Chris Cory Resigns:

Cory takes post on Long Island

By Yung Kim

THE COLLEGE VOICE

Some people go through college with a specific course of study. They major in economics or biology with specific goals in mind. Lucas Held went through college and the first part of his life after college learning about himself.

Held just stepped up to the position of Acting Director of College Relations following Chris Cory’s departure. He spends his time getting some credit for the school, and for the people he thinks deserve it. He goes about his job with a quiet smile. He doesn’t rant and rave, and doesn’t type too many explanation points. Held’s career is one of modesty. He shines the spotlight on others.

Held graduated from Harvard College in 1979 with a major in English. His experience at a small liberal arts college laid the foundation for a future career he wasn’t expecting. “When I was in college I was either in the library studying, or playing my trumpet,” recalled Held.

While in college, Held began training for a career in journalism. By the time he was a sophomore he had finished an internship at a newspaper and figured that it was his future career. “I went to college planning on majoring in the sciences, and considered a career in psychiatry. My freshman year I worked for the school paper in the features department, liked it,” said Held. After graduating from Harvard he went to work in the public relations department of Tufts University, but intended to return to journalism. He got a job at the Middletown Press and after years of doing just about everything for almost every section, he became the associate editor and ran the newsroom of the daily paper. But change is as predictable as the sunset. Held’s career was on hold for a while. He married, had children, and decided it was time to make a change. “My wife got sick of me coming home at all hours of the night.”

Held received his master’s degree in journalism from the University of Maryland where he was a former Managing Editor of the school newspaper.

Held has enjoyed working with students through the committees related to his office. “Everyone of those contacts (with student halls) convinced me that Conn College students know how to get things done with flair,” said Cory.

Cory has been Director of College Relations here at Conn for the past five years, during which time his efforts helped strengthen the college’s reputation and saw it rise from 41 to 25 in U.S. News and World Report magazine’s annual ranking of national liberal arts colleges.

Long Island University, one of the country’s ten largest private universities, consists of three campuses, all in New York. Cory, also a former Managing Editor of Psychology Today and an editor and Boston bureau chief for Time magazine, is excited about his new job.

‘player-coach’ supporting the public relations directors on the university’s residential campuses, expand relationships with national media, and edit the university’s magazine and university-wide publications”, said Held.

Lucas Held, formerly Associate Director of Public Information, has stepped up as Acting Director of College Relations until a replacement for Cory is found.

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Lucas Held graduated in 1979 with a degree in English and a minor in journalism. He worked for the dormitory newspaper at Harvard College, and then went to work for the New York Times as a reporter.

Dining services removes Harris smoking section

By Rebecca Libert

Connecticut College smokers were surprised and displeased this Friday night when they entered the area of Harris formerly known as the smoking section. The partition was gone and the diners were able to light up those after-dinner cigarettes. There were notices posted on the doors and on each table indicating that Harris patrons that “there will be no smoking in this section of Harris.” The notice was followed by a letter from Matt Fay, director of dining services, explaining that during Thursday evening’s dinner food had been thrown around the smoking section of Harris. Gravy was discovered on the piano and there were mashed potatoes on the walls and all over the floor. This was the first incident of excess mess being found in the smoking area; in fact, a note had been posted before spring break asking patrons of the smoking section to treat the area with more care.

Fay feels that the segregation of the enclosed section has led “somebody or somebodies to take advantage of the lack of observation by others and misbehave.” Until the individuals responsible for the mess turn themselves in, according to the college Honor Code, the screen separating the smoking section will remain open.

Not surprisingly, smokers are angry with the removal of their section, but some non-smokers have indicated that they feel the section will be reopened shortly. “It’s apparent who is making the mess, they’ll either turn themselves in or be caught soon,” remarked one smoker. One Harris worker remarked that if this hadn’t happened over a weekend, action (like an investigation) would have been taken sooner. Whatever the case, smoking students will all breathe easier when their partition and their smoking rights are returned.
Ammirati officially named Dean of Freshmen

By Kimberly Whittenmore THE COLLEGE VOICE

Last Monday, the administration announced that Theresa Ammirati will become the permanent Dean of Freshmen. Ammirati has been acting in that position following the departure of Louise Brown. The campus community was sent letters notifying them of the new appointment. Before her current position, Ammirati served as Director of the Writing Center and as an advocate for students with disabilities and international students.

As coordinator for the learning disabled and international students, Ammirati had the challenging task of reaching out to students on a personal and individual level. She is patient and knowledgeable regarding students with learning disabilities and has long regarded an educator to faculty concerning the needs of these students.

"Dean Ammirati is special because she cares about the well being of the whole person. She is on your side and will work with you until whatever needs to be resolved," remarked one student with a learning disability. This sort of commitment to understanding, defending, and appreciating the learning disabled and international students enables Ammirati to empathize with students who have special needs and do so with flair.

The college's deans share equal enthusiasm with regard to Ammirati's appointment. "I think she will do a great job. She has done a great job. I am very pleased to have her on board," said Philip Ray, associate dean of the college. Arthur Ferrari, dean of the college, echoed Ray's praise for Ammirati saying, "I cannot think of anyone better suited to advancing the goals of the Dean of the College's office: she is a humane supporter of students who puts strong emphasis on their intellectual success."

"Dean Ammirati combines a high commitment to academic excellence and a strong commitment to student development. She is accustomed to working sensitively with individual students to help them achieve their personal best while still focusing on the kind of high achievement that our faculty expect. She is a great asset to all of us as Dean of Freshmen. I am delighted she has accepted," stated Claire Gaudiani, president of the college.

Ancient visitor lights up sky

By Jenny Barron EDITOR IN CHIEF

Making its first appearance in about 9,000 years, comet Hyakutake had astronomers and amateurs alike looking skyward last week. The cluster of rock and ice is the fifth-closest comet to Earth within this century, and one of the most visible in the northern hemisphere. It is reportedly the brightest comet in 25 years. But if you missed Hyakutake last week, you haven't missed your chance to catch a glimpse of the ancient visitor. Another celestial event may give you an even better opportunity to view the comet.

Early in the evening of April 3, a lunar eclipse will be visible from the Eastern US. This will provide an opportunity to observe Hyakutake in a darker sky.

Some hints to remember when viewing the comet: don't get upset if you don't see it very clearly right off—your eyes will probably take at least 20 to 30 minutes to adjust to the dark. In addition, try putting a paper bag over your flashlight, this will help your vision.

The coma, or head of the comet, is composed of the dust and gas that surrounds the comet's nucleus. It will typically look round or, if the tail is bright, parabolic in shape. The coma will usually appear fuzzy (like in March), but can be well-defined with sharp boundaries when the comet is close to the sun (in mid to late April). Often there is a bright central "star" to the coma, but the actual nucleus cannot be seen directly.

When the comet comes close to the Sun, the dust and gas is pushed away from the comet's head. This extension from the coma is referred to as the tail. Tails typically point away from the Sun. They can be straight, curved, or fanned. A comet can have more than one tail which can be quite bright or rather faint.

Comet Hyakutake was discovered by amateur astronomer Yuji Hyakutake in Japan on January 30 using a pair of high power binoculars. The luminous greenish cluster of dots was closest to the earth on March 25 and will remain visible through May.

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I-Pride week promotes cultural awareness

By Andrís Zobs

Most people know that Unity House lies somewhere in between Burdick and the road. Few can claim, however, to know exactly what goes on inside and what the various clubs represent. In fact, they all have very distinct goals. Therefore, each club has given one week out of the school year to sponsor events that best reflect the goals of their organization.

This past week happened to belong to I-Pride, and for that, Saturday, sponsored four events that stress the importance of cross-cultural connections. I-Pride’s mission is to provide a forum for people of different cultures and backgrounds to sit down and discuss the challenges and issues they face. The chair of I-Pride, Stephanie Steinberg, says her goal for I-Pride this year is to get the campus to “start recognizing that I-Pride is an organization that will listen to everyone. We’ve done all we can to allow people to speak heartfelt in a politically correct environment.”

To reflect the cross-cultural perspective of the organization, it opened the week with a West African dance and drum demonstration. During the drumming, the 50 people there were on their feet dancing after little encouragement. To lead the demonstration, I-Pride brought dance instructor Michelle Bach-Coulthall for the free event.

Wednesday night was the highlight of Intercultural Awareness Week with the theatrical performance of award-winning Broadway actress Vinie Burrows. Burrows, acting alone and without sets, portrayed 15 women of different ages, races, nationalities and backgrounds. This convinced the trials and triumphs of women include lives from Ireland, Soweto, Italy and the United States. According to those in attendance in the Crow’s Nest for Burrows’ performance, it was “powerful.”

For Friday night, I-Pride sponsored a dinnercatered by restaurants Vanda Broo and Luis Miras. A diverse menu of chicken, plantains and jollof rice was reserved for over 30 people. The final event of the week was a Calypso, Reggae and Merengue dance on Saturday night in the 1941 room. I-Pride, a student-run organization consisting of a dedicated executive board and a broad network of over 80 people, hopes these events will “integrate and diversify student lives” says Wardlow. I-Pride is only one of seven entirely student organizations based in Unity House. Wardlow stressed the importance that students realize that Unity House is not off-limits and that anyone can visit the house and participate in its different activities. Wardlow pointed out that many people in the overall campus community feel that you must have some sort of membership to go to Unity. In fact, Unity is open to absolutely anyone interested. If you are, you can attend I-Pride meetings every other Monday night at 8:00 p.m. at Unity House to say how you feel.

Conn rumor mill is “clueless”

By Jenny Barron

It looks like the Connecticut College rumor mill is at it again. The campus was abuzz with the idea that movie up-and comer Alicia Silverstone was in the applicant pool this year. But Timothy Cheney, assistant director of admissions, says the mill is working overtime. Cheney laughed at the idea that the starlet was considering becoming a camel. And Alicia’s own PR people reportedly told Voice Radio News that there is no truth to the rumor.

So, it looks like Conn will have to look elsewhere for a bit of Hollywood.

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Student Government Review:

Looking back at the Issues Project

By Jenny Barron
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Student Government Assembly passed this year's issues project back in September, setting out the things that they wanted to accomplish this year. With about four months of the year remaining, The College Voice took a look back at the progress of some of those goals and tasks.

At the first meeting of the year, students were presented with a list of recommendations to the general assembly soon. The finance process has come under fire in the past in the debate over when and how clubs should be funded. Kristin Page, chair of academic affairs, said that she feels progress has been made in the area of the student advisory boards. Page pointed out that the group proposed this year which continued detailed descriptions of most courses being offered by semester. She said the new handbook for the coming year will be published soon. Page added that she felt the group has been dealing with more issues than have been addressed in years past, saying that she meets with the faculty/student liaison for the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee (FSCC) on a weekly basis.

Shedd admits that the assembly has not addressed all of the issues as they had hoped. For instance, they found that it was not feasible to organize a conference on teaching and learning, and that the FSCC had more issues than they realized.

One thing that Shedd feels is very important for the assembly to address in the coming weeks is the billing process through the Student Organization Fund Office. He explained that the bills that clubs and classes receive are usually not itemized and are very vague.

"They've been doing a pretty good job on this year's campaign," said Shedd. "But we haven't been in the loop with the money very much.

The above issues are sure to come up in the SGA, executive board elections to be held next week.

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FDA to speed approval of cancer drugs

President Clinton announced measures Friday by the Food and Drug Administration that would expedite the approval process for new, breakthrough cancer fighting drugs. The new guidelines advise manufacturers on how they can get their drugs sanctioned as quickly as new AIDS drugs. Under these new provisions, a drug need only show that it causes a tumor to shrink. Previous guidelines required proof that a drug prolongs a cancer patient's survival or quality of life.

The President's announcement will affect at least 100 drugs now being studied. The changes could take at least a year off the time oncology drugs take being tested. It would also cut in half the FDA's review of them — from 12 months to six.

By declaring that the most promising cancer medicines will travel through the FDA faster, the Clinton administration hopes to satisfy complaints from some patients and drug companies that the agency is too slow.

Fire kills 80 in Indonesian shopping center

About 80 people are dead after a fire gutted a shopping center in the West Java town of Bogor, about 40 miles from the capital, Jakarta.

Rescue crews are still searching the rubble for more bodies. About 300 people were in the building when the fire broke out near dawn on Thursday. Authorities say the cause of the fire is still under investigation. Smoke from the fire still poured from the charred remains of the building more than 36 hours after the blaze began.

The fire broke out on the top floor of the three-story building that housed the Ramayana department store. It was the fifth fire to break out in the complex since June 1995.

The fire spread quickly to the two lower floors, where as many as 2,000 shops and stalls were set up. Many of the victims of the fire are believed to be early workers who arrived to begin stocking shelves. Authorities estimated the damage at over $21 million.

European Union turns attention to mad cow disease

Though intending to discuss changes to their founding treaty, the European Union turned its attention Friday to what some termed the continental problem of "mad cow" disease and the panic that has ensued.

The scare was touched off on March 20 when British officials acknowledged a possible connection between bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and its human equivalent, Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease (CJD).

British Prime Minister John Major came to the summit to argue that the crisis had grown into a European problem as consumers across the continent avoid eating beef. Major's Agriculture Secretary stressed the importance of renewing confidence in safe British beef.

The EU's recommendations would involve as much as $250 million a year in contributions and assume some 700,000 cattle will be slaughtered.

Dozens of countries, as well as the EU, have banned import of beef from Britain.

Thailand is the latest to do so, saying that it will ban British milk and dairy products as well as beef.

Meanwhile, the British government announced a $129 million plan to restore confidence in the beef industry, including stricter monitoring of cattle herds and restrictions on the sale of beef.

Standoff continues at Montana farm

Federal agents may be thinking of Waco this weekend. Even as two members of the Freemen group were ordered held without bail, the standoff continued between other members of the organization and about 100 federal agents.

As many as 20 people are believed to be on the farm, including at least nine members of the Freemen group who are under indictment on a variety of fraud and civil charges. Federal agents have been in contact with the group, but said there has been no progress.

With no end in sight, residents living near the farm in the remote Montana town have begun circulating a petition asking the Freemen to avoid violent confrontation with the 100 enforcement agents stationed outside.

Government officials have said that, though they do not believe that the situation will turn violent, Waco and Ruby Ridge are very much on their minds as they try to resolve the conflict in Montana.

Two men who have been taken into custody have been called "dangerous to the community and the community from which you came" by the presiding judge. LeRoy Schweitzer and Donald Peterson Jr. are charged with 55 counts of bank and mail fraud, conspiracy, armed theft, gun violations, and threatening public officials.

The two men, whose group does not recognize the authority of the federal government, shouted inside the proceedings which lasted about 25 minutes.

Schweitzer was at one point shouted, "I declare a martial." He threatened to go on a hunger strike. Schweitzer has not accepted food since his arrest.

Olympic flame begins its journey to Atlanta

The Olympic flame was lit by the sun's rays in a ceremony reminiscent of ancient Greek ritual this weekend. Actors dressed as priestesses in white tunics and crowns turned on a hunger strike. Schweitzer has not accepted food since his arrest.

The first runner of the torch relay will take the flame around Greece before fying to Los Angeles from Athens on April 26. There, it will begin its long journey across the United States to Atlanta for the July 19 start of the Games.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who will light the torch in Atlanta, yesterday said in a ceremony that "the flame of the Olympic Games will carry a message of peace and good will on its long journey to the United States."

The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis touched down on Sunday after experiencing a temporary emergency. On Saturday the cargo bay doors of the shuttle failed to open after the landing of the shuttle was delayed.

The 60-foot cargo bay doors, which radiate heat away from the shuttle, had been closed for landing. But when the landing was delayed due to poor weather in Florida, the doors failed to reopen. The mission ended with the doors still closed.

The problem, which would have forced the shuttle to land at an alternate site in California, was resolved after about an hour.

The five person crew is returning from a successful mission during which they docked with Russian space station Mir, delivered supplies and dropped off US astronaut Shannon Lucid for a five month stay aboard Mir.

Two Atlantis astronauts also conducted a six hour space walk outside the Mir.

It was the first time NASA astronauts had worked outside a space station since Skylab in 1974.

Yeltsin calls for an end to Russian role in Chechnya

Russian president Boris Yeltsin has called for an end to major military operations in the breakaway region of Chechnya by Sunday. Yeltsin also announced that Russia will begin a phased withdrawal of its troops stationed in the region.

These statements were released in brief excerpts on Russian television with the full address scheduled to air on Sunday.

With Russian presidential elections looming in June, Yeltsin's re-election may depend on his success in resolving the Chechnya situation.

In Sunday's address, Yeltsin said that despite a multi-step withdrawal of Russian forces, some troops would remain in the breakaway region to counter any terrorist attacks by separatist fighters.

Rebel fighters, however, have offered no guarantees to halt the fighting, saying they will continue their resistance until Chechnya is granted independence.
The Brave New World

The College Voice's editorial project, "The Brave New World," is a series of articles exploring the intersection of technology and culture, with a particular focus on the implications of the rapidly evolving digital landscape for society. The series aims to provoke thought and discussion about the ethical, social, and political impacts of emerging technologies, and to encourage readers to consider their role in shaping the future of humanity.

The first article in the series, "A World Without Choice," explores the concept of a future society in which individuals are genetically engineered to conform to certain pre-determined characteristics. The article raises questions about the implications of such a society, including the potential for loss of individuality and the erosion of democratic principles.

The second article, "The Techno-Fetishist," examines the role of technology in shaping our culture, and the ways in which we are becoming increasingly reliant on technological devices to the point of addiction.

The third article, "The Future of Work," considers the potential impact of emerging technologies on the job market, and the challenges and opportunities that arise from the increasing automation of certain industries.

The final article in the series, "The Future of Privacy," explores the concerns surrounding the collection and use of personal data, and the challenges we face in maintaining our privacy in a world where technology has made it easier than ever to track our movements and activities.

Throughout the series, the articles are designed to provoke thought and discussion, and to encourage readers to consider the implications of emerging technologies for their own lives and for society as a whole.
Voice ad causes a stir

I was surprised to see the headline "Voice ad causes controversy," especially since that ad (distributing a pro-life advertisement to every doorstep on an overwhelmingly pro-campus wouldn't cause an uproar). As a Connecticut College student and former editor of the Voice, I have taken over as editor of the Voice. Prinem a controversial ad and then reporting on the controversy, a new ad has been created, and the ad is not making news. It is just a report of the new ad, not the article.

Chris Colvin '96

President, Connecticut College Feminist Majority

The Communist movement

Having now been attending Connecticut College for nearly two years, I have become aware of the positive impact that being part of a small, close-knit community has had on me. In this environment, it is easy to see the benefits of living in a small community. The hours clock in the campus newspaper refer to the Worker's World, last year a minimal presence publication called "mobilization for a better world". An additional major activity is the establishment of a group called "the communist student association". This group is made up of students who are interested in learning more about the history of communism in the United States in places where the group meets to discuss these topics. This early revolutionary period, when the group met, was an eventful time. The Communist Party was primarily interested in the domination of the Soviet Union, which caused massive ideological changes within the American communist movement. During this period, the CPUSA began to try to influence the social and political aspects of American life and to attempt to bring the Soviet Union's influence to bear on the domestic political landscape.

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An Evening with the stars:

By Michelle Ronayne
EDITOR IN CHIEF/EX OFFICIO

Models showed off the costumes, a performance group named Stomp played out the chaos. The evening was not a bad move, as Goldbergs cranked a few jokes, but it still failed to jazz up the 68th Annual Academy Awards... it just made the show longer.

This year the annual awards show hit a new record as the show finally finished at 12:00 a.m., just three and half hours after it began. There is little doubt that the performers deserve the awards but the awards show always leave viewers asking the question: What becomes of all that talent when performers walk up to the stage to present an award? They are just reading and some even seem to have trouble with that.

But at least they look good, or so they think. The women were trying to model themselves after the Hollywood starlets of yesteryear and while some captured the elegant simplicity quite well others took it too far. Winona Ryder should really sue whoever did her hair.

Still, the evening is always an important event for all those involved and moviegoers alike, a tribute to those who put in so much effort to make our favorite films, a form of entertainment that in the category of best score, is that truly appreciated, even when it is not noticed.

The most heartfelt moment of the evening came in the form of the appearance of Christopher Reeve. He made an appeal to movie makers and Hollywood in general to keep producing films that reflect high in social values. The audience gave a standing ovation when he arrived on stage.

Lifetime Achievement:
It is a standard category, it is the year of the Douglas. Michael Douglas was honored at the Golden Globe Awards and the Academy honored his father, Kirk Douglas, for his lifetime career in Hollywood. The elder Douglas is known for a stroke but despite his ill health was a proud and enthusiastic recipient of the award.

While the winner might have been a surprise to the audience, it seems none was caught more off-guard than the recipient. Mira Sorvino took the Oscar for her performance of a prostitute in Woody Allen's Mighty Aphrodite. In accepting the award she thanked the voters who cast their ballots for her. It was she who awarded the授予 to him the award his her as someone who created much of the movie's dialogue.

Best Supporting Actor:
"The Usual Suspects" would have told you that Kevin Spacy was clearly the best choice from this category as he is well loved by all believing fans and would have received a well deserved award for his performance. Sorvino would not have been my pick. I would have gone with Kate Winslet from Sense and Sensibility or Joan Allen from Nixon, a film starring Meryl Streep as the ex-wife of the deceased president. In my opinion Nixon should have gotten a nod in the Best Picture category.

Best Supporting Actress:
I would have presented the award to Sharon Stone as Nixon. She was the only one of the nominees that had not received more attention from the critics Statler and Waldorf mock the show but the audience was just reading and not paying much attention to those who deserve the award. Stone did not receive more attention from the general public who might have thought she had an easy time playing Nixon, but Stone was very believable, seeming upset when she got the award.

While Spacey was the clear winner in my mind, I need to point out that Brad Pitt gave a surprisingly well acted performance in 12 Monkeys. That film showed that he could do more than rip off his shirt and show off his good looks; finally he showed what he could do as an actor.

Nicolas Cage plays a man attempting to commit suicide in Leaving Las Vegas. Do we need any other contenders in the category? Cage was a sure thing from the beginning but there were some other fantastic nominees as well. Namely, Anthony Hopkins who played the title role in Nixon. He portrayed Nixon's two sides very well and while he may not have looked much like the deceased president, he captured many of his mannerisms very well.

Best Actress:
This category was a tough call in my mind, though I was fairly certain it would go to Susan Sarandon for her portrayal of a man in Dead Man Walking. Sarandon's performance was heartfelt and believable but her was not the only performance of note.

I had the decision up to me, Sharon Stone would have won for her outstanding job at holding her own with the likes of "Pig." Other nominees were not as strong. It was a dark and violent film but her performance was spectacular. It was a true showcase of her ability and she is another actor often noted for her good looks but not her acting skill. It seems a shame that she is so often underrated; she really has a lot of talent as an actress.

And I would be remiss if I did not mention the performance of Elizabeth Shue in Leaving Las Vegas. This is an actress that has been around for some time such as Adventures in Babysitting and Cocktail. I would have gone with Emma Thompson's adaptation of Sense and Sensibility. Thompson did take a chance with Sense and Sensibility and I believe it paid off. She was quite believable and she managed to express everything she knew to the screen.

I am sorry but, bleh, blath, and yuck to all the songs nominated in this category. I would have gone with "What's Going on" by the Rolling Stones or "I Would Have Known" by Sharon Stone for her own performance. I would have given it to the radio from my car, as they would have no doubt given it even more airline.

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Muppets Tonight!

By Jesse Roberts
THE COLLEGE VOICE

"Who says that prime-time variety shows are dead? "Muppets Tonight!," ABC's current Friday night prime-time slot, debuted on March 8, bringing Muppet favorites Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, and Gonzo back to television to rub elbows with current TV stars. An intermingling between TV stars and current performers alike, a tribute to those who brought us so much joy in the past.

This year the annual awards show hit a new record as the show finally finished at 12:00 a.m., just three and half hours after it began. There is little doubt that the performers deserve the awards but the awards show always leave viewers asking the question: What becomes of all that talent when performers walk up to the stage to present an award? They are just reading and some even seem to have trouble with that.

But at least they look good, or so they think. The women were trying to model themselves after the Hollywood starlets of yesteryear and while some captured the elegant simplicity quite well others took it too far. Winona Ryder should really sue whoever did her hair.

Still, the evening is always an important event for all those involved and moviegoers alike, a tribute to those who put in so much effort to make our favorite films, a form of entertainment that in the category of best score, is that truly appreciated, even when it is not noticed.

The most heartfelt moment of the evening came in the form of the appearance of Christopher Reeve. He made an appeal to movie makers and Hollywood in general to keep producing films that reflect high in social values. The audience gave a standing ovation when he arrived on stage.

Lifetime Achievement:
It is a standard category, it is the year of the Douglas. Michael Douglas was honored at the Golden Globe Awards and the Academy honored his father, Kirk Douglas, for his lifetime career in Hollywood. The elder Douglas is known for a stroke but despite his ill health was a proud and enthusiastic recipient of the award.

While the winner might have been a surprise to the audience, it seems none was caught more off-guard than the recipient. Mira Sorvino took the Oscar for her performance of a prostitute in Woody Allen's Mighty Aphrodite. In accepting the award she thanked the voters who cast their ballots for her. It was she who awarded the授予 to him the award his her as someone who created much of the movie's dialogue.

Best Supporting Actor:
"The Usual Suspects" would have told you that Kevin Spacey was clearly the best choice from this category as he is well loved by all believing fans and would have received a well deserved award for his performance. Sorvino would not have been my pick. I would have gone with Kate Winslet from Sense and Sensibility or Joan Allen from Nixon, a film starring Meryl Streep as the ex-wife of the deceased president. In my opinion Nixon should have gotten a nod in the Best Picture category.

Best Supporting Actress:
I would have presented the award to Sharon Stone as Nixon. She was the only one of the nominees that had not received more attention from the critics Statler and Waldorf mock the show but the audience was just reading and not paying much attention to those who deserve the award. Stone did not receive more attention from the general public who might have thought she had an easy time playing Nixon, but Stone was very believable, seeming upset when she got the award.

While Spacey was the clear winner in my mind, I need to point out that Brad Pitt gave a surprisingly well acted performance in 12 Monkeys. That film showed that he could do more than rip off his shirt and show off his good looks; finally he showed what he could do as an actor.

Nicolas Cage plays a man attempting to commit suicide in Leaving Las Vegas. Do we need any other contenders in the category? Cage was a sure thing from the beginning but there were some other fantastic nominees as well. Namely, Anthony Hopkins who played the title role in Nixon. He portrayed Nixon's two sides very well and while he may not have looked much like the deceased president, he captured many of his mannerisms very well.

Best Actress:
This category was a tough call in my mind, though I was fairly certain it would go to Susan Sarandon for her portrayal of a man in Dead Man Walking. Sarandon's performance was heartfelt and believable but her was not the only performance of note.

I had the decision up to me, Sharon Stone would have won for her outstanding job at holding her own with the likes of "Pig." Other nominees were not as strong. It was a dark and violent film but her performance was spectacular. It was a true showcase of her ability and she is another actor often noted for her good looks but not her acting skill. It seems a shame that she is so often underrated; she really has a lot of talent as an actress.

And I would be remiss if I did not mention the performance of Elizabeth Shue in Leaving Las Vegas. This is an actress that has been around for some time such as Adventures in Babysitting and Cocktail. I would have gone with Emma Thompson's adaptation of Sense and Sensibility. Thompson did take a chance with Sense and Sensibility and I believe it paid off. She was quite believable and she managed to express everything she knew to the screen.

I am sorry but, bleh, blath, and yuck to all the songs nominated in this category. I would have gone with "What's Going on" by the Rolling Stones or "I Would Have Known" by Sharon Stone for her own performance. I would have given it to the radio from my car, as they would have no doubt given it even more airline.

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Claire Shocks Conn with alleged drug trafficking and money laundering

By Jason Salter

President Gaudian was forced to step down today under allegations of criminal mischief, drug trafficking and money laundering. Police confiscated several pounds of marijuana, cocaine, and Ritalin from her office and obtained a search warrant for her house.

Other top deputies and officials are also under investigation for the alleged drug operations. With the lack of any other facility to take the position, a man by the name of Joe from the custodial department has now become acting president, dean of students and head of campus safety.

Students watched in horror as President Gaudian, Dean Ferrari and the entire Fanning office building were escorted into waiting police cars. Drug sniffing dogs and DEA officials searched the premises for other signs of criminal activity but refused to reveal their findings stating only in disbelief, that "this is bad."

Police have been monitoring the alleged drug trafficking activity facilitated by our own Campus Safety for the past few months. Drugs were smuggled via blue Chevroleqs bearing the Connecticut College emblem from North campus to South campus in so called "routine patrols." Head of campus safety Jim Miners was nowhere to be found and is presumed to have fled the country for a small island in the Bahamas taking all of the money with him.

When asked to comment on the current situation and his recent promotion, Joe, the acting chair and head of the college stated simply, "Wow, this is a pretty big office."

The office of the controller in Hartford, Connecticut, as well as several Swiss banks have confirmed suspicions that the recent rise in tuition has been directly linked to the drug sales and purchase of a new $900 luxury yacht for president Gaudian aptly named "The camel."

The Financial Aid office was quick to respond as well, and promised that all students receiving full Pell grants for their tuition checks will be mailed in the mail in the next few weeks.

When asked by the Fanning Department, as it is now being called, was conducted after a tip off from head of dining services Matt Fay. His efforts to blackmail the administration backfired as he attempted to pin allegations on them. The alleged drug trafficing and money laundering investigation was quick to investigate the food services at Connecticut College for serving food " unfit for human consumption."

Students overcome by the loss of their former colleagues are supposedly pleased with word of the shutdown of all dining halls on campus was announced along with the participation of the generous people at Dinozio's Pizza who agreed to feed pizza for free to those caught in the storm and starving students.

As his first move as acting president, Joe announced that classes were canceled until further notice as all college members are currently under investigation. His promotion to his new position finally gave him an opportunity to activate his long awaited plan of turning Crozier-Williams Student Center into an enormous water park complete with a 60' curling water slide and high dive.

With the blue prints in hand, Joe immediately began negotiations with developers and construction should begin next week.

Federal agents will be completing their work within the next 48-72 hours and normal campus life will resume. Until that time, students are instructed to avoid the arrival of their tuition refunds and pizza at their dorms on April Fools Day.

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Sports Teams Hit the Road for Break

Jason Salter

"All of the other events other than running benefit from the warmer weather. It's great to get away and have a project that everybody works on. It's not all about athletics alone, it's all a very positive experience," added Bishop.

Following them South, but with the track team, was the Women's Lacrosse team who followed several games in Hilton Head, South Carolina over the break.

Head coach Anne Parmerter echoed Bishop's comments of warmer weather. "Traveling over break gives us an opportunity to compete against teams that we wouldn't normally compete against. For example, one of the strongest teams in division three, Baldwin-Wallace was there and ended up winning the meet," said Ned Bishop, head coach of the women's track team.

Another highlight for the team was the qualification of Kerry Newhall for the NCAA in javelin throwing 125' 5".

Women's Track and Field took a week off and returned a little tan, a little tired, but with enough momentum to carry them through the season.

Women's Track and Field took two va's on a long trip down to Hilton Head, South Carolina and then on to Atlanta, site of the 1996 Summer Olympics. They practiced for a few days there before continuing on to Atlanta. While in Hilton Head, one highlight of the trip was the surprise appearance of 400 meter world record holder, Butch Reynolds, himself training for the upcoming U.S. trials. Several of the athletes had an opportunity to talk to him and watch him train.

In their meet at Emory University, the team placed eighth out of 17 other division one teams. The only other team from the Northeast who also made the trip was Ambler.

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Sports Quiz:

1. Who was the first son in baseball to play for a team managed by his father?
2. On what day of the week is the Indianapolis 500 run on?
3. On what holiday is the Memorial Day; 4. four; 5. the Indianapolis 500 run on?
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Women's track starts outdoor season with success

by Angela Grande and Kate Wilson

The Connecticut College Women's Track and Field team saw a lot of hard training pay off in their first two meets of the year.

Sophomore Kerry Newhall only needed one throw of the javelin in the first outdoor track meet of the season to break a school record and to qualify her for the NCAA championships track meet to be held May 22-25 at North Central College in Chicago, Illinois. Newhall's throw of 125' 5" at the Emory University Spring Break Invitational made her the first woman on the team to qualify for nationals in two years. With this record-breaking throw, Newhall has also qualified for the New England and ECAC championship meets.

Newhall is joined by team members who also qualified for championship meets at Emory over spring break or at the Wesleyan Invitational held yesterday. Twelve women qualified for the New England championship meet and five qualified for the ECAC championship meet.

At the Wesleyan Invitational yesterday, Conn. finished second out of seven teams, beating rivals such as Coast Guard and Brandeis. Host team Wesleyan finished first at the meet. In the individual events, first-place winners included sophomore Kate Stellitano who won both the discus and the shot put events. Stellitano now has the third most points scored by a female track and field athlete in Connecticut College history in only her second year of college-level competition. Stellitano also placed second in the hammer event and fourth in the javelin to finish out a great day for the Frogs. Freshman Raven Hartog, who won the pole vault competition, Hartog is the first woman from Conn to compete in this event. She established a school record at 8'. Other victors included Kerry Newhall, who won the javelin event, and junior Sherri Schultz in the 400m hurdle and fourth in the 400m hurdles.

Freshman Kristie Alcock and sophomore Nikiya Kelly tied for third in the high jump. Sophomore Latoya Marsh finished second in the 800m. Freshman Liza Richards got fourth in the 100m race.

Athletes who placed in the events include junior Angela Grande who was second in the 400m hurdles and fourth in the 100m hurdles. Freshman Kristie Alcock and sophomore Nikiya Kelly tied for third in the high jump. Sophomore Latoya Marsh finished second in the 800m. Freshman Liza Richards got fourth in the 100m race. Cynthia Gordon, also a freshman, finished in fourth place in the triple jump. Freshman Carlene Brown placed fourth in the 100m. Karen Menendez, a senior, got fourth place in the 400m and was sixth in the 200m event.

The relay teams had a good day as well. All three relay teams finished in second place. The 4x100m relay team included Sarah Feinberg, Karen Menendez, Latoya Marsh, and Carlene Brown. Latoya Marsh, Sherri Schultz, Onisile Gaetsewa, and Karen Menendez made up the 4x400m team. The 4x800m team was led by Laura Willisby, Trina Abraham, Kristie Alcock, and Megan Clay.

Many athletes had personal records broken in the meet. They included junior Karen Noreenberg (3000m), sophomore Keira Hamilton (100m), Onisile Gaetsewa (400m), Lindy Graham (long jump) and Kerri Newhall (javelin), and freshmen Cynthia Gordon (100m hurdles), Perfetta Ferid (200m), and Laura Willisby (1500m).

The Con women will try to top the successes of the first two meets next weekend when they compete at the Tufts Invitational.

Sports Quiz Answers:

1. Earl Mack, 1931 Philadelphia A's, managed by his father, Connie Mack; 2. Sunday; 3. Memorial Day; 4. four; 5. the Brooklyn Dodgers.