Candelora implicated in disappearance of refrigerators

Sloppy management and under-reporting to company apparent cause of discrepancy

BY BEN RUBIN
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Electrical wiring was extensively damaged in an act of vandalism in the library last Monday night. Earlier that day a fire alarm in Burdick malfunctioned and was not returned. It was then discovered that electrical wires in Burdick had been severed, according to a student informed by a Campus Safety employee.

Electrical plates were either removed or stolen, and wires were severed in over a dozen areas on these levels of the library, according to Connie Dowell, College Librarian.

Dowell guessed that the vandalist struck around 9:30 p.m. on Monday, when he or she split wires and then stuffed them back into place, making it difficult for officials to immediately recognize the source of the problem.

On the main level, cords to six of the microform machines were cut in a busy area across from the reference desk and next to the copy machines.

On the third floor, the lights in the men's bathroom were affected by the tampering. On the lower level, cords to the copy machines were cut, and additional wiring was severed.

"A lot of machines went off, not just the machines with the cords cut. I am most surprised that [the vandal] was not seen on the main level," Dowell said.

There was also damage to several of the thermostats on the walls, Dowell noted. "The person picked some areas that are far to remove for a lot of their activity," she said.

Electricians first thought that the fuses had short-circuited, and they were unable to trace the electricity. But early the next morning custodians discovered the actual source of the problem and the extent to which the vandalism had occurred, according to Dowell.

"When the circuit blew, there was no reason to suspect vandalism. There was no evidence until you looked very closely," Dowell said. Campus Safety and the New London police department began investigating early Tuesday morning, said Dowell.

Earlier on that Monday, the Smith-Burdick alarms went off, but the alarm did not sound properly because of a malfunctioning in the wiring, according to George Haas, director of Physical Plant.

However, Patrick Schaffer, Physical Plant mechanic, said that it is impossible to "speculate" who tampered with in Burdick.

"The alarm went off and in Smith and the sound wasn't going off in Burdick. I don't know why it was going off," said Maureen Griffin, houseoffellow of Burdick.

"The alarms went off at about 12:45 p.m. on Monday but nobody told us why," said Jennifer Bilotti, a resident of Burdick.

The Smith-Burdick alarms were tested several occasions later in the week, according to William Peabody, director of Physical Plant services.

The College Voice received conflicting reports from several college officials when investigating the cause of the alarms.

When The College Voice initially contacted Sergeant James Minor, director of Campus Safety, he denied the fact that any alarm in Smith-Burdick sounded under circumstances other than monitored testing. Later that day, however, he spoke to The College Voice that there was in fact one instance early in the week when the Smith-Burdick alarms sounded for reasons that were investigated, and that there was a malfunction in the system.

Peabody stated that the exact reason why the alarm reached its "level of sensitivity" is unknown.

However, Schaffer said that the houseoffellow was sitting on the wall when the radiator and the resulting steam set off the alarm.

The houseoffellow of Burdick was unaware as to why the alarm sounded.

The refrigerators remain at the college year-round, according to Flynn. Since they are not returned to the company at any point, (since in cases of damage, or by request), and since the company did not conduct inventory inspections during Candelora's tenure, Flynn said that it would have been potentially possible for unreported refrigerators to be allowed to "go out of circulation," possibly not even included in inventory statistics.

Because the refrigerators were not picked up by the company, those not remitted were kept in storage throughout the year.

Candelora said that he engaged in the practice of "lending" these "extra" refrigerators free of charge, in some cases to offices. In fact, one of these lend refrigerators was discovered by the Voice staff on Sunday in the office of the College Voice Publishing Group. Another was discovered in the Office of Student Life.

However, these lend refrigerators were not acknowledged in Candelora's communications with Jem.

In a cover letter on March 11, 1993, Candelora cited 63 rentals, and wrote that "we also have a few refrigerators in storage. When or if these refrigerators are rented, SGA will give you a check."

Catherine Woodbrooks, dean of student life, said "I had the impression that these were not the company's refrigerators."

Simmons said that Candelora had told him that he engaged in the practice of lending refrigerators.

"Vinnie told me to send under-report to the company because they never came to check the number of refrigerators... He recommended that it was something I should do. I didn't, because I thought it was the wrong thing to do," said Simmons.

Simmons said that he had not taken action concerning Candelora's under-reporting simply because "at that point it didn't really occur to me."

"Now, looking back, I should have," said Simmons. "They took the revenue from two refrigerators. You could almost say that SGA embezzled from them. I don't know how, but it is with SGA's embezzlement, but they really need to come clean on it."

Flynn said, "Beyond my official documentation, I cannot speculate on exactly what happened, or place blame anywhere."

Many have been inconvenienced by the recent rash of arson and vandalism on campus. (Above) Eric Barlow waited outside Cro for his sister, whose dance class had been moved from Cro to Burdick during the Cro fire last Friday.

A front view of the fire-damaged library.
Recommendations

PRESIDENT

We recommend Marinell Yoders for the position of president of the Student Government Association. With her extensive knowledge and experience in student government and a variety of activities, she will contribute greatly to the development of the SGA and the college. Currently, she is a member of the Academic and Administrative Policy Committee and the Student Government Committee. In addition, she has served on the Constitution Committee and the Common Vision Task Force. These experiences have given her invaluable perspective on the intricacies of student government and the college's mission.

VICE PRESIDENT

We recommend Ryan Poitier for the position of vice president for his outstanding leadership skills and his ability to work effectively with students and faculty. He has served as the SGA president and has demonstrated his commitment to the college community.

CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The only candidate for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs, a write-in candidate, was unable to participate in the recommendation process. Without the opportunity to interview the candidate, we do not feel sufficiently informed to make a recommendation for this position.

JUDICIARY BOARD CHAIR

The only candidate for the position of Judiciary Board Chair was unable to participate in the recommendation process. Without the opportunity to interview the candidate, we do not feel sufficiently informed to make a recommendation for this position.

SAC CHAIR

We recommend Benjamin Tyrrell for the position of SAC chair for his leadership skills and his ability to work effectively with students and faculty. He has served as the SAC president and has demonstrated his commitment to the college community.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

We recommend Jesse Roberts for the position of public relations director for his excellent leadership skills and his ability to work effectively with students and faculty. He has served as the SGA president and has demonstrated his commitment to the college community.

YOUNG ALUMNITRUSTEE

After a lengthy period of deliberation, The College Voice was unable to reach a consensus in recommending a candidate for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. We, therefore, offer no recommendation.
Eric Miller, candidate for SGA president, sees himself as a strong president because he is an SGA outsider.

He feels that his somewhat volatile appearance at Speech Night may have labeled him a maverick in the public eye. "I am not a Ross Perot," he stated, "I am not in this campaign for a joke."

Miller is concerned about student government and the focus of his concern is reform and change in the SGA.

"SGA is fine...just joking. SGA is in really bad shape," Miller said regarding SGA's "structure and unfamiliarity." Miller's philosophy for SGA reform is that "nothing is sacred." He said under his administration, every committee and branch of SGA will be reevaluated.

Miller has received several phone calls from concerned students in favor of certain committees, and remarked that his planned scrutiny of SGA bureaucracy is already accomplishing one of the goals of his administration, an increase in student interest.

According to Miller, under his leadership SGA will phase out events that in his opinion lead to increased student apathy, such as four hour meetings and confidential documents and "special double secret meetings."

Because of his inexperience with SGA, Miller said he will rely on "some SGA people" to aid him in his reform. "Every board that new administrators realize that board to be stupid, but they are not. They are smart people who know SGA," said Miller. He said that, in light of this, he could not understand why SGA is not more efficient and effective. At the same time, Miller views more experience on SGA as inadequate for smart people who know SGA," said Miller. "Smart people who know SGA," said Miller. "I expected the executive board to be adequate for the presidency. Miller concluded by saying that, while "other candidates will give more of the same," his platform is based on "creating a new environment for Connecticut College."

Wesley Simmons, candidate for SGA president, seeks to improve the relationship between the SGA, the administration, and the student body.

With the experience which he has already accumulated in his work on the financial strategic planning committee, Simmons feels that he has the tools to communicate with the administration more effectively. Simmons said that he worked closely with a lot of the administration and a couple of the trustees. That applies to Dean's Term as well. I think that these links are important. These people know me. They know what I am like. We feel like we can deal with one another. I think that is important.

Simmons feels it is important for the SGA president not only to talk to the administration, but to actually deal with them on the level of concerned people of Connecticut College, and not as subordinate students to a superior administration.

Simmons said, "I think that it is very important that I make it clear that I am acting as a student representative if I were to be elected as president...A tool of the administration is something the SGA president should definitely have here.

Regarding shortcomings of the current SGA, Simmons said situations such as the recent inclusion of the dean in his office as the Student Trustee Liaison Committee shows a severe lack of communication between the students and the administration.

Simmons feels that it is also just as important for the president to communicate with the students of the community as well. Simmons believes that the students in the community must be given the information about what happens in SGA meetings. Whether it be in The College Voice or in some other newsletter, Simmons feels that it is important for the students to receive some kind of information.

Simmons would also like to see a tightening of the role of senators in SGA.

He would like the senators to be given "more of a stake" in what they do. Simmons said, "If they (the senators) feel like they can accomplish something by going to the meetings, they will.

Simmons said he wants to create an atmosphere where he will be "promoting change to".

Based on a wide range of experiences with SGA, Marinell Yoders believes that her commitment to student concerns makes her the best candidate for SGA president. Her involvement includes house senator, member of house and class councils, member of Aca-

demic and Administrative Policy Committee, Student Government and Commons Vision Task Force, Counseling Services, and Philip Goldberg Internship Committee.

Yoders seeks to improve communication between the student body and SGA. She states, "It is very important for the SGA president to be out communicating and talking to students about what's going on." She realizes that students would rather not go to SGA meetings, but said that some students "talk to you if you ask them what they think." Yoders sees the role of president as a crucial voice to the administration and is willing to ensure that she knows what the student body thinks.

Additionally, Yoders is confident that her relationships with past student leaders gives her the ability to break down barriers between SGA and outside student organization.

In addition to student/SGA relations, her platform emphasizes improving relations between the students and the administration.

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The College Voice
Sophomore William Intner is running for SGA vice president, and is promoting fiscal responsibility as one of the main focuses of his platform. “There is room for the financial process to be reformed in some ways, but being fiscally responsible is not something that should be rewarded. If you’re fiscally responsible, you’ll have the chance to grow, but everybody should be fiscally responsible. The ones that aren’t should be dealt with,” Intner said.

Intner feels that one particular area where Neela Mulchandani, current SGA vice president, could have been stronger is in communicating with club treasurers and presidents, saying that some of those people feel alienated.

“I’d have a good relationship with clubs,” Intner said. “I’d have one where we were able to work together. I’d have one where they were able to come to me with their problems, with their questions, with their interests.”

Intner feels that stronger relationships could lead to a better image of the finance process. “The communication skills of the vice president will be an important part of that process,” Intner commented.

“The vice president is there to represent their interests with students,” Intner said. “Another issue that Intner brings up in his platform, in regards to fundraising, is the Umbrella Plan. “It would be my goal as vice president to work with the clubs and organizations to make sure that they are effectively utilizing their fundraising potential,” the candidate said.

“If we were able to see the Umbrella Plan, currently in its split stage, implemented on a whole scale,” Intner said.

Intner spoke about the problems of revising current budgets consistently, while at the same time housing student morale. “Student morale isn’t just related to how much money is spent. It’s an attitude,” Intner stated.

“It’s a question of the community coming together as a group, and deciding not to dwell on the negative, but to focus on the positive. There are a lot of great people here at Conn and I think that as a community we need to come together,” Intner said. In his platform, Intner cited his experience in the finance process, and noted its importance. “As a member of the Finance Committee for the academic year 1993-1994, I have helped to work through that process.”

Without an experienced vice president to lead the committee the entire campus community could, and most likely would, suffer,” Intner said.

Jessica Friedman, a junior, is running as a write-in candidate for the position of chair of academic affairs.

Her experience includes serving two years on SGA Assembly as president of the class of 1995. This has provided her with a thorough knowledge of the procedures of SGA.

According to her platform, she is aware of the great responsibilities of this executive board position.

The chair of academic affairs is required to meet with the EPC, SGA executive board, SGA Assembly, AAPC, MSSC, and BAC.

She believes that she is qualified for the position of chair of academic affairs because she is assertive and has the initiative necessary to successfully communicate the opinions of the student body.

In addition to this, she promises to inform students of the issues. She assures that if elected, she will be sure the students have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Unfortunately she was out of town for The College Voice recommendation process and was, therefore, not interviewed.
Candidate Profiles

J-BOARD CHAIR

Jon Finnimore, a candidate for the position of Young Alumni Trustee, bases his platform on a vision of experience, insight and commitment.

Finnimore’s experience is diverse, ranging from his recently held position as publisher of The College Voice Publishing Group to the commissioner of intramural indoor and outdoor soccer. Also, his work as a student representative on the academic Strategic Planning Team, as a two year member of class council, and sitting on the Search Committee for the new Provost/Dean of Faculty have provided him with a rich background.

Through this broad range of experiences Finnimore feels he has also gained considerable knowledge about the intricacies of the college.

He understands the role of the YAT to be that of a student body representative as well as a full trustee. Finnimore spoke of the student body’s need to “get their voices heard.”

Although he is concerned with many aspects of the college, one of Finnimore’s focuses is the college budget. He is not quick to dismiss need-blind admissions as a lost cause.

He suggests the possibility of using endowment funds to keep need-blind admissions a possibility.

When asked to explain what he thought to be the “heartland,” he discussed numerous aspects of the college. Ideally, Finnimore wants to keep interaction between faculty and students alive while at the same time drawing new faculty to the Connecticut College community.

He supports affirmative action and the concept of grants as a means to fund the college, not the individual or faculty and staff.

He believes strongly that students should be informed of the issues facing the college.

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Dan Shedd

Dan Shedd should that the recent establishment of a core of advisers to the J-Board has the potential to be valuable, and that he supports its implementation on a trial basis to examine the possible problems.

Although Shedd was initially unfamiliar with the racial and sexual harassment policies of the college as stated in the “C” book, after reviewing them, he said, “The right to free speech was guaranteed to protect individual rights,” however on campus such as Conn where our honor code creates a community environment, respect the Honor Code deserves.

Its role, he expressed, however, the need for normalization of the role of confidentiality.

“Confidentiality is viewed too much as a law. People understand what we can and cannot do, but no one understands or talks about why we do what we do,” Shedd said.

Shedd said that treating every case in the same way is short sighted and ineffective.

“We need to understand the factors, the motivations behind actions, and to respond to their potential ramifications, rather than simply addressing the violations by themselves,” Shedd said.

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Finnimore said that there are circumstances under which a YAT should have a moral obligation to break confidentiality by informing students of vital issues at hand, but said in general he would not have difficulty upholding the confidentiality of the Board.

He believes his stance on such issues as general education, faculty, staff and student diversity, and strategic planning will serve to enhance the "outside world’s” perception of Connecticut College.

However, he believes that change must not come for the sake of appearances and traditions. By proceeding carefully, with input from students, faculty, and the community at a whole, Finnimore believes that positive change will naturally coincide with an enhanced reputation for the college.

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The College Voice Publishing Group to the Connecticut College community.

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"I think my role [as Young Alumni Trustee] is to be a resource and a Balloon,” said Kim Laboy, candidate for YAT. Laboy, currently house fellow of Lambdin, has been a student leader in many aspects of the community.

From her experience as assistant chair of the Minority Student Steering Committee and her involvement with Unity clubs, to her leadership role as house fellow, Laboy has maintained an active role in the college community for four years.

Laboy states in her platform that these experiences have allowed her to develop the qualities she possesses to be a successful YAT. The qualities, according to Laboy, are “the ability to work with a variety of people, to stand up and make the tough decision, as well as the ability to compromise so that no party goes away feeling that they have lost completely.”

In an interview with The College Voice, Laboy commented on the issue of Honor Code violations and the fact that student leaders should not be held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body.

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The challenge lies in being able to both firmly voice and represent student concerns while also balancing the needs and the future of the college as a whole," said Lynne Saliba, who has declared her candidacy for Young Alumni Trustee.

Saliba views the role of YAT as a coordinator, an individual who would help students with their presentations to the trustees and act as a liaison and resource.

In an interview with The College Voice, Saliba addressed the issue of honor code violations and the ethical expectations of students on campus.

"One of my reasons for coming to Conn was the honor code," Saliba said. "Saliba also said she has never committed a serious honor code violation.

Saliba also said that student leaders should be held to higher standards than the average student. "If people are going to look up to you, you shouldn't be embezzling money, you shouldn't be doing things ...," Saliba said.

Saliba cited accessibility as a major requirement of Young Alumni Trustees.

Simon 'O'Rourke (Young Alumni Trustee, class of 1992) has been completely inaccessible, for example if you want to reach him you have to e-mail him," Saliba said. As far as keeping what is "heartbeat" information current, the college, Saliba said about cutting things to balance the budget.

"You can't just sacrifice things blindly to balance the budget," Saliba said, "I think you can make yourself known without getting their hackles up."

Saliba said that the administration has been putting many checks on the students, such as placing an administrator on the Student Trustee Liaison Committee which can have a chilling effect on the students.

Working with an administrator on the Student Trustee Liaison Committee is "a little like having your hand held at a meeting," Saliba said.

As far as working and communicating with YATs, Saliba said, "I think you can make yourself known without getting their hackles up, without getting a defensive shield up, without making them think you're a pompous ass."

Maintaining a positive attitude about the YAT's relationship with the other Trustees, Saliba said, "There is a lot of red tape, I think you can learn so cut through it."

A candidate for the position of YAT, Simeon Tsalicoglou feels that his communication skills and his prior experience make him a strong candidate for the job.

"I definitely will be staying in contact with more people than what most YATs have done. It's important to have dynamic and successful YATs ... staying in contact with as many people as you can is key. To be successful and promote the school is something that I will do much better than in former YATs," he said.

Tsalicoglou stated in his platform that he would be "a strong student liaison" and uphold his commitment to the student body by diplomatically mediating student concerns.

He feels that his broad range of experiences throughout his tenure at this college will allow him to view each issue with the Board of Trustees with many valuable perspectives.

Tsalicoglou has been an SGA senator, a Judiciary Board Representative, and a member of his class executive board, among other leadership positions. He currently serves on the Finance Committee.

"The position is to bring forward student concerns ... so [I have] the four-year student perspective, the way you can promote Connecticut College by having [these] experiences," Tsalicoglou said.

He explained that if elected, he would work to be "a strong student liaison" and not just the interests of the current students.

"Your graduate after four years. You are not a student (as a YAT), you are a Trustee. Your responsibilities change immediately. I will work for the betterment of the school in the long run," Tsalicoglou said.

He states in his platform that he has the necessary abilities to "quickly adapt to new situations and concepts," he mentioned.

Wesley Simmons
for Student Government President

I am running for SGA President because I have the experience and dedication which will be necessary to represent the students in the coming year. There are a number of issues which we will be facing and must deal with during the upcoming year. The first that comes to mind is the College's financial situation.

As a student representative on the Priorities, Planning, and Budget Committee and a member of the Financial Strategic Planning Committee, I have a thorough understanding of the difficulties that we will be facing. We must identify the programs and services which we see as critical to our education, in and out of the classroom. Last year students sacrificed a number of things which greatly helped in controlling the situation. We will be asked to give again, but such decisions must be made with great care.

But we must remember that this is only one issue, of several, that concerns students. These other issues include diversity, academic and social life at Conn. Some of these points are covered in the new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the Trustees in May, but that is not the end point. Next fall there will be further fine tuning of the plan. It is necessary for students to take a part in both the continued development and in the implementation of the plan.

This year both the Minority Student Steering Committee and SGA are making adjustments in their structure to better serve the students. While it is important that the two organizations remain separate, it is equally important that they work together to accomplish the goals of diversity and understanding on this campus. One of my goals will be to foster a close relationship with the MSCC.

This year, not being on the Assembly, I have seen that its actions are not always visible to the student body in general. Even with a Senator who did her job well, some SGA actions were unclear until I asked about the reasoning behind some decisions. The Assembly needs to make better use of its established channels of communication than it has in the past to explain to students how and why decisions are made.

Eric Miller
S.G.A. President

Student government needs a new face. Student government needs better respect. Student government needs more effectiveness.

I do not fit into the mold of the standard S.G.A. President. While I have never served on S.G.A., my participation in the campus community through volunteer work, student organizations, (Undisputed Fork Organization, Musicians Organized for Bands Rights on Campus, WCNI) and administrative positions at the Center for Arts & Technology more than qualifies me for the rigors of the S.G.A. Presidency. Furthermore, I have developed a friendly relationship with the campus community through positions at Physical Plant, Dining Services, the Music Department, and the Office of Special Events.

Your vote will be the first step in creating a new environment for Connecticut College.

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ERIC MILLER
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Platforms

MARINELL YODERS for SGA PRESIDENT

Striking the balance: In the past, SCA and the administration has spent the majority of their time dealing with issues that will effect the future of Connecticut College while ignoring the needs of current students. Although planning for the future of the institution is crucial, the college should be ensuring current students have a quality experience while at Conn. SGA needs to strike a balance between decisions that effect the future and issues that effects students that are here NOW.

Student/Administration relations: Over the past few years, the administration has made decisions and the students have reacted to them. The collegial decision-making process unique to Conn has been blatantly disregarded. Developing a Shared Governance document that will establish the duties and responsibilities of students, staff faculty, and administrators in the decision making process is currently underway. This is a first step towards ensuring the whole community is involved in decisions. SGA needs to be proactive in creating better relations with the students so the Assembly understands student concerns. It is simply about working with the administration for the students.

Making SGA more responsive to students: SGA needs to become a body that is responsive to student concerns in a more constructive manner. Restructuring SGA will help make this happen. SGA needs to be more accountable for seeing student issues are addressed. The present committee structure needs to be examined; instead of creating ad hoc committees for every issue that arises the structure should be streamlined and the committees made more accountable.

Commitment to Student Concerns: I am committed to issues that effect students and this institution. I have been involved in student government through budget decisions, changes in academic policies and student life crises. I understand the need to define what areas are "important" to the college community and remember them when facing tough issues like the current budgetary cuts. I would make informed decisions given the facts of an issue with the best interests of students in mind.

Experience: My involvement in student government has included a wide range of experiences. I was a House Senator, member of House and Class Councils, member of Academic and Administrative Policy Committee (AAPC), Shared Governance Task Force, Counseling Services (chair), Philip Goldberg Internship (chair) committees. I have worked with students, staff, administrators and alumni from all sectors of the college community. I know SGA has great potential to work for students and as SGA President will provide the leadership to make it work better. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at X: 3539. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

Benjamin Tyrrell

SAC Chair

In the past few years the image of SCA as a provider for improvements in campus social life has not improved, despite the hard work of the chairs and their executive boards and councils. I am committed to seeing social life of this campus improved and the means by which it is provided changed.

As a member of the current executive board as an event planner I have gained experience in:

1. Planning large scale events
2. Working with budget constraints
3. Working with the administration
4. Strengthened leadership skills

I have also gained experience in several other areas of SCA. I served as the assistant Technical Director, and also worked with the Music Search Director. I had the pleasure to serve as interim SAC chair for a weekend and experience some of the administrative duties of the position.

My main goal for the next year is to increase the number of participants in event planning on campus. Too often people who have great ideas are not in positions to plan events they wish or do not have the necessary resources to bring off the event. All of which leads to negative attitudes towards SAC and towards the social life on campus. By changing the process by which events are planned which the current executive board is attempting to do, event planning opportunities would be opened up to a much larger group of people. By increasing SAC's role as a coordil'ng body this goal would also be more easily achieved.

William Intner

VICE PRESIDENT / CHAIR OF FINANCE

The Vice President / Chair of Finance has many responsibilities, however, the Primary responsibilities are to campus clubs and organizations. The most time consuming and most important of these responsibilities is Chair of Finance as the Finance Process affects all student clubs and organizations.

In a few short weeks, the Vice President must see that deliberations, hearings, and the allocation of the Student Activities Fund are accomplished successfully, for the benefit of the entire campus community. In order to ensure that the Finance process is beneficial for the entire community, it is important that the work of the Finance Committee is guided by someone with experience on that committee, a large part of the deliberations and allocations are based on clubs' financial histories and the previous year's budget process. As a member of the Finance Committee for the Academic year, 1993-94, I have helped to work through that process. Without an experienced Vice President to lead the committee the entire campus community could, and most likely would, suffer.

GOALS

The primary goal that I would have as Vice President would be a fair and equitable distribution of the Student Activities Fund to clubs and Organizations, based upon each organization's financial stability and history. Due to the limited Student Activities Fund it has become a necessity for clubs and organizations to fundraise. It would be my goal as Vice President to work with all clubs and organizations to make sure that they are effectively utilizing their fundraising potential. Among those lines, I would like to see the umbrella Fund, currently in its pilot stage, implemented on a wide scale basis. The Umbrella Fund is a program which allows alumni the ability to give, through the development office, to the club or organization that they feel gave the most to them during their time at Conn.

Benjamin Tyrrell

RYAN POIRIER

for SGA

Vice President

A fresh perspective on finance

EXPERIENCE:

• Senator of Burdick, actively communicated with dorm members about proposals, co-sponsored proposals, served on several committees! This experience will prepare me as an executive board member of SGA.

• Chair of Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force, coordinate meetings, facilitate discussion, investigate resources, cooperate with faculty and staff, prepare minutes and other information for committee members. This job provides me with the experience in running fair affective finance and constitution committees.

• Constitution Committee, analyze and recommend improvements for club constitutions. This experience gives me the knowledge of the policies and procedures concerning constitutions, helping clubs draft strong documents, and teach others how to critique constitutions.

INITIATIVES:

• Comprehensive Budget, researching current policies, and my experience as chair of a committee qualifies me to run fair meetings to construct an unbiased budget. I offer a new approach to the budget based on past procedures.

• Fund Raising, investigating fund raising at other schools and community organizations to think of new ways to increase revenue. Continuing efforts to contact alumni and encouraging their support of student clubs.

I look forward to serving you and I thank you for your support!
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

JESSICA FRIEDMAN
FOR
CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Hi. I'm running as a write-in candidate for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs. The reason I'm running is because I spent two years on SGA as my class president, and I feel that I will be able to bring a lot to the SGA executive board for 1994-1995. I know how much work the position entails and I promise you that if I am elected this will be my top priority next year.

As your Chair of Academic affairs I can promise that I will focus my attention on achieving two main goals: 1) to be an effective advocate for the student body on academic 2) to be a vocal and active leader as a member of the SGA executive board.

For those who know me, they know I am an assertive person who is not afraid to express myself. For you, this translates into a person who will be vocal in expressing student concerns and issues on academic committees which are often dominated by faculty and administration. I will be a responsible representative who the students can feel confident will put forth the wishes of the student body. I also want to make sure that students are aware of the issues and are afforded ample opportunity to become involved and voice opinions.

These are the goals that I view as most important, and I will do my best to follow through with them as your Chair of Academic Affairs next year.

Feel free to call — x4724 — Please vote. Thanks.

Daniel Shedd
for
J-Board Chair

The Honor Code plays an essential role in the daily life of Connecticut College. Although we are accustomed to it and therefore may often take it for granted, just think for a moment what life would be like without it. The Honor Code, and the trust and responsibility which it entails, allows us all to be treated with far more respect and maturity than most other campuses in the country. Its continuance depends upon the level of respect it receives, and depth at which it is held. Our job as a Board has been and will be to continue and perpetuate this respect. Thus, our role cannot be solely about punishment, but about bringing understanding to those who have failed to understand, and helping them to live with a greater concept of the community as a whole.

I have a lot to offer towards the fulfillment of this goal, not only through maintaining our Honor system, but through strengthening it. J-Board must be far more than a disciplinary court. To be purely reactionary is to fail, for no positive growth can come from a Board that is unable understand the people who come before us. We must attempt to understand the motivations behind actions, and to respond to their potential ramifications, rather than simply addressing the violations by themselves. This means not only respecting the influence of our actions within the community, but respecting, knowing, ourselves as a part of the whole. We are not and cannot be a dark and secretive society, separate from the honorable community that we are entrusted to maintain.

After serving on J-Board for the past year I feel I have learned and grown in ways I had never foreseen. I entered as a representative perhaps overly idealistic about the respect in which the Honor Code was held. However, beyond learning that my idealistic views were naive, I have learned that being idealistic is not about blindly believing the world is a perfect place. Being idealistic is about understanding the world for what it truly is, knowing all its faults and weaknesses, and then continuing to believe in the ideal as just, and working to make it a reality. I now ask to serve Connecticut College next year as the Chair of the Judicial Board Chair, and thus do my part towards maintaining and creating a just community.

Jesse G. Roberts
Public Relations Director
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

PR is not merely making a group of people look good, but rather it is about communication. Good communication is vital within every facet of living; especially when it concerns an organization as complex as the Student Government Association. SGA needs a strong, reliable and non-biased forum through which it can communicate to the general populace of the Connecticut College community. That forum is the Public Relations Committee.

With previous experience employed in a Public Relations/Market Research firm for two years, I have witnessed and dazzled in public relations on a professional level. As well as this, I have been a member of this year's PR committee, working closely with Lynne Saliba on many projects, one of which was the recreation of the SGA Newsletter, SGA's forum of communication.

When it comes to goals and promise, I can only say this: I hope to provide the campus with constant and factual detail in regards to the SGA, and all of its functions and activities, via the SGA Newsletter on a monthly basis. And as for promise, I will make but one. I will do the best I possibly can to fulfill that which is required of the PR Director. I feel a great need to forward the PR committee to forge this newly structured communication.

Simply put, the campus constantly kept up to date with a prospective PR director for SGA's forum of communication.

Jon Finnimore
for
Young Alumni Trustee

Experience • Insight • Commitment

Connecticut College has reached a crossroads in its history. Enrollment is down. Next year's budget is not balanced. The outlook for the continued existence of a number of institutions of higher education does not look promising. More than ever in today's society, students and parents are questioning the value of the liberal arts education offered at Connecticut College.

The challenges facing us are not unique, but how we respond to these challenges now has a major impact on the continued existence and success of this college. We have numerous valuable programs and assets which make us the attractive and impressive college that we are today: We need to assume a strong leadership role in order to best lead our college forward. I am running for the position of Young Alumni Trustee for the Class of 1994 because I feel that my combination of experience with different aspects of the college, insight into collegial issues, and commitment to defending the rights of students, make me the best candidate for the position.

• EXPERIENCE •

In my four years at this institution, I have been involved not only with a variety of programs, committees, and groups, but have also placed myself at the forefront of every issue facing this college. I have been instrumental in the discussion of important issues such as diversity, budget restructuring, strategic planning, and the freedom of speech on campus. My experience includes:

• Publisher of The College Voice Publishing Group. Also served as editor in chief, news editor, associate news editor, acting sports editor, and cub reporter
• Student Representative on the Academic Strategic Planning Team
• Two year member of Class Council
• SGA Constitution Committee and Search Committee for a new Provost/Dean of the Faculty
• Commissioner of intercollegial indoor and outdoor soccer leagues

• INSIGHT •

Throughout my years here, I have gained extensive knowledge about the history and inner workings of Connecticut College. I garnered a vast amount of information about issues, people, and projects, and I can bring this to the Board of Trustees. Additionally, my family's involvement with the student governance system and the issues important to students will make me a powerful advocate for student rights as well as an extremely effective liaison for students, especially for the Student Government Association and the Minority Students Affairs Committee.

• COMMITMENT •

For better or for worse, I have made advocating the rights of students the focus of much of my activity at Connecticut College. I have a proven track record which makes me uniquely qualified to serve as the representative from the Class of 1994 to the Board of Trustees. I hope you believe the same, and that you express your opinion on the voting day. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please give me a call at x3894, stop by my room in KB317, or simply stop me in Harris to chat.
Platforms

**Kimberly Laboy**

In order to be a successful YAT, one must possess a firm belief in the ideals of this institution as well as a desire to work for the betterment of this school, its students, faculty and staff. As a Trustee, I will be committed to this goal simply because I believe that Connecticut College possesses unique qualities that make it special.

As YAT, one of my major goals would be to act as a liaison and resource for students. In this role, I will try to ensure that student’s input is viewed as a necessary and important part of decision-making processes. As a recent graduate, the role of the YAT is to offer a unique perspective to the issues addressed by the Board. In order to do this, the YAT must be vocal in offering her/his unique perspective to the issues while still earning and maintaining a level of respect with the other Board members.

It is in this area that I feel I possess a unique ability. For the last four years, I have been a student leader in various aspects of the community. I have had to work closely with students, faculty, administration and trustees. As the Assistant Chair of the Minority Students Steering Committee I kept in regular contact with the YATS and therefore have a great understanding and appreciation for their role. In my tenure at Connecticut College I have made numerous presentations to the College’s Board of Trustees on several issues, and therefore have direct experience working with members of the Board. Currently, my position as a housefellow affords me the opportunity to interact with many different members of the college community and has helped me to sharpen some of the qualities I feel are also important to be a successful YAT. Mainly, it is the ability to work with a variety of people, to stand up and make the tough decision, as well as the ability to compromise so that no party goes away feeling that they have lost completely.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, one of the major responsibilities that the YAT has is to promote the financial well-being of this college. Through my work on the Senior Pledge Drive I have committed myself as a student and a future alumna to this responsibility.

Although I do not believe that Connecticut College is a perfect place, I do value the many opportunities and experiences it has given me. In many ways, serving as a Young Alumni Trustee is the way in which I could most appropriately say, “thank you.”

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 4460, or stop by my room (Lambdin HF Suite).

I would love to talk with you!

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**Chris McDaniel**

for Young Alumni Trustee

After almost four years at Connecticut College, I am proud of where I am going to graduate from. I believe in the future of this institution and have invested a lot of time as a student leader becoming informed of and discussing the issues that face us as students, and will face us as alumni. At this point in my life, if I were not running for Y.A.T., who I would vote for for this position would probably be one of the last things on my mind. I still have to find a job for next year, concentrate on finishing strong academically, and spending these precious few last weeks with my friends. So, if so many things are on my mind then why the hell am I running? Frankly, I am concerned about the direction that this institution is taking. From everything that you read about this school, or hear about from the president’s office, our institution is becoming stronger each and every day. Our endowment has doubled in the last five years, our rank among the top liberal arts institutions has increased from 44 before we enrolled as freshmen to 26 now that we are seniors, and we are putting up new buildings. This is great, however, last year we underwent a rough period of budget restructuring, a fancy word for cutting 1.8 million out of the budget. K.B. deli was closed, parking fees were instituted, and the student activities budget was voluntarily cut by the S.G.A. 106. I think that this created an air of negativism on campus, but I was convinced that if we made sacrifices now, and made more intelligent use of our resources that it would make our institution stronger in the future. In essence, I believed that if we restructured now, we wouldn’t have to cut more later. But, once again we are facing a budget shortfall. This time, 2.2 million. Where is this money going to come from? Some of the proposed ideas are to raise parking fees, to charge students for late registration, and to close a dining hall. So, what can we do about it? Elect a Young Alumni Trustee that will not only look out for the future of this institution, but one that will do it with the Connecticut College student first and foremost in his mind. Elect someone who will speak up for the student and say that if the price of a higher ranking is discontent, then maybe we should slow down a little. That Young Alumni Trustee is Chris McDaniel.

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**For Young Alumni Trustee**

**LYNNE SALIBA**

CANDIDATE FOR YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

The Young Alumni Trustee serves as a diplomatic liaison between the students and the Trustees. The challenge lies in being able to both firmly voice and represent the student concerns while also balancing the needs and the future of the College as a whole. At the same time, the YAT needs to lead students and administrators in aspiring for the best in higher education and to be resourceful in turning plans into realities as well as ensuring that the College fulfills its mission and maintains its integrity.

The quality of life for students attending Connecticut College, the value of a diploma for Connecticut College alumni, and the future strength of this institution rely heavily on the decisions which will be made in the upcoming year. During this time of national economic uncertainty and the resulting transformation of higher education, Connecticut College needs to remain attractive and distinctive in comparison to our peer institutions.

The College faces a costly dilemma: how can we spend more and more to provide the innovative programming necessary to attract and to retain students while at the same time our overall revenue remains comparatively stable? Throughout the growth by substitution process, resourceful planning and the careful deciding of priorities must be exercised. Core values and priorities cannot become lost, disregarded or forgotten.

Solid communication, dedicated leadership, practical experience, creative problem-solving and consistent follow-through are what I offer to you as a candidate for Young Alumni Trustee. My sophomore year I served as Associate Chair of Academic Affairs and as President of ARLBE, formerly 1-3, Disability Support and Advocacy group. Currently, as SGA Public Relations Director, I have successfully worked to improve communication between SGA and the student body.

As a member of SGA Executive Board, I have gained an inside view of the policies and financial aspects of Connecticut College as well as the opportunity to work with the Faculty, the Administration and the Board of Trustees. I would like to continue serving Connecticut College. I am dedicated to striking a balance between the needs of students and the direction that the College will take in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**SIMEON TSALICOGLOU**

CANDIDATE for YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

Connecticut College as a whole is the most important focus of a Young Alumni Trustee. This elected person makes the effort to further the best interests of our Alma Mater, including its strong spirit of fellowship. He or she must maintain allegiance to the entire college community.

As the Class of 1994’s Young Alumni Trustee, I want to take into account the necessary transition from being a student to being a more mature student leader. I want to uphold my commitment to the student body, and diplomatically mediate student concerns. I will work hard to be considered a valuable asset on the Board of Trustees by fostering a relationship of mutual respect with the young alumni body.

As graduates, we perceive Connecticut College in a new way: as an institution that requires careful and thoughtful guidance in order to excel in a competitive field. I possess the confidence and desire to present arguments which lead to the best possible course of action for the future of the college.

Four years here have put me in direct contact with many aspects of student, intellectual, administrative and financial life of Connecticut College. My determined participation has produced solid results in activities ranging from judiciary Board Representative to member of the Crew crew, from SGA Senator to Advisory Board Chair, from Finance Committee to Dean’s Grievance Committee, and from intramurals and club membership to involvement on our class’s Executive Board. These experiences have allowed me to understand, explain, and debate the key issues that Connecticut College faces.

Recent trustee debates have involved budget cuts to uphold the Strategic Plan, the YBC’s five year plan of growth through substitution, the EPC’s educational restructuring, student life improvements, need blind admissions, and tuition. Having studied these issues, I have come to realize that precise details of each are in constant flux. Therefore, it is most important that a trustee be able to quickly adapt to new situations and concepts. Coming from Greece has given me an added dimension to my field as well as an understanding of the many different circumstances, both professional and cultural, this will also will help me to excel as the Class of 1994’s Young Alumni Trustee.

As graduates, I believe my experiences at Connecticut College have made me well qualified to serve as a trustee. I have the necessary tools with which to advance student concerns, help increase Connecticut College’s competitiveness on a national and international level, thereby increasing the value of our degrees, and make sure the college fulfills its mission and maintains its integrity.

The elections on April 19 and 20 are significant to the future of our Alma Mater; your vote for me is equally important.

Thank you.

Simeon I. Tsaligoglou
Knowlton 210, ext. 4340
Back in the U.S.A.

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Machine gun that restaurant
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Issues of J-Board confidentiality and SAC restructuring addressed in speeches:

Unopposed J-Board and SAC candidates express challenging goals

BY BEN RUBIN
Editor

Running unopposed, Daniel Shedd and Benjamin Tyrrell expressed specific ideas at Speech Night about their potential new positions at Judiciary Board Chair and Student Activities Council Chair, respectively.

"I may need have to suppress my own views so that every decision that we reach is very thought-through," said Shedd during his speech.

Shedd emphasized the importance of the Honor Code and confidentiality as a school.

"There are always some cases which would be too obvious as to who the defendant is ... if a case should have been in criminal court, maybe it shouldn't have been printed [in the J-Board log]." He added, "I want to get every log into the student paper." Tyrrell used his speech to inform the community of the benefits and ideas that he would bring to the position of SAC chair if elected.

"My goal is to increase diversity and the level of participation of students on this campus," Tyrrell said.

He commented in his speech that he would like to see the structure of SAC improved. He felt that the SAC chair should have a more coordinating position which would allow him to improve communication between different clubs and organizations in order to bring a broader range of activities to the campus, while the chair would still plan all of the major campus events.

He also stated that clubs, dorms, and students should be permitted to submit proposals to the SAC Executive Board, which would review them and decide whether or not to allocate any funds.

Having the position of SAC chair removed from the Student Government Association Executive Board is another idea which Tyrrell feels will greatly improve the chair's job. He said that this change would most likely occur at some point after this year.

"I feel that there are better things that the chair could be doing... a Student Life Representative should represent SAC issues on the SGA," he said.

"Students. Life on this campus really needs to be improved. (By) allowing the SAC chair to have a more coordinating role ... we can make some big improvements on this campus," Tyrrell said.

He cited the NACA conference as a major strength to his potential new position, "Being involved with other schools allows us to bring better quality events to this campus at a better price."

Tyrrell commented, "I gained a lot of contact with students and the administration this year with my job on the SAC Executive Board which will be a major part of my success."

During the question session, he stressed that finding people who fit together as a group and who have connections to other clubs will be two key criteria when searching for an Executive Board.

Tyrrell remarked, "Looking at things from a different perspective is important. I have a good feel for how student activities can be improved. I am a pretty vocal person."

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Speech Night 1994:
Five seniors race for position of Young Alumni Trustee

BY JEN LAPAN
The College Voice

At Speech Night, Lynne Saliba, Simon Tsalicoglou, Kim Laboy, Jon Finnimore and Chris McDaniel spoke about their personal qualifications, perspectives, and the role of a YAT.

Saliba, the first candidate to speak, stressed that the role of a YAT is that of a "diplomatic liaison...[who] must firmly voice and represent student concerns."

Majored in political science and economics, Saliba said that the quality of life on campus and attracting strong future applicants to the college is part of a "costly dilemma," which challenges the institution to "spend to attract and retain students" while remaining financially stable.

Tsalioglou likened one's experiences at Connecticut College to a circle originally smooth in form and becoming increasingly jagged with experiences and time. Tsalioglou emphasized, "We must work to make the curve smooth again through action and analysis," the two main points of his campaign.

In contrast, Laboy outlined the role of the YAT as being first a liaison, and second a resource for students and trustees alike. Laboy highlighted her attitude, competence, and outlook as reasons for election. Drawing from her experiences as house fellow, a member of several key search committees, and her work with Unity House and student organizations, Laboy discussed the significance of community and the need for challenges and support within it.

Finnimore said that through his roles as publisher of the College Voice Publishing Group and as a staff member, he has been able to "...push agendas, focus the college's attention on issues, and be an advocate for students' rights." A member of the Strategic Planning Team for academics, Finnimore professed to have a "burning vision for the future."

Finally, McDaniel expressed his desire to serve as a "link" to the Board of Trustees and present the ideas and perspective of a recent alum. McDaniel cited his work with the Institutional Pride Committee as evidence of his commitment to "...re-engage young alumni, [foster] a sense of family, and invest in the students."

Saliba, Tsalioglou, Laboy, and later McDaniel all cited the budget, general education, and the strategic plan as being the most significant issues to address in the next three years.

Finnimore departed from the consensus, saying "adapting and surviving" will be vital. He cited financial strength and the role of the capital campaign, need-blind admissions, academic distinctiveness, and diversity within faculty and staff, as well as the college population, as being to the "survival" of the college.

The candidates were then asked about their view of the role of a YAT.

All of the candidates emphasized their accessibility via e-mail, telephone, or frequent visits to campus.

Laboy explained, "I'll be a trustee elected by seniors ... I'll let students know that I'm in their advocate."

Finnimore responded differently. "I'd be both a full trustee and student body [representative]."

McDaniel said, "I'd vote for the college as a whole... bring students to the Board" to inform it of issues. "Don't lead unless you can show commitment," said Saliba.

Tsalioglou asserted that he would be a trustee above all.

The group was asked whether or not they would divulge confidential Board information to students if he or she decided students should be made aware.

Finnimore, again departing from the opinion shared by the other four candidates stated, "I would have a moral obligation to leak [information]... under some circumstances."

McDaniel, Saliba, Tsalioglou, and Laboy all stated that it was only agreed by members of the Board to keep information confidential, it would remain so.
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