the Warrior Wisdom column intellec-
tual property of former Connecticut College
Ultimate Warrior, taken from his official web site at http://www.ultimate-warrior.com)

Dorm Life
This issue of The College Voice dedicated to the fond
memory of Nick Iyengar.

We’ll miss you little guy.

Rest in Peace

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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Freeman Needs Lesson in Party Politics
Dear Editor:
Yes. I have a rent to pay. In the voice entitled "The Democratic Party," shows how much
influence on recent German history, but also the
Constitution of the United States of America.
Mr. Freeman’s comparison of the Democratic Party’s
tactics to those of the Nazi Party is halfway. The
Democratic Party does not oppose racial views. Nor is it
not to see, not unlike the Republican Party, that individ-
ual members have not espoused these views. Nor has the
party ever tried to banish or to ban its opponents using
physical force, unlike the Nazi Party. The Nazi
Democrats, while the Nazis, have not attempted to
overthrow their government. The leaders of
the Democratic party are elected, rather than self-appointed.
I have heard the Democratic Party compared to
Communists, but for instance, never have had I heard them
compared to the Nazi Party. The reason this comparison
has never taken place is quite simple: the Nazis were
the party of the extreme right, while for Democrats
are the party of those left of center. Mr. Freeman’s comparison
shades much as much shade as conspirators who talk
President Bush to Adolf Hitler.
There was nothing wrong with the recent Senate
dialogue.
Filibustering, which is what the Democrats engaged
in, is perfectly normal, and it is a right exercised in the
U.S. Constitution. I can think of many things more dam-
gaging than making sure one’s views are heard, namely,
aiming the majority silence the opinions of the minority.
Senators have a right to voice their views, if people in
a given state are unhappy with their senators, they can vote
them (or better out of office. This is how democracy works.
Furthermore, if we are going to believe that
Filibustering often delay action, they expressly support the majority’s
ingovernment — a mistake, Filibustering was unable to pre-
vent Civil Rights Legislation from passing, and in the
end I’m sure it will prove incorrect. I mean, President from
giving his judicial nominees. What is
the point of putting up a barrier to do this, which hap-
"recent/legislature/215284)"
In past years the Office... that soothing British voice.

I realized how much I need that soothing British voice.

things like registering for classes may seem like a

mentally deficient chimps. I hope the lack of messages

this year was just a one-time oversight and not the Office

form an essential service and one we appreciate even

my professors at the Fanning floor.

there's more than enough open wall space on the upper

so many of my fellow students.

I had one day to figure out what classes were open

mail had sat in my advisor's inbox for over a week and

my own behalf, but also on behalf of

advancement, ahead of helping the students who have

this school are far more concerned with their careers,

time to prepare us for what comes after college.

line. Second, is there any way we can get a second chart

of the semester chasing-down anything-to-fill

requirements that had never even been mentioned before

This is the second year in a row that I did not regis-

The Voice is an entirely student operated newspaper.

The Camels have a young team and the fact that they

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**Sports**

**Women's ice hockey team loses to Wesleyan**

By]=. STEAING

The Connecticut College women's ice hockey team opened the season with a bang. Despite taking two losses against the top ranked teams in the nation, Colby and Wesleyan, the Camels are showing signs of a team on the rise.

The Camels faced off against the No. 1 ranked team, Colby, in the first game of the season.

The Camels faced the No. 2 ranked team, Wesleyan, in the second game of the season.

The Camels followed up their win against Colby with a strong showing against Wesleyan. The Camels were led by their goalie, Petrill, who stopped 31 shots, while visiting goalie Stephanie Beaudry made 9.

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