**Governor Proposes to Cut Aid for In-State Students**

By Grace Waza

A state plan to tighten the budget is threatening to deny Connecticut College more than half a million dollars in financial aid.

The state plan would eliminate Connecticut Independent College Student (CICS) grants for students at private institutions with endowments over $100 million. Besides Connecticut College, Wesleyan, Trinity, and Yale would all be cut. Although Fairfield University also has an endowment of just over $100 million, the state has assured Fairfield that it will not be subject to the cut.

Currently, 128 of the 347 Connecticut residents who attend Connecticut colleges receive a total of $550,250 in CICS grants.

Connecticut College President Norman Ginsburg opposed strongly to the state plan, calling it "ridiculously inconstant public policy."

"The state is willing to give public support for their arts departments," Ginsburg said. "One position is that this is not the time for the government to be cutting funds for the arts."

Judith B. Grinstein, president of the 34 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, will appear before the state's Education Committee on Monday, along with Connecticut College student Mary O'Reilly '05 and Connecticut College Director of Financial Aid William Donnelly. They will testify against cuts to the CICS grants.

"Our state has already promised all of the students at this fine college the financial support for their education," said Ginsburg. "If the state is willing to help students at a community college, they are helping people who are less fortunate, and am motivated by the work they have done."
Online Registration More Pain Than Gain

With the current regarding of Connecticut College's Information Network to the new CICS Campus, students and faculty are faced with a new complex of options when it comes to data management and storage. Though the system was initially introduced as a way to manage student data more efficiently and seamlessly, it has taken some time for students to familiarize themselves with the new setup. The system now requires the user to go through a series of steps, which can be confusing and time-consuming for some.

A notable feature of the new system is the requirement for users to enter their personal information twice. This process, though intended to increase security, can be seen as a practical inconvenience. Students and faculty alike have expressed frustration with the recurring need to enter their information, which can be a significant time-saver. The system now requires the user to enter their information twice. This process, though intended to increase security, can be seen as a practical inconvenience. Students and faculty alike have expressed frustration with the recurring need to enter their information, which can be a significant time-saver.

In terms of security, the system is designed to prevent unauthorized access to user information. However, some have raised concerns about the potential for data breaches or vulnerabilities. Connecticut College has assured users that their data is protected, but these concerns remain at the forefront of the debate. The system recently suffered a breach, which highlighted the need for constant vigilance and improvement.

The new system also has a feature that allows users to set up alerts for changes in their account information. This feature aims to prevent unauthorized changes to a user's profile, but some have found it to be overly sensitive, leading to repeated notifications for minor changes.

Despite the challenges, Connecticut College has been working to improve the system, with regular updates and feedback from users. The college has also provided training sessions to help students and faculty become more familiar with the new setup. As the system continues to evolve, it is essential to balance the need for security with the user experience and practicality. The updated system is expected to provide a more streamlined and efficient way to manage data, but it is clear that a good amount of work needs to be done to fully realize its potential.


**OPINION**

**SLY, GIVE US A BREAK THE GROUND IS CREEPING UPON THE PLANE**

TIM STEVENS • VIEWPOINT

I set down to lunch the other day with one of my favorite faculty members, who, between bites of his spaghetti, said, "America is on a jetliner. We all have window seats and we’re flying for our lives." My faculty friend says yes. Give it three to four years — three to four years of real sacrifice and efficiency — and we will be sitting down in our seats and we will have the plane to ourselves. The only question is, will he be able to bring us up fast enough to keep us from crashing?

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According to another department before anyone wised up. OK, so they have a lift elevator. ..pulled off his Armani jacket and was able to lift the heavy load, the manner in which he did it. He, and I quote, “manually pulled up an elev-...
Despite the simple conditions, we were the guests, and my friend's father greeted us with broken English. We threw our suitcases down, and then we were greeted with white brick, heavy electric security doors, and a doorman. The doorman welcomed us with a smile, and we were on our way.

It is especially important that this debate be waged on the real substantive issues. Supporters of Charles Pickering's nomination have accused Democratic Senators and their supporters of trying to label Pickering as a racist and make personal attacks on his character. This is not true; Pickering's personal history and character, his demeanor and posture will not allow him to uphold the constitutional rights and the political process that the majority of Americans hold as sacred.

This controversy is important in and of itself, but it is also crucial in that it is a prelude to the future ideological battle that will certainly occur if President Bush is able to make a nomination to the United States Supreme Court. President Reagan and Bush Sr. were accused about their desire to move the Court to a more conservative direction, and the current President has confirmed that he is of the same mind. If Bush does make an appointment to the Court, it will be the third phase of a struggle that began with the nominations of Robert Bork in 1987 and Clarence Thomas in 1991. Bork was rejected by the Senate, while Thomas was confirmed by a narrow margin in history, 52 votes to 48. The real consequence of this battle was not Bush's personal history. What is the consequence is that it has been one of the most unilaterally conservative justices on the Court since the Court's confirmation.

Regardless of where you stand on the issues of prayer in public schools, freedom of speech, gun rights, abortion, church-state separation and federalism, it is your responsibility to know about the process of filling this Supreme Court seat. If Bush does make an appointment to the Court, it will be the third phase of a struggle that began with the nominations of Robert Bork in 1987 and Clarence Thomas in 1991. Bork was rejected by the Senate, while Thomas was confirmed by a narrow margin in history, 52 votes to 48. The real consequence of this battle was not Bush's personal history. What is the consequence is that it has been one of the most unilaterally conservative justices on the Court since the Court's confirmation.

Throughout the years at Conn, he worked with fresh- men, Information Services, was elected to SGA, and became a member of the American Way and the Alliance for Justice. The true nature of the job and its extensive duties. Additionally, a free, but mandatory CPR course could be implemented in the Student Life office. A longer evaluation period would establish solid ground for a solid and well-versed candidate. For the weekend, six to share one bathroom and a space about the size of the Harry Potter.

It's coming... It's New... All Different College Year

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Committee Works Towards a New Digital Connecticut College

By USMAN SHEIKJI

STAFF REPORT

Daisy Small, and Chris Hensman, Assembly, the other two being the junior, "Breuer said, "I am excited about the possibilities."

A committee is also working towards standardize them, and to urge those who have websites to update and standa-

ding work to constantly update the information as courses change, and may have to reconsider the amount it provides to students in

The elimination of the CICS grant from the four schools with endowments over $200 million, the nearly $2.6 million cut in CICS was

economists's view in our academic institution," said Fainstein.

Statewide, 814 students who recipient aid would not receive under the state plan. Nearly 20 percent of Connecticut College's student body, receive CICS grants. The average CICS award to a Connecticut College student is $2,500.

Although budget challenges, Connecticut College has remained committed to growing financial aid. This year, the College grew our a total of $14.3 million in aid. Next year, recommendations have been

"The potential exposure of Connecticut College has increased," Simpson first became involved in-tercultural relations in high school, Simpson's fond interest in the music and the arts.

She believes in the most unifying club at Unity House and hopes that through intercultural Awareness Work, the entire Connecticut College population can be brought together.

Warren.

Rowell Moves Gets Cuts to CICS Program

continued from page 1 a Connecticut resident who receives financial aid. Bruner said that the plan would affect younger students the most.

"It doesn't affect me as much as a minus," Bruner said. "If I were younger, I would lose $4,000 and I don't see why the college would not be able to provide through financial aid. It would be devastating to have to transfer because of legislation." The elimination of the CICS cut from a serious hit to the already cash strapped Connecticut College. Fainstein said that if even the $2.7 million in CICS was allocated to all of the private institutions in the state, the resulting $75,000 loss would be serious. If the cuts to CICS are absorbed by only

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$600,000 cut in Connecticut College's grants would be disas-
trom, in aid. This year, the College grew our a total of $14.3 million in aid. Next year, recommendations have been

The college is also working towards adding syllabi for all courses to websites so that it is easier for stu-

dents to find out the specifics of any course before pre-registration. Not all courses have websites right now, and even after putting every-
thing online, it will be a tremendous amount of work to constantly update the information as courses change.

But the highlights of Information and Media Access Committee's agenda this year is the introduction of the CamelWeb system. The students have wanted, for some time, to switch to online voting to stop their representatives as the faculty members do, to avoid the hassle of going down to the College Center to regis-
ter their vote. This new sys-
tem, devised by Laurie Littlehales and Michael Hruska of Information Services, will make use of the CamelWeb, students will log in using their existing accounts and will make their selections just like filling out an online form. Moreover, they would only have access to the categories that they are eligible to vote for.

"I am excited about the possibility of having elections online," com-

mented Khosa. "It will save time, paper, and the pain of hand counting." He added that, "This will only

amount equivalent to the CICS cut, accept fewer Connecticut resi-
dents with financial aid, or accept more full-pay students.

The number of minority students and students from urban areas could also decline.

"Economic diversity is vital in our academic institution," said Rosengren.

"This is a long-term project. The whole system is already set up," Khosa pointed out. "We need to use the software, but we don't have the money for that right now."

I-Week Focuses on Music as Language All Can Understand

continued from page 1 took place on campus throughout the week, including a visit by two fresh-
musicians. In discussing the music of various cultures, a guest speaker pointed out, "Music is not about the per-
son who plays it, but rather about where it comes from." They con-
duced that while many types of music can be heard throughout the world, each originates in a specific culture and is expressive of the emo-
tions among people of that culture. Therefore, becoming familiar with a culture's music is essential to under-
standing the way the people of that culture experience life.

According to Simpson, the theme was chosen because Unity House was "interested in the fact that every culture has a type of rhythm and music that makes it unique." Also, along with the other members of International Pride, wanted to aware the diversity of music on our campus as well as in the world.

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Dance Concert Showcases Eclectic Choreography

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Crisis musically showcases their talents at last Friday's performance of the chamber ensemble.

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The evening included both good food and good music, which made for an enjoyable evening. John Q Jones performed all along with many other artists. Between the acts, Carina Freds, the Carin, or Carnies, an Afro-Caribbean people who make music and dance in Puerto Rico, presented their music and dance to Punta and Paranda Garinagu, are an Afro-Carib people from the Caribbean. Their music is played on drums, maracas, chanters, and a conch shell. The performance also featured dancers.

The evening started with music that was very mellow and groovy. Jones loved the audience's energy and was thrilled with the response. He invited the audience to dance along with his music and encouraged them to sing along. He played a few covers of popular songs, including Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," and his audience loved it. The atmosphere was lively and energetic, and the audience was fully engaged and enjoying themselves.

The ambiance of the performance was infectious, making it a very enjoyable experience for everyone. All of the musicians and dancers were talented and engaging. The performers displayed their musical versatility by playing various instruments, from the intermingling. The music was very well-coordinated, and the transitions between songs were seamless. The sound was top-notch, and the stage was well-lit, allowing the audience to enjoy the performance to the fullest.

The enthusiasm of the performers was contagious, as people from all walks of life were inspired by their passion for music. The audience was very interactive and the atmosphere was very delightful. People of all ages and backgrounds were dancing and singing along. The concert was a true representation of the joy and beauty that music can bring to people's lives.

At the end of the performance, the audience was given a standing ovation, and the performers took their bows with smiles on their faces. The evening was a great success, and everyone left the venue feeling grateful and fulfilled. The concert was a testament to the power of music to bring people together and create a sense of unity and community. As the night drew to a close, the performers took their places in the audience, and the audience continued to sing and dance along with their beloved songs. The performance was a true celebration of the spirit of music and the joy it can bring to people's hearts.
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Swimming Takes On NESCACs

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The team, coached by Pam Wilmot, dominated the meet. The Camels swam to first place overall, with the largest margin of victory in NESCAC history. The team scored 252, while Williams, Bates, Middlebury, Wesleyan, and Colby each scored just over a hundred. The team was named the NESCAC Men’s Swimming and Diving Team of the Year.

Camel Country’s Chief Exposed

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The Mounties of the 100-yard individual medley swimming event proved to be too much for the Camels. The divers put in their best effort, as Heidi Stoddard broke the school record in the 1-meter dive, finishing tenth and eleventh respectively on the 1-meter and 3-meter platforms. Stoddard was joined in the diving effort by Lauren Higgens, who took third on the 3-meter, and junior Catie Serventy-fourth on the platform.

Men’s Basketball Exceeds Expectations

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Despite these concerns, the program has clearly defined marriage as a union of a man and woman, with the right to make medical decisions for oneself and one’s partner when one’s partner had a medical emergency. There they are taught approaches to teaching skills. These sessions are supplemented by the economic downturn, as well as TFA’s promotion of professional national qualifications for the NESCAC. One hundred and ninety-nine performers qualified for Nationals in the 5000-meter with a time of 17:10. Commenting on Daniel’s success, Simmons added, “I’ve never been so around such talent before. Just keep shining. We can’t do without her anymore. She’s a top!”

Danius was not the only individual to break a school record this winter, as Walworth broke the record in the 800-meter with a time of 2:23.57, only to be rebroken by Fitzgerald, who ran a time of 2:22.28. Having switched from sprinting to middle distance this winter, Walworth has found a home in her events. The sprinters, who were coached by Sam Simmons, have found a home in their season as well. Highlights of the sprinting season include Navarro’s 6:19 and Ryan imbler’s 5:40 in the mile. In addition, Spratling broke the previous record with a time of 1:55.29. During the season, the women broke 3 of the possible 4 possible relay events. The remnants of fame from the previous season have allowed the team to have a successful season. As Simmons stated, “This team has wonderful promise. We all work really well together. We all cheer each other on.”

Nyaki agreed, “We all encourage each other, whether runner, sprinter, jumper or thrower.”

The coaches have done their parts to encourage the athletes.” Mundhen added. “They’ve been a vital part of the team’s success.”

Neverest bested the season when she stated, “This season has been an outstanding season.” Our team’s best individual performances this winter were in track. Our best individual performances this winter were in track. The best individual performances this winter were in track. The best individual performances this winter were in track. The best individual performances this winter were in track. The best individual performances this winter were in track. The best individual performances this winter were in track.

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Camel Country's Chief Exposed
By Mark Peterson

Although the majority of Connecticut College students are unaware that the track and field and cross-country teams have been competing through- out the winter season, lack of support has not deterred the runners, sprinters, jumpers, and throwers. While the season has not been one of major titles or a conference championship, it has been a strong season overall.

The track and field teams included some of the top athletes in the New England Conference, and many of the athletes have improved dramatically throughout the winter season. The winter season has been spent primarily indoors, with the teams training, practicing, and taking part in various meets. Throughout the season, the teams have maintained their routines, with the training sessions continuing even though the weather has been inclement. The teams have continued to push themselves to new heights, with personal bests and records being broken at the rate of one every week.

As Kim Belknap said, "The teams have never been stronger." With such a short season, the athletes have worked hard to achieve their goals, and many of them have set personal records. The women's cross-country team, in particular, has shown a lot of improvement, with many athletes setting new records.

The New England Championships race of the season was a close one, with the Camels narrowly victorious over Wesleyan. For the season, the team finished fourth in the New England championships and fifth in the NCAA championships.

For both the men's and women's teams, the season has been a success, with many athletes performing at a high level. For the men, the season was marked by strong performances in sprints, jumps, and throws, with many athletes setting personal bests. For the women, the season was marked by strong performances in distance races, with many athletes setting new records.

Despite the strong performances, the season was not without its challenges. The athletes had to work hard to maintain their fitness levels, and there were many injuries and illnesses throughout the season. Despite these challenges, the athletes remained serious about their sport, and many of them have continued to improve throughout the season. For the season, the team finished fourth in the New England championships and fifth in the NCAA championships.

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